

Sons of England News.

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Toronto.

Windsor Lodge, No. 35, held their Sixth Anniversary at Home, on Friday evening May 8th, in the Parlour of Shaftesbury Hall, Bro. Dr. S. B. Pollard, P. G. P., chairman. The anniversary, which is a popular one amongst the members, drew a crowded audience, who were entertained by Miss Ettola Chanty, to a piano solo; master Harry Staines, piccolo solo; Miss Ella Davis, Mr. J. H. Cameron, Mr. H. Simcoe, Bros. G. V. Hamilton, E. T. Lamb, and W. E. Ramsay, vocalists. Bro. Hamilton, who is most versatile, played popular airs on the musical glasses, a coffee pot spout, a pair of bellows and numerous other articles, which elicited long and loud applause. A pleasant evening was closed with God Save the Queen.

On Saturday evening, May, 9th, a concert was held in the Parlour of Shaftesbury Hall, on behalf of a brother of Albion Lodge who is a sufferer in the General Hospital, Toronto. I am glad to record that the room was crowded to excess and a handsome sum realized. The brethren who took part in the entertainment, each and all, exerted themselves to their utmost to make it a success, which they accomplished. All honour to the brethren of Albion Lodge for their timely assistance to a disabled brother, and to the brethren of sister lodges who so ably assisted.

Kent Lodge, No. 3, held their usual meeting in Shaftesbury Hall, on Monday evening, May 25th, 1891. Bro. John Webster, W. P., in the chair. Owing to the fact of the day being a holiday the attendance was small. The picnic committee reported progress, and announced that arrangements had been made for the picnic to take place on Wednesday, June 17th, to Victoria Park, per steamer from Yonge street wharf. Return fare 25c, children 15c. A good time is expected, as a large number of valuable prizes have been contributed for the contestants in the sports and games. We believe it is contemplated to purchase a large number of toys for the children's races which always prove popular, particularly when they have general Bro. R. Caddick, V. G. P., as starter.

Albion lodge, No. 1, met on Thursday evening, May 21st, in Shaftesbury Hall, Bro. S. Howard, in the chair. Three new members were initiated and two proposed for membership. Bro. J. W. Kempling, W. P. of Southampton Lodge, Barrie, paid a fraternal visit and made a long and interesting speech, full of suggestions, to the evident pleasure of the members present.

St. Albans lodge, No. 76, held their usual meeting, on Friday evening, May 22nd, 1891, in Association Hall, Yonge st. Bro. J. G. Mitchener, in the chair. During general business the desirability of holding a smoking concert in order to draw the members closer together. It was finally resolved that a concert, of that character, should be held on Friday evening, June 19th, at Ward's Hotel on the Island, and a special steamer chartered to bring home the members and guests after the concert. A strong working committee was formed to carry out the arrangements, with Bro. Mitchener as chairman. We trust that the members of sister lodges will assist in every possible manner to make the new departure a success. Tickets, including admission and return fare, will be only 25c each. At such a price the success of the venture should not be a moment in doubt.

Middlesex lodge, (No. 2), met on Tuesday, May 19th, in Occident Hall, Queen street, w. Bro. R. J. Hodge, in the chair. The special business of the evening was a notice of motion that a piano be purchased by the lodge and that a portion of the evening of each lodge night should be devoted to music. The old hands were too strong for the more advanced of the younger element and the motion was lost, a large majority voting against money being expended for the purpose desired. Bro. H. K. Cockin, Chesterfield lodge; Bro. Wm. Barker, P. P., Rugby lodge, and Bro. Jno. Mellon, P. P., York lodge, were present and briefly addressed the members. Bro. Cockin who interspersed his speech with humorous anecdotes. He was most heartily received.

Lodge Rugby, No. 80, held their meeting on Thursday evening, May 28th. Bro. G. N. Parker, in the chair. After routine business Bro. W. Barker, P. P. of the lodge, entertained the members with his lecture on the "British Drama" with reminiscences of actors he had seen and known, to the evident pleasure of the assembled brethren.

Lodge Chesterfield, No. 97, met in Shaftesbury Hall, on Friday evening, May 29th. Bro. Clatworthy, in the chair. After business was despatched, a pleasing feature of the evening, was the unanimous election of Bros. R. Caddick, P. G. P., Thos. R. Skippon, P. G. P., and Wm. Barker, P. D. D., as Honorary Life Members of the lodge, in recognition of their services (in the past) to the Society and lodge Chesterfield. The above departure is in accord with the alteration made in the constitution of the society at last Supreme Grand Lodge.

Brighton lodge, No. 7, met in Shaftesbury hall, May 15th, when Bro. J. R. Grant, president, occupied the chair. P. S. G. P., Bro. Swait and the S. G. S. Bro. J. W. Carter, and Bro. Martin, surgeon of the lodge, were present, and after the transaction of the formal business, which included the initiation of one member and the election of Bro. Studholme as committeeman, the S. G. S. delivered an interesting address on "The Aims and Objects of the Order." The aims and objects of the order, he said, were unity of purpose, unity of action and unity of spirit. The brethren of the order, he said, assembled to promote their mutual interest and the work of the seven pioneers of the society who planned the sapling in a small cottage, had been so successfully carried out that its branches had spread all over the Dominion, and in the city of Toronto alone there were no less than 3,329 members of the Sons of England, from whom during past year they collected \$27,856, and in sickness funeral and beneficiary benefits they had expended during the year no less than \$18,938, and after making these payments they had a balance of \$8,907. When they multiplied these figures by the large number of lodges which existed outside of Toronto, they could better realize the great work which the order was accomplishing and the vast work which was being done throughout the Dominion. At the close of his address Bro. Carter received a cordial vote of thanks.

On the 19th ult., Surrey lodge, No. 11, celebrated its 12th anniversary by a concert and supper in McBean's hall, College St. It was a great success. Prof. Johnstone's orchestra, consisting of 16 pieces, played several selections and overtures in fine style. Miss I. Sanderson's cornet solo, the trio by Misses Fletcher, Jameson, Johnstone and the solos by Misses Smart, Bothwick and Hinchcliffe were exceedingly well received. The trio and Miss Smart's songs being encored. Miss F. E. Johnstone's song in the second part with orchestral accompaniment received great praise. Mr. Bridge's fine voice shewed to great advantage in his selections and met with a very flattering reception. The same may be said of the songs by Messrs. Parker and Burden and the flute solo of Mr. Lapham. S. G. T. R. Hinchcliffe; S. P. G. P. Skippon and S. P. G. P. Caddick, occupied positions on the platform. The concert was under the management of Prof. J. F. Johnstone, C. M. T. Cannon, jr., president.

Lambton Mills.—Bradford lodge, No. 91. On Sunday afternoon, May 17th, this beautiful and picturesque village was enlivened by the sounds of martial music, the inhabitants came rushing from all directions to find out the cause of the unusual noise. They beheld numbers of men approaching from all directions, and hurrying to the lodge room on the hill; each wearing a badge on his coat. This being the anniversary of Bradford lodge, it was determined to celebrate it by a church service. Leeds, Weston and Worcester lodges turned out in good numbers to give all the assistance possible. The Supreme Grand Executive being represented by Bro. F. J. Drewitt, D. D. At 2.45 about 200 members marched to St. George's Church, Islington, where a special service was held by Rev. Canon Tremayne, assisted by Rev. H. O. Tremayne. The sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. Symonds, Deputy Grand Chaplain, from the 48th psalm.

Montreal.—The lodges, except one in the Hochelaga district, held their annual church service, on the 24th May. There was a splendid turn out, some 415 members being in the ranks, headed by one of the best bands in the city, playing sacred tunes on the way to St. George's Church. The streets on the way were crowded with spectators of all nationalities, who were loud in their praises of the appearance of such a respectable society of men, and English at that. The parade was under the charge of Bro. Jas. A. Edwards, as grand marshal. Although he was the district deputy, he had to assume the other position also, assisted by Bro. T. Yeates, P. P. of Primrose lodge, and Bro. C. Becket, of Denbigh lodge. A committee of one from each lodge was

formed to make arrangements, and they were well rewarded by seeing such a good turn out—one which could hardly have been expected in Montreal for the short time the order has been established there. It is evident proof of the interest being taken in it by the members. Arriving at the church the organ pealed forth the National Anthem as the members took their seats. A very interesting and appreciative sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. J. H. Dixon. The procession then marched back to the Place d'Armes Square and dismissed.

A SON OF ENGLAND'S FUNERAL.

A large number of Sons of England friends of the late Wm. Warrell, of London England, who died in Montreal about the end of last year, gathered in Mount Royal Cemetery last month to participate in the ceremonies connected with the removing of the remains from the vault to the grave provided by Excelsior lodge, No. 36, of which he was a member. At the regular meeting of the lodge last evening it was unanimously decided that a lot (which embraces the grave in which Warrell is buried) be purchased and properly railled in, Bro. Edmund T. Perry being officially authorized to have the matter carried out. The lot, which can hold sixteen bodies, will be used for interring members of Excelsior Lodge who may die under circumstances similar to the late Wm. Warrell.

Bracebridge.—The members of Lancaster lodge joined their brethren of Dover lodge, Gravenhurst, in their annual church service on the 24th ult. The combined lodges numbered over 50 strong and marched to the Anglican church, where a splendid sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Green.

Peterborough.—Lodge No. 64, in conjunction with the lodges at Campbellford, Lakefield and Lindsay, arranged for an excursion via the Grand Trunk railway to Toronto on June 4th. The C. P. R. Co., however, saw fit to enter into competition with a benevolent society. They first tried, we have reason to believe, to arrange with another society in Peterborough to run an excursion in opposition to the above, but failing in that they advertised an excursion on their own account on the same date.

Victoria, B. C.—We had a grand turn out on the 24th. About 75 members marched to St. John's Church, headed with a brass band of 20 pieces. The ladies of the church had tastefully decorated for the occasion. The Rev. P. Jems, the Rector, preached the sermon from the text, "Love the Brotherhood, Fear God, Honour the King." The lodge initiated four members on the 20th of May, and had four propositions. They are all working hard to make the lodge a strong one.

Lennoxville, Que.—The joint church service of lodge Clarence and lodge Albert, of the Sons of England, and of Court Beaver and Court Prince Albert of the Independent Order of Foresters, headed by the Lennoxville brass band, took place here on the 24th ult., to St. George's church. Rev. Dr. Adams read the prayers and lessons and the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. C. Scarth, Chaplain of Court Beaver, I. O. F.

Capleton, Que.—The members of Clarence lodge, 114, of Capleton, Que., celebrated the 24th by a supper and entertainment, which was held on Saturday the 23rd ult. Some 200 availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the supper. After the good things had been disposed of the chair was taken by Edwin Avery, Esq., editor of the Sherbrooke Gazette, and District Deputy for the Province of Quebec of the Sons of England B.S., who welcomed the guests and congratulated them on the appropriate occasion for a meeting commemorating an event fittingly celebrated by every nationality in the great and glorious British Empire, but especially dear to English hearts as being the birthday of a Queen, descended from a long line of rulers of their own portion of the British Isles, which formed the very centre and origin of the Empire. Englishmen in Canada were bound to preserve and maintain their heritage, and they had banded themselves together into a society to strengthen them in that resolve and assist one another in their common purpose. They had sick, funeral, and endowment benefits, not as a charity as a right, for the Englishman did not want charity, but was willing and eager to make provision for future wants or unforeseen calamities, and experience has proved this could best be done by co-operation. The main source of the strength of their society was, however, the national feeling, the union of one with the other. He had no need to tell the members from Sherbrooke, from Lennoxville, or the Capleton brethren, of the benefits they

derive from uniting and associating with one another, and helping to maintain intact those principles which had been the foundation of their country's success, but he should appeal to them to make known those benefits to others and help to spread the society throughout the Province of Quebec. Other speakers followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, and the audience separated highly pleased at the proceedings which reflect great credit on the members of lodge Clarence.

Brockville.—The 24th was celebrated by the members of Suffolk lodge, in attending divine service in St. Paul's Church. The Rev. Mr. Dobbs took his text from the II chap. St. Paul's Epistle to Titus, part of the 10 verse, "Shewing all good fidelity." He warmly greeted the officers and members of the Sons of England Society assembled in a lodge to hear the word of God on the anniversary of our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria. He was one with themselves, owing England as the land of his birth, and he was proud of it. He also extended a hearty welcome to the brethren on behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's church. It is the proud boast of all English born and British subjects as well as those who though not British born own allegiance to her flag, to know that Great Britain has colonies in every part of the known world—her subjects are to be found everywhere—through her institutions the gospel is being spread in a manner which we should all be thankful for. He was firmly of the belief that the hand of God was in it all. The growth of Great Britain from the conquest down has been phenomenal among nations, and to God must all be attributed. There was no doubt in his mind that so long as her religious teachings were continued and adhered to, so long as the people fostered and spread the gospel—which for ages she has been doing—just so long will she hold the proud position of being the first country on the face of the earth. It was a grand birthright to belong to such a nation to consider ourselves Sons of England but it was a far grander birthright to consider ourselves Sons of God. He sincerely hoped all would endeavour to be so enrolled. It has been said "slaves cannot breathe in England," but he was sorry to say with all her greatness there were slaves within her borders—slaves to sin and wickedness, bound hand and foot. He noticed a praiseworthy feature in the constitution of the Order and that was to maintain British connection. And with all his heart he hoped that would be carried out to the letter. He believed God made England great because God had a great work for England to do. It behooved members of the Sons of England to be loyal to our country and if loyal in every sense of the word we will be better men. Before the benediction the choir sang "God Save the Queen," in which the congregation heartily joined, a fitting close to such a loyal sermon.

Ottawa.—The Sons of England Society of Ottawa, composed of Derby, Bowood, Stanley and Russell, and the Juvenile lodge, to the number of about 200 gathered at the Orange Hall, on Sunday evening, May 31st. Bro. John Hooper officiated as marshal, Bro. Geo. Gregory, the bearer of the Union Jack. Rev. Bro. C. S. Deeprose, of McLeod Street Methodist Church, preached an instructive and interesting sermon from the 103 psalm.

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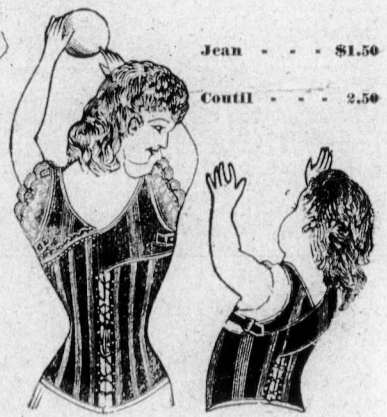
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