

THE SONS OF ENGLAND.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE OF THE ORDER IN CANADA.

Glorious Weather—Large Number of Members at Church—A Synopsis of the Sermons—All breath the Spirit of Loyalty to the Order and Empire—20,000 Englishmen at Special Church Services.

It has been customary for years past that the Sunday nearest the Queen's Birthday, the 24th May, be recognized as the day to attend Divine Worship by the Sons of England Society throughout the Dominion of Canada and South Africa.

Over 2,000 men were in line at the annual church parade. The procession started from the corner of Queen street and University avenue at three o'clock prompt, a section of the Q.O.R. band at the head.

The front rows and centre portion of the front gallery were reserved for the members of the Daughters of England, of whom 200 were present, under Sister Mrs. Watkins, president Dominion Lodge; and Sister Miss Tidy, vice-president.

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He then outlined the history of the order, showing that the first lodge was formed in Canada, and gave statistics of its progress, showing that it now has a membership of over 12,000. Whilst the Sons of England Benevolent society pays out freely its benefits to those who are entitled to them, it also endeavors to assist others as far as circumstances will permit, immigrants and strangers, and the sick poor are often the recipients of its bounty and its sympathy.

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whose heart was in the Sons of England Society. A man who gave his time willingly and lavishly to the interests of the Order, because it was an instrument by which he might benefit his fellow-men. That man was Bro. Miles. Death came to him unexpectedly on Saturday last. He was a good man. He did what he could in the way of good work, and now, we believe, he has gone to a God who will crown him in reward of that obedience and worship offered him by our departed brother."

MONTREAL, P.Q.

The Sons of England at Point St. Charles and the whole population turned out to see the members of Victoria Jubilee lodge march to Grace church, headed by the Sixth Fusilliers band, who wore their new uniforms for the first time and looked very handsome. There were many others in the procession beside those of Victoria Jubilee lodge, which was marshalled by President Harry Furze, among them being Primrose lodge, in charge of President Wadge, Yorkshire with P. P. R. W. Whiting as marshal, Britannic, marshalled by P. P. W. Lavers, and Denbigh, marshalled by P. P. Bro. Hamersley, the rear being brought up by Juvenile Lodge No. 2, in charge of Robert Sayers and President H. Hanson.

The choir, who are mostly members of the order, wore their regalia, as did the curate, Rev. Mr. Hunt. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Ker, D.D. The anthem was Gounod's "Send Out Thy Light," which was splendidly sung.

THE SERMON.

The sermon of Dr. Ker was a spirited one. His text was:—"Honor all men; love the brotherhood. Fear God; honor the king." 1st Peter, ii., 17.

He said: Of the various societies working amongst us at present, none is worthier of respect than the Sons of England. It is an organization the members of which are banded together not only to preserve but also to increase in strength the ties of loyalty and affection that bind Englishmen and English colonies to the motherland. The members of this society are believers in the greatness and glory of the British Empire, and they have made it a chief plank in their platform that they shall ever remain true to the throne and majesty of England and to the mighty Empire of which the colonies of Britain form a part.

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OTTAWA.

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IRISHMAN TO ADDRESS

Englishmen upon the subject of patriotism. He said the proudest name to-day under God's sun was that of

England. Speaking from his standpoint as an Irishman, he could not clearly see how the average Englishman of to-day could embrace the sentiments mooted in certain political quarters as to annexation, inasmuch as annexation would practically sever an Englishman from the glorious heritage with which England's history furnished him.

After speaking of Israel as a nation, the preacher proceeded to review the Victorian era, perforcing it by a comprehensive survey of the chief national events which tend to mould and develop the English character.

WE MAY LOOK BACK

he said on the long story of our nation's life, on the successive stages in the history of that island home, once beyond the verge of Roman civilization, now the centre of an empire, which binds together in fetters light as air regions, which the eagles of Rome never reached. Tracing in a general way the formation of the English character from the fusion of Celtic and Dane, Saxon, Norseman and Norman blood, the preacher then made special reference to the

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Queen's birthday. We may read the Psalmists words who wrote about Israel, he said, in a fresh light, as giving voice to the feeling of a nation whose onward progress during this long period of Her Majesty's reign might seem almost to represent the passage from youth to full maturity. The 75th birthday is rendered illustrious by the marvellous growth of material prosperity. By the many changes in man's outward life which have made what were once the privileges of the few the common patrimony of the many, and by whatever has been munificent or wise or just in legislation, England has made herself the mighty, empire that she is.

Notes of thanks were passed to the Church Wardens, Rev. Mr. Gorman, the choir, the standard bearer, Bro. Nicholson and Bro. Skipworth, marshal. Appropriate remarks were made by Bros. Jas. Hope, Col. White, Ald. Jos. Hawken, E. Ackroyd and Hickmett.

PETROLIA, ONT.

Duke of Cornwall, No. 185, although young—and perhaps, has now as large a membership as many other lodges—met in the lodge room, and attended Christ Church with about 75 members and visiting Englishmen, where they heard a good sermon by Rev. Bro. W. Craig. The choir gave special music, consisting of hymns, anthems, etc., and a solo by Miss Jenkins.

GUELPH, ONT.

The text of Rev. Mr. Humphries' sermon was from Psalm cxxii; verse 6: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love the." England, he said, was a land of loyalty, patriotism and piety, all of which were essential to the welfare of a nation. True religion enjoins loyalty and patriotism. Every good man should be a patriot. It is well known that anything profane or profligate will be a corrupting influence on any nation. A careless clergy and a reprobate laity are all baneful to its welfare.

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A FARMER'S SON TORTURED.

CONFINED TO THE HOUSE FOR MONTHS AND UNABLE TO WALK.

A Sensational Story From the Neighborhood of Cooksville—The Father Tells How His Son Obtained Release—What a Prominent Toronto Druggist Says.

Four miles from the village of Cooksville, which is 15 miles west of Toronto on the Credit Valley division of the C. P.R., on what is known as the "Centre Road," is the farm of Thomas O'Neil. In the village and for miles around he is known as a man always ready to do a kindness to anyone who stands in need of it. Because of this trait in his character, whatever affects himself or his household is a matter of concern to the neighbors generally. So it happened that when his eldest son, William O'Neil, was stricken down last spring, and for months did not go out of the door, those living in the vicinity were all aware of the fact and frequent enquiries were made regarding the young man. When, after suffering severely for some three months, young O'Neil reappeared sound and well in his case was the talk of the township. Nor was it confined to the immediate vicinity of Cooksville, as an outer ripple of the tale reached the News, but in such an indefinite shape that it was thought advisable to send a reporter to get the particulars of the case, which proved to be well worth publishing in the public interest.

On reaching Cooksville the reporter found no difficulty in locating the O'Neil farm, and after a drive of four or five miles the place was reached. Mr. O'Neil was found at the barn attending to his cattle, and on being made aware of the reporter's mission told the story in a straightforward manner. He said: "Yes, it is true my boy has had a remarkable experience. I was afraid he wasn't going to get better at all, for the doctor did him no good. At the time he was taken ill he was working for a farmer a couple of miles from here, and for a time last spring he did a lot of work on the road, and while he was working at this there was a spell of cold wet weather, when it rained for nearly a week. He kept working right through the wet and he came home with his shoulders and wrists so sore that he couldn't work. He got gradually worse, the pains spreading from his shoulders and wrist to his hands and then to his legs, finally settling in his knees and ankles and feet, so that he couldn't stir at all some days. I sent for a doctor from Streetsville. He said the trouble was an attack of rheumatism, and although he kept visiting him every few days and giving medicine, it did not seem to do any good. The pains did not quit and the boy was suffering dreadfully. Why, when he would wake in the morning he couldn't stir a limb, but gradually during the day he would get a little easier so that he could sit up for awhile. His feet were swollen so much that he could not get on either boots or stockings. After he had been doctoring for nearly two months without getting a bit better, I concluded to try something else, so the next time I went to Toronto I got three boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at Hugh Miller's drug store. We followed the directions with the Pink Pills, but the first box did not seem to do him any good, but he had scarcely begun the second box when he began to improve greatly, and by the time the third box was gone he was as well and sound as ever, and has not had a pain since. He is now working on a farm about six miles from Cooksville, and is as sound and hearty as any young man can be."

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STURGEON FALLS, ONT.

Northumberland Lodge No. 202, was opened by J. B. Veach, D. D., for the Nipissing District. The following as reached us, and will be of interest to our readers:

A lodge of the Sons of England was organized in McGrath's Hall May 14th, by District Deputy J. B. Veach, assisted by Bros. E. J. Hicks and M. Dawson, of No. 3 Kent Lodge, Toronto, C. Taylor and H. Swan, No. 168 Sudbury Lodge; J. P. Bonathan, Brandon Lodge 174, Manitoba, and J. Whealton, of Southampton Lodge No. 28, Barrie. The following officers were duly installed: President, F. R. Davis; past president, Chas. Britton; vice-president, L. J. Leach; chaplain, W. J. Harvey; secretary pro-tem., Henry Swan; treasurer, Bro. Barker; committeemen, Harry Burnett and Joseph Clark. Bros. F. Clark, Wm. Bennett, Wm. Phillips, Geo. Buffett and Wm. Clark.

Quite a jovial time was subsequently spent by the brethren. At intervals during the evening music, both vocal and instrumental, was rendered by Messrs. Taylor, Phillips and Swan. The regular meetings of the lodge will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. The charter will be open for 30 days from opening of lodge to receive all eligible from 18 to 60 years as charter members.

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