

In the interval the delegates mustered in front of Osgoode Hall and were photographed in a body.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The S. G. P. appointed as scrutineers Bros. Rich. Ivens, P.S.G.P., Thomas Jackson, D.D., and E. J. Reynolds.

Upon the re-assembling after lunch the Credential Committee reported that all the delegates were properly accredited, and the elections proceeded. The greatest interest was manifested in the various contests, and keen canvassing for the several positions had been going on, not only since Grand Lodge first convened, but also for several weeks past in the lodgerooms, and very few seats were vacant when the balloting began. The result of the vote was declared as follows:—

Grand President—Ald. William Hancock, Hamilton.

Grand Vice-President—George Clatworthy, Toronto.

Grand Secretary—John W. Carter, Toronto (fourteenth consecutive term).

Grand Treasurer—Benjamin Hinchcliffe, Toronto (fourteenth term) by acclamation.

Grand Auditors—J. J. Pritchard and T. P. Williams, Toronto.

Grand Trustees—J. C. Swait, Dr. John S. King and T. R. Skippon.

For the General Purpose Committee 53 nominations were handed in for the 20 seats on the board. After the ballot had been cast, the scrutineers, retired, but had not completed their count when the Grand body adjourned for the day.

The Grand President appointed Rev. J. Barker of Ingersoll Grand Chaplain for the year.

THE EVENING BANQUET.

In the evening a complimentary banquet was tendered by the city lodges to the visiting delegates in the Pavilion, and was a magnificent success in every sense. The hall was prettily decorated with red, white and blue bunting, festooned from pillar to pillar and caught up with shields bearing the names of the city lodges, alternated with shields bearing the legends Faith, Hope, Charity, Benevolence, etc.

At the back of the platform on a crimson ground were emblazoned the letters "S. O. E., 1874-1894," while Union Jacks and Royal standards hung in rich profusion from every available corner of the building. Covers were laid for 550 guests, but so great had been the demand for seats that fully 50 additional places had to be provided. The galleries were also crowded with ladies and their escorts, and the scene during the festivities was a pretty and animated one.

Bro. J. Herbert Mason presided, and at the head table to his right and left sat G. R. R. Cockburn, M. P., Emerson Coatsworth, M. P., Lieut.-Col. Fred. C. Denison, M. P., Joseph Tait, M.P.P., Dr. G. S. Ryerson, M.P.P., Lieut.-Col. George T. Denison, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Lindsay; Alfred Boulton, Q.C., ex-M. P.; President D. T. Symons of the St. George's Society, Ald. John Shaw, Capt. Robertson, ex-Ald. Swait; President Hamilton, I.P.B.S.; Grand President Elliott, Grand Vice-President Edwards, Past President Stroud, Past President Ivens, Grand Secretary Carter, Grand Treasurer Hinchcliffe, Barlow Cumberland, P. H. Drayton, Grand President-elect Hancock, Grand Vice-President-elect Clatworthy, Ald. J. E. Thompson, Harry Symons, Dr. John S. King and others.

THE TOAST LIST.

The toast list was a lengthy one, but it was reached with commendable promptness.

The usual loyal toasts, it is needless to say, were enthusiastically honored, after which the Chairman welcomed the members and their guest in appropriate terms. He said that as a citizen of Toronto, as well as a member of the order, he desired to express his gratification at the fact that the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England had honored the city by selecting it for holding its annual session, and he extended to the members a cordial and hearty welcome. It was not the most favorable time to see Toronto. In May or June, when the residential streets were in all the glory of the spring foliage, or when bright autumnal tints prevail, she was an object of pride and pleasure, not only to her own citizens, but to all Canadians. It was peculiarly appropriate that the Order of the Sons of England should have originated in what was said to be the most English city in America. Who could have imagined that the tiny infant born and cradled a few years ago on the banks of the Don should, before attaining its majority, become the stalwart young giant of to-day, with its feet firmly planted in Ontario, its broad beneficent arms stretched out, one to the Atlantic, the other to the Pacific coast? The principle of co-operation for mutual aid which the order represents was one of

the most encouraging social features of the present time. (Cheers.)

Secretary Burns of the Banquet Committee read regrets at absence from Hon. J. M. Gibson, Hon. N. Clarke Wallace and the Mayor, after which the toast of the Grand Lodge was honored, and responded to by Grand President Elliott and Grand Secretary Carter.

THE GARRISON ARTILLERY.

In proposing the toast of the Dominion Parliament, Bro. S. W. Burns referred to the action of the Minister of Militia in practically ignoring the position of those interested in the reorganization of the Garrison Artillery, and drew forth much applause by his strong denunciation of the cavalierly manner in which they had been treated.

In reply to the toast Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., expressed the pleasure he had experienced in meeting so splendid a gathering of the sons of grand old England. In an appropriately happy after-dinner vein the speaker referred to the legend "S.O.E." behind him, declaring amid laughter that it stood for "Scotland, Oirland and England," and concluded with a reference to his experiences at Chicago, in which humor and patriotism were happily blended.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Fred. C. Denison, M. P., said it was much pleasanter to be there than travelling to Ottawa. (Hear hear.) He was not looking forward with much satisfaction to the long hot summer session, yet there were many matters of importance coming up, and one was the establishment of a fast Atlantic line, towards the Dominion would be asked to contribute a subsidy of \$750,000, which certainly was not an excessive request. (Hear hear.) Turning to the remarks of the proposer of the toast respecting the proposed Garrison Artillery, Col. Denison said he heartily endorsed the opinion that such a body should exist here. (Cheers.) But Englishmen in Toronto should remember that the Scotchmen had got ahead of them. Toronto now possessed a large militia contingent, other places were asking for corps, and in considering one the Minister had to give attention to all. However, he hoped something could be done, and for his part he would do all in his power to accomplish what they all so much desired. (Cheers.)

Bro. Emerson Coatsworth, M.P., was also well received. He remarked upon the characteristic Scotch manner in which his esteemed colleague from Centre Toronto had avoided the issue raised by the proposer of the toast. (Laughter.) But he would have to keep a more watchful eye on the honorable gentleman, and sandwiched in between himself and the gallant member from the west, there was no doubt they would bring him along with them. (Hear hear.) Mr. Coatsworth declared in conclusion he would do everything possible to help on the formation of the artillery corps. (Cheers.)

THE LOCAL HOUSE.

The next toast was the health of the Ontario Legislature and it was well received when proposed by Dr. Charles A. Hodgetts, President of Brighton Lodge.

Mr. Jos. Tait, M.P.P., on rising to respond, was warmly applauded. He always enjoyed a good dinner, especially a national dinner, for no body were jollier than a gathering of the members of our nationality around the board. (Hear, hear.) He wished the society every success in its many good works of benevolence and brotherhood. He thanked his audience for the kind manner in which they had drunk the toast, and declared that the members of the Legislature were jolly good fellows. They were. (Laughter.) And he was perfectly sure if only the Legislature had the power to sanction that regiment it would be authorized right away. (Great laughter.) Just about election time promises were in order, and he was most ready to do his share in making them. (Cheers.)

Bro. Dr. G. S. Ryerson, M.P.P., followed, and his appearance upon the platform was the signal for round after round of applause. He expressed his pride as a member of the order in the splendid demonstration before him, and continuing, pressed the question of the artillery corps, claiming the request which had been made in that connection was necessary and reasonable, and that Englishmen were too strong a body to be overlooked. (Cheers.) In the remainder of his speech he dealt unsparingly with the annexation cry.

Bro. Essery, Mayor of London, also spoke and was warmly received.

The balance of the toast list included those of the Mayor and corporation replied to by Bro. Ald. Shaw and Ald. J. E. Thompson; the "rmy and navy and volunteer forces, Col. G. T. Denison; England, Bro. Barlow Cumberland;

Canada, Bro. Alfred Boulton; Past Grand Presidents, Bro. Ivens, the press, Bro. E. E. Sheppard, and the ladies, Bro. A. T. Hunter.

Interspersed between the speeches were songs by Bros. Harry Rich, H. W. Webster, Sims Richards, Harry Brown, W. P. Piggoct and H. M. Blight and Mr. H. M. Bennett, and recitations by Bro. Owen A. Smily and Mr. Fielding. Corlett's orchestra supplied the music during the dinner.

THURSDAY.

The Grand President's report was discussed and many of the suggestions and proposals contained therein adopted. One matter which provoked a warm discussion was a recommendation that the sons of women having fathers of other nationalities be eligible in future for membership. At present no one can qualify unless he is a native born Englishman or has English paternal ancestry. The proposal to extend the margin of qualification was warmly advocated by many prominent members of the Grand Lodge, but a considerable majority were opposed thereto and the clause was defeated.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary's report was also taken up and partially dealt with. The document stated that 25 lodges had been opened during the year, of which 9 were located in the Northwest and British Columbia. The initiations for the year totalled 2,547, and the present membership was about 13,000. The financial balance, to the credit of the lodges were \$45,008.86, and the receipts of the year \$75,248.93, exclusive of the payments in the beneficiary department which were \$17,221.50 more. The benefits paid out on behalf of members had been \$20,435.91 sick benefits; \$12,964.70 surgeons' fees; \$8,377.50 funeral benefits, and \$11,400 beneficiary payments, or a total of cash benefits of \$53,182.11. All the departments showed a comfortable surplus, which while not excessive in any case, was sufficient to render the fund secure against undue stress under sudden or unexpected calls.

The juvenile department was reported prosperous numerically and financially and with excellent prospects for greater progress in future.

In view of the steadily growing surplus in the funeral fund, some of the lodges were anxious to have the annual sub-lodges hereto reduced, and a proposal to that end was debated at great length. The question had not been disposed of when Grand Lodge adjourned, though the indications were that some reduction will be made. It was decided, however, to increase the members' child's death benefits to \$15.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Considerable competition developed among the delegates when the place for next year's meeting came up. Woodstock, Peterboro', Ottawa, Winnipeg, Victoria, B.C., and Toronto all offered to receive the brethren, but finally Woodstock came out ahead, with Peterboro' close behind. Grand Lodge will therefore convene in the Oxford County town on the second Tuesday in March, 1895.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

A special committee consisting of Dr. John S. King, M. A. James and J. C. Swait, to draft a letter of condolence with the widow of the late Richard Caddick, a past Supreme Grand President of the Order and a beloved and valued colleague, was appointed.

The following special committees were struck by the Grand President and during the evening they met to consider business referred to them by the grand body:—

Rituals—Messrs. R. Ivens (chairman), J. C. Swait, F. H. Herbert, W. Barker, J. A. Edwards, T. Sargent, Dr. J. S. King, E. Blundell.

Constitution—Messrs. E. J. Lomnitz (chairman) John Aldridge, R. Hannaford, Dr. J. S. Harrison, John Nettleton, J. B. Veitch, W. Irwin, E. A. Miller.

Appeals—Messrs. T. W. Horn (chairman), J. H. Rosevear, Dr. Walters, Dr. Hodgetts, R. H. Bartholomew, S. A. Greene, Thomas Lambert, H. W. Church.

Official Organ—Messrs. A. Hannaford (chairman), M. A. James, Dr. J. B. White, J. Lear, W. S. Milne, J. W. London, T. Starkey, A. J. Elliott, J. W. Siddall.

Beneficiary—Messrs. T. W. Horn (chairman), R. Skippon, Rev. W. Graig, Dr. King, Dr. Hodgetts, W. H. Hunter, R. Patching, Rev. J. F. Barker, E. J. Lomnitz, W. Hancock, T. Sargent, J. C. Swait, C. Aldridge.

Juvenile Lodges—Messrs. S. Hine (chairman), J. A. Edwards, T. W. Smart, W. S. Miller, W. T. Hollins, George Purrott, W. Berry, J. Cheriton, R. Hannaford.

Daughters of England—Messrs. G. H. Evans (chairman), F. Lear, F. Watts, C. Dawson, S. W. Burns, John Taylor, Rev. W. Graig.

FRIDAY.

The following matters were discussed, and action taken. The system pursued the past year in awarding the printing contracts to members of the order was approved. Members of Toronto lodges have been in the habit of paying dues into the Supreme Secretary's office; they will no longer be allowed to do so, but must pay to the secretary of their subordinate lodge. It was decided that a member may occupy the office of trustee and auditor. Sick dues may be paid for one week, or any number of days more than a week. The president of a lodge has no vote at the election of officers.

Supreme Auditor J. J. Pritchard moved that Bourinot's Manual be substituted as the authority to which recourse shall be had in the event of disputes, instead of Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Usage. The resolution was adopted.

A resolution was adopted, on motion of Bro. Geo. H. Evans, that the Daughters of England be not recognized as a branch of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, but that this Supreme Lodge do recognize and approve of the noble and beneficent work being done by the Daughters of England, and recommend that the members and lodges extend all encouragement possible to the Daughters of England.

Bro. R. Hannaford presented the report of the special committee appointed to draft a resolution in reply to the address of welcome presented by the city lodges, which was enthusiastically adopted.

The Credential Committee reported that Mayor A. T. Essery, of Piccadilly Lodge, London, is present as a delegate, not previously reported.

Bro. Dr. W. S. Harrison, of Brantford presented the report of the special committee on fraternal greetings from sister societies, which was adopted.

Bro. Sam Hine, of London Lodge, Toronto, presented the report of the special committee on the juvenile branch, recommending that members of the junior society be admitted to adult lodges on payment of only 50 cents, and that no sick benefits be paid to juveniles under 12 years of age. Report adopted.

Bro. J. W. Horn, chairman of the Committee on Appeals, presented the report on case of Skippon v. Moore, recommending that Bro. Moore be reinstated in his lodge in the same position in every respect as he was in at the time of these proceedings. Report adopted.

Bro. Dr. J. S. King presented the report of the special Committee on Condolence respecting the death of late Bro. Caddick. Report adopted, and ordered that a copy be sent to the widow of the late brother.

Bro. J. W. Williams moved that no intoxicating liquors of any kind shall be brought into the lodge rooms, or ante-rooms, or other premises occupied by the lodge, either when the lodge is in session or at the close of the meeting. Voted down.

A resolution of Bro. J. S. Atkinson to limit the representation of subordinate lodges at the Supreme Lodge to one delegate each, instead of two as at present, was also voted down. The motion to do away with proxy delegates was likewise lost.

A somewhat humorous discussion occurred on the proposal to permit sons of English women to become members of the Sons of England. The proposal was not adopted.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

On presenting the fifth report of the General Purpose Committee, the discussion of the new constitution was opened by Dr. King. This was the great question of the Supreme Session, one that has agitated the subordinate lodges during the past year, and was debated for nearly two days at Supreme Lodge at Montreal last year. The report was adopted as follows: That in view of the practical impossibility of adequately dealing with the question at this late period of this session of Supreme Lodge, the president be asked to appoint a committee of seven members to whom shall be referred the draft constitution, together with all letters and communications having reference thereto, in the hands of the Supreme Secretary; and that the Supreme Secretary be instructed to forthwith notify all the lodges to file with him any suggestions they may wish to make as to changes or amendments in the said constitution by May 31 next, that the same may be placed in the hands of this special committee, and that the said committee be instructed to report fully to next Supreme Lodge meeting.

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

Bro. A. Hannaford, chairman of the Committee on Official Organ, presented the committee's report, recommend-

ing the adoption of the ANGLO-SAXON, of Ottawa, as the official organ of this society. Bro. M. A. James moved an amendment to the effect that the Executive Committee invite tenders for the publication of a society organ, one copy of which to be sent to every member of the order, the subordinate lodges to be assessed pro rata on the number of their members in good standing. The committee's report, and the amendment, was lost by vote of the Grand Lodge.

NIGHT SESSION.

The night session opened with the moving of the following resolution:

Moved by Bro. Rich. Ivens, P.S.G.P., Toronto, seconded by Bro. C. H. Beckett, D.D., Montreal: "That this Supreme Lodge recognize and approve of the services of the ANGLO-SAXON to the Society in the past years, and will continue to give it all the support it reasonably can."—Unanimously agreed to.

The Beneficiary Board for the ensuing year was appointed as follows:—Messrs. Thos. Skippon, J. C. Swait, Thos. Cannon, A. Riddiford, S. Hine, R. Patching, S. W. Burns, J. E. Lomnitz, Thomas Horn, W. G. Farbridge, F. J. Davis, John Myles, E. Axworthy, Dr. Hodgetts, T. P. Williams, S. Reeves.

A Committee on Constitution was elected to consider the drafted constitution and report at next Supreme Lodge, as follows:—Dr. King, S. W. Burns, J. C. Swait, J. W. London, John Nettleton, T. Sargent, G. H. Golding.

Bro. S. W. Burns was elected Supreme Solicitor for the ensuing year.

A resolution was adopted to present a Supreme Lodge jewel to Past Supreme Vice-President J. Edwards, of Montreal, in recognition of his services, as the "Friendly Societies' Act of Ontario debar him from being Supreme President.

Sunday, May 27th, was appointed for the annual church parade.

It was decided to prepare a code of procedure for the guidance of this Supreme Lodge; that in future a suitable badge be prepared for the delegates attending future sessions of Supreme Lodge; that the Supreme Auditors receive \$25 each; that the question of removal of Supreme Secretary's office be deferred till next annual session; that \$5 be paid to the caretaker of the hall; that the Executive be empowered to pay all expenses for this meeting of Supreme Lodge.

After the installation of the new officers by Past Supreme President W. R. Stroud, assisted by Past Supreme President R. Ivens, the Supreme Lodge for 1894 was declared adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS AND ADDRESSES.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The reception tendered by the Hamilton District of the Daughters of England Benevolent Society recently, held in St. George's and Sons of England Hall, to their Grand Vice-President, Mrs. C. F. Smith, of Whitty, Ont., on her official visit to this city, was most successful. The hall which was crowded, was very tastefully decorated with Union Jacks and bunting and presented a particularly inviting appearance. At the back of the platform was a picture of Queen Victoria prettily draped with flags, and the motto "Welcome."

Shortly after 8 o'clock the Grand President, Mr. F. H. Revell, took the chair. On the platform with him were the guests of the evening, Mrs. C. F. Smith, Grand Vice-President of the Daughters of England Benevolent Society, and Mr. R. Hannaford; Grand President of Sons of England, and Presidents and Past Presidents of the various lodges of the Sons of England in and out of the city. Among the visitors were Mr. George Plumb, Deputy Grand President, of Brantford, and District Deputy Grand President S. Hull, of the Daughters of England. A letter of regret was received from Grand Secretary L. G. Cross.

After two well rendered selections were given by the Sons of England Band, under the capable leadership of Mr. Wm. Peel, the event of the evening took place. In a pithy and appropriate address the Grand Vice-President was introduced to the audience by Chairman Revell. Immediately at the conclusion of the Chairman's remarks Mrs. J. Talk stepped forward and in a clear and distinct tone of voice read a very flattering address, signed by Mrs. Peatfield, Mrs. J. B. Buckingham and Mrs. J. Talk, Secretary of Committee.

A bouquet was presented by Mrs. J. Peatfield and Mrs. J. B. Buckingham.

ADDRESS.

"To Mrs. C. F. Smith, Grand Vice-President of the D. of E. B. S. of the district of Hamilton. We extend to you a hearty welcome to our ambitious city, and congratulate you upon the position you hold in our beloved order, the second highest in the gift of the society. We feel that the choice has