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Sons of England News.

Toronto.

[We are indebted to the zeal of Bro. Wm. Barker, Past D. D., for the following notes of the S. O. E. in Toronto.]

Somerst Lodge No. 10, held its usual meeting on the 10th ult., in Week's Hall, Parkdale. One proposition was received, and a committee was appointed to arrange for the annual 'Xmas dinner.

Richmond Lodge No. 65, met in Shaftesbury Hall on Nov. 11th, several new members were installed. During general business, a discussion ensued respecting the desirability of forming a juvenile branch of the S. O. E., in connection with the lodge. It was resolved that a committee of two be appointed to confer with Albion, Brighton and Preston lodges, in order that an amalgamation of the juvenile branches be established to form one strong lodge, which would materially reduce current expenses; as one rent would suffice for what would otherwise be three lodges.

Lodge Bristol No. 90, held its usual meeting on November 18th in Shaftesbury Hall. After disposing of routine business the W. P. called for an interval for recreation. An impromptu

smoking concert was arranged, and a pleasant half hour spent in song and recitation.

Lodge Mercantile No. 91 held its regular meeting on the 22nd November in Shaftesbury Hall. The members of this lodge are mainly commercial travellers, and spread the knowledge of the merits of the Order for and wide. Their zeal is commendable. During the evening five new members were initiated, and six propositions handed in. Bro. R. Ivens the S. G. V. P., who is a member of this lodge was present, his kindly face was wreathed in smiles, as he viewed the initiation of so large a number of new members. Bro. E. Davis, D. D. for Centre Toronto, was present. The attendance of members was the largest for some months past. It was thought there was a flavour in the air of the election for officers which takes place at the next meeting. It is expected that the contest for the Presidential chair will be a keen one; may the best man get there.

Queen Juvenile Lodge No. 4, was opened in Shaftesbury Hall, on Nov. 17th. Bro. R. Ivens, S. G. V. P., acted as President, Bro. T. R. Skippon officiated as V. P. The following officers were elected:—Bro. R. J. Foord, W. P. Bro. W. A. Wingfield, V. P. of Albion Lodge, Bro. A. W. Harris, Kent Lodge, Chaplain, Dr. J. S. King Surgeon. Fifteen sons of members of the S. O. E. were initiated. Bros. R. Ivens and T. R. Skippon, suitably addressed the lodge in choice and appropriate language. A large number of visiting brethren assisted in the proceedings. The lodge will close ordinarily at 9 p.m.

Lodge Rugby No. 80, met in Knights of Pythias hall, Queen street east, on Nov. 24th. After routine business an interval was declared, and the entertainment committee invited the members to partake of a collation which had been served up in the ante-room, in Bro. Goddard's best style. After the cloth was cleared, Bro. Jno. Mellon, and Bro. W. Barker delivered rousing speeches, which were well received. Songs and recitations then were the order of the evening. Thursday Dec. 18th will be an open meeting when members and their lady friends will have a good musical programme presented for their delectation.

Kent Lodge No. 3, held its usual meeting on Nov. 24th in Shaftesbury Hall. A large number of visiting brethren were present (the room being inconveniently crowded), to meet the members of the S. O. E. Naval Brigade. The Brigade was introduced by Bro. T. R. Skippon and Bro. F. H. Herbert the W. P. and on behalf of himself and members welcomed them to the lodge. In responding to a vote of thanks tendered the Brigade, Bro. G. Tyler, commander, gave a brief history of the organization since its inception, and thanked the members for the kind reception given them. Other speakers followed, and the boys in blue then went through cutlass exercise and drill movements. During the evening several songs and recitations were rendered by the members present. The President and members of Chesterfield Lodge were present in a body, having adjourned from their own lodge-room, which is in the building. Some members of Brighton lodge were also present. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Lodge Chesterfield No. 97, met in Shaftesbury Hall, on Nov. 24th. After routine business, the question of holding a Christmas dinner was debated, and finally decided that the dinner should be held on December 19th at the Arlington Hall. The lodge then adjourned to give Kent Lodge a fraternal visit.

NOTES.

We regret to announce the death by typhoid fever, of Bro. Allan Hodsdon, of Mercantile lodge No. 81, Toronto, on November 28th at the age of 22 years. The funeral took place next day and was largely attended by the brethren.

The November issue of the ANGLO-SAXON was well received in Toronto; many new subscribers being added to the roll. Preston, Mercantile and Rugby Lodges will advertise their lodge cards upon the election of their officers for the ensuing year.

Correspondence.

[While we give full publicity to the views of our correspondents, we wish it to be distinctly understood, we do not hold ourselves responsible for them.]

Official Sanction.

To the Editor of the ANGLO-SAXON:

DEAR SIR,—Last month in your published "official notes" of the S. O. E. Society, it is stated that Clarendon Lodge's circular letter to sister lodges had not received the S. G. President's "sanction."

You will notice that this does not express approval or disapproval of the character of the circular, but it does imply that Executive sanction to its circulation throughout the Order was necessary.

I was not aware that official sanction was needed to enable one member of the Order to exchange views with another on the aims and objects of the Society. The rule in my judgment applies to lodges as well as to the brethren.

In reference to the above I might state that Clarendon Lodge duly consulted me about the circular and that I approved of their proposed action and hold myself responsible for it. In my judgment, Clarendon Lodge has used the only proper and constitutional way of exercising the minds and eliciting the opinions of members of the Order on questions at issue. So that when delegates proceed to the Supreme Grand Lodge they can go properly instructed in regard to the important issue raised by the circular and be prepared to vote accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

W. R. STROUD,

District Deputy.

Ottawa, 26th Nov.

Anglo-Saxon.

A Short History of Anglo-Saxon Freedom is the title of a volume by Professor Hosmer of Washington University, which outlines the polity of the English-speaking race in its inception, development, diffusion and present condition. (Scribner Sons.) Beginning with the primitive Saxons Professor Hosmer traces the progress of freedom and popular government through the history of England and the United States, and discusses at the close the question of an Anglo-Saxon brother-hood, and the need to the world of Anglo-Saxon leadership. He says:—

"How plain that the hopes of a well-ordered liberty in the world are bound up with the English-speaking race! Whatever enthusiasm for it individuals or classes may show, among Frenchmen, Germans or Russians, the historic discipline of those stocks has not been such as to prepare them to maintain it. These nations have all, at one time or other, been crushed and spirit-broken. The Anglo-Saxon, on the other hand, has preserved for two thousand years the connected tradition of ordered constitutional freedom. It is flesh to his flesh and bone to his bone. The strength of the stock—perhaps it would be more just to say the peculiar circumstances of its position—have caused that alone among the great races of the modern world—it has preserved the priceless liberty which at the outset was the possession of them all."

Prof. Hosmer shows the dangers which may arise in the future from the development of the Russian and Chinese empires, and quotes various writers in favour of some plan of Anglo-Saxon federation with the remark:—

"The idea of some reconstitution of the family bond has found expression more often from citizens of the British empire than from Americans, though men are not wanting in America in whose minds has risen the conception of a doing away with the Anglo-Saxon schism as a thing possible and to be wished for. The prevailing mood among us, however, is that of self-sufficiency. Absorbed with problems and interests that seem nearer we let the broad thought go."

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General Items.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

It is recorded that, about a hundred years ago, there occurred in America a day so gloomy and overcast that it is still known as "the dark day," the darkest for a hundred years. The Legislature of Connecticut was in Session, and its members were so stricken with terror by the awful and unaccountable gloom that many of them supposed the Day of Judgment was at hand, and proposed that the Session should break up. But an old Puritan (Davenport, of Stamford), stood up in the darkness and wild confusion, and said that if the last day had come, he wished to be found in his place doing his duty, and quietly moved that the candles be lit and the House proceed with the business in hand. We cannot but admire a man of so constant and brave a spirit. Let us imitate him, for he breathed the very spirit of Christ; and whatever dark day or day of judgment may come to us, let us set ourselves steadfastly to do the duty and to bear the burden of the time.

DID NOT LIKE THE TRUTH.

An article on Ireland and Home Rule, in the Barrie Advance last week, called forth the following letter from the Rev. M. J. Gearin, the Roman Catholic priest of Apto, in the township of Flos:—"Apto, Oct. 24th, 1890.—Samuel Wesley, Esq.—I send you back with this mail your last 'miserable' copy of the Northern Advance, and don't send it to me again. It would be well if you would take them and bury them in some back yard. Don't have the gall to send such a paper to an Irishman or the son of an Irishman, besides the Pall Mall Gazette and such like, in order that you may get some idea of the worth of those 'Noble Hearted Patriots,' and the present state of Ireland. Yours, M. J. Gearin."