

Correspondence.

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OUR DUTY AS ENGLISHMEN.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

SIR,—Being a subscriber to your paper, and a Son of England, I feel I would not be doing my duty on receiving the last issue of 1893, did I fail to give some expression of my appreciation of your valuable service to our Society during the year. I believe I voice the sentiments of a large number of your readers, when I say you have exceeded our expectations in your endeavors to keep us in touch with our brethren throughout the Dominion. The ANGLO-SAXON has been a regular and welcome visitor, and as we have perused its pages we have been cheered, enlightened and encouraged to see the progress of our Order, and by the large amount of society news continually appearing; it has become indispensable to those who would be conversant with the growth of the Order, as well as the growth and progress of the Empire. Such reading as furnished by you cannot fail to inspire all true Britons. I would that every member of the Order became a subscriber. I am sure every Son of England would be infinitely better for the reading furnished in the ANGLO-SAXON. I have been pleased to see many spicy reports of the doings of some lodges: there is room for more.

With your permission I will say a few words to my brethren. I am not a writer, but a worker, and at the beginning of the year, paradoxical though it may seem, the past is before us. We are privileged to look back, but the future is hidden from our view. Where is the man who enters upon a new year without some thought of the future: some reflection on the past. As a society we can look back with a degree of pardonable pride, having the satisfaction of knowing we have contributed our quota to the alleviation of suffering and distress, thus imitating Him who went about doing good. Surely our

AIMS AND OBJECTS ARE HEAVEN BORN.

Of this we are proud. Brethren there is no work more noble or grand than that in which we are engaged, and it is gratifying to see the good accomplished in the past. We have noble men in our ranks, true philanthropists, loyal patriots, who are not with us for loaves and fishes, but whose first and great desire is to see their fellow countrymen occupying that position in this country which is their inalienable right. Their name is not legion, but for such men we are grateful, and in them is our hope. There are thousands of Englishmen in this land, who ought to be enrolled among us, and the question arises—Why do they stand aloof? I know of no valid reason except it be that they do not need the benefits. In that case we should make them honorary members, or if they desired to be benevolent they might become financial members and donate the amounts due them to the contingent fund of their lodge. Men with such a spirit would be an acquisition and advantage to our Order. We ought to have them. We should be strong morally, intellectually, and physically, and while we admire a fine physique, we must not ignore the other qualities, for if we would carry out the principles of our Order we must possess the qualifications necessary, therefore, it behoves us when proposing a person for membership to know the man. I am not a pessimist, but there is trouble ahead if we are too lax in this matter; we are imperfect beings at best, still, if we are trying to make the best of ourselves we shall accomplish something.

OURS OUGHT TO BE THE MODEL SOCIETY OF THE DOMINION.

inspired with one object, imbued with the same principles. What should hinder? I answer, nothing but indifference. Every member owes to his lodge more than his dues. It is entitled to a portion of his time, his counsel and advice. He is responsible for its prosperity, peace and harmony. The officers need sympathy and co-operation in their work and deserve it. Our meetings would never be dull if they were more largely attended. There is enthusiasm in numbers; brethren think of these things, and resolve to do more for the advancement of our Order in 1894 than we have heretofore done. Remember that eternal vigilance is the price of success, and the majority of those expelled for non-payment of dues would never have been in arrears had they attended their lodge meetings regularly. Brethren, awake to your duty; assume your responsibility, and you will be surprised to see the change for the better in the lodge and in your

self. Your interest will become greater, your sympathies broader, your love deepened, and the bonds of brotherhood strengthened.

It is inspiring to see the extension of the Order east and west. Brethren in the east have grand opportunities to spread the tenets of our Order. For a hearty greeting in a strange land is like a draught of water to a thirsty soul—as some of us know by experience.

Brethren, be careful to entertain strangers and let them know there is a chain composed of Englishmen reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and it will be to their advantage to become a link in that chain.

Brethren in the west, we are proud of you, your possibilities are unbounded. Build wisely and well: so shall we united become the key-stone of this Dominion.

Wishing you all "A Happy New Year."

Yours truly,
ONE OF THE BOYS.

Hamilton, Jan. 12th, 1894.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION—ITS ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES.

The Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

SIR,—It seems almost a pity after the amount of intelligent labor which it is self-evident has been bestowed on the compilation of the proposed new constitution, that it should have been received with but little favor by the brethren here. There are probably two reasons for this, one of them being its very voluminousness, striking dismay into the hearts of the brethren forming Lodge committees, entrusted with the duty of discussing its provisions prior to its being submitted to the members as a body. The other, and by far the more important, is the undue preponderance it must give for a long time yet to the eastern, or old Canadian branch of the Order.

In the nature of things, the Sovereign Grand Lodge would be composed of a majority of delegates from points west of Montreal and east of Port Arthur. Then again the formation and carrying on of District Grand Lodges in a region of remote distances, high-priced means of transit, and other obstacles, would under such a system be unfeasible for some time to come, and for years yet our last position would be worse than our first.

The present constitution evidently gives satisfaction to the majority of the members from the fact that it is a natural development from the circumstances and surroundings of our order since its origination, which we must remember, as far as the writer is aware, is the first attempt ever made to form a Benefit Society upon a National and patriotic basis, thus restricting its membership to the loyal subjects of one nationality.

Such being the case, the simplest and most inexpensive method of conducting business is that which prudence would recommend for some time to come. Some trifling changes to meet peculiar circumstances in the different districts will meet most of the requirements of members of the order, with perhaps a few exceptions. These might be formulated by one Lodge and submitted by mail, through the Secretaries, to other lodges in the district for approval and amendment; and such changes or power as might be desired by a majority of sub-lodges in a district would, on submission to, and approval of, Supreme Grand Lodge become law for those districts.

IS THIS SO?

In connection with the next Supreme Grand Lodge meeting, to one at this distance, it seems strange there should be another rival to the ANGLO-SAXON started in Toronto. Its attempt, without actually saying so, to make believe that it is the rehabilitated spirit of one recently departed, deceives none but itself; the question one naturally asks: Is this a campaign sheet? Such things during elections have been heard of even here, but surely no ambitious leaders, or would be leaders of our Order, could be persuaded to lend their influence to such an enterprise.

WINNIPEG FREE LANCE.

Winnipeg, Jan. 19th.

SONS OF ENGLAND AND NORTH-WEST POLITICS.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

SIR,—In your last issue your correspondent, "Winnipeg Free Lance," very justly defends the Sons of England against the inuendo thrown out in a previous issue that they were too busy over political reform—to take a proper amount of interest in matters strictly relating to their own society. That the Sons, to a great extent, supported and worked for Tariff Reform is

a fact, much to the chagrin of a minority of the Sons, who, under no earthly conditions could be induced to vote in any other way than for their particular party. "Free Lance" dubs Mr. Martin as "Annexationist Martin." I take the liberty to suggest that he should rather have put it "Tariff Reform Martin." Mr. Martin is the son of an Englishman, and is, I believe, a thoroughly loyal man with a good share of British pluck, and, as such, I think the Sons had a perfect right to support him. So much for politics.

SUGGESTION HOW TO GOVERN THE ORDER IN MANITOBA.

So with your permission, Mr. Editor, I propose to offer a few suggestions on the requirements of Manitoba, that is, as far as concerns our society. At our joint lodge meeting here, in Winnipeg, we unanimously approved of the formation of District, or Grand Lodges, when the proper time arrives. Pending the proper time I would suggest that a supreme or superintendent district deputy should be appointed for Manitoba, and that the province should be divided into a number of districts as the requirements and localities of the lodges demand, Winnipeg being a district of itself. Over each district a D.D. should preside, or have charge. I would also suggest that the district deputies should be nominated by the lodges of the district, and the nomination be confirmed by the S.G.P., but I would not wish this rule to apply to the Supreme or head district deputy for Manitoba.

My reason for suggesting that we nominate our district deputies is, that we here, right on the spot, know our own men and our requirements better than the powers "that be" at Toronto, owing to the distance between the two places.

Another suggestion is, that the powers of the district deputy of the province be enlarged. He should be empowered to call the district deputies under him for consultation at stated periods, and also to be the medium through which all reports and official communications between the lodges and the Supreme Grand Lodge should pass, and further that he should have power to grant dispensations (under proper safeguards) for the instituting of subordinate lodges—the S. G. L. ultimately issuing the necessary charter.

There are many other suggestions that I could offer, but the above are the principal ones, and I will content myself with them for the present.

We want in this province a thoroughly sincere, energetic and capable man at the head of affairs, one that can rule and also guide us. In fact, he should be a leader, and then I venture to prophesy that the S.O.E. will make better progress than they are now doing.

W. H. REEVE.

Winnipeg, Jan. 23rd, 1894.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORDER IN THE NORTHWEST.

To the Editor of the ANGLO-SAXON.

SIR,—I have intended writing you a few lines on the S. O. E. B. S. ever since the visit of the Supreme Grand President and Secretary, last fall into this portion of the Dominion. If ever there was such a society needed it was certainly here, where young men are so isolated, in many instances, in the rural districts. They take it as a great boon, and the visit of the Supreme officers seems to have given it the impetus required. See the hundreds of young Englishmen and descendants of Englishmen who seemed lost, as it were, for many years! I have seen the necessity of such an institution in this far west. Just imagine a young man taken sick at one of those western boarding houses, without a friend, and worse, without any means. The ordinary boarding-house keeper generally feels as though it would be a decided relief if some one would remove the patient. Certainly there are some very good hospitals, and it is very often suggested to the sick person: "Had you not better go to the hospital?" The thoughts of the proprietors generally run in this strain: "Oh, if he would only go to some charitable institution—or die—anything for a removal out of this." This I am stating from practical experience of over ten years in the west.

Thanks to the Supreme Grand President and Secretary we have got a foothold in many of the rural districts now; and I am satisfied the nationality will do the rest, with that indomitable pluck and energy, the stamina, and powers of endurance inherent to the race. Yes, we have evidences and results already. There are many more districts forming, and, by the way, it will be necessary to have more District Deputies for this vast field. It is very important. I think some of our

delegates will suggest this at the annual meeting in March. There is a vast work to do here, and to me, apparently, an imperative duty to perform, to bind together in brotherly love the large numbers scattered around us—who scarcely ever see a friend in this light—and, depend upon it, dear brother, if done sincerely, we are fulfilling the greatest duty upon earth between man and man, and establishing the best moral laws applicable to all nations. I will write you again in the course of a few weeks.

Fraternally yours,
THOMAS ELSTON.

Carman, Man., Jan. 26th, 1894.

SUPREME GRAND LODGE NOTES.

The district deputies in Toronto are busy preparing for the Supreme Grand Lodge meeting, which will be held this year in the city of Toronto, on Tuesday, March 13th.

The Supreme Auditors are busy with the S. G. Lodge books, which are now closed and being balanced.

A number of subordinate lodges have not yet sent in their December returns. The Supreme Secretary is sending out the forms of credentials to those lodges entitled to send delegates.

The Beneficiary Department is making good progress. An article from the S. G. Secretary, on the beneficiary will appear in our next issue.

ORGANIZING NEW LODGES.

Several new lodges are about to be instituted. At Rat Portage, D.D. Bro. Clark has been instructed to open a new lodge.

Bro. Rev. Canon Coombs, D.D., is opening a new lodge at Rathwell Station, Man. Bro. H. Bliss, D.D., is organizing a lodge at Beamsville, Ont., near St. Catharines.

CALLERS ON THE S. G. SECRETARY.

F. T. Davill, President Loyalty lodge, Aurora; A. Bennett, Sault St. Marie; F. N. Raines, secretary, Buckingham lodge, Uxbridge; F. W. Jackson, Wolverhampton lodge, Orono; W. Readshaw, secretary, Dover lodge, Gravenhurst; H. J. Carter, P. D., London; John Crosland, secretary, Leeds lodge, Weston.

TORONTO S. O. E. NOTES.

Bro. J. Bond, who some months ago was so seriously injured by a motor car, sued the company for \$2,000 damages. The trial came off last week and the jury awarded him \$500, blaming the company for not having proper buffers on their cars.

Queen Juvenile Lodge (juveniles) intend giving their members a great treat in the near future. Preparations are being made by a committee, and everything tends to show that a right royal time is to be indulged in by the boys.

Bro. Harry Worthing, an old and respected member of the Order, we regret to hear, has met with a serious accident, which will confine him to the house for some time. We trust, under skilful treatment, he will soon be all right again.

Albion lodge has issued a very neat and pretty card, giving the dates of their White Rose Degree meetings for the year.

Bro. S. Whitehouse, who went to England for his health, has not improved. News has been received that the doctors there have pronounced him suffering from heart disease.

The district deputies of Toronto are beginning to get things into shape for the coming reception of the visiting Grand Lodge delegates. They have made an appeal to the lodges for assistance in making it one of the most notable events in the history of the Order, and we believe the lodges are responding nobly.

Albion lodge has adopted a novel scheme for assisting the Hospital Board. At the beginning of last year a contribution box was placed in a conspicuous place in the lodge room, where members or visitors could drop in their nickels. Last meeting the box was opened and found to contain \$5.46, which will be very acceptable to the Hospital Board.

Bro. E. J. Cashmore, D. D. for East Toronto, assisted by the President of Litchfield lodge, installed the officers of St. George's lodge last Monday night. There was a splendid turnout of members, showing that St. George's members are taking a lively interest in the welfare of the lodge. After the installation the D. D. gave the brethren some good advice and the newly elected officers gave short speeches. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served up in "ye olde English style."

We are sorry to hear of the accident which has befallen Bro. H. Maddocks at Gallipolis, Ohio. While working at his trade, stone cutting, a heavy stone fell on him, crushing one foot very badly. He will be laid up for some weeks.

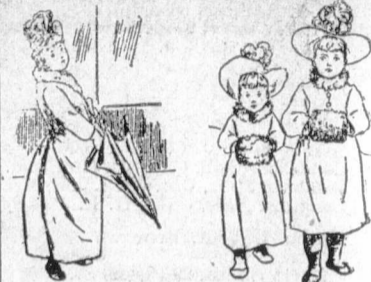
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On Tuesday, 23rd, inst. we received a visit from Bro. Chanter, D.D., S.G.P. of Chatham, who conferred the White Rose Degree on about 20 of our members, assisted by Bros. Tuiner and Charlton, and installed our officers for 1894. Bro. Chanter's visit being the first from a S. G. officer since our institution, he gave us some very profitable information and instructions.

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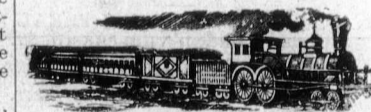
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