

of inserting another good strong link in the chain that reaches from here to Toronto, and thereby shorten the distance between the Lodges, as there are some good stalwart Englishmen there who are finding out the advantages or necessity of being bound together in the bond of brotherhood, and it will soon terminate in a successful issue by calling on our Grand Secretary and some of the earnest members from the Capital to meet us there.

I was disappointed that business prevented me from presenting myself either at the Grand Lodge or at the banquet, more especially the latter, where I am a useful member at shifting things.

J. A. E.

An Apology to the Grand Secretary.

AN IMPORTANT LETTER MISLAID.

Through the interchange of copy between the editorial and composing rooms, an important document from Grand Secretary J. W. Carter, became lost. The document in question was a letter from a brother in Victoria, B.C., warning persons not to go to said place, as the most dire distress prevailed there, owing to a pretended boom in lands by the advertising of land-grabbers and speculators. The brother writing says he had to assist over forty emigrants within one month. There are plenty of mechanics and laborers to do the work required. He says anyone coming after this warning, has themselves to blame, if they find themselves cast in a desert land with starvation staring them in the face. Should the mislaid document turn up, we will publish it in our next issue.

A NEW PUBLICATION.

We have been informed by a friend and brother that, owing to a slight feeling of jealousy and envious of the position held by THE ANGLO-SAXON, another publication has been issued at Toronto arrogating to itself the *actual position and relation* held by this journal only, in reference to the Sons of England Benevolent Society. We did not expect such unfraternal treatment, if such is the case, although a slight intimation was given to us by a couple of western brethren that such a thing was in the range of possibilities. Of course, THE ANGLO-SAXON fears no alarm on its own behalf, being now well established among the Englishmen of Canada, as well as being the only recognized official organ of the S. O. E. Society. We have already, in our short career of about two years, been called upon to chronicle the demise of two such publications, and it has been the general expression and conviction that the ANGLO-SAXON has been and is the only one that appears to sustain that vitality essential to a long life. As we have not been favored with a copy by the promoters of the new issue, we are unable to give an opinion of its merits and demerits, aside from what we have already stated from hearsay. We shall therefore leave it in the hands of our readers to pass their own opinions upon it—should it live sufficiently long to reach their several homes.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.—From the education report for 1888 we learn that there are 5,549 Public Schools and over 7,000 teachers in the Province of Ontario. The Separate Schools number 229, with 491 teachers. The High Schools number 112, with 398 teachers and 17,459 pupils. The average salary for male teachers was \$425, and for females \$292. The expenditure for the year was \$4,007,037.

Bowood Lodge, S. O. E.

THE JESUIT BILL DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN.

Bowood Lodge, Sons of England, held their regular meeting on the 7th inst. A large number of visitors were present from the other city lodges; also Bro. Ward, M. P. for East Durham. During the evening the Jesuit question was discussed, and the following resolutions carried:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this lodge (Bowood No. 44, S. O. E.) it is highly desirable for the Grand Lodge officers of the order to call a special meeting in order that the Sons of England may formally protest against any sanction being given by the Federal Government to any provincial legislation voting public moneys to the endowment of the Jesuit or any other ecclesiastical order in the Dominion of Canada.

After routine work the lodge adjourned and carried out the following interesting programme:

Part I.

1. Piano Solo..... Miss Crouch
2. Song—"Keep Your Powder Dry"..... Bro. R. A. Crouch
3. Song—"The Lads in Red"..... Bro. Dr. Powell
- Short speech by Bro. Ward, M. P.
4. Reading—"The Charity Dinner"..... Bro. Rev. P. Owen-Jones
5. Song—"The Skipper and the Boy"..... Miss Bodley
6. Song—"At Peace, but on Guard"..... Bro. S. Crouch
7. Song—"March of the Cameron Men"..... Bro. Dr. Powell

Intermission.—During the intermission Mrs. Dr. Powell favored the audience with a selection of airs on the piano.

Part II.

1. Piano Solo..... Miss Lizzie Low
- Encore—Imitation Bagpipes.
2. Reading—Mark Twain's "Story of George Washington".....
3. Song—"Come to My Heart"..... Bro. Dr. Wickstead
- Encore—"Marguerite"..... Miss A. Brown
4. Song—"Bay of Biscay"..... Bro. Dr. Chipman
5. Song—"Nora"..... Miss Bodley
- Encore—"No, Sir".....
6. "Rule Britannia"..... By the Audience

God Save the Queen.

Accompaniments by Mrs. Dr. Powell, Mrs. Bowden, Miss Brown and Miss Crouch.

This is a new departure and one which will be followed by Bowood monthly hereafter.

The president, R. J. Tanner, made a few pleasing remarks in his introductory touching upon hopes regarding the future of the order in Canada. At the conclusion of the programme Bro. E. J. Reynolds moved a vote of thanks to those who had so generously entertained the members. Bro. F. J. Alexander seconded the motion and gave expression to the pleasure he had at being present.

Montreal.—Victoria's Jubilee Lodge No. 44 held their second anniversary on the 13th of February, when 109 members and their lady friends sat down to a most sumptuous feast at the Victoria Chop House, the tables being well set out with an English dinner, and was disposed of as only Englishmen can do. After the good things came the usual loyal toasts. President Bro. Henry Irons occupied the chair, supported by P. G. P. Bro. T. Millington and President James Field, of Excelsior Lodge. Several members of other lodges were also present. The Queen was responded to by the company singing God Save the Queen. The Prince of Wales and royal family was responded to with God Bless the Prince of Wales, by Bro. J. A. Edwards. Grand Lodge brought P. G. P. Bro. T. Millington to his feet, who made one of his usual patriotic speeches. Sister Lodges was responded to by Bros. Field and Chas. Chappel, of Excelsior. The Army, Navy and Volunteers was responded to by Bro. J. T. Dawson, late 6th Dragoon Guards, recently here from India, and Bro. J. A. Edwards rendered, as usual, the Charge of the Six Hundred. Bros. G. Hunt, Henry Seymour, C. A. Giles, H. Sigins and Mrs. J. A. Edwards gave several songs, and Bro. J. Aspinall in his talented concertina solos was frequently encored. The party dispersed a little after midnight, all being well satisfied. We have also had a very fine concert last week, the hall being crowded to excess, when a good programme of songs, recitations, duets and instrumental solos were gone through. All were well satisfied, and a good sum realized for the contingent fund.

THE ANNEXATION SKUNK.

Mr. W. P. Lett, City Clerk of the City of Ottawa, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the Capital of the Dominion, read a paper on the Skunk (*Mephitis Americana*, as scientifically classified) before the members of the Field Naturalists' Club, and others, in the hall of the Literary and Scientific Society, Ottawa, on Thursday, the 14th inst. Before commencing to read his paper, Mr. Lett made