

Thames Lodge.

Q. Are candidates, whose mothers are English but whose fathers are not English, eligible for membership?

A. Yes.

Generally.

As per resolution of Supreme Grand Lodge, your Executive invested one hundred dollars in the Sons of England Hall Company of Winnipeg, Man., and we hold stock certificates for that amount.

In accordance with the constitutional provision and instruction of Supreme Grand Lodge, a portion of the surplus in the Funeral Fund has been placed in the bank on special deposit to the credit of the Society.

In the month of July last year, one of the Supreme Grand Lodge Auditors, Bro. T. P. Williams, resigned his position, in consequence of having to spend a large part of his time in England. Your Executive appointed Bro. Wm. Barker (a former Supreme Grand Lodge Auditor) to the vacant position.

Renewal Bonds for Supreme Grand Secretary and Supreme Grand Treasurer in the amount of \$1,000 each were obtained and placed in my hands, which I still hold.

I am pleased to note the marked improvement in the exemplification of our beautiful Ritual, both for the Red and White Rose Degrees, in some Lodges, whilst in others there is still room for much improvement in this respect.

Heretofore too little importance has been attached to this matter by the officers of the Lodges.

I strongly recommend these officers to memorize their several parts, in order that our Initiatory and Advancement ceremonies may be impressively and perfectly rendered. If it were practicable I would make proficiency in this matter a condition prior to taking office. I am sure if this were the rule, greater importance would attach to the various offices, more respect be shown to the officers, and greatly improved attendance at Lodge meetings would be the result, and success of the Lodge would assuredly follow.

The question of the re-arrangement of representation of Subordinate Lodges in Supreme Grand Lodge and the principle upon which that representation shall be based is forcing itself to the front.