

Kent Lodge, No. 3, held their fortnightly meeting on Monday, March 26th, Bro. C. Reeve in the chair. A pleasing feature of the evening's business was the presentation of a photograph of Bro. T. R. Skippon, P.G.P., in full regalia, framed in plush and gold. It was presented on his behalf, by Bro. R. Caddick, P.G.P., in a neat and pleasing speech, which was delivered in his usual happy manner. Bro. Skippon, who was present, also addressed the meeting. The lodge room walls are also adorned with the likenesses of the First Grand President, Geo. Carrette, Bro. Jno. Clayton, P.G.P., and Bro. J. W. Carter, M.W.G.S. Bro. A. Partridge, Albion Lodge, who takes a very active interest in the Beneficiary Department, made an earnest and eloquent appeal to the members to join the same, in order to make provision for their families. There were four initiations. Receipts for the evening \$142.90. The lodge is making rapid progress.

Brighton Lodge, No. 7, held an "At Home" on the evening of Tuesday, March 20th, in the parlour of Shaftesbury Hall, Bro. S. Walker, president, in the chair, musical director; Bro. W. Miles, P.P. At the intermission the visitors were regaled with refreshments under the able supervision of Bros. F. Hayward and J. Poole. In addition to the concert there was a most amusing show in one of the ante rooms, admission 10 cents. The writer did not enter the mysterious chamber, as he opined—in vulgar parlance—that it would be a "sell." Bro. Stack (Albion Lodge), Bros. W. Miles, Samson, Adams and T. Rycroft contributed to the pleasures of the evening by their singing. We must not forget to mention "The Glee" of a number of brethren from Leeds Lodge, Weston, whose singing it was a treat to hear.

Worcester Lodge, No. 47, West Toronto Junction, held a social and entertainment in the Methodist church. After tea, at which about 500 persons sat down, the chair was taken by the president of the lodge, Bro. J. H. Raybould. The only speaker of the evening was Bro. W. Barker, Past District Deputy, who, in a brief but energetic speech, appealed to the members to join the beneficiary and proved conclusively that it was the cheapest form of insurance in the Dominion. After which a somewhat lengthy programme was gone through, much to the delight of the large audience. Master W. Williams, on the mouth organ and Fred. Cowley on the cornet, seemed the favourites of the evening. On the platform we noticed Bro. L. H. Collins, president, Bro. W. P. Parsons, P.P., H. Worman, secretary, and several members of Somerset Lodge, Bro. Fred. Hayward, P.P., Brighton Lodge, and Geo. Catts, St. George's Lodge.

Windsor Lodge, No. 35. The meeting of the above lodge was held Tuesday evening, March 27th, in the lodge room, corner Spadina Avenue, Queen street, west, Will T. James, president, in the chair. An address was presented to Bro. Benj. Peet (who is leaving for California) expressing the regret of his fellow members in having to part with so excellent a brother as he has proved himself to be. Four members were initiated and one proposition handed in. After the routine business, which was expedited as much as possible, the members and visiting brethren adjourned to partake of an oyster supper. Upon returning to the lodge room a most delightful evening was spent in speech, song and recitation. The lodge room is one of the cosiest in the city and well adapted for the purpose. We congratulate Lodge Windsor on being so well honoured. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bro. H. J. Boswell, P.G.V.P., Bro. W. Miles, P.P., Brighton Lodge; Bro. R. Blundell, P.P., and G. Hall of Middlesex Lodge, also W. Barker, St. George's Lodge.

Oshawa.—Essex Lodge, No. 4, S. O. E., has been showing somewhat of its oldtime enterprise lately. Last fall we bought the furniture and appurtenances of the Orange Hall from the Orangemen and have made many improvements. The ante room has been thoroughly fitted up and a new floor has been laid, and the carpenters and painters and glaziers have so completely changed the aspect of our meeting room that the oldest member would be almost stunned with surprise at the change. Bro. Wilson, chairman of the improvement committee, deserves especial praise for his indefatigable efforts in bringing this about. We sublet our hall to the "True Blues" and "Home Circle" Societies, and hope soon to make it the meeting place for other kindred institutions. Our Order in Oshawa has been successful, our members are ever foremost in every good enterprise, and with our good old flag floating proudly above us, we are determined that our principles shall ever prevail, and all innovations of the enemy be promptly repelled. Our town consists of a very fluctuating population, there being several large manufactories, the workmen in which are principally young men who have no permanent home, hence those who join our lodge often leave us, and there has been quite an exodus of this kind for the past three years, but prospects seem better now, and when we go down to Ottawa next year we expect to be able to report an increase of membership. The action taken by the last Grand Lodge in making it compulsory for lodges to hold degree meetings more regularly has been an incentive to bring members of this degree together more frequently, and will probably make the degree more useful. We wish the ANGLO-SAXON much success in its laudable work.

Belleville.—Since the last issue of the ANGLO-SAXON, Oxford Lodge, No. 17, has lost one of its warmest supporters in Bro. James Taylor, painter, who has gone to California, where he hopes to reap a better return for his labours. At our last meeting two candidates were initiated. The brethren have decided to celebrate the coming St. George's Day. The election by acclamation of Bro. Henry Corby for West Hastings, to the Federal House of Commons, will be welcome

news to the brethren throughout the Order. He is probably the most popular young man in Belleville. We take pleasure in welcoming him as M. P. Oxford Lodge can see the value of a lodge directory, and therefore inserts its card, hoping soon to see the cards of all the lodges in the directory columns of the ANGLO-SAXON.

Ottawa.—At the last meeting of Derby Lodge, Bro. Ackroyd, vice-president, was in the chair, and Bro. Cope took the vice chair. Several important matters were referred to and discussed, and Bros. Hickmett and Cope were appointed to act in conjunction with members from other lodges to assist in getting up the proposed union meeting.

Bowood Lodge, at the last regular meeting, was as usual more than lively with discussion. After an hour's strong debating, by Bro. C. C. Rogers, Secretary of Russell Lodge, and others, it was decided that the lodge co-operate with its sister lodges in the successful carrying out of the grand demonstration of the S. O. E., on the 17th April next, Bros. R. J. Tanner and E. J. Reynolds being appointed a committee.

At the quarterly meeting of Stanley Lodge, No. 55, held March 22nd, Mrs. R. J. M. Constant, the respected wife of the lodge treasurer, presented that body with a copy of the Book of Holy Writ, and Bro. Constant at the same time presented a large and magnificent oleograph of our Gracious Sovereign the Queen, for the adornment of the lodge room. Votes of thanks were tendered the donors for their very liberal and appreciative gifts, which are highly prized by the members. On the thanks of the lodge being conveyed to the Worthy Treasurer, Bro. Constant replied in a very feeling and touching manner.

A committee was appointed to act in conjunction with committees of other lodges in reference to holding a Union Meeting to more fully explain the objects of the Order.

A committee was also formed with power to make arrangements with Mr. Johnstone for the lease of his new hall on Wellington street for the future meetings of the lodge, the present quarters being found very unsatisfactory. Quite a boom in the membership is anticipated in the near future.

The 1st quarterly meeting of Russell Lodge, No. 56, was held on Monday evening, April, 1888, at the lodge in New Edinburgh. There was a large muster of the members, all anxious to pay up the quarterly dues; a very noticeable departure from the general custom being the fact that those who were absent sent their dues by friends. The secretary gave an account of the labours of the committee engaged in getting up the union meeting and loyal demonstration of all the lodges to be held in St. James' Hall, Sparks street, on Thursday the 17th April instant, special reference to which will be found in another column. Now is the time for zealous Sons of England to stir themselves so as to have an overflowing house on the 17th. Russell is doing her best to assist her sister lodges in the city in this great and good work of bringing Englishmen together so as to knit more firmly the bands of love for each other and fidelity to the mother land.

Cablegrams and the Canadian Press.

We reproduce, with pleasure, the following letter to the London Times, the writer of which is a member of our Order.—[ED. A.S.]

Anything more exasperating than the general tenor of the London cablegrams, garbled as they are through Irish-American influences, as received and published by our Canadian newspapers, can scarcely be imagined. The unsophisticated reader, of average British proclivities, may well rub his eyes and renew his troubled perusal of such remarkable anti-British cablegrams from the motherland, through Canadian sources, as it no doubt appears to him. I think it is high time for a genuine British company to manipulate the service as between London and New York.

No wonder that, under such a vicious system as the present, average Canadians are a good deal under a cloud as to the real meaning, object and scope of the Irish agitation, which is being and has been carried on so long and at such lengths, seeing that they are in the habit of reading anti-British versions of the trouble through the cable service. More particularly is all this misleading, on account of the wire-pulling going on through a partisan press, with a view of catching the Irish Catholic vote. The Canadians as a people are as loyal to the Empire as any Britons within the Empire; but unfortunately owing to the far-reaching machinations of the Roman Catholic church or its priesthood, and the mixed nationalities in the composition of the Dominion, we have in our midst an infamous crew of rebels and traitors, who make political capital of an anti-British agitation, agitators to whom honour and patriotism are unknown virtues.

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St. George's Society, Ottawa.

The following have been elected officers of St. George's Society for the ensuing year: President, Marcus Smith; 1st vice-president, Luke Marler; 2nd vice-president, Dr. Mark; treasurer, Wm. Mills; secretary, J. B. Wright; assistant secretary, S. Rogers; chaplains, Revs. H. Pollard, J. J. Bogert, P. Owen-Jones, A. W. Mackay; physicians, Dr. C. Church and Dr. Horsey; solicitor, E. P. Remon; committee, R. J. Constant, C. D. Fripp, B. Chilton, T. W. Leggett, W. Gliddon, E. A. Jones, G. Nicholson; stewards, Col. Chamberlin, E. L. Dakin, C. J. Tasker, and W. W. Willmet.