

MANITOBA.

THE MANITOBA S. O. E. HALL AND BUILDING ASSN.

Letters patent of incorporation having been received, the official seal of the Hall Company having arrived from Toronto, and all the legal preliminaries for putting this enterprise of such importance to the lodges in this section of the Dominion upon a proper legal basis, it was considered advisable by the Provisional Directors to call a general meeting of the stockholders and report progress, also to give an opportunity for the election of a new directorate, if such action should be deemed advisable.

The report of the business for the six months commencing September 4th was unanimously declared to be highly satisfactory, and although the first month was entirely lost owing to the necessary changes to be made in the premises, the first quarter showed a surplus of receipts over current expenses of some 40 per cent., while the report for the quarter ending with last March, showed without shadow of doubt that but very few more quarters need pass before the whole assets of the Society, amounting to some six or seven hundred dollars, could be fully paid up if the income from the rent alone had to be relied on, and no fresh stock issued.

It is said to be an ill wind that blows no one no good. The destruction by fire of one of the finest school buildings in the West, either in the United States or Canada, has sent the heads of the various educational departments on an exploring expedition to find suitable premises in which to continue their classes till the school can be rebuilt, and consequently Sons of England Hall has found a tenant for five years in the week, in the pupils of the Normal School, the evenings being left free for lodge purposes as heretofore.

OBITUARY.

Winnipeg, April 20th.—Westward Ho Lodge, S.O.E., has to lament the loss by death of its President, Bro. Jos. Corbett.

The last illness of this efficient officer and lamented member was, in its later and more acute stages, of short duration, and proceeded from what appeared at the time, apparently a trivial injury to his arm, in the region of the elbow, some time during the winter. An abscess formed however a few weeks ago, operating on which the doctors found the bone was itself diseased and advised amputation. There was naturally some hesitancy on the part of the deceased, and friends in giving consent to this extreme measure, and finally, when that consent had been obtained and acted upon, matters had gone too far, mortification had set in, bringing about the melancholy result before named. Bro. Jos. Corbett was but 33 years of age, and scarcely a year married. Unfortunately for his family he had not joined the Beneficiary Department of the Order.

The cortege left Sons of England Hall at 1.30 p.m., hence to the residence of the deceased, where the preliminary service was read by the Rev. Mr. Hogg, Presbyterian clergyman. The following brethren and friends acted as pallbearers, Bro. W. Marden, Pres., Neptune; Bro. E. Pollard, Pres., Shakespeare; Bro. J. L. Broughton, Pres., Marston Moor; Bro. Geo. Davis, Pres., W.R.D.; Mr. H. L. Deacon and Mr. E. Hart.

The interment took place at Kildonan cemetery, a site redolent of names and records which must ever be identified with the earlier history of British settlement in Manitoba. It is simply superfluous to say that the most profound and heart-felt sympathy of all the brethren here, is extended to the widow, and relations of the deceased in their unlooked for bereavement. T. C. A.

BRANDON.

Lodge Brandon, No. 174, celebrated its second anniversary on the evening of March 28th, on which occasion about thirty members of the lodge assembled in the hall to enjoy the usual festivities. After the supper a programme of songs and recitations was gone through, which added to the enjoyment of the evening. The Secretary laid great stress on the fact that the lodge had paid all sick benefit claims in full, some dissatisfied members having expressed about rumours to the contrary. The usual toasts were proposed and fittingly honored and replied to, and the gathering dispersed, looking forward with anticipation to celebrating, or rather honouring, the day of our patron saint, St. George.

PREPARING FOR THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Winnipeg, April 13th.—A meeting of delegates from the various lodges of the Sons of England, Princess Christian Lodge of the Daughters of England, with representatives of camps of the Sons of Scotland and several of the Orange lodges, and those of the Knights of Malta, assembled in Sons of England Hall to discuss the advisability and ways and means of holding a joint celebration in honour of the birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. Bro. Rogers, of Lodge Marston Moor, had the honour of filling the chair on this most auspicious occasion, while Bro. Jos. Harrison, of Westward Ho lodge, performed, with his usual tact, the onerous duties of secretary.

A motion in favour of a demonstration of some kind was carried unanimously. Another, that an uniformed procession of the various orders be named, together with a programme of sports, etc., concluding with an evening

entertainment in the nature of a concert, also met with general approval.

In order to have everything on a thoroughly business basis, it was resolved that the delegates should recommend to their various lodges that certain charges should be made the public for the privilege of participating in the entertainment, and that any surplus of expenditure over expenditure should be divided at a per capita rate per lodge, and that a deficiency, if such an unfortunate result could occur, should be distributed in like manner.

But one desire appeared to animate the members assembled, which was to do honour to our beloved Queen in this, one of her remote provinces, on an annual occasion which, without being pessimistic, we must conclude is one of the closing years of Her most glorious and successful reign.

NOVA SCOTIA.

FIFTH WINTER SOCIAL OF HALIFAX LODGE, NO. 150.

The above lodge held their fifth social of the winter in their hall, Maling's building, on the 27th of March. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity. The socials of this lodge having become very popular, it is no difficulty to get a full house. Bro. Robt. Daw occupied the chair. The following programme was excellently rendered and enthusiastically received: Bros. Wragg and East, character song; Mr. Smith, violin solo; Mr. Skinner, waltz; Mr. Ellis, solo; Mr. Moody, song; Mr. Austin, auto-harp solo; Messrs. Ellis, Cantello and Fountain, vocal trio; Bro. Hieatt and Mr. Fitz-henry, cornet duet; Mr. Ferguson, song; Bro. Wragg assisted by Bro. East, comic song; Mr. Ellis and Spencer, duet; Mrs. Sutherland, song, "The Fatal Wedding"; Mr. Moody, song; Mr. Smith, song; Mr. Skinner, violin solo; Mr. Ellis, song; Mr. Austin, auto-harp solo; Mr. Ferguson, song; Mr. Moody and Austin, song (autoharp accomp); Bro. Wragg, song; Mr. Forcett, recitation; waltz, Barn Room Dance. God Save the Queen.

The committee are to be congratulated upon the success of the social. The method adopted by lodge Halifax dances everywhere. Whether they are dancing inclined or otherwise, all are kept amused. Refreshments was supplied the audience during the evening, and lodge Halifax, No. 150, concluded one of their most successful and pleasant socials at 12.30. The committee were: Bros. Robt. Daw, chairman; E. Radford, sec.-treasurer; John C. Legg, H. Roberts, G. H. Bridge, D. Elliott, T. V. Hill, T. Goodman, T. Ibsen, S. Bevis and J. Whittemore.

Lodge Halifax is doing well and with the help of the Juvenile Branch, No. 31, which was instituted on 19th March, they are determined to make things boom in Halifax.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THAT NEW WESTMINSTER CONVENTION.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON: SIR,—Allow me to reply to a letter by Bro. J. Critchley, of Alexandra Lodge, which appeared in your issue of the 1st March.

In the first place the idea of a convention or re-union emanated from Bro. Critchley himself, at least so we were given to understand in Wilberforce Lodge by Bro. Wm. Bailey, our D.D. At some little trouble I was requested by our lodge to communicate with all the B. C. lodges to bring about the much talked of event. This I did with the result that, as Bro. Critchley says, "circumstances prevented" the Alexander brethren being with us, as also those of the Pride of the Island.

The Convention was duly held while I failed to observe any "kickers present who wanted to band themselves together to punch each other," nor did they, either by their speech or conduct, convey, to my mind at least, that they wanted the Sons of England generally "to pay for such under the name of district grand lodges."

Obviously enough the first convention was of a preliminary character, but its object was purely upon the lines of Bro. Critchley's much needed re-union. It did not seek in any way to agitate for a District or Provincial Grand Lodge at all, but succeeded in getting a full and free discussion upon the unification of initiation fees, sick dues, etc.

We met again at New Westminster at the call of our ever willing Bro. Boycott, Secretary of the Convention, with Bro. Wm. Bailey in the chair. There were delegates from Rose of Columbia, Wilberforce and Chilliwack lodges, while those from Vancouver lodge were not able to appear in time. No Victoria lodges were represented (if we except Bro. Capt. Robertson, who was not a delegate), which was to be regretted, as these might have had an opportunity of giving the brethren their ideas, and I have no doubt some misconceptions might have been removed.

We were busily taken up with the question of having our by-laws, etc., as nearly alike as consistent, and the result was that each of these lodges will report some time in April to the President of the Convention, who will decide as to the date of our next meeting.

Now, Sir, the question of a Provincial Grand Lodge has gone no further in these conventions than one or two expressions of opinion from some of the delegates, and, I must say, the brethren who advocated such had been led to do so through the preamble of the proposed new constitution, as sent

out from the Grand Lodge itself.

Bro. Critchley's letter, I fear, is not calculated to set at rest the demand for "local self-government," especially in so distant a part as British Columbia is from Toronto. I would not be in a hurry to vote for a Provincial Grand Lodge myself, although this would be preferable to saying that "we are pleased with our condition, and we only ask to be let alone."

That not a few of the B. C. brethren see with their Eastern brothers the need of better representation is proved by their experiences as members of other societies. Our relations existing between the Supreme officers and ourselves are, doubtless, cordial to a degree, but these gentlemen must see the need spoken of, and be prepared to take cognizance of it, otherwise other orders will be better able to satisfy our fellow countrymen.

After five years experience of the Sons of England, I am free to admit that it is a well organized society in many ways, but there is much to be done in this part of the world at least in keeping touch with Toronto ideas and sentiment, and perhaps more to be done in welding the lodges we have got together in one system—call it what you will—for concerted action when needed, and the proper carrying out of the obligations and business by which we ought to be held together.

THOS. H. ROBSON,
Secy. Wilberforce Lodge, 77.

HONORING THE DEAD SOLDIERS.

D. Mackintosh & Sons of Toronto have the contract for the erection of a monument at Chrysler's Farm, Stormont county. The monument is to be a plain obelisk of Quebec granite, 18 feet high, with base and appropriate extensions for holding mounted canon and shot piles. The same firm has the contracts for the erection of monuments at Lundy's Lane and Chateaufort.

We had the pleasure a few weeks ago of calling upon Messrs. Mackintosh & Sons. The monuments are close on completion, and they hope to have them placed in the places designated upon the historic battle grounds by Dominion Day.

TORONTO LODGE NOTES.

Lodge Mercantile, No. 81, held their fortnightly meeting on Saturday, March 23rd, in St. George's Hall, Elm St., C. E. Stone, W.P., in the chair. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. G. Clatworthy, S.G.P., J. W. Carter, S.G.S., Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, D.D., Centre Toronto, E. Ward, D.D., North W. Toronto, W. E. Pearce, W.P., Middlesex, T. R. Skippin, P. S. G. P., and W. H. Syms, Sec. Middlesex. Bro. G. T. Marter, M. P. P., a charter member of Dover Lodge, Gravenhurst, and now resident in Toronto, was admitted a member of the lodge on clearance. Bros. Evans and Patching, the G. L. delegates, gave their report of the proceedings of that body, which was done in a very able and exhaustive manner. The delegates were highly complimented for their report. A long discussion took place respecting the alterations in the constitution. Being quarterly night the lodge room was crowded.

St. Albans, No. 76, held their first meeting in room D, Shaftesbury Hall, on Wednesday, March 21st, Bro. W. J. Webb, W. P., in the chair. It being the first meeting of the lodge in their new quarters a large number of visitors were present, amongst the number Bro. G. Clatworthy, who responded to a vote of thanks for his attendance and made an interesting address. Bro. Dr. Hodgetts, D. D. elect for Centre Toronto, also addressed the meeting and said that the Grand Lodge at Woodstock had done their work in the most business-like manner, and deserved the thanks of the brethren all over the Dominion. Refreshments were served, and song and recitation followed. This lodge also passed a resolution sympathizing with Manitoba as separate schools.

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TORONTO S. O. E. NEWS.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

The premises of Bro. J. Oldfield, W. P. of Chesterfield lodge, known as the Anglo-American Novelty Co., were burnt out on the 3rd inst., but we are glad to say that the valuable printing presses and other machinery was not much injured, and Bro. Oldfield, with commendable alacrity, secured other accommodation at 34 Adelaide St., E., opposite St. James' Cathedral, where he recommenced on the 10th inst., and is prepared to fill all orders for his patent cheque books and in the other branches of his business.

A sad event occurred on Saturday, the 6th inst., when Bro. Geo. Turner, Epping lodge, Rosseau, who, having received a chill, went into the General Hospital here suffering from acute pneumonia, and died within forty-eight hours after admittance. The worthy brother was a Grand Lodge delegate, and had been enjoying a brief holiday in Toronto. The remains were conveyed to the Grand Trunk Depot for conveyance to Rosseau. A brother from that place was in attendance to accompany the body. Amongst those in the funeral cortege we recognized Bros. J. W. Carter, S. G. S., T. R. Skippin, P. S. G. P., R. A. Fletcher, W. Sec., Geo. Wild and J. Holdford, Commercial lodge, J. D. Bland, W. P. Avondale lodge, and others. The deceased was unmarried and a member of the Beneficiary.

The last entertainment to be given this season by St. George's lodge will be held on Monday, May 6th, in their lodge-room, Forum Hall, Yonge St., when a "smoker" will take place with refreshments. A rare array of talent has already been secured. Tickets, 10c. each, can be had from the Secretary, W. C. Fidge, 233 Yonge St., or any member of the lodge.

A special W. R. meeting will be held by Commercial lodge, in their lodge-room, Shaftesbury Hall, on Saturday the 20th inst., when it is hoped a large number of visiting brethren will be present.

The lodges have had no meetings of any special nature during the last fortnight. There appears to be quite a reaction now that the various Grand Lodge delegates have given in their reports, in which great interest was evinced, many members travelling from one lodge to another to hear the reports.

CHELTHENHAM LODGE, No. 178.

First Official Visit by Geo. Clatworthy, as Supreme Grand President.

When Bro. C. J. H. Winstanley, W. P., sounded the gavel he had before him one of the largest gatherings ever held by the lodge, and when the S. G. P., accompanied by Bro. J. W. Carter, S. G. S., was introduced to the lodge by the P. F., Bro. Smallpiece, the applause was loud and long. One member was initiated. After the reading of the delegates' G. L. report, Bro. G. Clatworthy, S. G. P., was called to his feet, and said: "although he had visited several other lodges this visit to his lodge was his first official visit. He felt sure it was a great honour for a young lodge like Cheltenham to have the distinction of numbering amongst its members the Supreme Grand President. I feel, personally, that it is a great honour to have conferred upon one the high office of Supreme President of the Sons of England Society. I am fully sensible of my inability to fill the position. I feel that there are a large number in our Society could fill it better than I can. The fact of my being elected by acclamation will be an incentive to every effort I can make on behalf of the Society. The legislation of the late Grand Lodge will make a radical change in our working of the Society, but I believe it is a change for the better. I am glad to say that the Beneficiary Dept. is now on a sound basis. It should be our endeavour to influence all the members we can to join the Beneficiary; by so doing we shall have a greater hold upon our members, and have a greater certainty of retaining their membership. I will now conclude by assuring you that all my thoughts, all my efforts, shall be given to forward the interests of the members and the lodges of our beloved Society, and I trust that when I have completed my term of office my efforts will have met your approbation."

Bro. J. W. Carter, S. G. S., was the next speaker, and made a very eloquent speech, in the course of which he stated that he thought a great misapprehension existed respecting the recent legislation of Grand Lodge, in reference to the offspring of an Englishwoman. In my mind we are not changing our policy. The son of an Englishwoman is as good as the son of a German, or French father, who, having been born in England, claims to be an Englishman, and I feel confident that the legislation mentioned will be for the benefit of our Order.

Bro. G. H. Evans, D.D., in his remarks thought it was not a wise thing, in his mind, to open the doors so wide. He was open to conviction, but at present he could not acquiesce in the admission of the Sons of English women. A most successful meeting was brought to a close at a very late hour.

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