

TORONTO S. O. E. NEWS.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Delegates to Grand Lodge meeting in Woodstock will do well to supply themselves with a package of Bro. Lovelock's address cards of chaste and novel design. See advt.

Bro. Linden, P. P. of Avondale lodge, met with a relapse which has retarded his progress some two or three weeks. Bro. Dr. Burns is most assiduous in his attention to him. The Worthy Secretary, Bro. Jno. Swallow, is also constantly in attendance cheering up the dull hour natural to a long confinement in the house.

Bro. Chapman, Secretary of Hull lodge, is still confined in the General Hospital, his case having developed a complication of a very serious nature. We trust he will soon be in his usual place.

Middlesex lodge will have an open meeting, Wednesday, 13th of February. A good time is expected.

Hereford lodge, No. 194, now meets on the first and third Tuesdays in each month, in the hall south-west corner of College St. and Spadina Ave.

Lodge St. George, No. 27, will hold a social, in the form of a supper and entertainment, on the night of February 18th, in Forum Hall, cor. Gerard and Yonge Sts. The members intend making this a memorable night. We are glad to see St. George coming to the front again, once the banner lodge in the Order. Visiting brethren who attend are guaranteed a good time. Vickets can be had from Bro. W. C. Fidge, Secy., 283 Yonge St.; Bro. G. A. Sherin, W. P., 139 Victoria St.; Bro. C. F. Moorhouse, V. P., 240 Queen St., East, or any member of the committee.

Bro. C. F. E. Cobb, one of our most earnest workers, has been elected to represent Cheltenham lodge on the Hospital Board.

A committee was appointed by Norfolk lodge at their last meeting to make arrangements for celebrating the anniversary of the lodge, also a motion was passed instructing the G. L. delegates to bring before that body the desirability of publishing a directory of the names of all the members of the Order, with occupation and P. O. address, and if a member of the Beneficiary department, the same to be issued with the G. L. Report and to form part of it, and, if necessary, a charge to be made for the same.

Bro. G. H. Evans, D. D. for Centre Toronto, was presented by his fellow members of Mercantile lodge, on Jan. 12th, with a beautifully executed photograph 14x17, of the officers of the past year, as a mark of esteem in which they hold him and a memento of the year of holding the position of D. D., which he so ably filled. The picture is an admirable work of art, executed by the worthy treasurer of the lodge, Bro. F. W. Micklethwaite, the well known photographer.

A sleighing party is being arranged by Stafford lodge to pay a fraternal visit in the near future to Cambridge lodge, Little York.

A mass meeting of the members of the lodges for Centre Toronto has been called by Bro. G. H. Evans, D. D., for Wednesday, Feb. 13th, in the parlour of Shaftesbury Hall, when Bro. W. Hancock, S. G. P., Bro. Clatworthy, S. G. V. P., Bro. Jno. W. Carter, S. G. S., and others are expected to address the meeting.

Avondale lodge has lost one of the best chaplains in Toronto in the person of Bro. J. D. Bland. We trust it has in compensation found one of the best presidents, as the brethren have elected him to that honourable position. We feel confident he will leave a good record at the end of his term of office.

The officers of St. Alban's lodge were installed on Friday, Jan. 11th. Bro. Geo. H. Evans, D. D., and Bro. John W. Carter, S. G. S., performed that function. We trust that Bro. J. W. Webb, the new president, and his officers will have a prosperous year.

Mercantile lodge met on Saturday evening, January 12th, in St. George's Hall, Elm St., a large number of visiting brethren being present, including Bro. T. R. Skippon, P. S. G. P.; Bro. G. Clatworthy, S. G. V. P.; Bro. R. Tanner, P. P. Kent lodge; Bro. E. Ward, P. P. Worcester lodge; Bro. J. W. Webb, W. P. St. Alban's lodge, also the founder of the lodge, Bro. R. Ivens, P. S. G. P. The installing officer was G. H. Evans, D. D., assisted by Bro. T. R. Skippon, P. S. G. P., as grand guide. After the installation Bro. S. A. C. Greene, the retiring president, on behalf of the officers, presented the lodge

with a beautiful photograph of that body, executed in Bro. Micklethwaite's best style, which was accepted by Bro. E. C. Stone, who thanked the officers on behalf of the lodge. The Worthy President was then called upon for a speech, in acknowledgment of the honour conferred upon him by being placed in the chair to preside over Mercantile lodge. In the course of the speech delivered by Bro. E. C. Stone, which was most felicitous in its matter, he said:—"While the personal responsibility of the President was perhaps greater than that of any other officer individually, yet when taken in comparison with that of the other officers collectively it is infinitely less, I would say to the members that just as the responsibility of the other officers is individually less and collectively greater than that of the president, so is the individual responsibility of a member less than that of an officer's, but it is really to the great collective membership of the lodge that the prime responsibility belongs. So far from feeling exalted in my position I feel keenly how powerless I am for good except with the sympathy and aid of every member of the lodge, and it is for this I am asking and on this I build my hopes of a successful year."

The speech was received with great applause by the large and representative gathering. Bro. Stone, being quite a young man, is to be highly complimented upon his thoughtful and logical remarks. We shall watch his term of office with interest.

Refreshments were served and a fine musical programme presented much to the enjoyment of all.

Bro. S. A. C. Greene, the retiring President, was presented with a beautiful P. P. jewel in recognition of the excellent manner in which he had filled the chair during the past year. His courtesy and kindness was universal, both to members of his lodge and visiting brethren.

Stafford lodge, No. 32, met on Monday, Jan. 14th, in St. George's Hall, Elm St., Bro. E. McNaughton, W. P., in the chair. The following officers for 1895 were installed by Bro. H. J. Doble, D. D., assisted by Bro. W. Barker, P. D. D., as grand guide:—E. McNaughton, P. P.; G. G. Bennett, W. P.; J. Woodhouse, V. P.; T. Yeomans, Sec.; E. Simpson, Chap.; F. Theaker, Treas.; Dr. P. E. Doolittle, Surgeon; Committee, H. Pitcher, G. Doctor, A. Row, G. Deash, W. Howard and J. Lewis; W. Burridge, I. G.; C. Bowring, O. G.; Bros. Simpson, Row, and Howard, auditors; T. Yeomans, G. L. delegate. After refreshments were served Bro. W. Barker, P. D. D., was called to the chair, when speech and song was the order of the evening. The newly installed President, Bro. Geo. G. Bennett, said that the S.O.E.B.S., was doing the work that our Saviour left his people to do, when he said "cherish the sick and afflicted, and protect the poor, also the widows and orphans." In addition the W. P. said it would be his endeavour to so conduct the lodge that its efficiency and prosperity should not suffer during his term of office. Speeches were made by the various officers in the same strain. It was the pleasing duty of Bro. H. J. Doble, D. D., to present Bro. E. McNaughton, the retiring President, with a beautiful P. P. jewel, amidst the applause of the brethren. The recipient thanked the lodge for the honor conferred upon him, in suitable terms. After singing the National Anthem the brethren and visitors dispersed much pleased with the generous hospitality of Stafford lodge.

Avondale lodge, No. 170, met in Room C, Shaftesbury Hall, on Monday evening, January 14th, Bro. S. W. Burns, W. P., in the chair. The installation of officers being the order of the evening, Bro. T. R. Skippon, P. S. G. P., attended for that purpose and duly performed the ceremony. The retiring President was presented by Bro. T. Skippon, on behalf of the lodge, with a past president's jewel of a very chaste design, after which the newly elected President, Bro. J. D. Bland, was called upon for his inaugural speech. Amongst other remarks he said:—"I sincerely thank the brethren for having been installed their presiding officer for the ensuing year. It was with pleasure, too, that I noted the fact of having been the unanimous choice of the lodge for that exalted position, which I thought manifested itself very plainly that my humble efforts in the past must have been to your entire satisfaction. I assure you, also, that if my efforts in the past has been to your satisfaction I shall be just as zealous in the future in striving to uphold the dignity of the lodge. I trust my humble efforts and earnest desires to do justice to the office which you have so generously elected me will merit the confidence and esteem of

every member of the lodge. I acknowledge the fact of my having somewhat of a difficult task before me in following the footsteps of my predecessor, our now esteemed and honoured P. P., Bro. Burns. While expressing my confidence in the other officers of your choice I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that they will discharge the duties devolving upon them faithfully and creditably to themselves and the lodge. I would also remind you that though it may be perfectly true that you have faithful and efficient officers it is imperatively necessary that you should do your part by joining in hearty co-operation with the affairs of the lodge, without which, I most emphatically assure you, our efforts will be of little avail. I therefore request you to see to the matter of bringing in material as will not only very largely benefit our Order in general but this lodge in particular. It is a most important matter and I trust you will do your best in that direction. Lodge Avondale, judging from the material it has already within its folds, and those of whom are expected to join us, should be calculated to make one of the foremost lodges in our Order, and, providing we are united in our efforts and work together with that love and harmony which should at all times characterize this or any other lodge, I feel confident that we will attain that end. God speed Lodge Avondale, and I wish one and all a very happy and prosperous New Year."

Refreshments, song and speech then followed. Bro. Harry Brown, our respected and talented vocalist, being in first class form, much to the delight of the large company. The array was so great that the programme extended into the small hours of the morning. The only drawback was the absence of Bro. Linden, in consequence of his recent accident.

Lodge Chesterfield, No. 97, held their usual meeting in St. George's Hall, Elm St., on Friday evening, Jan. 18th, Bro. W. S. Milne, W. P., in the chair. The principal business of the evening was the auditors' report, which was more satisfactory than anticipated, and the installation of officers. Bro. Geo. Clatworthy, S. G. V. P., was delegated to that office and duly installed the officers, after which Bro. W. S. Milne, the retiring presiding officer, was called to the W. President's stations and was presented, on behalf of the lodge, with a P. P. jewel, by Bro. Clatworthy, who, in presenting the same, said that Bro. Milne had had an arduous duty to perform during his term of office, and had well earned the honor which it was his pleasure to confer upon him. The question of a card in the ANGLO-SAXON was deferred as it is under consideration whether the lodge shall remove to Shaftesbury Hall.

Lodge St. George, No. 27, met in Room 43, Forum Building, cor. of Gerard and Yonge streets, on Monday, January 21st, Bro. G. A. Sherin, W. P., in the chair. Two propositions for membership were handed in. The balance sheet for the year was presented by the auditors, which showed the lodge to be in a sound financial condition, a very respectable balance being in hand over and above all liabilities. A committee was struck to arrange for the anniversary of the lodge. A dinner was favourably spoken of by the members present. We hope to be able to give the date in our next issue.

Somerset Lodge, No. 10, met on Thursday evening, Jan. 24th, in Meek's Hall, cor. Dunn Ave., Queen St., W. Bro. C. Gailer, W. P., occupied the chair. The following are the officers for the present year:—E. C. Penny, P. P.; C. Gailer, President; W. Laws, V. P.; A. Ellis, Chap.; T. P. Worth, Sec.; C. Weeks, Treas.; Dr. Rowe, Surgeon; Committee, Bros. S. Wicks, F. Swain, F. Duck, W. Crux, G. Crittall and W. Cottier; S. Hobbs, Dr. Rowe and J. W. Isaacs, auditors; T. P. Worth and G. S. Booth, G. L. delegates. One member was initiated. It was unanimously resolved that a card be inserted in the ANGLO-SAXON. The lodge, although not numbering more than 71 members, is one of the most prosperous in the Order. The auditors' report was presented at my visit, which showed a balance invested of over \$1,000 over and above all liabilities, a showing second to none in the Order. BARKER.

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and will soon probably be started in England, etc. The Beneficiary (Insurance) Department is providing insurance to the members for \$1,000 or \$2,000 as desired, at the minimum cost, unsurpassed by any other fraternal Society in Canada, and is conducted on the assessment system. The assessments are graded. A total disability allowance is also covered by the certificates in class "A." There are no disability claims in class "B." No Englishmen need join other organizations when the inducements of this Department are considered. Englishmen forming and composing new lodges derive exceptional advantages in the initiation fees, and 12 good men can start a lodge. In our lodge rooms social distinctions are laid aside and we meet on the common level of national brotherhood, in patriotic association for united counsel and effort in maintaining the great principles of our beloved Society. As such we can appeal to the sympathetic support of all true Englishmen—asking them to cast in their lot with us, thereby swelling the grand roll of those bound together in fraternal sympathies and in devotion to England and the grand cause of British freedom. Any further information will be cheerfully given by the undersigned.

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