

Sons of England Society.

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Toronto.—Albion Lodge, No. 1, met on Thursday, August 2nd, Bro. T. Dourn, Pres., in the chair. Among the visitors we noticed Bro. Snuggs, of Derby, and G. S. Grundy, of Bowood, who received a warm welcome. Thirteen new members were initiated during the meeting. The picnic committee reported a profit of \$31. One beneficiary policy was applied for. Bro. Partridge in an able speech suggested that as the lodge was so rich in funds a cemetery lot should be purchased for the burial of deceased members.

Lodge Middlesex, No. 2, met Tuesday, August 7th, Bro. T. M. Bailey, Pres., in the chair. Bro. S. B. Pollard, M.W.G.P.; Bro. Jas. Poffley, president Warwick Lodge; Bro. H. J. Boswell, president Richmond Lodge; Bro. A. Riddiford, district deputy for East Toronto, were present. Four new members were initiated. Bro. E. C. Walker, the secretary, having resigned, Bro. W. H. Sims was unanimously elected to fill the position. Bro. E. Blundell, the able P. P. of the lodge, announced that he was sorry he could not fill that honorable place in the future as he had removed his family to West Toronto Junction. It was with great regret the lodge accepted it. The principal business of the evening was the presentation to Bro. Thos. R. Skippon, P.G.P., of an illuminated address on behalf of the Grand Lodge, by Bro. S. B. Pollard, M.W.G.P., in commemoration of his holding the office of M. W. G. P. in the Jubilee year of the reign of Her most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. In making the presentation the Grand President said the ability displayed by Bro. Skippon had been conspicuous during his term of office, and he felt sure had been appreciated by all the members of the order. Bro. Skippon in reply said he could hardly find words to express the pleasure he felt in receiving such a testimonial, and would value it before all others, coming from the source which it did. He had always tried to do his duty in every position in which he had been placed, and it was most pleasing to him that his efforts should meet with appreciation from the brethren.

Kent Lodge, No. 3, met on Monday, August 27th, Bro. C. Reeve, President, in the chair. Three new members were initiated. Bro. W. Hall, District Deputy for West Toronto, paid an official visit, and made one of his stirring speeches on behalf of the Beneficiary department.

York Lodge, No. 6, held their usual meeting on Thursday, August 2nd, Bro. C. Tarling, President, in the chair. Two new members were initiated. It was decided that the lodge advertise the time and place of meeting in the ANGLO-SAXON. At the close of the Red & White degree meeting was held.

Somerset Lodge, No. 10, met on Thursday, August 23rd, Bro. L. H. Collins, President, in the chair. One new member was initiated. The picnic committee reported that the combined picnic in conjunction with Norfolk, Portsmouth and Worcester lodges on the civic holiday was a grand success.

Lodge Warwick, No. 13, met on Thursday, August 9th, Bro. Jas. Poffley, President, in the chair. Two new members were admitted. A committee was appointed to organize a concert for the benefit of the widow of Bro. Geo. Slee, who was not insured in the Beneficiary department, and left his wife and family unprovided for.

Lodge Manchester, No. 14, met on Monday, August 6th, Bro. H. Langley, President, in the chair. One proposition for membership was handed in. As this was an open meeting the regular business was of short duration, the rest of the evening being devoted to song and recitation.

Lodge St. George, No. 27, met on Monday, August 6th, Bro. H. W. Smallpiece, President, in the chair. A feature of the evening was the visit of Bro. Alf. Snuggs, P. P. of Derby Lodge, Ottawa, who delivered a very interesting speech, and promised all the brethren who attended the Grand Lodge meeting at Ottawa a good time. His remarks received much applause.

London Lodge, No. 31, met as usual on Tuesday, August 14th, Bro. L. Brown, President, in the chair. One member was initiated. Owing to the extreme heat the attendance was not so large as usual. The lodge is making great progress financially.

Stafford Lodge, No. 32, met on Monday, July 30th, Bro. W. Mitchell, President, in the chair. Bro. A. Riddiford, D. D. for East Toronto, was present, and urged the members to join the Beneficiary department. Two new members were initiated.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 57, met on Friday evening, August 10th, Bro. W. Miles, President, in the chair. Bro. F. Hayward, P.P., and Bro. W. Pugh, Secretary Brighton Lodge, attended as a deputation to present to Bro. W. Miles, late P.P. of Brighton Lodge, an elegant illuminated and framed address on behalf of the brethren of Brighton Lodge. Bro. Hayward, in making the presentation, expressed the regret of the brethren at having to part with so respected a brother. Bro. Mills regretted that his change of residence had compelled him to change his lodge, but his sympathy would always be kept alive with the kind words always before him as expressed in the beautiful address, which he had just received.

Lodge Richmond, No. 65, met on Wednesday, August 8th, Bro. H. J. Boswell, Pres., in the chair. One member was initiated. Bro. W. Hall, district deputy for West Toronto, made an official visit and urged upon the members to join the Beneficiary Department and make it the success it ought to be. Bro. Hall is very active in stirring up the lodges, and he purposes, if possible, to enlist the sympathy and support of all the brethren in favor of the beneficiary.

Preston Lodge, No. 67, met on Wednesday, August 22nd, Bro. J. Aldridge, Pres., in the chair. Three new members were initiated. The members of the lodge are desirous of purchasing the Jubilee Hall, in which they hold their meetings, which includes the stores underneath. A committee was appointed to negotiate the purchase, the price asked being \$11,000. Several members have promised their support. It is purposed to issue shares to the amount required.

Lodge Birmingham, No. 69, held a special meeting on Friday evening, August 3rd, at Parson's Hall, Brockton, Bro. F. Wootton, President in the chair, for the purpose of initiating the last of the charter members. Thirty members have been initiated during the month. This lodge contains all the elements for making this a strong lodge.

Sherwood Lodge, No. 70, met on Tuesday, August 21st, at the Town Hall, Eglinton, Bro. T. Moore, President, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members. The Chaplain and Inner Guard were installed in their respective offices. Bro. W. Barker, Past District Deputy attended and delivered an address on the Beneficiary department of the Order. At the conclusion of the address \$10,000 was taken up in policies by the brethren. Bro. Moore is a painstaking president, and although a new lodge, under his management wonderful progress has been made. It was unanimously resolved to publish the lodge card in the ANGLO-SAXON.

Peterborough.—Lansdowne Lodge, No. 25, held their regular meeting on August 20th, Bro. Tivey, President in the chair. Three new propositions were handed in. On August 16th Lansdowne Lodge held their excursion to Stoney Lake. About 300 people took the train for Lakefield, and there embarked on the cruisers *Mary Ellen* and *Dawn* for Stoney Lake. Their destination was reached about 1.20 o'clock and the day spent in picnic fashion—some lounging beneath the trees, others fishing and rowing, and putting in the time as best suited their own inclinations. Fifty excursionists went as far as Julian's landing. The well known beautiful scenery on this route and the pleasant sail on the lake were enjoyed, and those who adopted this method of spending the civic holiday had a pleasant day. The excursionists arrived home about 8 o'clock. A neat little sum goes to the credit of the lodge as the result of the committee's labours.

Coleman.—The usual fortnightly meeting of Lodge Cambridge, No. 54, was held in their new quarters, the York Fire Hall. Bro. H. W. Clay was acting President for the evening, in the unavoidable absence of President Mathews. There was a good attendance of members present. Among the visitors was Bro. H. Tammage, Secretary of Oxford Lodge, Belleville, who, in a neat little speech pointed out the necessity of officers of lodges being well posted as to their duties. In Oxford lodge, after the officers have been installed three months, it is the rule to dispense with the rituals during the remainder of their term of office. Two candidates were initiated during the evening.

Bowmanville.—Wellington Lodge met on August 7th, when a pleasing incident occurred. Most Worthy Past Grand President Bro. J. W. Higginbotham, of Oshawa, who was present, was asked by President Jeffery to take the chair. Bros. M. A. James, Alfred Hobbs, Jno. N. Kivell and T. E. Higginbotham, the four past presidents of this lodge, were invited to the W. P's chair, when Bro. Higginbotham presented each of them with a handsome past president's jewel of beautiful design and suitably engraved. Value \$15 each. The recipients acknowledged these valuable tokens of their brethren's esteem in brief but appropriate speeches, after which they invited the members present to partake of refreshments furnished in the lodge room by Mrs. W. Keys in her usual excellent style. When full justice had been done to the elements, the cloth was removed and a happy season of speech, song and sentiment was enjoyed. Bros. J. W. Higginbotham, W. B. Couch, Thos. Burden, L. Cornish, H. Conlan, A. W. Bunner, W. Trewin, Jos. Jeffery and others assisted in the programme. In a splendid address, Bro. Higginbotham made a feeling and respectful allusion to the late Rev. Bro. H. J. Nott, the first president of Wellington lodge. The National Anthem brought a very social and fraternal evening to a close. This lodge was organized February 24th, 1882, and has ever since been increasing, as the members all feel it their duty to work outside as well as in the lodge. One brother especially deserves mention, viz: P. P. Bro. Sargent A. Hobbs. This brother has secured more candidates than any other in the lodge. We number nearly one hundred good substantial members, all being in good health with the exception of one Bro. Sanders.

Belleville.—Enclosed find \$1 for card of Oxford lodge. I am glad to see that such a large number of lodges have availed themselves of the opportunity of having their card in the now recognized paper of our order, but see no reason why each and every lodge cannot spend a dollar per year in placing the names of their officers and nights of meeting in the paper, so that brethren travelling from town to town might be able to find where their countrymen congregate and take counsel with them. Oxford lodge had three initiations last meeting night and one fresh application.

Exeter.—A highly successful concert was held in Drew's opera house on August 23rd, under the auspices of Plymouth lodge, No. 63. The opening chorus by nine little girls was rendered in a masterly style, after which Dr. Rollins assumed the position of chairman, owing to the absence of the Grand Secretary. He explained the objects and aims of the society in a few well chosen remarks. The programme was then proceeded with to the satisfaction of all present. The proceeds netted over \$60.