

THE QUEEN CITY.

TORONTO BRETHREN FULL OF ACTIVITY.

PERSONAL.

Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, D. D., Centre Toronto, was united in marriage on Saturday, October 12th, by the Revd. W. Johnston, to Elizabeth B., fourth daughter of the late W. T. Salter, St. John's, Newfoundland. We wish the doctor and his wife long life and every happiness.

THE 21st ANNIVERSARY.

The celebration of the coming of age of the Sons of England, on December 12th, promises to be a great success, as far as Toronto is concerned. After much cogitation and numerous committee meetings of the delegates from the various city lodges, all of which are represented and are working heartily and amicably for one end—the success of the undertaking. The various sub-committees have made all due arrangements, and the cost of the entertainment has been laid down in a most satisfactory manner, it now rests with the members to push the sale of tickets and make the function a great success. The programme arranged is a

GRAND CONCERT

and conversation, the concert to be held in the auditorium, Shaftesbury Hall. A large array of talent has already been engaged. The afternoon will be devoted to the juveniles, when stereoscopic views will be displayed, entitled a "Trip to England," concluding with Punch and Judy as given at the late Toronto Exhibition. All the juvenile lodges will be invited; members' children also will be admitted upon presentation of ticket. The entertainment will be free to juniors.

The whole of the Shaftesbury Hall will be devoted to the occasion in the evening; the Parlor will be reserved for refreshments. Dancing will be indulged in in the St. James' Hall, under the auditorium, to the strains of Bro. Wellwood's string band. The whole of the lodge rooms will be thrown open for promenade, card parties and various other games.

WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.

The twenty-first anniversary will be celebrated by Worcester Lodge, No. 47, on Monday, November 25th, in Kilburn Hall, West Toronto Junction, when a grand concert will be held, with Bro. Geo. Clatworthy, S.G.P., in the chair. Amongst the large array of talent engaged we notice W. E. Ramsay, the celebrated humorist, who is a host in himself. The concert will commence at 8 o'clock, and tickets can be had from Bros. J. Jolly, W. Wilcox, W. Harris, E. Ward, J. Penrice, Geo. Winkworth, C. Toppin, T. Bloor, E. Blundall, J. Raybould, A. Lawr, P. Langhton, Geo. Howarth and G. H. Kimmis, sec. of com. A plan of the hall is at J. F. Holden's Medical Hall, Dundas street, where seats can be reserved.

ATTRACTIVE AND SOCIABLE.

Several of the Toronto lodges propose, during the coming winter, making the meetings more attractive and sociable. York Lodge inaugurated the season on Thursday, October 17th when Commercial Lodge paid a fraternal visit. The members, numbering some twenty-five, were headed by Bro. H. Perks, W.P., and received a most hearty greeting by Bro. H. Aisthorpe, acting president, on behalf of the lodge. The programme was under the direction of Bro. H. T. Lane, which position he most worthily filled. The music, which was of a high class, was rendered by Bros. J. F. Race, (The British Lion); J. Baylis, (Sailing); H. Perks, (Tommy Atkins); Bro. Bullock, (Three Beggars); Bros. J. Yorke Brown and Sam Jones, gave a scene from Julius Caesar, which was much applauded.

A BRILLIANT ADDRESS.

Bro. Dr. J. S. King, P.S.G.P., who was the guest of the evening, in response to an invitation from the chairman for a speech, said that he was proud to have sprung from an old English stock, and he was also proud to be a member of the S. O. E. society. The meeting to-night showed a feeling between sister lodges which should be largely cultivated. After listening to the song "Jolly Jack," rendered by Bro. Fred Warrington, and noticing the kindling eyes and enthusiasm displayed by the brethren and the way the chorus was taken up, he was not surprised at the supremacy of the British on the sea, and as long as the old country produced such writers and singers of songs as they had just heard,

ENGLAND WOULD ALWAYS BE SUPREME on the briny ocean. The sentiment of the song was one of the noblest he had ever heard, it tended to the uplifting of humanity, and no man could listen to it without feeling a deep and loyal love for his country, which had done so much for freedom. The Englishman is cosmopolitan, if he is a good true man. All will honor an English heritage which is better than any other heritage. There is one thing we can all unite upon, loyalty for our country and the reign under which we live—Queen Victoria, the noblest of women. The worthy doctor, thanked the brethren for their kind invitation and the opportunity of meeting them.

Bro. T. R. Skippon, P.S.G.P., acted as chairman in his usual happy manner. Bro. H. T. Lane, (York Lodge), had the management of the proceedings, which he carried out in a most admirable manner, to the satisfaction of all present. Refreshments were served during the evening. Bro. H. Perks, W.P., Commercial Lodge, gave a hearty invitation to the members to visit them at Shaftesbury Hall. The meeting closed by the members singing God Save the Queen.

LODGE GATHERINGS.

Lodge Commercial, No. 200, held their usual meeting on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, in Shaftesbury Hall, Bro. H. Perks, W.P., in the chair. Two new members were admitted. An important amendment to the constitution was moved and carried re Beneficiary Department, page 132, clause 36, fourth line, after the word department, to insert the following words, "after the expiration of 30 days."

A large number of members of York Lodge returned the fraternal visit mentioned in a previous paragraph, and at the conclusion of business an agreeable evening was spent in song and recitation, to which Bro. J. F. Race, Bullcock, J. F. Scott, H. Perks, J. Yaskie, Brown, Jones, (Middlesex) and others contributed. A fine band enlivened the proceedings with several selections. Bro. T. R. Skippon, P.S.G.P., who was one of the invited, acted as chairman for the after meeting, which goes without saying that he made an exceptional chairman. Refreshments were served during the evening, and gratification was expressed on all sides at the great success of the entertainment.

Bro. J. Pitman, W. P., Brighton Lodge, who has been in the General Hospital for the last eight weeks suffering from a serious case of typhoid, is slowly recovering; we trust to soon see him around again.

The annual concert and social held by Bristol Lodge took place on Tuesday, October 29th, in the Parlor of Shaftesbury Hall. Bro. Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, D.D., Centre Toronto, occupied the chair. The occasion was graced with the presence of the doctor's young bride, who expressed her great pleasure at being present, and was pleased that the Sons of England held such intellectual and social evenings, and hoped to have the privilege of attending others. The programme was rendered by Mr. Stevens, piano soloist, F. Wilks, (song); Bro. H. Brown, (humorist); Master H. C. Corner, (violin solo); C. McReath, (comic); Mr. Low, (elocutionist); Miss Blair, (elocutionist); and Bros. Cashmore and Broomball, (duett). The room was well filled. During the recess light refreshments were served. The committee of management are to be congratulated on having scored another successful "annual."

Hammersmith Lodge, No. 183, are determined to keep to the front; in the summer a "Gypsy Party" was held by them in Bro. Small's grounds, and was a great success. On Monday evening, Nov. 11th, a concert and dance was given by the lodge in Dingman's Hall, Queen street E, to open the winter season. The concert was a great success; the enjoyment was kept up to a late or rather early hour, when the younger portion tripped the light fantastic toe to the splendid string band in attendance. Bro. C. Carr, Sec., was most indefatigable in his attention to the guests.

BARKER.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We would thank all subscribers who do not receive their paper to at once notify us, when we will supply them with another copy, also cause enquiry to be made as to its non-delivery.

A pleasant gathering of Englishmen took place at Aylmer, Ont., under the auspices of Lodge Prince Albert, recently. Bro. J. W. Cuddlipp, D.D., made his official visit; after assisting in the initiation of two new members the worthy brother expressed himself as well pleased with the lodge and its standing. A supper was provided at Bro. Morlin's establishment. Bro. J. L. Lambert was the chairman.

PROGRESS OF THE ORDER.

SUGGESTIONS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF.

OUR 21st ANNIVERSARY.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

The suggestion made, in the last issue of the ANGLO-SAXON, that our coming of age should be fittingly celebrated, is one which I trust will be carried out in the best manner possible by every lodge in the Order. Many will do so, doubtless, in the good old English way, a dinner, followed by the typical toast list, with its accompaniment of English speech and song; and no better means could be taken to recall memories of the dear old land, and to still further strengthen the bonds of fraternal feeling among ourselves than this. In some instances, however, the national mode of celebration may not be convenient or advisable; if so, let me suggest that an open meeting, specially arranged for; during which the best available talent should be secured to give an "English evening" of music, readings and recitations—all by English authors—would, if properly carried out, prove not only enjoyable, but beneficial as well. Invite everybody, including the ladies, and it is just possible that many of our countrymen who are not yet members of our Order would feel themselves impelled to enter our ranks. I know many worthy members to-day who feel the spark of patriotism in their breasts fanned to a flame by hearing the "Death of Nelson," "The Englishman," or the "Charge of the Light Brigade," well sung or recited. With our wealth of national authorship in song and prose—the only difficulty in making up a good programme would be the abundance of material from which to select.

W. L. HUNTER.

Bowmanville, Ont.

SURELY A GREAT SUCCESS.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

Victoria Jubilee Lodge, No. 41, held its regular meeting, at Fraternity Hall, on Friday, 25th October, a large number of members being present. Among the visitors were Bro. Palmer, Grosvenor Lodge, also the V. P. of Victoria Lodge, No. 12, Cornwall. After the usual routine business had been gone through, the committee reported that there were no sick members on the funds and the secretary reported that there were no sick checks or accounts to be passed at this meeting. The worthy officer also stated it was customary, in the civil courts, when there is a clear sheet, to present the presiding judge with a pair of white kid gloves; he saw no reason why we should not adopt the same custom.

Bro. J. A. Edwards, P.S.G.P., was called upon to perform the duty, which was done in one of his usual neat and appropriate speeches. He congratulated the lodge and its officers, and presented a pair of white gloves to the presiding officer, Bro. J. T. Woodall, V.P., who responded by wishing the lodge a continuance of good health and prosperity—a very rare occurrence out of 200 members.

There were two candidates initiated and one proposed; eight candidates were admitted during the quarter, five of these being transfers from the Juvenile Branch. This is a clear case of the advantages resulting from looking after the juveniles.

The auditors' report was submitted and showed the funds to credit of the lodge to be over \$1,500, five hundred dollars of this amount being out on first mortgage at six per cent. If it had not been changed in the new constitution, limiting the amount from 75 to 50 per cent to be invested, our lodge would have had \$1,000 out at 6 p. c. We trust the next Grand Lodge meeting will change it to the old sum of 75 p. c.

The officers are well up in their ritualistic work, and can safely say that no lodge can go through the initiation ceremony in both degrees better. We are of opinion that this is the banner lodge, outside of the city of Toronto, notwithstanding Rambler's opinion to the contrary, which will also include Primrose Lodge.

V. JUBILEE No. 41.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

At a meeting of delegates from various lodges of the Sons of England in the Winnipeg District, held in Sons of England Hall, it was the general consensus of opinion that as no complaints had been heard by the delegates from members of their respective Lodges that the "New Constitution" had any seriously defective clauses in its make up, and that on the contrary it seemed to be giving satisfaction; they could not recommend any change should be made therein.

Furthermore, in the matter of District Grand Lodges, that owing to the stringency of the times it would not be advisable at the present to make any change or alteration which could increase the cost of membership in the Order.

Another matter discussed, though no resolution was formulated, simply because it was thought to be useless to do so considering the overwhelming numbers in eastern lodges who would likely oppose it, was the conferring upon visiting delegates from these remote regions to S. G. L. annual session the power of exercising a proxy vote for each lodge in the district from whence he was sent.

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