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THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Old England calls upon her sons
To honour England's Queen;
Her sons respond, and daughters too,
To keep her memory green.
With loyal hearts and ready hands
The Empire's children stand
Prepared to do, prepared to die
For Queen and native land.

For fifty years our country's flag
Hath borne o'er earth and main
The name of Empress, Queen beloved
With neither spot nor stain.
Long may it bear Victoria's name,
Long o'er us may she reign,
And for our Empire, broad and grand,
May she new honour gain.

Upon our Queen—our country—flag
God's blessing ever rest,
With peace and plenty everywhere
Her people's homes be blest.
God save the Queen, her people pray
From hearts sincere and free,
God save our loved Victoria
And crown her Jubilee.

CHORUS.

Victoria! our Queen beloved
With loyal heart and hand,
Thy Colonies and Fatherland
United by thee stand.

—Composed and set to music by Mr. E. H. Torrington, Toronto.

S. O. E. NOTES.

Bro. H. J. Boswell, P.S.G.V.P., of Richmond Lodge, Toronto, visited Ottawa recently, during which he called on the ANGLO-SAXON, and visited Bowwood Lodge. His visit was appreciated as few of the lodges of the city were opened by him when a member of the Grand Executive of the Order.

Bro. J. A. Edwards, Dis. Deputy, of Montreal, visited Suffolk Lodge, Brockville, on Monday evening the 25th ult., and assisted in the initiations into the W. R. Degree.

A committee has been appointed by Suffolk Lodge, for the purpose of carrying out the details of organizing a Juvenile Lodge in that town.

Bro. Wm. Barker, of Toronto, proposes, during the present summer, preparing a lecture entitled, "Anecdotes of Celebrated Personages," including the Stage, Pulpit, the Bar and the Senate in four parts, to cover four different evenings.

Bro. H. Mills, of Derby Lodge, Ottawa, left last month for Calgary, N.W.T. Bro. Mills was one of the best of lodge attendants, and as a committee man, was ever ready to attend to the duties of that office. Bro. Mills will find a hearty welcome among the members of United Roses No. 117, of Calgary.

Mr. Arthur C. Bacon, Secretary of Suffolk Lodge, Brockville, is the ANGLO-SAXON's representative, for that town and neighborhood; he will act for us in all business matters, receive subscriptions and give receipts for same. His postal address is, Box 75, Brockville. All business entrusted to him will be promptly attended to.

The Sup. Grand President of the S. O. E. Society has taken an excellent course in issuing a circular letter to the lodges of the Order—in default of an official visit. Its purpose is thereby to keep himself in touch with the members—collectively and individually—with a view to strengthen the fraternal bonds which should bind them together into one homogeneous body. The general purport and spirit of this circular deserves all praise and careful attention, and we heartily re-echo the wish that members of the Order may "have a noble and steady purpose to live up to their solemn obligations in the smallest particulars"—for, to our mind, it is of the essence of all value the society, as a whole can be to the individual.

While nothing could be worse than for the S.O.E. to subordinate their principles to the rival interests of the political party machines, and all important, to themselves, to have a free hand, to work faithfully together as a patriotic body of Englishmen, we feel that party jealousies of "Grits" and "Tories" are forging fetters for the society; so that, when the hour for action comes, like with Samson, their strength will be gone, and they will be only as other men. We are tempted to make this remark from a fact reported to us, that a Past-S.G.P. of the Order put his name on the Requisition in Toronto of a gentleman to stand as candidate for Parliament, as opposed to a prominent member of the S. O. E. This action, questionable as it may be thought by some, is positively offensive when it is done to support a man whose political platform is trade discrimination against Eng and in favor of the United States. We regard such conduct as a gross piece of falsity to solemn vows—towards fulfilling which we get only oily phrases instead of faithful action.

Eloquent Lecture by Bro. Barker, P. D. D.

On Monday May 10th, the members of Chesterfield Lodge, Toronto, enjoyed a rare treat in listening to a lecture by Bro. Wm. Barker, P.D.D., on "Reminiscences of Famous Actors, whom I have met." The title of the lecture is in itself sufficient to attract attention and interest—how much more so is it when handled in a masterly and artistic manner. Every one expected a treat and none went away disappointed. Such a task, to Bro. Barker, is a labour of love. He is evidently one who is saturated with the dramatic instinct. Judged by his remarks the other evening one can readily believe that he has "stage business" at his finger ends. The very range of information he possesses on the subject, naturally handicapped him during the short lecture, naturally handicapped him during the short lecture, naturally handicapped him during the short lecture. "What shall I say" is the unknown quantity, which most speakers ask themselves. With Bro. Barker it is neither. "What shall I leave unsaid? What noted character shall I leave undescribed? What stage incident amongst the scores I am possessed of shall I pass by?" The lecturer therefore wisely confined himself to a few of the more famous actors, such as the two Keans, Edmund and Charles, and Chas. Mathews. The lecture was, it is needless to say, thoroughly enjoyed from its commencement to its close. Old stage goers such as Bro. Caddick, Thomas Skippin, Clatworthy, Nichols, and many others confessed their pleasure in these reminiscences of men whom they had met. Not to with delight in bygone years, when the sun shone bright on the eastern horizon of life. A standing vote of thanks was accorded the eloquent lecturer, who replied in his usual happy manner. Bro. Barker has worked long and unselfishly in the interests of the Sons of England, and in his effort last Monday night he has only added to his kindly record in the Order.—H. K. C.

Sons of England, Toronto, Annual Church Parade.

The annual church service was held on Sunday, May 24th, in Broadway, Tabernacle, corner College and Spadina Avenue. The following lodges took part.

District No. 1.—Comprised, Middlesex, York, Somerset, Surrey, Windsor, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Birmingham, Hull, Yarmouth and Boston, 80 strong. Bro. E. B. Axworthy, marshal.

District No. 2.—Comprised, Manchester, St. George, London, Stafford and Cambridge, 300 strong. Bro. T. P. Williams, D. D., marshal.

District No. 3.—Comprised, Albion, Kent, Brighton, Warwick, Richmond, Preston, Sherwood, St. Albans, Rugby, Mercantile, Bristol and Chesterfield, 900 strong. Bro. T. D. Plumtree, Marshal.

The members formed on Queen's Ave., and headed by the Naval Brigade, under the command of Bro. Geo. Tyler, Commander in Chief, accompanied by Bro. R. Caddick, High-Admiral; Bro. T. R. Skippin, Vice-Admiral, and Bro. W. Barker, Admiralty Paymaster, marched four deep to the Tabernacle by way of Queen street and Spadina Ave.

The musical service was ably rendered under the direction of Mrs. Howson, the organist of the church. The singing of "Nearer My God to Thee," "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Work for the Night is Coming," and God Save the Queen, was of the heartiest, and the large congregation which taxed the capacity of the edifice heartily seconded the choir in their efforts.

The sermon by the Rev. John Phillip, founded on Psalm xxxviii. 3. "Trust in the Lord and do good," was an exhortation to righteousness and benevolence. Praise was given the S.O.E.B.S., and glowing tribute given to England's greatness, which the preacher maintained was owing to righteousness—Christianity being the foundation of her education, intelligence and commerce.

In the course of his remarks he said, there are prophets of evil, who tell us that the days of England's progress are over, but that he "did not believe a word of it." (Great applause.) That never was her power so great and her influence so marvellously recognized, and that "there's life in the Old Land yet." (Applause.) The sermon, which had a good loyal ring, was full of good counsel. Cheers broke forth at the spirited exhortation:—"Fear God, Honour the Queen, Love the Brotherhood."

A collection was taken up in aid of the Hospital Fund, which amounted to \$110. The whole of the arrangements were carried out without hitch under the direction of Bro. J. W. Carter, S.G.S., who acted as Grand Marshal.

The Lodges in Montreal are arranging for a picnic to Alexandria on Saturday the 18th July, next. It is hoped co-operation with the brethren in Ottawa will be obtained.

BEATTY'S TOUR OF THE WORLD.

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SIR JOHN'S FAVOURITE POEM.

[The following poem is said to have been the favourite poem of Sir John Macdonald.]

REST.
My feet are weary, and my hands are tired,
My soul oppressed—
And I desire, what I have long desired—
Rest—only rest.

'Tis hard to toil—when toil is almost vain,
In barren ways:
'Tis hard to sow—and never garner grain
In harvest days.

The burden of my days is hard to bear,
But God knows best;
And I have prayed—but vain has been my prayer
For rest—sweet rest.

'Tis hard to plant in spring and never reap
The autumn yield;
'Tis hard to till, and 'tis-tilled to weep
O'er fruitless field.

And so I cry, a weak and human cry,
So heart oppressed;
And so I sigh a weak and human sigh,
For rest—for rest.

My way has wound across the desert years,
And cares infest
My path, and through the flowing of hot tears,
I pine—for rest.

'T was always so; when but a child I laid
On mother's breast
My wearied little head; e'en then I prayed
As now—for rest.

And I am restless; still 'twill soon be o'er;
For, down the west
Life's sun is setting, and I see the shore
Where I shall rest.

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Impress this fact upon your minds that if you are belonging to a lodge that is doing no work, that it requires this proportion of six to one hundred to place your lodge in a healthy condition, after you have taken enough men into it to bring the average age to 40 years.

This statement is made after a very careful analysis of the progress of assessment societies; we have figured the matter out plainly that, we think, all may understand it. We present the main fact not only to members of the A. O. U. W., but to all other fraternal societies, that if each lodge organized will determine that it will do its duty to all other lodges, that the demand for work is really very light, six new members under 30 years, for every 100 members. A lodge that cannot raise this proportion of increase had better go out of business.—Guide.

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