

Sons of England News.

Official Notes.

SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO.

The Grand President paid an official visit to Oxford Lodge, Belleville, on Thursday last and met with a hearty reception.

The Grand President and Grand Secretary visited Albion and Preston White Rose Degree on Wednesday last, and gave instructions in the Ritualistic work.

The last call of the Beneficiary realized \$763.00. Every lodge ought to send in two applications before Grand Lodge meets.

The circular issued by Clarendon W. R. D. Lodge has not the sanction of the S. G. P.

The Rev. Wm. Hobson, District Deputy for B.C., reports the Order in his District to be in a flourishing condition. He expects to be at G. L. meeting in February.

The following members were visitors to the Grand Secretary's officers during the month—

- Thos. Grummitt, P.P. Grimsby L.
- J. W. London, Oxford L.
- W. E. Wilkinson, D.D., Bedford L.
- E. D. Holliday, Old England L.
- W. A. Peter, Southampton L.
- Thos. Elliott, D.D. Salisbury.

Toronto.

Lodge Windsor, No. 35.—At their usual meeting on Tuesday evening October 28th, Dr. S. B. Pollard, W. P. in the chair. After the routine business was dispatched, an open meeting of a very pleasing character followed, the room being filled to its utmost capacity. Bro. T. R. Skippon, P.G.P., and Bro. B. Jones, president of Albion Lodge, supported the worthy president. Miss Guest proved herself a most able pianist in her opening solo. Miss Ella Davis, a young lady lady of the mature age of sixteen, fairly captured the hearts of the opposite sex with her excellent singing, and was loudly cheered. Bros. Bowman, Harry Johnston, Huskell and Hamilton added to the pleasure of the evening. Refreshments were handed round by the officers of the lodge who ministered to the wants of the fair sex. A company of the S.O.E. Naval Brigade, commanded by Bro. Geo. Tyler, added to the eclat of the occasion. Right salorially they looked in their handsome new uniform.

Mercantile Lodge No. 81.—Met on Saturday evening, October 28th, in their lodge room, Shaftesbury Hall. Bro. A. Tubbra, W.P., in the chair, Bro. F. J. Young, V.P., in the vice chair. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bro. A. Packham, W.P., and Bro. Pendril, of Brighton Lodge, also Bro. J. Lister Nichols, W.P., Chisterfield Lodge. One new member was initiated, and two propositions for membership handed in. The committee on White Rose Degree By-Laws presented its report with copy of by-laws recommended, which were unanimously adopted. At the close of the meeting the lodge was re-opened in the White Degree when six members were raised to that degree.

Rugby Lodge, No. 80.—Met in Pythias Hall, Queen St., on Monday, October 27th. Bro. T. M. Purkis, W.P. in the chair. During general business a presentation of a beautifully bound photograph of Bro. Ald. J. C. Swait, S.G.P. in full regalia was made on his behalf by his son Bro. C. E. Swait, the worthy secretary of the lodge. The gift was acknowledged in suitable terms in the form of a resolution entered in the minutes of the evening. After a pleasant evening the lodge closed at 10 o'clock, the members singing, "God Save the Queen."

Cambridge Lodge, No. 54.—The third annual concert of the above was held on Thursday, October 23rd, at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, East Toronto, commonly known as Little York. The above concert is an event of the season in consequence of the great interest taken in it by the brethren of the lodge, who exert every nerve to make it the success, which it certainly is, both financially and numerically. A special train was run from Toronto and back to bring out the city brethren desirous of attending. Bro. R. Caddick, our esteemed and revered P. G. P., occupied the chair, and his loyal and patriotic utterances, were cheered to the echo.

York Lodge No. 6.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, October 23rd. Bro. Jno. Mellon, W.P., in the chair. There was one initiation, and three propositions for membership. Bro. W. Baker, P.D.D., was present and gave the new charge to the candidate, as amended at last Grand Lodge. A feature of York Lodge is a musical half hour each lodge night, and as the lodge possesses musical talent in a large degree, a most enjoyable evening can be spent by visiting brethren, who are always welcome.

Narfolk Lodge, No. 57.—Met on Tuesday evening, October 7th, when Bro. F. Wotten paid an official visit in his capacity as District Deputy. The lodge, although comparatively a young one, numbers 61 members, clear on the books, and has a cash balance of \$200. Bro. Squire, of Royal Oak Lodge, Galt, was also a visitor and addressed the members.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 2.—On Wednesday evening the 22nd of October the anniversary was held. E. A. Axworthy, W.P., occupied the chair and was supported upon the platform by Ald. J. C. Swait, S.G.P., R. Ivens, S.G.V.P., R. Caddick, P.G.P., Thos. R. Skippon, P.G.P., E. Blundall, P.P., J. Lister Nichols, President, Chesterfield Lodge, Bro. Ald. W. Bell, Bro. Ald. Vokes, Bro. Ex-Ald. Drayton and B. Hinchcliffe, S.G.T. The first part of the evening was devoted to refreshments. The capacity of Occident Hall was strained to its utmost. Upwards of 500 sat down to tea who had to be served in

two relays, in consequence of which the speaking and singing did not commence until ten o'clock. The lodge now numbers 452 members. During the year the amount paid in dues was \$2,765.15. The sick pay to members to \$899.90. The total funds of the lodge over all liabilities amounts to \$6,435.81. The present lodge room is now too small for the membership, and if the members are to meet with any comfort a move to a larger hall will have to be made.

Chesterfield Lodge, No. 97.—Celebrated the anniversary of the lodge, by an "At Home" at Harry Webb's down town Restaurant. The rooms were handsomely decorated for the occasion, and the supper was served in Webb's most sumptuous manner. The guests, numbering 100, were received by J. Lister Nichols, W.P., and his good wife in a most genial and graceful manner. We noticed Mayor Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, Bro. E. Ivens, S.G.V.P. and Bro. Jno. Mellon, (W. P. York Lodge) and wife, Bro. Ald. J. E. Verral, Bro. Ald. Frankland, Bro. Ald. Vokes, Bro. Dr. Norman Allan and wife, Ald. Hewitt and wife and Jas. Lumbers and wife. About 80 couples took the floor and right merrily they footed it to the strains of Napolitane's quadrille band, until the "sma" hours of the morning, a most enjoyable evening was spent. The committee of management are to be complimented upon the successful attendant upon their labours.

Preston Lodge, No. 67.—To commemorate the occasion of the removal to their new room in Shaftesbury Hall, held an open meeting 15th October. M. W. Bro. J. G. Swait, S.G.P., paid the lodge an official visit, and presided as W. P. of the evening, being ably supported by Bros. T. R. Skippon, P.G.P., B. Hinchcliffe, S.G.T., two District Deputies, and numerous W.P.s; whilst amongst the audience of from 100 to 150 members, with their wives, daughters, and sweethearts; we noticed several of the executive officers of our sister lodges. About 20 members of No. 1 Co., of the 1st Battalion of the S. O. E. Naval Brigade attended in uniform, materially adding to the attractions of the evening.

Manchester Lodge held its usual meeting on the 18th October, Brother Robinson, President in the chair. After initiating three candidates the business of the evening was hurried through, when the unsuccessful team in the late tug-of-war contest was entertained by the President. After justice had been done to the good things provided, speeches and songs were the order of the evening until midnight, when, after singing the National Anthem, the members and visitors dispersed highly delighted with the evening's entertainment.

St. Albans Lodge held its regular meeting on Friday evening last, Bro. Walken, Pres., in the chair. Four propositions were received and two candidates initiated. A resolution of condolence in connection with the death of Bro. Liddell, late chaplain of this lodge was passed.

London Lodge held its usual meeting on Tuesday evening last. Bro. Bent, Pres., in the chair. Four propositions were received and two candidates admitted. The auditors presented a good report, showing this lodge to be strong financially and otherwise. Business being concluded, "Albion's winning team," in the tug-of-war contest, were tendered a hearty reception, and a beautiful silver medal was presented to their captain on behalf of London Lodge, by Bro. Sam Hines, D.D.

Vancouver, B.C.

Lodge Wilberforce, No. 77, Vancouver, B.C., has made successful strides during the past quarter in the strengthening of their body, no less than 35 candidates have been taught the mysteries of the Red Rose Degree, still yet additions are being made nearly every meeting night. This lies chiefly to the able officers and members it possesses, and the energy displayed by them in the maxim of "unity is strength."

Deseronto.

A lodge of the Sons of England has been instituted at Deseronto, to be known as "United Empire Lodge No. 125." The G. P., Bro. Swait, assisted by Bros. J. W. London, Denmark, D.D., Geen and Twining, and other brethren from Belleville, Kingston and Toronto assisted the G. P. in its dedication. Eighteen were initiated.

Smith's Falls.

On Thursday, 16th ultimo, the District Deputy, Bro. Ald. W. R. Stroud, accompanied by Bros. F. A. Jackson, Charles J. Bott and Edw. Ackroyd, proceeded to Smith's Falls, and instituted Lodge Guelph, No. 124, in that flourishing town. The Ottawa contingent was ably assisted by Bro. Townsend of Nelson lodge, Almonte. Fourteen good and true Englishmen were initiated into the mysteries of the R. R. D. At about 11.30 the various ceremonies concluded the visiting brethren were escorted to the residence of Bro. Butler, where a very appetizing collation of oysters and other good things awaited their arrival.

Ottawa.

On Tuesday, the 14th of October, Derby Lodge, S.O.E., Ottawa, removed to their new quarters, Workman Hall, Albert street. It was therefore, the occasion of an open meeting, with a large attendance of visitors from sister lodges, non-affiliated Englishmen, and their lady friends. Although the weather was unfavorable the meeting was a large and successful one. A choice programme was carried out, and in this connection we must especially mention the names of W. Thicke of Bowood, well known in eastern Ontario as an A1 tenor, and Bro. Jackson, of Derby Lodge, who fairly captivated the audience with his most beautiful rendering of the England's church chimes. A number of the non-initiated signified their intention of becoming members. Bro. Hickmett, sr., the popular president, acted as chairman.

Hamilton.

The opening of three new lodges of the S. O. E. in one night was an extraordinary event in the annals of the Society. The names of lodges are as follows:—CORNWALL, No. 121; OSBORNE, No. 122; HAMILTON, No. 123. We rejoice to see such active steps being taken by Englishmen in Hamilton.

Port Perry.

A very interesting meeting of Old England Lodge, No. 9, was held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd September, (it being quarterly night) we had a good attendance to do honor to our Worthy Treasurer, Bro. John Heard. The members took this opportunity of showing their appreciation of his past services by presenting him with a Treasurer's Jewel and following address:—

JOHN HEARD, Esq., Treasurer,
Old England Lodge, No. 9.
Dear Sir and Brother,

We your fellow members of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, feel it our duty to acknowledge your past services in some tangible manner. You have been Treasurer of our lodge for a number of years, an earnest and zealous worker for our society. Your accounts have always been found correct by our auditors. We can assure you that your kind ways, your industry and your unblemished character, have made you many friends. We wish to express our confident hope that the same honorable principles which have stood by you to the present time will continue to remain with you. In token of your past valuable services, we therefore beg you to accept this Treasurer's Jewel and this address. We hope they will awaken in your mind pleasant memories of our happy association together.

Signed on behalf of Old England Lodge No. 9, S.O.E.B.S.:

WM. EDMETT,
JOHN NOTT,
A. S. PLATTEN.

Bro. John Heard replied in suitable terms.

NOTES.

KENT LODGE NO. 3, WHITE ROSE DEGREE MEETING.

A meeting of the White Degree was held in Shaftesbury Hall on Friday, October 24th. Bro. F. Herbert, W.P. in the chair. Bro. W. H. Hewlett, V.P. in the vice-chair; Bro. W. Barker, P.D.D., acted as P.P., and Bro. J. Lister Nichols, W.P. Chesterfield Lodge, assisted. Six members were advanced to the White Degree.

SONS OF ENGLAND ANNUAL CONCERT.

A meeting was convened for Wednesday evening, October 29th to make arrangements for the annual concert, the date decided upon was Thursday, 29th January, 1901. Bro. J. Lister Nichols of Chesterfield Lodge, was elected chairman, and Bro. C. E. Swait, Rugby Lodge to be secretary. Bro. John Aldridge, Preston Lodge, treasurer.

SHAFTESBURY HALL.

Shaftesbury Hall is now in the hands of the contractors. The reconstruction of the hall is being rapidly pushed forward, and when completed the hall will be one of the handsomest music halls in the Dominion. The seating capacity will be 2,400. The Hall will be opened on or about the 8th of December.

PRESENTATION.

The cup recently won by the Albion Tug-of-war team, was presented on behalf of London Lodge. Many distinguished members were present, including Geo. F. Carrette and J. Lomas, two of the founders of our noble institution. Bro. Tyler, commander of the Naval Brigade, and No. 1 Company, were present, and gave the lodge an exhibition of their skill with the cutlass.

PERSONAL.

We are sorry to hear of the removal of Bro. Stack from Toronto, to the United States. He was a faithful member of Albion and an honorary member of Mercantile. Not only will Albion lose a good officer, but other lodges in Toronto will miss a genial brother. We wish him success in his new field of labour, trusting that he will lose no opportunity of defending the fair fame of England against the attacks of her enemies in the United States. If every Englishman in America would do this we should soon be able to silence the "blatherskites" who profess to represent American sentiment.

A Woman's Fancy.

You say you love me now; no doubt
You think you do; you may be right;
The winds of summer blow without—
The fields with dawn are white.

But in the dull days yet to be,
And under life's wan skies of rain,
This heart which now you take from me
May only throb with pain.

Ah, me! who knows? Will then the sweet
Same passionate pulse be mine and yours;
Life's rapturous hours have flying feet;
Only the pang endures!

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For you new joys will hold apart;
We women only see through tears
The shipwreck of a heart.

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