

The Grand Worthy Vice-President next read his report, followed by the Most Worthy Grand Secretary, who reports most favourably upon the work of the Order throughout the year.

We take (with permission) from the Grand Secretary's report the following referring to the lodges in South Africa:—"I forwarded through Bro. Spence the vote of thanks to Bro. C. T. Mowat, of Port Elizabeth, and the commission appointing Bro. Spence, District Grand President for South Africa, with power to appoint officers for carrying on the work in the several districts of that colony; that our esteemed Bro. Spence is worthy of the honour conferred upon him, and thoroughly in earnest regarding the prosperity of this society in South Africa's sunny clime, we have abundant proof. His letters are full of encouraging statements regarding the prosperity of the Order in his jurisdiction. As a wise and loyal administrator of our laws, we respectfully urge that Bro. Spence be allowed full control of the funds which may be due this Grand Lodge for the more expensive development of the Order in that far off and distant part of our glorious Empire. The anniversary of Victoria Lodge, Port Elizabeth, was an enthusiastic and influential gathering. The Port Elizabeth *Herald*, of July, 1887, in eulogizing the officers of the Order said: It is to be hoped now that this excellent society has made a fine start. The number of its members will be increased and lodges found in every town of this colony. There is nothing to show why Englishmen should not join together for mutual support, and the Sons of England will show that they fully appreciate the advantage which mutual benefit societies confer, not only upon their members, but upon the communities at large. Bro. Mowat, in responding to the toast of the Grand Lodge, announced, amidst great cheering, the fact that the Grand Lodge of Canada had honoured him with the appointment as representative for the Eastern Provinces. Though we have not the pleasure of knowing our Deputy Grand President, we were pleased to receive some time ago a photograph of our good Bro. Spence and his estimable lady, which I have placed upon the table for the inspection of the delegates to this Grand Lodge, said photograph being sent as a jubilee present to the Grand Lodge."

We also have much pleasure in taking from the Grand Secretary's report the following very flattering notice:—

"The ANGLO-SAXON, a journal printed and published by our brethren, Mason & Reynolds, in Ottawa, deserves a passing notice. Its first number appeared on the 1st September, 1887, its bold and fearless prospectus staggered some weak-kneed Englishmen, and comments were made that its language was too strong. But the high and mighty aggressiveness of that power, against which it hurled its thunderbolts, would deprive everyone of us of our liberty and crush out the very heart of our Protestant religion. Though we have given the ANGLO-SAXON our individual support, as an executive, we thought it best to leave to this Grand Lodge in session any official recognition. I am pleased to announce that one of the publishers, Bro. E. J. Reynolds, is with us to-day, as a member of this Grand Lodge. I understand that the ANGLO-SAXON is making good progress, and the promoters seek some acknowledgement of their efforts, if it is thought by this Grand Lodge that it will serve the interests of our society."

SHAFTESBURY HALL, Toronto, February 15th.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 9.30 a.m., with all grand lodge officers present. The several committees reported, and the Grand Lodge went into committee of the whole, with Bro. J. W. Higginbotham, of Oshawa, in the chair, the Grand Lodge remaining in committee of the whole all day. During the afternoon the delegates were given a ticket of admission to the banquet provided by the lodges of the city of Toronto. Some 800 of the brethren availed themselves of the opportunity to dine together in the evening. The following menu and list of toasts speak for themselves:—

Sons of England Benevolent Society Banquet in honor of the Grand Lodge meeting in Shaftesbury Hall, Wednesday evening, February 15th, 1888.

#### MENU.

"Oh! The Roast Beef of Old England."—Claxton's Orchestra.  
SOUP.  
"He must have a long Spoon."—Chaucer.  
Oyster Soup.  
ROASTS.  
"Oh, that this too, too solid flesh would melt."—Shakespeare.  
Baron of Beef. Saddle of Mutton.  
Turkeys. Chickens.  
Ham. BOILED. Tongue.  
ENTREES AND GAME.  
"What is sauce for the goose, is sauce for the gander."—Tom Brown.  
English Hare Pie. Partridge and Hare Pie. Chicken Salad.  
Veal Pie.  
VEGETABLES.  
"Mi. Finney had a Turnip."—Tennyson.  
Potatoes. Turnips.  
PASTRY.  
"Eat your pudding slave."—Prior.  
English Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce.  
Mince Pie. Apple Pie. Quince Pie. Raspberry Tarts.  
DESSERT.  
"Variety alone gives joy."—Prior.  
Wine Jellies. Rum Jellies. Blanc Mange.  
Charlotte Russe.  
FRUITS.  
Florida Oranges. Malaga Grapes. English Puppins.  
English Walnuts. Almonds and Raisins.  
Tea, Celery and Cheese. Coffee.

#### TOASTS.

THE QUEEN.  
National Anthem.  
Recitation..... "The Union Jack"..... Bro. E. Blundell  
PRINCE OF WALES AND ROYAL FAMILY.  
"God Bless the Prince of Wales"..... Orchestra  
GOVERNOR GENERAL AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.  
Selection..... Orchestra  
DOMINION PARLIAMENT AND PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.  
"The Maple Leaf"..... Orchestra  
ARMY, NAVY AND VOLUNTEERS.  
Song..... "Red, White and Blue".....  
MAYOR AND CORPORATION.  
Aldermanic responses.....  
GRAND LODGE SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.  
"Rule Britannia"..... Orchestra  
Responses—Thos. R. Skippon, G.P.; H. J. Boswell, G. V. P.; B. Hinchcliffe, G.T.;  
John W. Carter, G. S.  
Recitation..... "A History of the Brotherhood"..... Bro. Moull  
THE LEARNED PROFESSIONS.  
Responses—Rev. Dr. Wild, Dr. W. W. Ogden, Mr. Harry Symons,  
Prof. Goldwin Smith.  
SISTER SOCIETIES.  
"Auld Lang Syne"..... Orchestra  
OUR ORDER.  
Responses—R. Caddick, Toronto; R. Croft Hulme, Belleville; Dr. Girdwood,  
Montreal; Dr. Pigeon, Peterborough; Thos. R. Dench, Windsor;  
F. W. Higginbotham, Oshawa.  
THE PRESS.  
Bro. E. J. Reynolds, of the *Anglo-Saxon*, Ottawa.  
THE LADIES.  
..... Orchestra.

The speeches of the evening were made by Dr. Wild and Prof. Goldwin Smith, both of whom spoke with strong feelings upon loyalty and the unity of the Empire. We must congratulate all who had the matter in hand, upon bringing to a successful issue one of the largest national gatherings ever held. The Toronto lodges and the committee of management left nothing undone to make it a most pleasant gathering for all concerned. Claxton's well trained orchestra furnished music throughout the evening.

SHAFTESBURY HALL, Toronto, February 16th.

The Grand Lodge again assembled at 9.30, with all grand lodge officers present. The first order of business was the election of officers. After taking the third ballot, S. B. Pollard, M.D., of Toronto, was elected Most Worthy Grand President; T. W. Kemplin, of Barrie, Right Worthy Grand Vice-President; John W. Carter, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, re-elected; B. Hinchcliffe, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, re-elected. At the assembling of the Grand Lodge in the afternoon the first order, was the next place of meeting. Several places were proposed, Ottawa receiving the majority of votes cast. Bro. J. B. Wright, of Ottawa, thanked the Grand Lodge for choosing the Capital of the Dominion as the next place of meeting, and assured them that the brethren of Ottawa would spare no pains in endeavoring to make the visit of the Grand Lodge a memorable one. He also thought that a trip east would in many ways be full pleasure, enumerating several reasons, among them that the Federal Parliament would be in session, therefore giving the members of the Grand Lodge of 1889 an opportunity of seeing the councillors of our glorious Dominion assembled together. Routine and committee business was continued throughout the afternoon and evening session, which lasted until 11.30 p.m.

SHAFTESBURY HALL, Toronto, February 17th.

The Grand Lodge again assembled at 9.30, with all grand lodge officers present. The installation of the Grand Lodge officers for 1889 was then taken up, with J. W. Higginbotham, of Oshawa, as installing officer.

Bro. S. B. Pollard, M.D., Most Worthy Grand President, made a few appropriate and important remarks, of which his long connection with the Sons of England well qualified him to speak familiar. He advised several points for the delegates' consideration, and hoped that the coming year would be as full of success as the preceding year had been under the presidency of his worthy predecessor, Grand Past President Bro. Thos. R. Skippon. He thanked the brethren heartily for placing him in such an honoured position, a position of which he hoped to fulfil with honour to himself and credit to the Sons of England.

Bro. T. W. Kemplin, Right Worthy Grand Vice-President, also made a few well chosen remarks, and expressed a hope that the Order would increase this year as it had in the preceding one; for his part he would do all he possibly could to make it so.

Bro. John W. Carter, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, thanked the Grand Lodge for the confidence they had in him to re-elect him again to the position of Right Worthy Grand Secretary. He hoped he would continue to perform the duties attached to his office with satisfaction to the Grand Lodge. He also looked hopefully to the future to the furthering of the Order in all parts of Canada.