

BITS OF HUMOUR.

"A little nonsense now and then, Is relished by the wisest men."

People get wisdom by experience. A man never wakes up his second baby to see it laugh.

Mrs. C.—"Do you believe that cures can be effected by the laying on of hands?"

Mrs. A.—"Certainly. I cured my boy of smoking that way."

"Don't you think you could learn to love me?" he said, looking at her wistfully.

"I'm sure I couldn't," she answered, decidedly. "I'm a perfect dunce. When I was at school I never could learn anything."

When Mrs. S. C. Hall was at least seventy years old, she met at a reception a young clergyman who was apparently delighted to see her. "Mrs. Hall," said he, "I remember reading your books when I was a child, and that I was especially charmed by the Irish stories."

A good story of Irish repartee comes from an Englishman who, under the guidance of a native Irishman, had recently been admiring the scenery on the other side of St. George's Channel. The visitor and his guide were in a hilly district in the south of Ireland, and the guide, pointing to a high hill, said that it was known locally by the name of "The Devil's Table."

FULLY QUALIFIED.

An Episcopal clergyman passing his vacation in Indiana struck an old farmer, who declared he was a "Piscopop." "To what parish do you belong?" asked the clergyman. "Don't know nawthin' 'bout enny parish," was the answer. "Well, then," continued the clergyman, "what diocese do you belong to?"

"NOW I HEAR YOU."

Father O'Halloran had a telephone put into the parsonage in connection with the church, the parochial school, etc. Patrick McFee, his reverence's handy man, was instructed in the use of the instrument, and it was only the next day when Pat, dusting out the church, heard the clatter of the telephone bell.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Roughly speaking, the British empire extends over one continent, one hundred peninsulas, five hundred promontories, one thousand lakes, two thousand rivers, and ten thousand islands.

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"A human soul without education is like marble in the quarry, which shows none of its inherent beauties until the skill of the polisher fetches out the colors, makes the surface shine, and discovers every ornamental cloud, spot and vein that runs through the body of it."

THE GENERAL.

Sir George Brown, who commanded the light division of the British army in the Crimea, used to ride in front of his troops straight at the foe without an indication that he was in danger.

The gallant bearing of their commander had an animating effect on the soldiers who always spoke of him as "the general" not knowing him by any other name.

"What good will it do?" retorted Lord Raglan.

"Oh, 'twill cheer the men up. Why, sir, numbers of my men don't know your name," answered Sir George.

"But they don't know your name, George!"

"Every man in the light division knows my name."

"I'll bet you a pound the first man we ask does not."

"Done," said Sir George; and they rode to the light division camp.

"Come here, my man; who am I?"

The soldier halted at three paces, straight as a ramrod. "You're the general, sir!"

"But what is my name?"

"You're the general, sir," and nothing more could be elicited from him.

Sir George paid on the spot.

Doctors' Daring Deeds.

In the Crimea, after our repulse in the first attack upon the Redan, a British surgeon was seen close under the walls of the redoubt, and only partially protected from the hail of the Russian bullets by a small rock, attending to a wounded man as calmly as though he had been in the hospital ward.

In one of our recent wars with the hill tribes in Northern Burma, an army surgeon was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery. He was attending a wounded soldier, when he was suddenly set upon by several of the enemy.

During the terrible time of the Indian Mutiny, when prodigies of valour were performed by handfuls of British soldiers against thousands of inveterate and fanatical enemies, army surgeons in numerous instances showed conspicuous bravery.

Only a few British were opposed to about 800 of the enemy, but pluck and determination gained the day. The enemy never obtained a footing. For some time the fate of the besieged was doubtful, and during the whole of the time Dr. Home seemed to bear a charmed life, directing the soldiers' movements and nullifying all the efforts of the enemy.

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to educate our members in true principles of womanhood, whereby they learn to be charitable; to practice true benevolence, and to keep alive those dear memories of our native land;

to care for each other in sickness and adversity, and when death strikes down one of our members to follow her remains to its last resting place.

EXTRACTS FROM CONSTITUTION.

Rule 33.—Each Lodge shall, at its institution, consist of not less than twelve members, who must be daughters of Englishmen; but at no time shall have more than eight male financial members, who must be members of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, and every lodge can admit an unlimited number of male honorary members, who must be members of the S.O.E.B.S.

Rule 70.—The Initiation Fees into this Order shall be paid in every case before the candidate is initiated, less 50 cents paid on application. All candidates shall pay according to the under-mentioned graduated scale, (Charter members excepted), should they desire to join as financial members:

15 to 25 years \$2 00

25 to 35 " 2 50

35 to 45 " 3 00

45 to 50 " 3 50

Charter Members' Initiation Fees shall not be less than one dollar and twenty-five cents (provided they join within one month), but dispensations may be granted to remain open longer.

The benefits are medical attendance and medicine on joining. New members are entitled to half sick and funeral benefits at the expiration of six months. Full benefits after being a member for twelve months. In case of sickness the benefits are three dollars per week for 13 weeks and one dollar and fifty cents per week for the next 13 weeks; fifty dollars to be paid in case of death of a benefit member to their nominee from the Grand Lodge Funeral Fund.

We are anxious to have a lodge of the Society in every town in the Dominion. Any information respecting the formation of new lodges will be cheerfully given by the following Grand Executive officers:—

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Will find it to their advantage to keep THIS PAPER in their possession. On page seven will be found the locality of the LODGES of the Sons of England, extended over the whole Dominion.

When you reach your destination, look up the nearest Lodge to your place of residence, and at once join your fellow-countrymen. You will meet brother Englishmen, who have years of experience in Canada and who will kindly impart to you their knowledge; Englishmen who will gladly extend to you the right hand of fellowship on your arrival.

The advantages of the Sons of England Benevolent Society are manifold, among others, to foster the loving memory of Old England; caring for each other in sickness and adversity; to bring into organized union all true Englishmen, to maintain the liberties and integrity of the British Empire.

In our Lodge Room social distinctions are laid aside; we meet on the common level of National Brotherhood. The Society extends over Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores. Cast in your lot with us, thereby swelling the grand roll of those bound together in fraternal sympathies—

"A union of hearts and a union of hands, A union none can sever; A union of homes and a union of Lands, And the flag, BRITISH UNION, forever."

Any further information will be cheerfully given by the undersigned Grand Lodge Officers:

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HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

All even-numbered sections of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, except 8 and 23, which have not been homesteaded, reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes may be homesteaded by any person who is sole head of a family, or any male over eighteen years of age, to the extent of one quarter-section of 160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY.

Entry may be made personally at the local office for the District in which the land to be taken is situate, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, or the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, receive authority for some one to make the entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for an ordinary homestead entry; but for lands which have been occupied an additional fee of \$10 is chargeable to meet inspection and cancellation charges.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES.

Under the present law homestead duties must be performed in the following way, namely, by three years' cultivation and residence, during which the settler may not be absent more than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

May be made at the end of three years, before the local agent, or the homesteader in person. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands of his intention to do so. When, for convenience of the settler, application for patent is made before a homestead inspector, a fee of \$5 is chargeable.

INFORMATION.

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them; and full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, and copies of these Regulations, as well as those respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior (Immigration Branch) Ottawa; the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories.

N.B.—In addition to Free Grant Lands, to which the Regulations above stated refer, thousands of acres of most desirable lands are available for lease or purchase, on easy terms, from railroad and other corporations and private firms.