

tions last night and six propositions were handed in. Bro. Rev. J. A. Harvey was duly installed into the office of W. Chaplain, and in a few well chosen remarks expressed his sense of the honour conferred upon him. Past President Moule, of Trafalgar Lodge, Toronto, who visited us at a most opportune time gave us a rattling speech and made a strong appeal for the Beneficiary.

Yours Fraternally,

CHAS. SQUIRE,
Sec'y. Royal Oak Lodge, Galt.

Official Notes.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO
NOVEMBER, 1888.

Several Lodges have not yet sent in their September returns.

There are 725 members in the Beneficiary at the present time.

Several lodges have applied for dispensation to elect their officers on a special night owing to the holidays.

The Beneficiary Board meets the first Wednesday in every month. We had one application from Ottawa during the past month.

The Executive of the Grand Lodge desires to convey to the officers and members throughout the Order their 'Xmas greetings and wish them every blessing and increased prosperity.

The Grand President, Dr. S. B. Pollard, and Grand Secretary, John W. Carter, have made the following official visits during the month: Somerset, Warwick, Kent, London, Stafford, Preston, Surrey, St. George, Manchester and Worcester.

The proposal to change the payment of Funeral Benefits back to the Lodges is meeting with very little success, nearly all Lodges agreeing that it is one of the best steps ever taken by the Grand Lodge to secure the payment of funeral claims.

Royal City Lodge, No. 73, was instituted at Guelph on Nov. 8th. Bro. Kempling, C.V.P., John W. Carter, Grand Secretary, with several visitors from Hamilton and Galt, assisted at the opening. At the close of the ceremony the visitors were entertained at an oyster supper. Br. Wm. Read is Secretary of the new Lodge, with Bro. Ald. W. G. Smith President, and Bro. Jas. Hewer, P. P.

The following brethren, from lodges outside of Toronto, called upon the Grand Secretary and registered their names during the month of November:—Bro. Jas. Hope, Pres. of Russell Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Thos. Elliott, President of Salisbury Lodge, Brantford; Bro. J. W. Higginbotham, Pres. of Essex Lodge, Oshawa; Bro. Millburn, Pres. of Westminster Lodge, Lindsay; Bro. Colville, Sec. of Newcastle Lodge, Bro. F. M. Clarke of Oxford Lodge and Bro. John Clayton, P.G.P.

The Grand President Dr. Pollard, with the Grand Secretary, Bro. John W. Carter, paid an official visit to Britannia and Acorn Lodges, Hamilton, on Tuesday the 20th, and met with a most enthusiastic welcome. After the Lodge business was over the Grand Officers were invited to a grand banquet. The Lodge room was crowded. It was one of the best meetings ever held in the Lodge room. The address of the Grand Officers were listened to with great interest. The meeting closed about 3 o'clock in the morning.

The model lodge is the one in which harmony and good feelings prevail—where true charity, friendship and fraternity are exemplified; where efforts to increase the numerical strength of the lodges are guided by the feeling that none but good men should be admitted to membership, and where energy, faithfulness in performing duties, and progressive and enlightened efforts to make lodge meetings interesting, pleasant and profitable and characteristic of officers and members.—*Ind. Statesman*

Sons of England Society.

Toronto.—Albion Lodge, No. 1, held their usual meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 1st, Bro. T. Down, President, in the chair. Five new members were duly initiated, and two propositions for membership handed in. The great event of the year, the anniversary of the first lodge of the society, will be held in Shaftesbury Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, when a concert and social will be held. The committee have spared no pains to make it a great success. The large parlour is to be utilised and refreshments served there. A fine band has been engaged, and the evening will close (or rather early morning) with a ball, which is always welcome to the young members.

Kent Lodge, No. 3, met on Monday evening, Nov. 12th, Bro. C. Reeve, President, in the chair. Four propositions for membership were made. A committee was formed to arrange for a tea and social to be held at an early date.

Brighton Lodge, No. 7, met on Friday evening, Nov. 2nd, Bro. S. Walker, President, in the chair. After routine business, the Rev. H. T. Hobson, Deputy Grand Chaplain, delivered a lecture entitled "Impressions of England after ten years' absence." The lecture, which was given without notes, was given, in a chatty, conversational manner with most charming effect, and delighted the large audience assembled. The lecturer described the voyage across, and the great impression Liverpool made upon his mind, with its vast amount of shipping. He next referred to the quick rate of travelling on the railways, his arrival at home, and the feelings he experienced at seeing the home of his youth once more. Thence the lecturer carried his audience to London. A visit to Westminster Abbey was made, where he was delighted to meet a member of the S. O. E. B. S. Visits to Peterboro', Durham and York Cathedrals were touched upon. At the conclusion of the lecture Bro. Ald. J. C. Swait moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer for the great intellectual treat he had given to the members present. Bro. H. J. Boswell, President of Richmond Lodge, who acted as chairman, put the motion to the meeting, which was responded to by a rising vote. On Friday, Nov. 16th, at the conclusion of the regular business, a concert was held, and a prize consisting of a handsome pickle jar was offered for the best song and singer. There were several competitors from the various city lodges, the prize being carried off by Bro. Aldridge, of Norfolk Lodge. Bros. W. Hall, District Deputy, Holyoke, Brighton Lodge, and J. Lister Nichols, of St. George Lodge, acted as judges. The lodge room was crowded to overflowing with visiting brethren.

Surrey Lodge, No. 11, held their usual meeting on Monday evening, Nov. 19th, Bro. T. H. Johnstone, President, in the chair, when the M. W. S. P. Bro. Tollard, paid an official visit. He made a strong appeal to the members in favour of the beneficiary department, and in the course of his remarks said, although the society was so strong in numbers, that with the large number of Englishmen in the Dominion he did not see why it should not be stronger still, and if each member would make up his mind to bring in only one member during the coming year the membership could thereby be doubled. A feature of the evening was the reading of THE ANGLO-SAXON circular, calling attention to the "Symposium," upon which a debate arose, and was adjourned until next meeting night. Bros. J. Lomas, P.G.P., A. E. Corking, Vice-President, and T. P. Williams, of Manchester Lodge, who were among the visitors, addressed the lodge and were well received.

Warwick Lodge, No. 13, held their usual meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 22nd, Bro. J. Poffley, President, in the chair. The members had been summoned by circulars to meet the Grand Lodge Officers. The meeting was a good old time one, the room being crowded. Bro. H. B. Pollard, G.P., Bro. B. Hinchcliffe, G.T., and Bro. John W. Carter, G. Sec., being present. Two new members were initiated and one proposed for membership. Under the head of general business, the circular issued by the lodge respecting the "Funeral Benefit Fund" came up for discussion, and the Grand President explained to the members that the issue of such a circular was irregular. It should have been submitted to him for his approval. If any lodge wished for any change in any clause of the constitution, such could be obtained in a constitutional manner by inserting a motion for the desired change in the sessional papers. It would then come up for discussion in every lodge in the Society, and the delegates would be prepared for the discussion of the same at the Grand Lodge meeting in February next year. Bro. Hinchcliffe and Bro. Carter also addressed the meeting, which closed at 11.30 after a very instructive evening.

Lodge Manchester, No. 14, met on Monday evening, Nov. 26, after which a free concert was given by the members and friends. Bro. Harry Symons gave an invitation to all visitors and members to join him in an oyster supper. The evening was spent in recitations and singing by Mr. Wilson, Bros. J. Lomas, C. Carr, A. Corking, Costenello and J. Harris. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Symons. The meeting closed by the members singing "God Save the Queen."

St. George Lodge, No. 27.—On Monday, 29th October, this lodge received an official visit from the Grand President, Bro. Dr. Pollard, accompanied by Bro. J. W. Carter, G. W. Secretary, and Bro. Higginbottom, President of Essex Lodge, Oshawa, and Past Grand President. The visitors also included Past Grand Vice-President, Bro. H. J. Boswell, President of Richmond Lodge, Bro. Terry,