

LONDON VALLEY'S SCOTTISH RITERS WELCOME TO CITY

Annual Reunion Commences at
Masonic Temple This
Morning.

PROMINENT VISITORS

Distinguished Members of Scottish Rite Here For Important Session.

Scottish Rites of London and district, numbering among their present several distinguished visitors, held away at the Masonic Temple today, on the occasion of the 25th annual reunion of London Valley, and degrees are being conferred upon a class of 65 candidates. The reunion was commenced at 9 o'clock this morning, and will not be concluded until Thursday night, when the Order of the Rose Croix will be conferred, and a grand banquet will be held.

The first work was started this morning by a London Valley degree team, under the direction of William McArthur, assisted by W. J. Bradley, W. H. Rath, H. E. Preston, James Gray, J. A. Barnhill, and Thomas Rowe. At 9:45 a.m. Dr. C. H. Ziegler and assistant conferred the first degree on the class. The team consisted of C. A. Whitman, G. F. Copeland, T. C. Benson, W. H. Rath, A. J. Smith, C. C. Lawson, R. J. Barnhill, W. C. Butler, R. W. Glover, H. E. Livermore, F. M. Brickenden and J. R. Croden.

Guelph Team in Action.

Following this ceremony, members of a special degree team from Guelph, consisting of J. E. Hovett, W. B. Baker and H. W. Clarke, demonstrated their ability to the brethren present in conferring the first degree on the candidates, and luncheon was served shortly prior to 1 o'clock, in the refectory of the temple. George Moore of Hamilton, Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Consistory in Ontario, and William Logan, also of Hamilton, Grand Secretary of the Scottish Rite Consistory in Ontario, spoke briefly to the brethren present at this luncheon. The grand commander congratulated the class of candidates on attaining admission to the order, and also complimented the members of London Valley on the splendid class of candidates on hand for degrees.

St. Marys Team.

Shortly after luncheon, the seventh degree was conferred, and at 2 o'clock the brethren from St. Marys conferred the eighth degree on the 45 novitiates. The team consisted of J. M. Empey (director), John Pool, Dr. P. T. Copeland, Alex. Cleighton, John Stockdale, Norman Bradshaw, W. H. Rath, W. C. Butler, W. H. Hayes, H. E. Livermore, W. H. Rath, and John Adams. Under the direction of W. L. Stewart of London, assisted by R. E. Crawford, H. E. Livermore, R. J. Smith and J. Stewart, the ninth degree was conferred, followed by the communication of the tenth degree. At 4:15 p.m. the business session of the evening was held, under the direction of W. R. Lutz, with N. C. Hart, Dr. C. H. Ziegler, Dr. D. C. Cameron, R. J. Bowen, Hamilton Guthrie and Duncan McCallum assisting. The afternoon session was concluded with the thirteenth degree conferred by John S. Barnard and staff, which includes W. J. Bradley, J. A. Barnhill, John M. Watt and H. C. McBride.

Feature This Evening.

The feature of the field day at the Masonic Temple will be staged tonight, when the brethren of the Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason will be conferred on the 45 candidates by T. P. G. M. W. M. Messer, and the officers of London Lodge of Perfection. Others participating in the evening are: W. H. Rath, W. C. Butler, W. H. Hayes, H. E. Livermore, W. H. Rath, and John Adams.

Tomorrow Big Day.

Thursday will be devoted to London Sovereign Chapter of the Rose Croix, when the brethren of the Western Ontario will be conferred with the regalia of Knights of the Rose Croix. The ceremonial will commence at 10 o'clock in the morning, when J. E. Keay, assisted by W. L. Stewart, W. H. Rath, R. T. Orr and H. C. McBride, will confer the fifteenth degree on a portion of this degree work are C. E. Wheeler, N. C. Hart and C. E. Carruthers, directed by Dr. A. E. Santo.

Rose Croix Officers.

Illustrations by Thomas Rowe will be in charge of the evening's degree, and Thursday night will be devoted to elevating the candidates to the rank of Knights of the Rose Croix. Officers participating in this degree are H. C. McBride, director; R. T. Orr, W. H. Rath, R. E. Davis, S. R. Moore, E. L. Barnard, J. M. Watt and Charles E. Carruthers. The second portion of the degree will be conferred by R. T. Orr, and officers of London Sovereign Chapter, as follows: W. H. Rath, first general; R. E. Davis, second general; R. E. Davis, prelate; J. S. Barnard, rapaph; C. E. Carruthers, marshal; C. E. Carruthers, registrar; Dr. A. E. Santo, treasurer; Thomas Rowe, almoner; E. W. G. Quantz, organist; J. M. Watt, captain of the guard; R. M. Simmie, guard; and W. R. Lutz, J. O'Brien, Dr. H. Ziegler, J. L. Richmond, R. D. McDonald and C. E. Wheeler. A banquet Thursday evening at 10 o'clock will conclude the reunion.

EVERYBODY'S SPEECH

EVERYBODY'S "anying!" Why not you, too? Keep your eyes open for news and win one dollar! It's news that is wanted; something you see, not a funny conversation or an old joke.

Will "Some Drop in Bread" who contributed the winning item today, call at The Advertiser Office?

On Wednesday morning a bakery rig going north on Richmond street, in crossing Grand Trunk tracks, the back door of the rig opened. The driver, unheeding the shouts of some passersby, continued on his way, unaware of the fact that he was scattering a trail of stale, fresh loaves of bread behind. A well-fed looking man hurried into the street, gathered up an untidy, and hurried away in the opposite direction, with a look on his face that plainly showed he was happy in obtaining something for nothing.

SOME DROP IN BREAD.

A one-man street car with both motorman and conductor in charge.

Going down Wellington street, the first brigade. In a few minutes a boy came along on a pair of skates trying to catch up to it.

THE IDEA.

A 5-year-old boy walking down

Ship's Captain Denies Tale of Heroism Told By Men

Abandoned Ship of Own Accord—Was Not Dragged Off by
Brawny Sailor.

Associated Press Despatch.

Boston, Feb. 21.—Captain George B. Poppe, of Brooklyn, N.Y., master of the five-masted schooner Santino, which he abandoned last Sunday, was told on his arrival here last night that he was a hero. He emphatically denied it.

Landed here today, with his crew of eleven men, by the coast guard cutter Acushnet. Captain Poppe learned for the first time, he said, that his ship had remained with the schooner until a brawny sailor knocked him down and dragged him off.

The story was told in New York by members of the crew of the steamer Egremont, which first rescued the Santino's company and later transferred the men to the Acushnet.

Captain Poppe said he had expected the coastguard boat to take his crew off the sinking ship at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Acushnet was delayed by ice and did not arrive until 7 o'clock. In the meantime the water was gaining on the battered Santino so the skipper decided to abandon her and go aboard the Egremont. He remained on that vessel with his men until the Acushnet came to take them off.

Agitations by war veterans in the city to have the present re-establishment system improved are beginning to bear fruit, and the result is that a central committee has been formed to receive suggestions from C. E. P. ex-service men as to ways and means of improving the re-establishment methods and also disposing of canteen funds amounting to nearly two million dollars.

The suggestions will be consolidated and will be placed before the royal commission on re-establishment appointed by the Dominion Government, which will sit in Toronto on or about March 20.

The central committee, which is representative of all classes of veterans and soldier organizations in London, is composed of Lieut.-Col. H. Reason (chairman), Col. (The Rev.) Wm. Beattie, Major C. M. Cooper, Major W. H. Irvine, Lieut. E. Westby, and representatives from veteran organizations, including the Imperial Association of Ex-servicemen.

At a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. plans were laid to secure the views of all ex-service men in London. Realizing that the time is limited, the committee decided to group their findings under five heads, and to put each in the form of a question to every ex-service man, as follows:

What suggestions have you to improve the present method of appointment for pension or medical treatment?

What suggestion have you as to the best method whereby applicants who are not satisfied with a decision as to pension or treatment may appeal therefrom?

What provision (further than those already made) do you suggest should be made for men who are physically or mentally handicapped?

As to other ex-members of the forces, do you know of any pre-established needs not already provided for? If so, give information as to the nature and extent.

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SUNNY.

In Alma Gluck's "Interview with her husband," published in Saturday's Advertiser, the quotation "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen" on the desert air. Methought as I read that I could hear Gray stirring uneasily in his grave to hear the verses of his immortal "Elegy" credited to his versatile contemporary for nothing.

CRITIC.

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