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CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON LINKS

Bro. Morgan, of Ingersoll, is lying ill from inflammation of the lungs. He is under the care of Dominion lodge, and expects to be sufficiently recovered to return home next week.

Chief Patriarch, Thos. Bilton, of Harmony Encampment, has returned from his visit to Hanover. While there, he visited the lodge in that place, and reports it swimming. It has about thirty members and its officers do their work efficiently.

A son of Bro. Hollingsworth met with a serious mishap, through his excessive loyalty on the 24th. In igniting a train of powder, one of his eyes was badly burned; it was at first thought to be destroyed, but it is now believed the sight is uninjured.

Commander Beltz has returned from his annual fishing excursion. Port Franks was the place chosen. The party, consisting of six well known citizens, hooked over three hundred of the finny, chiefly bass. Bro. Beltz unanimously favors the "color line."

The numerous friends of our veteran Bro. Sergt.-Major Evans, will hear with pleasure that he is improving in health, and that, since the Queen's birthday, he has been able to partake of solid food, something he was unable to do for a month previous.

The N. G. wishes us to state that ex-Ald. Jones is a member of Dominion lodge, and that we were in error in stating otherwise. Speaking of the Jones', we might add that the eldest daughter of J. W. Jones, P. G. of the same lodge, was married a few weeks ago in Knoxville, Tenn. The young lady was a general favorite while living here.

Bro. C. F. Colwell, the city agent for the DOMINION ODDFELLOW, has removed his music ware-rooms to Fitzgerald Block. He now has the best lighted and most commodious rooms in his line in the west. Bro. T. W. Standfield has also removed his business to the same locality.

Bro. H. R. Abbott, the dentist son of our City Clerk, who has been ailing for a few weeks past, has sufficiently recovered to be again at his office. Harry rather prefers drawing,— youth and beauty to pictures or poker.

"Reason's whole pleasure, all the joys of sense,
Lie in two words—toothache and intelligence."

While attending the funeral of our late comrade Kinsman, the Uniform Degree Camp received their first baptism, the rain coming down in torrents, and compelling them to retrace their steps before reaching the suburbs. We accord due praise to the brothers who stood the storm, and waited until the earth covered the remains, although the storm had not abated and they were drenched thoroughly. The funeral ceremony was performed at the grave by Past Grand Matthews. We would advise our comrades to prepare for such an emergency in future, as a downpour is prejudicial to their purple plumes.

Comrade Herald, who for several years has been in the employ of Commander Beltz, on severing his connection with the house, was presented with a valuable gold-headed cane by his employer and his staff, accompanied with the following address:

MR. J. HERALD—Dear Sir,—It is with regret that we were forced to part with you a few weeks ago, on the occasion of your leaving the retail for the wholesale trade. During the eight years of your stay with us, our connection with each other as fellow-shopmates has been of such a harmonious character, that your absence leaves a blank which we cannot help feeling, and although we were reluctant to part with you, we cannot but acknowledge the fact that it is every man for himself in this world, and knowing that you will have better scope for advancement in the wholesale trade, we heartily wish you success. And as a tangible evidence of the esteem in which you are held by us, we ask your acceptance af this gold-headed cane. E. BELTZ, W. WARNER, C. THORN, F. SPITTAL, A. QUINN.

Your correspondent paid a visit to the G. W. Ry. car works, London East, a few days ago, and was well repaid for the trip. Oddfellows bloom like dandelions in a spring pasture; no matter which way you turn you meet the radiant countenance and recognition. Being more accustomed to meet the boys after they have had their faces washed, and their best bib on, we had to fall back on the idea so soundly expressed in the old song:

"Who shall judge a man from manners,
Who shall know him by his dress;
Paupers may be fit for princes,
Princes fit for something else.
Crumpled shirt and dirty jacket
May be-clothe the golden ore
Of the deepest thought and feeling—
Satin vests could do no more."

The first brother we almost stumbled over was Henry Merritt, P. G., and we might add he was the first Oddfellow who imparted its secrets to our keeping, being Noble Grand at the time of our initiation. While watching the molten metal in the moulding shop, we felt a touch on the shoulder, and turning around, stood face to face with Past Grand Matthews, a few moments after receiving a friendly nod from Brother Lewis, the superintendent of the paint shop, the secretary of the London East School Board, and as a vocalist, the leading tenor of the town. He escorted us through the several buildings, giving us scraps of information from the fund in his possession by the way. Stopping beside a passenger coach almost completed, he said, "this is Bro. Shaw's domicile," and no sooner said than the little orator of Chorazin made his exit brush in hand and smiling like a sunbeam. After viewing the superb dining-car Freemont, which was just ready for the road, and which would take as much more space to describe, we bid our escort "good afternoon," and hurried back to the town.

D. O'MINION.

LONDON, June 4th, 1883.

LONDON EAST.

Last time of writing, I mentioned the fact that Bro. J. Whittaker had been married to Miss Ride. I now have to chronicle the union of Bro. Walter Scott, of 160, to Miss Fannie Reid. Walter says she's Scott and she says he's caught. Lets wish them joy and all the rest.

In your last issue a report of the visit of the Lucan brethren is given, but the name of one visitor, who is not a member of Lucan lodge, was omitted. The Dominion lodge poet was there, too. He generally *Burrs* his way into London East when anything of unusual interest is going on. He was not attracted by "Woman's Eyes" but rather drawn by Westbrook's pies.

Sometimes when comparing our Order with other societies, we hear it said that ours is not a purely ornamental society, that we don't wait for the brother to die and then claim the body for burial, but that we visit the sick and minister to his wants, doing our duty while we may. But it would seem that we have got an ornamental branch tacked on lately, which is ready to turn out on street parade, but we don't hear of any of its members visiting the sick except as lodge members.

On Sunday, the 27th May, it became our duty to deposit in the cold grave the remains of our late brother Wm. Kinsman, of Chorazin lodge. A number of the brethren of the city lodges came, headed by the Uniform Camp, and having only one object in view, the display of their regalia, hats and plumes, they proceeded to the house of mourning, and left the Chorazin members waiting for them in their hall. Although this is the second occurrence of this kind I am pleased to be able to say we do not treat the city folks with such scant courtesy, but always remember they have a place of meeting. When we arrived at the house our marshal, Bro. J. Fitzgerald, requested the members of Harmony Encampment to allow Chorazin lodge to take the place nearest the hearse, as we had charge of affairs. But they, thinking of these hats and collars, forgot the regulation in the digest, alloting to purple members their places, took a Lowe view of the matter, and declined to comply with the request. However, we had no difficulty about rank or place at the grave. About one-third of our march had been accomplished, when a heavy shower came on, and then you should have seen the stampede of the "plated" ones. Alas! alas! to save their raiment they left the dead. The rain soon took the starch out of them, at least they relaxed the painful stiffness of their gait. But those members of Chorazin lodge who went out to obey the command of our laws, "bury the dead," when they saw they were left alone, determined that duty must be done, pressed forward. At the grave not a thread of the purple could be seen, but the pure white trimmed with the imperial scarlet could be found, for Chorazin was there. Standing with their clothing soaked and the water in their boots, these brethren enjoyed a pleasure, (in the knowledge that they were doing their duty) which high degree can never give.

"London Links" took a walk through the G.T.R. car works in our town last week. Being yet a bachelor he was examining couplings with a view to hitch on to something; wonder he was not afraid of being j-a-m'd. He was coached by a good man who would not Lewis him.

It was pleasing to read your notice of Bro. J. Sims last week. He is just like the rest of the boys, sure to appreciate a good thing.

Yours fraternally,

CHORAZIN.

That Husband of Mine.

Is three times the man he was before he began using "Well's Health Renewer." $1. Druggists.

HARRISTON

At a regular meeting of Minto lodge, No. 98, held on the 18th ult., it was resolved that a committee be appointed to draft a letter of condolence to Mrs. S. R. Lennox, widow of our late Bro. S. R. Lennox, Past Grand, and that the same be signed by the elective officers and the Past Grands, and presented to Mrs. Lennox, also that a copy be sent to the DOMINION ODDFELLOW.

In accordance with which, the following letter of condolence was duly presented to Mrs. Lennox:

DEAR MADAM,—Pursuant to a resolution unanimously passed at a regular meeting of Minto Lodge, No. 98, on the 18th inst., the undersigned appointed for that purpose do hereby beg leave to tender yourself and family their heartfelt sympathy and regret in the sad bereavement you have sustained in the untimely death of your beloved husband, and our dear brother, Samuel Roberson Lennox, who lost his life in that disastrous fire which, on the night of the 9th of May, swept the west side of Elora street, in his heroic and gallant effort to save his property. And in that sad affliction permit us to assure you, that you have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire brotherhood. In his death you have been bereft of a kind and affectionate husband, and your children of a loving parent, while we have lost a true and worthy brother, who, during the many years of his connection with our beloved Order, was ever with us at our meetings, except when detained by other important duties, and was ever among the foremost in any work appertaining to the Order; and let us assure you that in carrying out the great motto of our Order, viz.: "Benevolence and Charity," no brother was more active and zealous than he whose loss we deeply mourn. Ever ready to render assistance where such was required, the needy ever found in him a true and faithful friend, in proof of which, his last act on the floor of our lodge-room was his liberal contribution to a needy and afflicted brother. By reason of these and other sterling qualities, his death was not only a sad affliction to yourself and family but also a sad affliction to us, which we assure you was most sad and painful to the feelings of every brother of our lodge, who, by virtue of his untiring fidelity to the principles of our beloved Order, we learned to love so well, but whose intrinsic qualities we never fully realized till Death, the great leveler, laid his cruel hand on you and us. And now let us hope that the principles he so tangibly enunciated in life will be enshrined on the tablets of our memory in carrying out the noble principles of our Order, in which we assure you there is but one feeling, that yourself and children will ever find a faithful friend in Minto lodge, and hope the same wise and mysterious Providence, who so heavily afflicted you, will bind up the deep wounds His own hands have made, and that yourself and family will be sustained under the heavy stroke; and while we sadly regret the sad event, let us cherish his memory with due reverence, and feel fully assured that the sustaining power of a kind and merciful God to bear you softly through your heavy trials, will be the reward of your late husband's many virtues and kind acts while in life. And while words can in no way restore the loved one, yet let us bow in willing submission to the One who knoweth and doeth all things well. Fully believing that by reason of your husband's heroic and benevolent qualities the young and the old will cherish his memory alike, and that a God of benevolence and compassion will not forsake the widow and the orphans. Trusting in sad but kind remembrance your beloved husband you will accept this in the spirit in which it is presented, we remain on behalf of Minto lodge,

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

John L. Roy, N.G.,	Chas. Johnstone, P.G.,
Alex. Doig, V.G.,	John Livingstone, P. G.,
Alex. Gillies, R.S.,	E. Welte, P.G.,
W. W. Morley, P.S.,	John Henderson, P. G.,
W. T. Watson, D.D.G.M.	Alex. Yule, P.V.G.,
R. Hinds, P.D.D.G.M.,	E. H. Dewar, P.G.,
J. Slemmon, P.D.D.G.M.	Joseph Fisher, P.G.,
William Farr, J.P.G.,	W. J. Janson, P.G.

COLORADO.

DEAR SIR,—Having read "Candid's" letter with much interest, and having learned through the columns of the D. O. that he has been prostrated with an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs, I have written these few lines on the subject of lung troubles, being unfortunately afflicted with hemorrhage of the lungs myself while in Canada, and knowing that comparatively few Canadians are aware of the beneficial effects of residing in a dryer, lighter and purer atmosphere, such as there is in Colorado, that is, providing that disease is not too far advanced for hope of recovery, then it shortens instead of lengtheninf people's days, the change of climate being too great for them. We are surrounded by people who came here years ago troubled with lung disease; consumption in its various forms more or less advanced, and who, after a shorter or longer stay, are able to attend to their business and get along nicely here, but cannot live in lower altitudes. Since I came here I have closely watched those so afflicted, and have made many enquiries, and have been able to gather a great deal of information on the subject. We Canadians know no positive cure for lung diseases or consumption, even in its incipient form—doctors tell us differently, but I know by experience. Had I remained at home in Canada I do not think that I would be much more than alive, if that, but here I have gained very much in my seven month's stay, and have had no hemorrhage. Let me tell Bro. "Candid that if he really loves this beautiful world as much as he professes to, in his recent letter "to flee for his life," for as much as I love Canada, (Ontario) I know it is no climate for those who have lung affections, and if Canadian physicians would tell what they know, they would say the same, and to the credit of some of them be it said they do tell us. I myself having been sent here by advice of our family physician, as medicine is no use, and for those coming here for the benefit of their health it is much the wiser plan to first try the lower towns, not to go above the altitude of 5,000 feet to begin with. Mountain towns are to be shuned for at least the first six months, and if necessary gradualip ascend into higher altitudes. One thing old timer, tell physicians and people, that those who return east have a relapse, no matter how well they may appear here. Now, dear editor, if you think this worth printing, do so, as I have been actuated by a sincere desire for the well-being of my fellow-sufferers, and I shall be willing to answer any question (as far as I can) addressed to me.

A SUFFERER,
326 W. Ninth st., Pueblo, Colorado.

FLESHERTON.

Dufferin Lodge, having been very active during the winter months in fitting up and refurnishing the hall, held an opening on the 4th April, when a very enjoyable evening was spent by the members and friends, all being loud in the praise of such a beautiful hall. One worthy brother's wife being heard to remark that it was too bad that Oddfellows had such a nice place to meet once a week, while their wives must remain at home. During the past month two of our brothers have had their homes entered by the dreaded monster death, Brother Bradley having lost a bright little girl 18 months old, while Bro. VanDusen has had to part with his daughter Effie, aged 18 years. Her godly life, kind, affectionate disposition had endeard her to all classes of the community, and on a lovely spring morning, amidst the songs of birds, her spirit took its flight; and although in painful agony, all was calm, and with pledges from Faith and a mother to meet her in heaven, she whispered "Jesus take me quick." All that was left of the warm heart that throbbed for others woes and full of sympathy, was laid out to join its kindred dust. Should it not awaken the soul to a just sense of its responsibility to its God, of duty to itself? We draw the veil and believe that many a heart responded to the resolve to be ready, even as she was. Bro. VanDusen was tendered the heartfelt sympathy of the brethren, and we have his acknowledgment that what at the time he counted loss in the end to be gain.

Matters are quiet at present, but we hear of some increase to take place shortly, which will liven up things, and we believe the Grand Master has promised us a visit, as he is only thirty miles from us.

Bro. Will. Elder has returned from California, looking well and hearty, and loud in his praise of the open hand of Oddfellowship in that land. At Los Angelos he had the pleasure of hearing a charming and accomplished young lady deliver a lecture on Oddfellowship; being an orphan, she was brought up and educated by the Order. So the command, "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan," and we do it.

H. H.

TORONTO.

A number of the members of the Encampment at Newmarket have ordered uniforms preparatory to starting a regular Uniformed Encampment. They expect to have at least thirty swords in a very short time.

Toronto Uniformed Encampment, No. 8, will assemble for their summer course of drill at the Caer Howell grounds on Wednesday evening next. The Encampment is determined to spare no trouble in getting up the drill, so as to take part in the tournament during the coming summer. The camp is arranging for a grand excursion to Ottawa during the session of the Grand Lodge in August next.

The Oddfellows of Erie, Pa., will pay a fraternal visit to the lodges in Toronto on the 19th June. All the lodges in Erie will participate, and bring about 800 Oddfellows. All the towns along the route from Erie to Buffalo will join in to make the excursion a grand success. The several lodges and encampments in Toronto have been notified, and will in all probability show their American visitors a sample of trure Canadian hospitality.—*Mail.*

RAKINGS

—A boom in Oddfellowship is all right, if you do not boom into the Order too much bad material.—*G. Rep. John H. White.*

—The Grand Lodge of California, at its late session, refused to confer representative privileges upon past grand masters.

—California gained 390 members last year. The membership of that jurisdiction, December 31st, 1882, was 22,248.

—A lodge will be instituted at Bingham, Utah, during this month, and Provo and Silver Leaf, will have lodges in the nea future.

—The first general meeting of the Berlin, Prussia, hall building association of Oddfellows was held February 28th, 106 being in attendance. The treasury contains 31,800 marks.

—The grand lodge of Maryland reports 373 members admitted last year, a revenue of $89,206,13, and the relief amounted to $97,752,58. Geo. W. Lee was elected grand master.

—The rituals of the Order are not only published in the English language, but also in the German, French, Bohemian, Spanish and Norwegian tongues; all of which emanate from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the headquarters of which are and always have been in the United States.—*Jewel.*

—The DOMINION ODDFELLOW entered upon its third volume with May 17th. We congratulate our cotemporary upon the success it has attained, and can only wish for it unbounded prosperity in the future. This journal is doing a good work for Oddfellowship, and deserves the support of the brotherhood.—*Monitor.*

—Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, and Siloam, No. 2, are each sixty-three years old, having received their charters from Father Wildey in 1820. The former has initiated about 1,000, and now contains 200 in membership, while the latter has admitted nearly 1,300 and has 475 names on its rolls. They are located in Boston.

—The following Grand bodies will convene during June, at the times and places named: Minnesota Grand Lodge, at Owatonna, June 5th; Minnesota Grand Encampment, Owatonna, June 5th; Nevada Grand Lodge, Reno, June 5th; Nevada Grand Encampment, Reno, June 4th; Wisconsin Grand Lodge, Milwaukee, June 5th.—*Monitor.*

—During the month of April last, the Covenant Mutual Benefit Association, of Illinois, received at the home office in Galesburg, over fifteen hundred applications for membership. This is unparalleled in the history of the association, and is an evidence that members of our Order have an abiding faith in the Covenant Mutual.—*Monitor.*

—Few organizations collect and disburse so much money annually as the Oddfellows, and with so little loss. The annual collections amount to some five millions of dollars, and it is rare that losses occur through the defection of officers. About two millions of this vast sum is paid out annually for charitable purposes. And yet some narrow minded souls say Oddfellowship does no good. We pity such men.—*Ind. Statesmen.*

—We have been informed of an instance where a brother accepted the kindly offices of a lodge, which during his sickness furnished him watches for over two weeks, furnished him a sick chair for his use, attended him regularly, and paid his benefits, only to find after his death that he had requested another organization, that had never expended one cent toward his relief, to bury him. Such ungratefulness deserves the severest condemnation, and such a brother should be considered as a renunciator of the order, and as unworthy of the honors Oddfellowship gives to its dead.—*Guide.*

—P. G. Master Green has lately been called tomourn the death of his father, Seymour Green, who passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years, March 17th. The deceased was a pioneer in the Oddfellowship of Lewis county, and was a Past Grand of Osceola Lodge, formerly located in Osceola, in that county; but when the war of 1861 broke out all the young men went to the front and most of them now sleep on Southern battle fields, and population increased very slowly in that section; the lodge finally died out and has never been resurrected Not only was he a veteran of 1812, but also served in the Legislature of our State. While a member of Osceola lodge, he was obliged to, and did weekly, travel fourteen miles to attend the sessions. Seymour Green was an Oddfellow of the earnest stripe.—*News.*