

WHAT MATTATHIAS, THE FIRST MACCABEE, SAID IN THE OLDEX TIME.

(See Josephus, Chap. 6. Book 12. Antiquities.)

"There was one whose name was Mattathias who dwelt at Modin about forty miles from Jerusalem. He had five sons John, Simeon, Judas (called Maccabeus), Eleazer, and Jonathan. Now, this Mattathias lamented to his children the sad state of their affairs, and the ravage made in the city, and the plundering of the temple; and he told them it was better for them to die for the laws of their country than to live so ignominiously as they then did. But when those that were appointed by the heathen king were come to Modin, that they might compel the citizens to do what they were commanded, and to enjoy those that were then to offer sacrifice (to the heathen gods) as a king had commanded, they desired that Mattathias, a person of the greatest character among them, both on other accounts, and particularly on account of such a numerous and so deserving a family of children, would begin the sacrifice, because his fellow-citizens would follow his example, and because such a procedure would make him honored by the king. But Mattathias said that he would not do it; and that if all the other nations would obey the commands of Antiochus, either out of fear or to please him, yet would not he nor his sons leave the religious worship of their country; but as soon as he had ended his speech, there came one of the renegade Jews into the midst of them, and sacrificed as Antiochus had commanded, at which Mattathias had great indignation, and ran upon him violently with his sons, who had swords with them, and slew both the man himself that sacrificed and Apelles, the king's general, who compelled them to sacrifice, with a few of his soldiers. He also overthrew the idol altar, and cried out, "If," said he, "any one be zealous for the laws of his country, and for the worship of God, let him follow me."

So say the loyal Maccabees two thousand years afterwards. We will never bow the knee to a bogus and clandestine law made by rebels and traitors, but will draw our sword in the defence of our beloved Order and the widows and orphans, as did our forefathers in the olden time; and we will conquer enemies ten times our own number if they can be found to stand before us; and we put our trust in the same God as did Mattathias and Judas Maccabeus.

READ AND DIGEST.

What F. M. Wilder, the late Gt. Ex. Sir Kt. G. C., said in his address, on February 23rd, 1881, delivered at London, Ont. refers to the address in another column. He says: "Equity and justice."

"The first act of this Executive Body, elected from the joint meeting of the Great Camp and Supreme Tent, is to carry out all the acts, INTESTS and CONTRACTS of these bodies, and live up to them to the VERY LETTER."

"I, in my position, can know no law before those contracts, and none can I sanction that do not conform with said contracts."

Has he adhered to this statement? And he says:

"Before I proceed further, I wish to call attention to the terms of our union. The words and intents, as I understand them, were these, and they were approved of by each body."

How has he carried out the approval of each body?

He says: "The Great Camp unanimously resolved not to accept this proposition."

But he takes upon himself to accept it: He says again:

"After recess, the Committee reported that the Supreme Tent had agreed to adopt the name of Great Camp for the supreme governing body, and to adopt the titles of the Great Camp officers."

What further evidence is wanted? On this point he condemns himself.

Then he says: "Later, the agreement was signed by the respective officers," &c.

And now we come to the point. He says: "Now, one of the explicit agreements of the first ununited and afterwards united body was the name of such body and titles of officers."

He again says:

"For my part, I care not what the titles are called; but it was not the agreement and intent of the body from which I was elected that such should be changed. It may not have been done; but the unanimous vote of the Great Camp was against it, and in joint session the officers were elected and installed by those names or titles, and the duties were explicitly understood by every member of each body."

And then this wonderful man again says:

"Brother Sir Knights, let us fulfil every letter of the feeling and vote of our united body at Port Huron; and I hope the new Constitution is made to conform with our agreement, as only as such can it be made a law. That agreement asks a, and binds all those present to stand by the officers elected, and implies that the officers must stand by the agreement."

Yes, Sir Knights, we think we have said enough about Sir Kt. Wilder, and propose to leave him in your hands. If he, or any of the men, or all of them, who have bamboozled you as they have done, are the men you want to follow, go right after them; if they are not, stand up like men and defend your rights!

K. O. T. M.

GREAT VICTORY THE BOGUS GREAT COMMANDER VISITED IN HIS OWN TENT BY THE FOUNDER OF THE ORDER.

Last Monday evening was the regular review of the St. Marys Tent, No. 63. Past Gt. Ex. Sir Kt. Gen. Commander W. D. McGilgthon visited the Tent and explained the working and deceit of the lately-formed bogus Great Camp of Ontario, when Mr. McMillan, of our Tent, was elected to the head of the spurious organization. And when the members heard all the facts, and the way Mr. McMillan, the great bogus MacMae, had deceived them, they requested him to retire, with Sir Kt. McCullough, and Sir Kts. Moore and Fessenden, of London, who had come down to back up McMillan and McCullough, the Ex. of the Tent, both of whom had taken part in that clandestine meeting in London. After they went out, acting Past Gt. Ex. Sir Kt. Gen. Com. W. D. McGilgthon was requested to take the chair and install an Ex. Sir Kt. Gen. Com. to fill the vacancy caused by the unconstitutional act of Dr. McCullough, whose seat the Tent had declared vacant, and also that of Mr. McMillan's, for which a loyal Sir Knight was elected, and the Tent put in good working order under the genuine Great Camp of the K.O.T.M. of the World. The Tent passed a resolution recommending the action of the Founder of the Order for his persevering efforts to maintain the original Order in its integrity. About forty members were present, and the vote was unanimous. G. H. GRAFTON, Record-Keeper.

St. Marys Argus, April 28, 1881.

K.O.T.M.—On Monday night there was a special review of Alpha Tent to elect officers to fill vacancies caused by seceders. Its economy is one of the principles of this Order, as enabling a poor man to indemnify his widow and orphan for the loss of his care and labor by death. But some ambitious souls were not satisfied to flourish in humility. There must be more style and spread. Therefore, a considerable number seceded from the Great Camp and entered a bogus concern got up in London and called the Supreme Tent. They were not satisfied with the modest death-call of 10 cents, it must be doubled to 20 cents; there must be added a capitation tax of 50 cents; there must be provision made for delegates, grand commanders, grand regalia, grand humbugs, grand doctors, etc.; while the original Maccabees were satisfied with limiting the whole expenditure to the death-rate of ten cents, thus giving the widow and orphan the benefit of what, under the seceders, goes into the pockets of several "grand" functionaries and humbugs. Napier Standard, April 28, 1881.

K.O.T.M.—The Founder of this Order visited St. Marys Tent, No. 63, this being the mother-Tent of Lieut.-Col. McMillan, who held the office of Commander in this Tent, with George McCullough as Ex. Sir Kt. G.C. It will be recollected that those two members took part in the clandestine movement and formation of the Great Camp of Ontario in this city on the 5th inst., and McMillan was elected to the head of this Ontario movement. Some of the members of St. Marys Tent, feeling that all was not right, invited Past Great Ex. Sir Kt. W. D. McGilgthon to visit the Tent at their last regular review, to explain matters in their true light. When the Great C— heard that the Founder of the Order was to be at his Tent he must have trembled in his boots, for no pains were spared to counteract his influence, and Mr. Moore, the Great F.K. of the bogus Great Camp, and Mr. P. Poppet Fessenden, were secured to be on hand; and after hearing all they had to say, the members ordered McMillan, McCullough, Moore and Fessenden out of the hall, and compelled them to retire, after which the Lieut.-Commander of the Tent opened the business. The Tent declared the offices of the two traitors vacant, and elected new and loyal officers to fill the vacancies, who were regularly installed by Past Gt. Ex. Sir Kt. G.C. W. D. McGilgthon. The Tent passed a unanimous resolution to recognize only the old Constitution and the Great Camp of the K.O.T.M. of the World, with W. D. McGilgthon as the acting Gt. Ex. until the August meeting in Toronto. The next evening, Maiden City Tent took the same course as did her sister Tent the previous evening. No. 63 is one of the largest Tents in the Order. A large number of Tents have already voted to stand by the old Constitution and the Founder of the Order.

SPECTATOR.

London Herald, April 28, 1881.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBIA'S ADOPTION OF AMERICA.

Cambridge, Mass., March 26, 1881.

At the Council of Prudential Union, of Cambridge, Mass., the following officers were installed:

- Distinguished Councillor... Wm. P. Ussher.
Dep. Disting'ed Councillor... E. Goldspring.
First Assistant-Councillor... Cornelius O'Leary.
Guardian... F. B. Glidden.
Penman... J. P. Horan.
Cashier... Mrs. J. P. Horan.
Vice-Councillor... Richard Carr.
First Ass't Vice-Councillor... Chas. W. Ussher.
Second do. do... R. Coleman.
Inpost... E. Snyder.
Outpost... W. H. Jordan.

The Union starts with fifteen charter members.

List of Tents in direct communication with the Great Camp and who have paid all Death Calls.

Table with columns: Name of Tent, No., Where formed, R.K. Lists various tents and their locations across North America.

DONATIONS TO THE HOME.

Great Camp, \$200, and all the necessary books, seals, blanks, &c., for the management of the business. One hundred dollars is deposited in the Bank of Kentucky, under the superintendence of Sir Kt. Judge W. B. Hoke, of Louisville, Ky., and one hundred dollars in the Bank of Montreal, under the superintendence of Sir Kt. W. R. Meredith, M.P.P., London, Ont.

Five hundred acres of land in the State of Kentucky has been donated by Sir Kt. Jas. Jenkins, of Newark, N.J. For this magnificent gift we, as an Order, feel grateful.

One hundred acres of land in the State of Wisconsin, donated by W. D. McGilgthon, London, Ont.

Four dollars cash, donated by Sir Kt. Henry Stauyer, of St. Thomas, Ont.

We thankfully add the name of J. Fred Cryer as a donor of \$2 to our Home Fund. This list of donations we propose to keep standing, and add any new gifts that may be donated. We will receive anything in the way of a donation that can be used for the benefit of the Home, and each to any amount from one dollar up.

We are sorry that want of space compels us to leave the balance of Ancient History, by Sir Kt. McMurtry, over till next issue.



COPY OF AGREEMENT.

Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 15, 1881.

We, the undersigned Conference Committees for the union of the Supreme Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees with the joint body of the Supreme Tent and Great Camp of the Knights of the Maccabees of the World, believing the further growth of the Order is paramount to interest or aspirations, have, after a careful consideration of the subject, decided upon the following plan of adjustment and reunion:—

1st. The Joint Body and Supreme Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees shall continue as at present constituted until next August, or some other time which shall be designated in the Constitution of the Joint Body, and retain jurisdiction over the Subordinate Tents that now or may hereafter recognize either body.

2nd. That the Supreme Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Joint Body of the Supreme Tent and Great Camp of the Knights of the Maccabees of the World shall pay all death-calls as follows: When a death occurs in a Subordinate Tent, under the jurisdiction of the said Supreme Tent, the Executive of that body shall, in addition to making an assessment or call on Tents under his jurisdiction, also notify the Executive of the Joint Body, who shall immediately make an assessment or call on the Subordinate Tents under that jurisdiction, namely, ten cents on each member in good standing. The assessments so made and collected shall be paid to the Supreme Finance Keeper for the heirs of deceased members, and vice versa, when a death occurs in any Subordinate Tent under the jurisdiction of the Joint Body. The amount so assessed and called shall be paid to the legal claimants. Said assessments to be paid to the heirs within forty days from the date of the proof of death.

3rd. The Supreme Tent agrees to send delegates to a meeting of the Joint Body, or Great Camp, to be held in Toronto, Ontario, at a time that shall be provided in said Constitution of the Knights of the Maccabees of the World; and the said Supreme Tent do hereby agree to abide by the event of said meeting, and after the same deliver all property belonging to the Order to the officers there elected.

4th. That each Body assumes and agrees to pay all their expenditures and liabilities incurred by their separate Body up to the time of the meeting at Toronto.

(Signed) J. A. OSBORNE, Committee of the Supreme Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees. H. R. SQUIER, Com. of Conference of the Joint Body or Gt. Camp of the K.O.T.M. of the World. JAMES JENKINS, E. E. FAICMAN, 2nd, ROBT. A. MOORE, A. E. BISHOP.

THE ONLY K.O.T.M. HAT.

UNIFORMITY OF REGALIA IS IMPERATIVE in the Order. The Hat designed by me, accepted and used by the Executive, is the only genuine one made. Beware of spurious imitations.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Lists prices for various hats and accessories.

JOHN WILSON, Past Ex. Sir Kt. G.C., 543 Richmond St., London N.B.—I also get up Banners and Girloes for the Order. Every Tent should have these.—J. W. SOUTHAM AND BRICKLEY, PRINTERS, LONDON.