

to the Pope, nor to his ever having visited Rome. And in all their protests against imaginary English wrongs to Ireland they conveniently forget the greatest and worst wrong of all—the introduction of Popery in the twelfth century, for which Englishmen have for seven hundred years had to endure the bitter penalty of Irish rebellion and discontent. It was a bull of Pope Adrian IV, originally a swine herder at St. Alban's Abbey in Hertfordshire, and the only Englishman who ever attained the Papacy, that authorized King Henry II "to enter into Ireland and reduce its people to the true religion." That was indeed a most foul and detestable English wrong, the base and wicked deed of an English Pope and King entailing on Englishmen and Irishmen an heritage of blood and misery unequalled in the world's history.

The present Emperor of Germany and his spouse, our beloved Princess Royal, have the strong sympathy of every English and Protestant heart at this time of anxiety among our Teutonic brethren.

Personals.

Ottawa lodges of S. O. E., welcome among them during the session of Parliament, Bros. H. A. Ward, M.P., of Durham lodge, Port Hope, and Henry Corby, M.P., of Oxford lodge, Belleville.

Bowood's surgeon, Dr. R. W. Powell, left last week for a trip to England for the benefit of his health. We hope the Doctor will have a pleasant trip, enjoy himself, and return to practice with renewed vigour.

Bro. W. Percy, Derby's respected president, left last week to take charge of the steamer *La Minerve*, which will run on Lake Temiscamingue. Capt. W. Percy has the best wishes of his brethren.

School Trustee Samuel Maynard Rogers, a much respected member of the Order, has gone for a trip to Bermuda, Mrs. Rogers accompanying him. Bro. Rogers expects to return home about the 24th of May.

We are glad to announce to our many friends in the Queen City, that Bro. Wm. Barker, Past District Deputy, and member of St. George's lodge, Toronto, is the ANGLO-SAXON's representative. We are sure the right man is in the right place, knowing that Bro. Barker carries with him the confidence and esteem of his brethren in Toronto.

The attention of the brethren, members of St. George's Society and Englishmen, in general is particularly called to the Grand Lodge advertisement in this issue—Aims and Objects of the Order of the Sons of England. They contain food for reflection; read them over, and write to the Grand Secretary, John W. Carter, Toronto, for further information.

The Irish Celt is generally credited with a keen sense of the ridiculous, and an abundant stock of wit and humour. Some of the race, however, evidently cannot bear a joke, of which they are the objects. Max O'Rell in a recent lecture having said that the Americans support Home Rule because they hope, if it passes, that the Irish Americans will return to Ireland, the *Montreal Post* cries out that Mr. Blouet must be boycotted. Such writer's ideas, either of a joke or of liberty of speech, seem to be very much mixed.

While strenuously opposed to every encroachment of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, we have none but the kindest feelings towards individual Romanists; and it therefore affords us sincere pleasure to record an act of courteous kindness to a Protestant congregation by Messrs. Durocher and O'Leary, two Roman Catholic aldermen of Ottawa, in moving and seconding in the City Council a resolution granting to the Congregationalists the use of the City Hall while rebuilding their church. The action of these two gentlemen shows a liberality of sentiment which redounds to their credit, and will, we hope, be duly appreciated by Protestants, and imitated on similar occasions by the co-religionists of the worthy aldermen.

We are more than thankful for the many kind expressions made of late in our behalf, by individuals as well as by the voice of the lodges. We have been in existence now some seven months; and confidence has been expressed by the following lodges during the month of March:—Derby, Bowood, Stanley and Russell, of Ottawa; Oxford of Belleville; Chester of St. Thomas, and Southampton of Barrie. Following these kind words is the authorization for the publication of their lodge cards, which, to us means a small financial remuneration, but to members travelling a great deal more—a pleasant hour of fraternal greeting. We have also several more lodges making enquiries, all of which we hope will follow in the same manner. We have received from our brethren in South Africa an order for 20 copies of the ANGLO-SAXON.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FRENCH TRI-COLOUR FLYING OVER QUEBEC.

E. G. S. complains that "on the Sunday the French frigate *La Minerve* left the harbour of Quebec, the tri-colour was hoisted on the main tower of the Parliament buildings of that city."

There is no reason for alarm, the French flag having been hoisted as an act of international courtesy, and in compliance with an Imperial regulation several generations old, but still in force, which ordains that the ships of war belonging to a nation at peace with the King or Queen of Great Britain shall be saluted on their arrival at, or departure from, any home or colonial port by hoisting the flag of their nationality on the principal government building or fort of the place. E. G. S. can scarcely be expected to have heard of this regulation, and very naturally misunderstood the intention of the authorities in hoisting the flag. We make this explanation with much pleasure. Sir Adolphe Caron, the Minister of Militia being, we believe, a thoroughly loyal man and incapable of sanctioning any action at all tainted with disloyalty. It was in compliance with a similar Imperial regulation that the flag was recently hoisted at half-mast on our own public buildings as a mark of respect to the memory of a friendly sovereign—the late German Emperor, William.—[ED.]

A LOYAL SOLDIER IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

To the Editor of the *Anglo-Saxon*:

DEAR SIR,—Having once been a soldier, I am directly interested in the Canadian Militia, and read everything appertaining to the efficiency of that branch,—as I think that some day all loyal Canadians may be called on to protect, not only the flag that now floats over us, but also to maintain the unity of the British Empire. And although I have seen and experienced the ravages of war, still I am fain to believe that Imperial Federation will never be consummated until we pass through that fiery ordeal. I must confess that I have faith in our blood, and in the righteousness of our laws, and also a sincere belief that the Almighty never will permit despotism of any kind to overthrow a nation possessing an open Bible, and the best laws under which mankind to-day live. Consequently I believe whenever the struggle does come—though disaster may, and I think would, come to us at the beginning of the struggle—victory would crown us at the end, and the result would be the unity and consolidation of the Anglo-Saxon race under one flag and under one monarch.

St. John, N.B., March 13, 1888.

J. H.

Sons of England Society.

From our own Correspondents.

Toronto.—On Wednesday March 14th, at the annual supper of Lodge Manchester, No. 14, in the Lodge room, the chair was occupied by Bro. R. Ivens, P.P. A most sumptuous table was supplied by Bro. Jno. Ayre, treasurer of the lodge. After the usual loyal toasts, the evening was devoted to song and speeches. Bro. T. R. Skippon, P.G.P., and Bro. H. J. Boswell responded for the Grand Lodge.

Lodge Albion, No. 1, held its usual meeting on Thursday, March 15th, Bro. T. Down, president, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members. One member was initiated and four propositions handed in. Bro. Chas. R. Smith, secretary, presented his annual statement. The total funds in hand amount to \$3,167.08 after meeting all liabilities. During the year 74 members have been initiated. The lodge is the most flourishing in the Order.

Lodge York, No. 6, held their annual supper on the same evening at the Hub, Colborne street. Bro. Chas. Farling, president, occupied the chair. A most pleasant evening was spent in singing and recitation. After the usual loyal toasts, Bro. John Mellon made an eloquent and touching speech in response to the toast of "Our Motherland." Bro. Dr. Pollard, M.W.G.P., and Bro. W. Barker, St. George's Lodge, Past District Deputy, responded for the Grand Lodge.

Lodge St. George, No. 27, held its meeting on Monday, March 19th, Bro. H. W. Smallpiece, president, in the chair, Bro. Wm. Lewis in the vice chair. A communication was read from Bro. J. R. Peel, secretary St. George's Society, inviting the members of the lodge to join in the annual church parade on Sunday, April 22nd, which was unanimously agreed to, the members to assemble at Shaftesbury Hall at 2 p.m. There were two propositions for membership. Receipts for the evening \$115.02. The lodge is in good shape and will soon be one of the leading lodges of the city.

Kent Lodge, No. 3, held their 12th annual concert on Tuesday evening, March 20th, in the Shaftesbury Hall, Bro. Dr. Pollard, M.W.G.P., in the chair, supported by Bro. C. Reeve, president, and Bro. J. Webster, vice-president of the lodge. The concert was most enjoyable and proved a success, both numerically and financially. The following were the artists engaged: Misses Russell, Mallory, Scott, Mathews and Bailey, Mr. Alex. Gorrie, Bro. W. H. Hewlett, C. Boucher, Bro. Hamp, Master W. Hewlett, Bro. F. H. Herbert, St. Bartholomew Glee Club and Wm. Ramsay the talented comedian. Miss English was a most accomplished accompanist.