

THE SONS IN HAMILTON.

OLD AND COMMENDABLE CUSTOMS REVIVING.

Provincial Grand Lodges—False Report—Sickness—Lodge Directory—Annual Session—Fraternal Gathering—Queen's Birthday—At Home.

Lodge business generally is booming in this district, all the lodges doing a large quotation in initiation business, several prominent citizens having recently been added to the already fairly representative S. O. E. roll.

A revival of the old and commendable custom of fraternal visits amongst the lodges is again becoming common, Hearts of Oak Lodge, No. 94, having recently paid a visit to Osborne, No. 122. Britannia Lodge, No. 8, also expects a visit shortly from the above-named lodges. These fraternal visits are of incalculable value to those attending, not only in forming new acquaintances and having pleasant social reunion, but also to talk over matters pertaining to the welfare of our noble Order in general. Apropos of this I might say that the deferring of the adoption of the new Constitution seems to meet with general favor amongst the different lodges, not from any particular hostile feeling to the measure, but from the fact that sufficient time had not been given the lodges for full and mature deliberation on the matter, fraught with such deep and vital interest to the future welfare of our Order. Without a doubt it is absolutely necessary that some change in our supreme form of government should be made, as it is manifestly apparent that fair and proper representation cannot be had by the outlying districts—viz.: extreme east and west lodges—at our Grand Lodge meetings, and that very fact should have due weight in considering the matter of provincial grand lodges under the supervision of a sovereign grand lodge, as there is nothing that dampens the ardor and zeal of members of any organization more than the fact of their particular interests having no consideration, or, at the least, a very imperfect consideration at the hands of the governing body.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

In my opinion provincial grand lodges under the supervision of a sovereign grand lodge is a grand scheme, as it will cause each grand lodge to take a far deeper interest than is now existing (although we must not complain at the progress we are making) in the formation of new lodges in the then respective jurisdictions, and will to a very great extent dispense with the vexed question of paid organizers. It is thought by some that the scheme is a little too premature, considering the comparatively small numbers of our Order. I differ from that view, providing the details of the scheme are not made too cumbersome and expensive, and at present I fail to see why either of the objectionable features mentioned cannot be curtailed, so that no objection could be raised by them. I think the committee who had the matter in hand deserve great praise and credit for their arduous work, and had they succeeded in placing the result of their labors before the different lodges at an earlier date they would probably have succeeded in getting the measure through during the recent session of Grand Lodge. I fully realized the amount of labor the committee undertook when appointed, and I think that the idea of a supernumerary committee of one representative from each district to have gone over the new Constitution, with the original committee, would probably have facilitated matters considerably, and curtailed, to a great extent, probably, useless discussion, when presented for consideration at Grand Lodge. However, I trust the Grand Executive will see that a sufficient number of copies of the above are in the hands of the lodges, so that ample time may be given to grasp the different features of such a grand and comprehensive scheme, and that all lodges may be fully satisfied at the result.

I have drifted somewhat from what I intended when I first commenced these few desultory remarks, but I feel great interest in the new scheme submitted, therefore I trust your readers will pardon me for my digression in this respect, so I will endeavor to resume my remarks re matters of a more local nature.

FALSE REPORT.

The members of Cornwall Lodge are very indignant at a report published in our papers during the session of Grand Lodge, in which the financial standing of each lodge was supposed to be shown. The report was correct,

except that of Cornwall Lodge, as it showed the amount of funds to the credit of the lodge to be nil, which, really, its financial standing, for a comparatively young lodge, is very good, and the lodge is far from being in a bankrupt condition either financially or otherwise, as Cornwall lodge numbers amongst its members some of our most influential and zealous sons.

SICKNESS.

There has been a large amount of sickness in the district recently. Amongst several cases may be mentioned Bro. H. H. Martin, the W. Sec. of Hearts of Oak Lodge, who is still in a very critical condition; Bro. W. Monk, a charter member of Britannia Lodge, and almost first on its list of presidents, gradually improving; also Bro. Hugh Walker of Cornwall Lodge, seriously ill with pneumonia, but somewhat better. His illness is probably the outcome of his recent unfortunate visit to Port Arthur in search of employment, an account of which appeared in a recent issue of the ANGLO-SAXON, and of the generosity shown on that occasion by members of Guilford Lodge, Fort William, also Bro. Cooke, of Montreal. Bro. Walker often speaks gratefully of the kindness and practical sympathy shown him by these brethren.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

The District Directory Committee have finished their work, the result being a very complete and useful little directory, as well as a financial balance to the credit of the lodges.

ANNUAL SERMON.

The D. D. G. P. Bro. W. Hunt is busy arranging for the annual sermon. The first meeting was for Tuesday, April 11th, so as to give ample time for arrangements to be made. The different lodges will also attend Divine Service with the St. George's Society on April 23rd.

FRATERNAL GATHERINGS.

The Hamilton District United W. R. Degree held a very successful meeting on March 24th, there were nearly a hundred members present, among them our D. D. Bro. Hunt, several W. P.'s and P. P.'s, and a large contingent of W. R. degree members from Burlington Lodge, No. 156. The meeting was a very interesting one. The D. D. took advantage of the occasion to make a few appropriate remarks to the brethren, which were well received.

At the close of the meeting the brethren retired to the ante-room adjoining the splendid S. O. E. Hall, where an hour or two was spent very pleasantly in song and sentiment, and enjoying the refreshments provided by the W. R. Degree officers. The Burlington brethren were well pleased with their visit, the primary object of which was to invite the D. D., Bro. Hunt, to visit Burlington W. R. Degree Lodge and assist them in conferring the degree on several members of their lodge. Accordingly the D. D., accompanied by about twenty of the Hamilton brethren, visited Burlington on Thursday evening, 6th inst., and conferred the degree in a very impressive manner on six members of Burlington Lodge, amongst them being the venerable and esteemed Bro. Rev. Canon Belt, D. D. It was expected that the officers of the new lodge at Milton would have been present, but they failed to make an appearance, much to the disappointment of the D. D. and the other Hamilton brethren, but they hope on some future occasion to have the pleasure of meeting their Milton brethren.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Burlington lodge is making good progress; they intend holding a monster demonstration in Brant House Park on May 24th, which promises to be very successful.

AT HOME.

Rose of England Lodge, No. 119, held a very successful "At Home" in their fine hall in the west end on Tuesday evening, March 30th, which was a genuine success from every point of view, and reflects great credit on the committee and members of the lodge.

I feel that I have already intruded too heavily on the space of your valuable paper, the term valuable I use most sincerely I can assure you, as I have long recognized the zeal and devotion to the noble work we have in hand, and the unswerving and highly commendable impartiality shown, on all matters of interest to the Order by the ANGLO-SAXON, and I am only voicing the sentiments of every lodge in the district when I say, that I hope the noble effort the ANGLO-SAXON is making, and has made in the past, will meet with the recognition and support it so well deserves from the Grand Executive, and every true member of our Noble Order. Trusting I have not encroached too much on your valuable space, and wishing the ANGLO-SAXON every success in the future, I beg to subscribe myself,

HAMILTONIAN.

TORONTO S. O. E. NEWS.

HEADS THE BENEFICIARY LIST.

The quarterly report of Middlesex Lodge, No. 2, Toronto, for the period ending 28th March, shows the sum of \$1,421.10 having been received by the Treasurer, which includes the balance carried over from last quarter; the payments for sick dues, doctors and assistance, \$376.10; to the Supreme Grand Lodge, \$168.25, and invested \$370.40.

Balance in Treasurer's hands.	\$203 40
Deposit in Banks, etc.	4,120 00
S. O. E. Hall Company	1,340 00
Total	\$5,753 40
Liabilities	278 27
Net value	\$5,475 13

There are nearly 400 members on the roll; 26 not in good standing.

Since the lodge has removed to new quarters new life has been infused and many members which had previously dropped out have returned to the fold.

It is pleasing to note that Middlesex Lodge has the largest number of beneficiary members of any lodge in the Order, no death occurring for a long time among its members. The healthy and flourishing condition of this lodge should make all our hearts glad and induce our officers to put forth all their energies to add new blood to the ranks, also greatly interest all Englishmen to join so progressive a society.

A magnificent marble time piece was presented to the past treasurer of the lodge, Bro. T. B. Heard, at the last meeting, in a very pleasing and suitable manner.

CHESTERFIELD LODGE, S. O. E.

The members of Chesterfield Lodge, S. O. E., held their usual fortnightly meeting in St. George's hall, Elm street, on Saturday evening April 1st., W. P. Bro. Clay presiding. Among the visiting brethren present were: P. S. G. P. Bros. Boswell, Skippon and Swait, Bro. Evens, P. P. of Mercantile; Bro. Thomas, W. P. of Manchester, and Bro. Pritchard, W. Sec. and P. P. of Preston. Bro. Commander Tyler, attended by two orderlies, and accompanied by some half dozen others of his "command," also paid the lodge a fraternal visit. The W. Sec., Bro. Milne, read his quarterly report, which was unanimously adopted by the brethren. The St. George's Society having extended an invitation to the members of the lodge to take part in their annual church parade on St. George's day, it was resolved, on motion of Bro. Clatworthy, seconded by Bro. Cobb, to accept the same. Four new members were duly initiated at this meeting, P. S. G. P. Bros. Skippon and Swait kindly assisting in the ceremony. Bro. Glazebrook spoke of the great importance of the work which will be undertaken by the recently formed S. O. E. labor bureau. Bro. Commander Tyler put in a special plea on behalf of the lifeboat fund, which is sadly in want of funds. The members dispersed at 11.30 p.m.

CHESTERFIELD AT HOME.

Chesterfield Lodge, S. O. E., held its annual at home in St. George's hall, April 4th., when 150 members and guests were present. Dancing to the tuneful strains from Wardell's orchestra was interspersed with vocal numbers by Miss Hattie Morrell, Mrs. Herbert, Messrs. Herbert, Nichols, and Thoms. The Committee of Management were: Messrs. George Clay, L. Nichols, Mills, Wilkinson, Bragg, Davis and Siddall.

PETERBORO' WILL DO WELL.

Delegate Saxby Reports—Presented with a Past President's Jewel—Mrs. Westbrook and the D. O. E.

Peterboro', April 4th.—Lansdowne Lodge still forges ahead. There was four initiations and four propositions last night. We were treated to an elaborate address by Bro. Saxby, W.P.P., our delegate to Grand Lodge, of the reception accorded the S. O. E. delegates at Montreal and of the grand banquet given to them. The address was highly entertaining, and sets Bro. Saxby upon the platform with the best orators of to-day, including Bro. Cumberland.

After the address, Bro. Hodge, of Westminster Lodge, Toronto, being present, was called upon to make a presentation, on behalf of the officers and members of Lansdowne Lodge, of a Past President's Jewel to Bro. Saxby, W.P.P. Bro. Saxby responded in his usual happy manner.

Mrs. Westbrook, V. P. of D. O. E. of Woodstock, being in the ante-room awaiting to address the lodge upon the advisability of starting a D. O. E. lodge, the Pres., T. H. Martin, called the session off to allow Mrs. Westbrook to address the lodge. Bro. Dr. Pigeon,

was despatched to escort the distinguished visitor in.

Mrs. Westbrook immediately took the platform and set before the members the Aims, Objects and Benefits of the D. O. E., and concluded by soliciting the names of eight members, and as many names of members' wives and daughters, and was rewarded by sufficient names to guarantee applying for a charter. So, Mr. Editor, I think by the next report you get from me we will have the lodge started and flourishing.

After the address the lady bid adieu to Lansdowne Lodge, and the business of the lodge was resumed and concluded by a vote of thanks being tendered Bro. Hodge, by the president for his friendliness in making the presentation.

WELL TO THE FRONT.

Presentation to two Deserving Members—First Sons of England Hall in the Province of Quebec.

The valuable services rendered Denbigh Lodge, No. 96, Montreal, by Bro. Thos. Hillson, P.P., and Bro. F. W. Cardwell, P.S., were acknowledged at a recent regular meeting, when in a very interesting manner a P.P.'s jewel was presented to the above named brothers. Bro. Cardwell served three consecutive terms by acclamation, holding the office of secretary since the opening of the lodge. Bro. Hilton is also a charter member. Those two brothers were among the leading spirits in the formation of the first Sons of England hall in the French Roman Catholic Province of Quebec. Bro. Cardwell still holds the position of secretary to the hall committee. Under his administration the hall has been a financial success.

This lodge has showed great energy, having 105 members and 32 in the W. R.; also property valued at about \$500, and nearly \$300 in the funds.

A BRIGHT ROOM

Means whereby Members are drawn to S. O. E. meetings

Make the lodge room attractive. The above sentence contains advice that no lodge can afford to neglect. A bright, cheery, well-furnished meeting place has a charm about it that is frequently an attraction to the members; that ensures regularity of attendance, and develops a proper pride in the organization which often results in active efforts to add to the membership.

An ill-kept room, provided with dingy, old-fashioned, worn-out furniture is enough to make even the officers wish that lodge night would never come, and instead of the gathering being one where social enjoyment prevails it is more often one where the ritual is hurried through, and the "good of the order" passed over, that a speedy adjournment may be made to some place where there is more attraction.

There is no money disbursed by the society that is better invested than that spent in decorating the lodge room and surrounding the brethren with those comforts and appointments which go to make up an ideal place of meeting.

The effect that appearances have upon new members is well known. There are men connected with many societies who never enter the lodge room after initiation, and while the majority of such cases may not be due to the lack of such accessories, it is undeniable that there are some instances in which this is the case.

The rule that prohibits smoking in the room should be strictly enforced, and any member who lights a pipe or cigar before passing into the ante-room should be fined heavily. No place can be kept as it should be if smoking is tolerated in the slightest, as it means the throwing about of burnt matches, the dropping of ashes and often spitting upon the carpet. The officers of every lodge in every society should pay special attention to their room and by every means in their power make it as attractive a place as possible for their members.—Exchange.

The old copy books contained the sentence: "Procrastination is the thief of time." Many a poor fellow has died with assessments unpaid and his widow has learned to her sorrow the truth of the motto. The only safe way for any member of a benevolent order to do is to pay his assessments as soon as he receives notice of them and in that way, if sickness intervenes, or he is called away for any reason, there is no danger of his being suspended.

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YORKSHIREMEN DINE.

A Move to Form a Yorkshire Society—The Secretary of Westward Ho Invites them to become Sons of England.

Winnipeg, April 4.—In times past there have been gatherings of Englishmen, Welshmen, Scotchmen and Irishmen, but it remained for the sturdy sons of Yorkshire to inaugurate an exclusive meeting of the natives of any one particular shire. The much talked of dinner for Yorkshiresmen came off Tuesday night, and to say that it was a success is to put it very mildly indeed. Two long tables running the length of Foresters' hall were taxed to their utmost capacity to provide room for those present. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags and banners of every description and the ornamentation of the tables reflected great credit on Mr. Nicholson who arranged them. The dinner, which was first rate in every respect was provided by the well known caterer, Mrs. Hamble.

Mr. R. T. Riley very ably and pleasantly fulfilled the duties of chairman, and after those present had done justice to the good things provided for the inner man, gave a few exceedingly well-chosen remarks, after which he asked the company to drink the health of the Queen and Royal Family, which was responded to by all singing the national anthem. A very funny song by Mr. D. Scott, entitled "The Cork Leg," followed. Messrs. F. Roo, Bill Hardy, sr., and T. Hurtle responded to the toast of "The Shire." Then came a song from Mr. Lee, "Men of Merry England." The toast of "The Country we Live In" brought up Mr. Buckle, sr., Mr. Hurtle and Mr. Eddy, who were all unanimous in saying that next to Yorkshire and the Garden of Eden there is no country like Canada and no province like Manitoba. A song from Mr. James Hanby came next, followed by a few practical remarks from Mr. Thompson Westwood, the secretary. To the toasts of "The Ladies" Mr. Foote and Mr. Bill Hardy replied. This was followed by a song from Mr. Fred Roo in his well known style. Mr. Hanby then proposed the health of "Yorkshiresmen at Home," Mr. Bill Hardy, sr., that of the caterer, Mr. Buckle that of the committee, Mr. Eddy that of Mr. Pearce, the gentlemen who so ably presided at the piano, all of which were drunk with great enthusiasm. There were songs from Mr. Hargrave, another from Mr. Wilks, a selection from Shakespeare, by Mr. D. Scott a dancery Fred Roo, song from Mr. Weir, selection on the concertina, Godbyhouse, and songs from Messrs. Hargrave, Lee, Scott and Weir, after which Mr. Appleton proposed the chairman, which was followed by Auld Lang Syne and God Save the Queen.

During the evening the secretary of Westward Ho Lodge S. O. E. distributed the Aims and Objects of the Sons of England society, a copy of which he gave to the writer, who would suggest that if the Yorkshiresmen think of forming a society, they cannot do better than institute a lodge of that order to be composed exclusively of Yorkshiresmen.

The arrangements for the dinner were under the direction of the following committee: Messrs R. Ibbotson, A. Watson, Fred. Roo, W. G. Eddy, James Hanby, T. Hurtle, R. Horsely, W. H. Pearce, Bill Hardy, jr., Fred. Daldy, T. Briggs, Jas. Hanby, H. H. Pearce and T. Thompson Westwood, secretary, and great credit reflects on those gentlemen.

There will be a meeting of those interested some day next week, when a Yorkshire society will be formed and officers elected.

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