

one of the founders of the Order, Kent Lodge, with President Reeves, Richmond Lodge, also paid us a visit. The Grand President thanked the lodge for the cordial reception accorded him, and complimented it on the businesslike and efficient manner in which the work was conducted. He stated that the Order was progressing favourably, and that he expected shortly to institute more lodges. Bro. Higginbottom, Past Grand President, followed. He said he had given up another meeting, and was most pleased that he had done so. He was proud to see such a fine body of Englishmen present. He gave several loyal and patriotic anecdotes and personal reminiscences, and concluded by wishing the lodge every success. The Grand Worthy Secretary, Bro. Carter, followed much in the same strain, with a few words on the duties of members one to the other. Speeches were also made by Bro. Boswell, Past Grand Vice-President, Bro. Barlow Cumberland, Grand President of St. George's Society and a member of Kent Lodge, and Bro. Reeve, President of Kent Lodge, who stated that they had learnt much over their visit which would ever be engrafted on their memories. Songs were given by Bros. J. Lester Nichols, of this lodge, and by Bro. Tyler, of Preston Lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to all, with a wish that these fraternal visits be kept up amongst our lodges. About 120 were present. The lodge closed at 11.15 p.m., the members and visitors all heartily singing "God Save the Queen."

London Lodge, No. 31, met on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, Bro. L. Brown, President, in the chair. One new member was initiated. Bros. Dr. H. B. Pollard, M.W.G.P., John W. Carter, R.W.G.S., accompanied by Dr. John D. King, a Director of the Sons of England Hall Company, paid the lodge an official visit. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Geo. Carrette, P.G.P., J. Lomas, P.P. of Manchester Lodge, two of the founders of the society, and Bro. A. R. Corking, V.P. Manchester Lodge. The lodge room was crowded, and the Grand Lodge officers were accorded a hearty welcome upon entering the room. After they had addressed the meeting Dr. King brought before the members a scheme for the purpose of purchasing the house and lot where the society was first instituted and was favourably received. Judging from the tone of the members it is probable that the framers of the scheme will consummate their wishes. After an entertaining evening the lodge closed at a late hour. The lodge voted \$5 from the contingent fund for our Bro. Townsend, of Almonte, who has lost an arm. The members of the lodge at the same time instituted a private subscription to be added to the grant from the lodge. All the Toronto lodges are contributing in the most hearty manner.

Stafford Lodge, No. 32, met on Monday evening, Nov. 19, Bro. Wm. Mitchell, President, in the chair, Thos. C. Bailey, Vice-President, in the vice chair. The Grand Secretary, Bro. John W. Carter, paid an official visit, and addressed the members at some length, encouraging them to make an effort to bring back the prestige of the lodge, and the Grand Lodge officers would assist them in every manner. Bro. H. W. Smallpiece, President, and Bro. C. R. Swait, Secretary, of Lodge St. George, addressed the members and offered words of encouragement. The officers and members of other city lodges paying fraternal visits will be heartily welcomed.

Windsor Lodge, No. 35, met on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, Bro. Will T. James, President, in the chair. Two members were initiated and three propositions for membership presented. Two members applied for beneficiary policies. It is satisfactory to see this department progressing. The dividend has increased \$100 since the last call, some few months ago. After the close of the meeting a White Rose Degree was held, when two members were raised.

Portsmouth Lodge, No. 45, met at the Mechanics' Institute, Dovercourt, on Tuesday evening, October 30, Bro. F. J. Drewitt, President, in the chair. One new member was initiated and two propositions for membership received. One member applied for a beneficiary policy. The anniversary committee reported progress, and announced that all preparations had been made for a dinner to take place on the 12th December, the anniversary day of the Order. All the Grand Lodge officers are expected to be present. A White Rose meeting was held at the close of the first degree.

A successful meeting of Lodge Norfolk, No. 37, was held in their hall, 85 Dundas street, on Friday, the 9th November inst. Three propositions were handed in, and the lodge seems verging into a new era of success. During the recess some very fine songs were rendered by Bros. Aldred, Miles, Pocock and several others. We are pleased to note the presence of the Worthy President of Richmond Lodge, the worthy Secretary of Middlesex Lodge and visiting members from Brighton, Somerset, Peterborough and various other lodges. A pleasing feature of our last meeting was the presentation to the lodge by Bro. Miles, on behalf of the worthy Chaplain, Bro. Broome, of a very handsomely painted picture of the national Coat of Arms. Bro. Broome was rather shy, and seemed anxious to hide his light under a bushel. He deserves great praise for his thoughtfulness. All are cordially invited to attend.

Richmond Lodge, No. 65, met on Wednesday, Nov. 14th, Bro. H. J. Boswell, President, in the chair. Under the head of deferred business the by-laws came up for discussion. Owing to the great interest taken by the members in the discussion the completion of the same was again deferred until next meeting. The members contemplate holding an open meeting early in December to which they can invite their friends. A first class programme of music and song will be provided.

Preston Lodge, No. 67, met on Wednesday evening, Nov. 14, Bro. J. Aldridge, President, in the chair. Two new members were initiated and one proposed for membership. It was carried on motion that the lodge hold its meetings in future in Shaftesbury Hall, to commence Wednesday, December 12th. The negotiations for the purchase of the Jubilee Hall having fallen through, the above course was thought the best to adopt. Although the lodge will be an acquisition to Shaftesbury Hall, probably it may be deemed unwise to leave the district open for some other society to operate in.

Bowmanville.—Wellington Lodge, No. 19. Bro. John Lyle was visited on the 15th anniversary of his wedding day at his handsome residence, "Lakeview," by a large number of friends, and Mrs. Lyle was made the recipient of a very pretty berry dish on a massive silver stand. . . . Bro. Alderman Gale, second committeeman, was presented by his spouse with a bouncing boy on our last lodge night. The lodge received his proposition for membership the same evening. The oysters followed. . . . Bro. M. A. James, our worthy Secretary and the District Deputy, and his lady, were surprised by upwards of a hundred of their friends on the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage, on the 12th ult., and presented them with a complimentary address, a beautiful hanging lamp, and several other valuable presents. Mr. J. B. Fairbairn, P. M., acted as chairman, and Mr. D. H. Coates read the address. Speeches were given by Mayor Younie, Stephen Washington, R. Moore, Bro. W. B. Cooch, H. C. Hoar, Bro. C. M. Cawker, J. M. Jones and Rev. H. S. Matthews, while Miss Coult, of Oshawa, and Miss Byron, of Bowmanville, presented a rich musical treat for those present. Bro. Jones is a charter member of this lodge, and its senior Past President. At the last meeting our Managing Committee (Bro. W. E. Pethick, chairman) was appointed to complete arrangements for a lodge sociable on Dec. 7. One initiation took place the same night.

St. Thomas.—Chester Lodge No. 18. At the last regular meeting, on Friday, Nov. 23rd, a very profitable evening was spent. "Lodge Truro" paid a fraternal visit. The proposed amendments to the constitution were thoroughly debated upon, especially that referring to the District Deputies, the members of the above lodges being of the opinion, that in view of the fact of Bro. Carter being G. S., coupled with his duties in connection with the Beneficiary department and Shaftesbury Hall company, and the rapid increase of our Order, his time must necessarily be better occupied in the interest of the society at his office, and that proper qualified members should be chosen as D. D.'s, delegated with power to organize new lodges and otherwise superintend the proper carrying out of the ritual in his district. Bro. Wm. Gay referred with pride to such noble Sons of England as Dr. Beer, of Montreal, who in the enemy's camp made such a loyal, noble and fearless speech in defence of the land of our adoption. We refer to his recent speech at Syracuse, N. Y., and should that gentleman ever visit St. Thomas he will meet that royal welcome which he richly deserves. Lodge Chester voted the sum of \$5.00 in aid of Bro. Townsend of Nelson Lodge, which has been forwarded.

Guelph.—Royal City Lodge, No. 73.—On Wednesday, Nov. 7th, Bro. Kempling, G.V.P., by request of the Grand President, went to Guelph and addressed an open meeting of Englishmen in St. George's Hall, which resulted in the opening and dedicating on the following night of Royal City Lodge, No. 73. The following brethren were present and assisted in the ceremonies: Grand Sec. Bro. J. W. Carter, Past Grand Pres. Bro. J. Clayton, District Dep. Bro. W. Hoar, the President, Secretary and two committeemen of Royal Oak Lodge, Galt. To the energies of Bro. James Hewer, of Guelph, are we principally indebted for this young and promising lodge, Bro. Squire, of Royal Oak Lodge, Galt, also doing yeoman service. There are 25 charter members. This would have been doubled had the night not been so stormy. The officers were elected and are as follows:—James Hower, Past President; W. G. Smith, President; H. Bolton, Vice-President; W. Reed, Secretary; G. H. Skinner, Treasurer; Rev. Mr. Harvey, Chaplain; M. Snelling, Inside Guard; H. Sharp, Outside Guard; Management Committee—W. T. Warren, Thos. Simmons, Jas. Howard, Thos. Fulljames. Royal City promises to become large and influential, as many prominent men of the city have promised to join. After the lodge was closed the visitors were entertained at an oyster supper, the President, W. G. Smith, occupying the chair. A number of addresses were made by the Grand Lodge officers, and the party broke up at an early hour.

Ottawa.—Derby Lodge No. 30 held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, Nov. 27th. An interesting discussion took place on proposed amendments to the constitution. Bro. Stroud's motion asking the Grand Lodge Executive to confer the rank of President on Acting President Ackroyd for the ability and energy with which he has filled the chair in Bro. Percy's absence during the greater part of the year, was unanimously adopted. Bro. Cook, on behalf of the Special Committee, presented a draft of proposed lodge by-laws, the consideration of which was deferred until next meeting.

Russell Lodge No. 67 met in their hall at New Edinburgh on the evening of the 26th of November. There was a large attendance of members. In addition to the regular business, the principal matter was the consideration of amendments to certain clauses of the constitution by the Grand Lodge, which meets here next February. One suggestion is that members shall not be forced, as at present, to proceed to higher degrees unless they wish to.