

ALEXANDER III.

Some of the Characteristics of the Czar of All the Russias.

The present autocrat of all the Russias came to the throne under circumstances specially calculated to impress him with the fact that the most powerful monarch is helpless against the consequences of serious discontent among even a fraction of his people. The lesson was not lost, and internal difficulties of various kinds have often given warning reminders of its significance. Alexander III undoubtedly endeavors more frequently than his predecessors to take into account the sentiments and aspirations of his people.

Though the word "foreigner" is in the mind of the czar equivalent to a term of reproach, he is himself, little as he supposes it, very like a foreigner in his own country. Thanks to the complete suppression of everything approaching an expression of public opinion, he has little means of ascertaining the drift of national feeling, and from personal experience he knows nothing of any class but the higher officials of the state. It must not be supposed that his consideration for the wants of his people is due only to selfish motives. Far from it. The present emperor of Russia is a man of truly noble character, thoroughly honest in his purposes, sincerely religious, kind in heart, and most disinterestedly solicitous for the welfare of his country. There is, however, one strange apparent contradiction in his character which may yet have sinister results.

The czar is not gifted with the extraordinary intelligence which would be desirable in his position. No man is more modest as to his personal merits and ability, but there is no man in this world so impressed with his own importance in the peculiar light in which he views himself, as the divinely appointed head of the only true faith and of a specially chosen people.

The most devoted of husbands, he is yet ever conscious that his wife, born a foreigner of alien faith, remains outside the pale, and consequently the empress has a little influence in his councils as if she were a stranger to him. The office of czar, he considers, a holy office; no other mortal than the holder of that office is on anything approaching the same exalted level.

Any real or supposed slight or injury to the chosen people, the Russians—to their semi-divine head, the czar—or to the only true faith, the orthodox Greek faith—will immediately rouse all that is stubborn in the character of Alexander III, and will be promptly avenged. A true lover of peace, he will nevertheless, without a moment's hesitation, plunge his country into disastrous war, against any odds, to fulfil what he considers to be his sacred duties.

This is the real and great danger which threatens the world through Alexander III's belief in the sanctity of his own person, and this belief has been extraordinarily strengthened, and the consequent danger greatly aggravated, by the marvellous escape of the imperial family in the Bosniak accident—an escape which is confidently attributed to the special interposition of the Divinity on behalf of his chosen and favored servant.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Good Prices for Rare Coins.

The prices of the Davis coin sale were again good yesterday. Colonial issues reached the highest figures. A New York double of 1787 brought \$450; a set of three Maryland coins, a shilling, a sixpence and a groat, one of which bore the bust of Lord Baltimore, \$39 each; a New England shilling of Massachusetts, 1780, and a pine tree shilling of 1782, \$43.50; a Carolina halfpenny, 1694, sold for \$37, and a New York cent of 1786, with a bust of Governor Clinton and the motto, "Non vi virtute vici," sold for \$35.

The best price for a dime was \$41 for the issue of 1822, with four stars. Dimes of 1804 and 1811 brought \$35 apiece. A half dime of 1802 sold for \$170. The collectors and some dealers attending the sale were indignant at the threatened seizure by the secret service authorities of some counterfeiters of rare colonial coins. The originals of these coins, they say, are not now redeemable by any government, and the counterfeiters were only struck for scientific purposes, and are of value only to numismatists.—New York Tribune.

An Audacious Thief.

For audacity, the record of James Johnson, alias "Jersey Jim," "H. B. Barton," "E. A. Hobbs," and several other aliases, will probably equal that of any other notorious criminal known to the police. Last week he entered one of the large hotels in this city and stole a package of letters, including one belonging to Alfred H. Torrocell, general agent of the Michigan Central railroad, and containing his annual passes over numerous railroads and a frank which entitles him to the free use of the lines of the Western Union Telegraph company for one year.

These useful articles Mr. Johnson placed in his wallet, which he lost, however, while on his way from Philadelphia to Trenton. On discovering his loss he deliberately inserted numerous advertisements requesting their return, and offered a liberal reward to the finder. It was these notices that led to his arrest by the Trenton police.—Philadelphia Record.

SONS OF ENGLAND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Objects, Aims, and Benefits, of the Order.

ORGANIZED IN TORONTO, DECEMBER, 1874.

To Englishmen and Sons of Englishmen: GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW COUNTRYMEN:—As the question is so often being asked: "What are the objects of the SONS OF ENGLAND SOCIETY?" we have been led to present this Circular with the view of giving the desired information.

The objects are to unite all honorable and true Englishmen, who are in good bodily health and between the ages of 18 and 60 years, in an Association for mutual aid; to educate our members in the true principles of manhood, whereby they learn to be charitable, to practice true benevolence, and to keep alive those dear old memories of our native land; to care for each other in sickness and adversity, and when death strikes down one of our number, to follow his remains to their last resting place.

The government of the Order is vested in a Supreme Grand Lodge, and in Subordinate Lodges. The Grand Lodge is composed of delegates elected by the Subordinate Lodges to represent them. The Grand Lodge is supported financially by a per capita tax of 10 cents per member per quarter. The Grand Lodge Officers are elected annually.

Subordinate Lodges are supported by initiation fees, and weekly dues; they have control of their own moneys, elect their own officers, make their own by-laws, (subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge), and in every way conduct their business to suit the majority of the members. We meet in our lodge rooms at stated times in fraternal intercourse, learning each other's wants, giving words of encouragement and good cheer, and to those in trouble and distress, substantial assistance. The moment we enter the Lodge room all distinctions are lost sight of, and we meet on one common level, and by this constant association and intercourse, an amount of love and interest is created for each other, which is made manifest by the good work accomplished.

The rapid growth of the Order has far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its founders, and it is steadily extending itself into the hearts of our countrymen, and we are confident that when the objects and aims are more generally understood, it will become one of the grandest and most useful of Benevolent Societies.

The Order has branches as follows:—In Toronto 20, South Africa 4, London 5, Ottawa 4, Montreal 4, Hamilton 2, St. Thomas 2, Orillia 2, Peterboro 2, Kingston 2, and one in each of the following places: Oshawa, Whitby, Port Perry, Cornwall, Port Hope, Belleville, Bowmanville, Lindsay, Woodstock, Galt, Barrie, Collingwood, Bracebridge, Brantford, Almonte, Dovercourt, Newcastle, West Toronto Junction, Weston, Little York, Aylmer, Exeter, Eglinton, Gravenhurst, Guelph, Aurora, Hensall, Vanover, Stratford, Clinton, Brockville, and we hope by bringing this Circular to the notice of our fellow-countrymen, to imbue them with our enthusiasm and to swell our thousands into tens of thousands.

Though our Society is a secret Society, there is nothing in that secrecy except to enable us to protect each other and prevent imposition; our language of signs and grips enables our members to travel to places where we have lodges, make themselves known as members of the Order, when they will find a brotherly influence surrounding them, receive advice, and if needed pecuniary assistance.

In your initiatory ceremony and conferring of degrees, there is nothing but what will raise a man's self respect and kindle his patriotism and inspire him with benevolence; and the Order only requires you to live up to its teachings, honor your obligations, be true to the country and its laws, faithful to your families, and true to the brotherhood and to God.

We recognize the teachings of the Holy Bible.

The Sons of England Society offer advantages peculiarly suited to your nationality, and is second to none, and whatever benefits you receive are not charity but right, and paid to you by the proper officers without explanations or apologies; and all that is required of you is a small initiation fee, and prompt payment of your dues. Nearly one hundred thousand dollars have already been paid out for benefits.

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small graded assessment at the death of a member, substantial aid is secured to the surviving relatives, which will assist them in being independent of the cold charity of the world. Members becoming totally disabled and unable to follow any occupation, receive half the amount insured for, if required; the other half is paid at the time of death.

The benefits are medical attendance and medicine, on joining; full sick and funeral benefits after being 12 months a member; in case of sickness the benefits are \$3.00 per week for 13 weeks, and \$1.50 for the next 26 weeks; \$10.00 on the death of a member's wife; \$7.00 on the death of any of his children between the age of 5 and 15 years; \$100.00 on the death of a member. New members are entitled to half funeral and sick benefits at the expiration of six months.

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45 " 50 7 00
50 " 55 10 00
55 " 60 15 00

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18 to 30 10 cents.
30 " 45 13 " "
45 " 50 15 " "
50 " 55 20 " "
55 " 60 25 " "

On the formation of a Lodge, charter members are received on the first scale of payments, as regards initiation fees.

In conclusion we ask you take this matter into your earnest consideration, and if there is not a lodge near you, agitate among your fellow countrymen, and as soon as you can get 12 good men together notify the undersigned, and all the assistance required will be given to organize you into a lodge. You will then be astonished how your membership will increase, and will wonder how it was so many Englishmen were living all around you without being known. Any information will be cheerfully given by the undersigned.

JOHN W. CARTER,
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