



General Field Notes.

Such is the general healthfulness of the Manitoba climate that the lodges already formed, and the promoters of those in incubation, consider the appointment of a special lodge surgeon a luxurious appendage for all purposes save that of the examination of candidates, and that this service should be paid for by the applicant for admission into the Order.

"At home."—On Thursday evening, March 20th, the members of S. O. E. Westminster lodge, No. 20, Lindsay, and a number of invited friends spent a very enjoyable and pleasant evening, it being the occasion of their annual "at home" entertainment. Mr. Somerville, secretary, occupied the chair in his usual pleasant manner, and after a few introductory remarks called on those who were to take part in the programme. The entertainment, which was enjoyed by all present, was brought to a close by singing God Save the Queen.

We beg to draw the attention of our readers to the Grand Lodge card of the Daughters and Maids of England, which appears on page 9.

A very entertaining and successful social was given by the junior Sons of England of Kingston last week. The programme was full and well carried out. Past President Bro. Dr. E. H. Smythe, Q. C., occupied the chair.

Lodge Richmond, Toronto, held their 6th annual dinner on the 10th inst. A good time was enjoyed by all present.

"A Short Route to the Sea," which we published in our April 2nd issue, from our Winnipeg correspondent, was copied in full and credited to the ANGLO-SAXON, by the *Nor-Wester*, of Winnipeg, on the 11th inst. Our correspondent is known to be one of the best informed men in the Dominion.

We print on page 2 the first part of Bro. Thos. Elliott's report to Grand Lodge. Next issue will contain his recommendations to Grand Lodge.

On page 7 will be found the United White Rose degree card of the united lodges of the city of Winnipeg. Bro. A. Bush, president; Bro. Jos. Harrison, secretary.

A LAW THAT IS NOT SATISFACTORY.

Owing to the laws of the Ontario Friendly Societies Act calling for the presiding officer of any society to reside in that province, Bro J. A. Edwards, who filled the office of Supreme Vice-President in the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England during the past year, was prevented from being elected to the office of Supreme President. A resolution was therefore passed by the Grand Lodge session held at Toronto recently, calling upon the executive to have the Sons of England Society registered under the Dominion Act for Friendly and Benefit Societies. As the Order has now lodges extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, it was deemed advisable to take this step. To recognize the services of Bro. J. A. Edwards a resolution was passed by the Grand Lodge to present the Past Supreme Grand Vice-President with a Grand President's jewel.—*Star*.

OTTAWA.

Bowwood lodge, Ottawa, mourn the loss of its surgeon, Dr. Ianson, who died on Friday morning, the 6th April, after a very short illness. His remains were taken to Toronto on the 10.30 at night, to be interred in Mount Pleasant Ceme-

tery. Bro. Rev. A. W. Mackay, chaplain of Bowwood lodge, conducted the funeral service. There were some 600 present at the funeral, the St. George's Society and the Sons of England lodges being strongly represented. The late Bro. Ianson was a native of Darlington, England, and was 40 years old.

The floral tributes were very handsome, including a wreath from Bowwood lodge, a garland from the Clinical society, a cross from the Select Knights and a cross from Ald. and Mrs. Morris. Mr. Samuel Rogers, of Toronto, father-in-law of deceased, Mrs. Ianson and Ald. Morris, accompanied the remains, which were encased in an oak casket with broadcloth covering.

CONCERT.

The concert given by Stanley lodge on Thursday night, 12th. inst., was one bristling with pleasant events. Bro. W. R. Stroud, P. S. G. P. of the order, made an ideal chairman. He opened the meeting by an address of congratulation to the members present.

The programme, which was varied and entertaining, was as follows: Overture by the Danburgh orchestra, the Misses Clouston, recitations; Messrs Geo. Andrews and Veale, duet; "Lionel Lincoln," Mr. C. Sharp, solo; Mr. S. Perkins and sons, trio, which was most beautifully rendered and encored. The mock initiation was a novelty and laughable from beginning to end. The song and dance of Bro. Hunt was a treat. There were in all 15 pieces rendered in a most commendable manner and highly appreciated by the large audience. At the conclusion of the programme the assembly enjoyed a splendid hour's dance. The committee who worked so energetically for the success attending the concert were Bros. R. Dowson, B. Cheetham, C. J. Folkes and E. J. Reynolds. It was a financial success.

Lion Lodge No. 9, held its meeting in Derby Lodge Room on the 10th inst. A. Benbow was initiated. An amusing recitation was given by Bro. Howard Reynolds. The Lodge closed at 8.30 p.m.

SMOKING CONCERT.

The week of S. G. L. session was fittingly closed by an open smoking concert, tendered by Lodge Chesterfield, Toronto, on Saturday evening, 17th March, and the delegates who were unable to be present missed an evening of rare goodfellowship, story and song, to say nothing of more substantial elements of enjoyment. Among those present were T. R. Skippon and R. Ivans, P.S.G.P.'s.; J. A. Edwards, Montreal, P.S.G.V.P.; Geo. Clatworthy, S.G.V.P.; G. H. Evans, D.D. G.P., Centre Toronto; W. Barker, P.D. D.G.P.; D. T. Symons, President, and J. Herbert Mason, Past-President, St. George's Society, Toronto, and a large number of Presidents and Past-Presidents of city and country lodges. After regular business, a most enjoyable programme of songs, recitations, etc. followed, contributed by Bros. H. M. Blight, H. E. Fielding, H. M. Bennett, Harry Brown, E. R. Pigott, Capt. Andrews, J. L. Nichols and W. L. Hunter. Bro. Tom Skippon made an usual ideal presiding officer, and exactly at midnight the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

Bristol Lodge paid a fraternal visit to Kent Lodge on their last quarterly night. They were very enthusiastically received and entertained by the lodge members present.

The Old Story.

I, Machasha, induna of the Insuka regiment, tell you these things. We were 6,000 men against your thirty-four. They rode into the track and linked their horses in a ring and commenced a heavy fire upon us and our men fell fast and thick. We opened a fire upon them and killed all their horses. Then they took to cover behind their horses' bodies and killed us just like grass. We tried to rush them. Twice we tried but failed. After a time they did not fire so much and we thought their ammunition was getting short. Then, just as we were preparing to rush again, they all stood up. They took off their hats and sang. We were so amazed to see men singing in the face of death we knew not what to do. At last we rushed. You white men don't fight like men but like devils. They shot us until the last cartridge, and most of them shot themselves with that. But those who had none left just covered up their eyes and died without a sound.

The above narration of the facts connected with the heroic deaths of Captain Wilson and his troopers in Matabeleland—as learnt from the Indiana in command of the enemy—is such that no man with British blood in him can read without feelings of passionate admiration for those heroes who so nobly sacrificed themselves for their country. We think of the "English, Irish and Scotch" who formed probably that little band of 30 troopers against 6000 savages, we feel it to be a fresh link in the bond of national unity, which should make every citizen of the three kingdoms feel a kindlier feeling one for the other for the sakes of those true men who thus lived, bled and died together—faithful even unto death, whose souls rose to the true apprehension of the greatness of the hour, and what alone was worthy of them as men whose national privilege it was to have lived and died under the shelter of our glorious old "Union-Jack," with all that it symbolizes to human freedom and blessing. The men who with death staring them at the moment in the face "stood up" from behind all cover, "took off their hats and sang" the national song, retaining their last cartridge to end their own lives, are men made of such genuine stuff that we feel it to be an impertinence to offer our praise, but reverentially, to their glorious memory, do we here our own heads and join in genuine sympathy in the nation's sorrow at the loss of such men, whom it is her proud lot to call *her sons*.

TORONTO S. O. E. NOTES.

(Communicated.)

Bro. F. C. Broomhall, the genial past president of Litchfield Lodge, was presented with a very handsome jewel, at their last meeting. Bro. E. J. Cashmore, D.D. for East Toronto, made the presentation.

Windsor Lodge are making great preparations for their annual concert which takes place on April 20th. A splendid array of talent has been engaged. The committee are sparing no pains in making this the best in the history of the lodge. A bumper house is expected.

The S. G. V. P. Bro. Geo. Clatworthy, received a great reception at Cheltenham Lodge at their last meeting, it being the first since Grand Lodge meeting. Grand Lodge honors were accorded him, and presented with an address congratulating him on his elevation to a position on the executive. Bro. Clatworthy thanked the brethren for the handsome manner in which they had received him.

Chatham Lodge, as we predicted some time ago, after the official visit of the Supreme Grand Secretary, would go ahead. We are pleased to note that initiations are taking place nearly every meeting, thus showing the pledges given to Bro. Carter, S. G. S., are being faithfully carried out; we wish Chatham every success.

It is with sadness and regret we have to report the death of Bro. Horswell, the immediate past president of St. Albans' Lodge, which took place on April 6th. Bro. Horswell had been ailing for some time, but seemed to battle on bravely, and always seemed in the best of spirits. The funeral took place on April 8th.

St. George's Society has sent all lodges in the city invitations to accompany them to their annual church service, in St. James' Cathedral on Sunday, April 22nd, leaving their hall on Elm St., punctually at 3 p.m. This is expected to be the largest turnout in the history of the Society.

We regret very much to hear of the death of Bro. John Coombes, better known as "Uncle Coombes," of London Lodge, who has lived for over a quarter of a century on the old Mill Road, now Broadview Ave. He was one of the oldest members of the order, having joined Albion Lodge in April, 1876, and was one of the founders of London Lodge. He has been a great sufferer from rheumatism. He was a man of a large heart, always distributing to the poor in his neighborhood. By the death of Bro. Coombes London Lodge loses one of its best members. His hospitality knew no bounds, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The funeral was one of the largest that has left Riverside for many years.

Lodge Princess Alberta, Daughters of England, held a very successful meeting in Dingman's Hall last week; great interest was taken in the meeting by the large number present. Four candidates were initiated and three propositions were received. This lodge is making great progress, and bids fair to become the largest in the city.

Bro. Evans, the newly elected District Deputy for Centre Toronto, paid his first official visit to Albion Lodge at their last meeting. He was very enthusiastically received.

At the last meeting of the Beneficiary Board 30 new policies were issued, representing thirty-eight thousand dollars, in class A and B. This Branch of our Society is making rapid strides, and materially strengthens the whole body; there will be a call for two deaths payable in May.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Jas. Lomas has fully recovered from his late illness, and we trust he may continue to enjoy the best of health.

The auditors' report, given at the last meeting of Albion Lodge, showed that the past quarter had been an exceptionally heavy one on the funds; no less than \$400.75 had been paid out in sick pay, and \$78 from contingent fund. The above will show that the Mother Lodge has been fully awake to the necessities of members during the last three months.

The lodges throughout the city are beginning to talk constitution, as all amendments or proposed alterations and suggestions must be in the hands of the committee appointed by Grand Lodge on or before May 31st.

Queen City Juvenile Lodge held their annual at home in Shaftesbury Hall last Friday, which was a great success, the large parlour being full to overflowing.

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