

Middlesex Lodge, No. 2, met on Tuesday, May 1st, Thos. M. Buley, Pres., in the chair; Alfred Cope, V.P., in the vice chair. There were two initiations and three propositions for membership. Bro. R. J. Hodge, Jr., reported a painful case of distress which had overtaken a brother of the lodge, who had been taken sick and eventually had to be removed to the hospital. His wife and daughter next succumbed, and had to be removed to the same institution. A short time after the return home of the daughter, death overtook her. Bro. Hodge reported that the parents had exhausted all their means and were practically in want. Bro. Thos. R. Skippon, P. G. P., moved that \$10 be granted the family, which, to the credit of the members, was carried unanimously. Such practical sympathy shows the necessity and usefulness of our noble society. A committee was formed to report upon the case at next meeting.

Kent Lodge, No. 3, met at Shaftesbury Hall, on Monday, May 14th, Bro. Chas. Reeve, Pres., in the chair. The office of inner guard being vacant, Bro. Cheesworth was elected to fill the position. After a long discussion, it was resolved that the members have a pic-nic into the country during the month of June or July. Bros. Marshall, Hewlett, and Herbert were appointed to make the necessary arrangements and report to the lodge. Bro. Thos. W. Forwood reported that Bro. Richard Skill, late of this lodge, but now a member of Primrose, Montreal, was lying dangerously ill in that city, having left Toronto to fill a position in the G. T. R. offices, Montreal. Upon the unanimous vote of the lodge, a telegram of sympathy was sent the suffering brother.

Lodge Brighton, No. 7, held their usual fortnightly meeting on Friday, May 18th, Bro. S. Walker, Pres., in the chair; Bro. E. Davis, V.P., in the vice chair. Three propositions for membership were presented and one member initiated. The committee for presentation of testimonial to Bro. W. Miles, P. P. of the lodge, who has joined Norfolk Lodge as it is nearer to his new residence, reported to the lodge. It is with great regret his fellow-members have parted with so zealous and efficient an officer, and the void he has left will be difficult to fill. Bro. Frank Steven, of Albion Lodge, who was a visitor, sang a patriotic sea song in capital style, which fairly captivated the brothers of the lodge. The treasurer reported that he had insured the property of the lodge. We trust all the lodges will do the same.

Somerset Lodge, No. 10, held their usual fortnightly meeting at Somerset Hall, Parkdale, on Thursday evening, May 24th. Bro. Thos. Birch, V. P., was acting President for the evening. At the previous meeting, May 10th, a White degree meeting was held under a special dispensation from Grand Lodge. A number of members attended from Worcester Lodge, West Toronto Junction, including Bros. Chas. J. Boon, Jno. A. Raven, Jas. Poulton, Amos Causey, Chas. Mould, Ed. Wellbourn, Isaac F. Snell, and J. H. Raybould, Pres. of the lodge. The concert committee reported that the concert which was held for the benefit of the widow of Bro. Thos. Parsons would realize \$80 after paying all expenses. The deceased brother had been a member only six months and great credit is due to the brethren for their disinterested labour in so good a cause. Bro. W. Miles, Pres. Norfolk Lodge, spoke in respect to the new lodge now in course of formation at Brockton. It was the general feeling of the lodge that the opening of a lodge in that district would be detrimental to the interests of both Somerset and Norfolk Lodges, and a protest to that effect should jointly be forwarded to Grand Lodge. The lodge then closed in due form.

Lodge Surrey, No. 11, met on Monday, May 21st, at Hinchcliffe's Hall, Bloor St. West, Bro. T. H. Johnstone, Pres., in the chair; Bro. Benj. Pacey, V. P., in the vice chair. The dinner committee reported progress and announced that the tickets were selling rapidly. The annual dinner of this lodge is always a very enjoyable affair. The lodge then closed in due form, after which a White meeting was held, when three members were raised to that degree.

Manchester Lodge, No. 14, met on Monday evening, April 30th, Bro. H. Langley, Pres., in the chair. There were four propositions for membership, and one member balloted for and initiated. After the routine business an open meeting was held, to which the members' friends were invited and availed themselves of the invitation, the fair sex being well represented. A most enjoyable evening was spent in song and recitation.

Lodge St. George, No. 27, held their usual meeting on Monday evening, April 30th, Bro. H. W. Smallpiece, Pres., in the chair; Bro. W. Lewis, V. P., in the vice chair. Bros. C. E. Swait, Secretary; Geo. Catto, Financial Sec.; and H. Hampshire, Managing Committee, were duly installed in their offices by the Worthy President. After the Red degree business was concluded, a White degree lodge was held, when two members were raised to that degree. Bro. Wm. McCartney, P. P., acted as instructor in his usual painstaking manner. Bro. J. W. Johnson, who met with a serious accident a few weeks ago and broke his arm in three places, was present at the lodge with his arm in a sling. We are glad to see him again in his old place.

Lodge London, No. 31, held their usual meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd, Bro. Lewis Brown, Pres., in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. One candidate was initiated. The Secretary read your correspondent's report of their last meeting in the ANGLO-SAXON, at which the members were much pleased. The members of Manchester and London Lodges are uniting in a gipsy party to Kew on Dominion Day. The manner in which it is being taken up by the brethren augurs well for its success.

Lodge Stafford, No. 32, held their usual meeting on Monday, May 21st, Bro. W. Mitchell, Pres., in the chair; Bro. Thos. Bailey, V. P., in the vice chair. The auditors, Bros. F. Theaker and Jno. Wilson, presented the quarterly report, which showed the lodge to be in a good position. The pic-nic delegates reported progress. A surprise party was given the lodge by the president, officers, and a large number of the members of Albion Lodge, who paid a visit in a body. Stirring addresses were given by Bros. T. Down, A. Partridge, and C. E. Smith. Bro. A. Riddiford (Warwick), District Deputy for East Toronto, also addressed the meeting. Such visits would be welcome at other lodges we could name, and would at the same time infuse more activity into the ranks.

Lodge Windsor, No. 35, met on Tuesday, May 8th, Bro. Will T. James, Pres., in the chair. The "At Home" committee reported that the entertainment had been a great success, and was greatly enjoyed by their numerous friends who had accepted invitations. Three propositions were handed in, and four new members initiated. At the request of the Worthy President, the newly initiated members made short speeches which proved very interesting. We were glad to see two of the brethren join the beneficiary.

Lodge Portsmouth, No. 45, met at the Mechanics' Institute, Dovercourt, on Tuesday, May 15th, Bro. F. J. Drewitt, Pres., in the chair; Bro. Geo. Hutchings, V. P., in the vice chair. We noticed Bro. H. Hopcroft, of Surrey Lodge, among the visitors. We have great hopes of the lodge being a live and thriving one although so far out in the distant suburbs of the city. It has an efficient staff of officers and is well conducted. At our visit there was one proposition for membership and one initiation. The anniversary of the lodge will be celebrated on Monday, June 11th, with a tea and concert. A committee was formed consisting of Bros. Fulljames, Bartlett, Griffiths, Wildman, and Tom Biddlecomb to carry out the arrangements.

Lodge Norfolk, No. 57, held their usual meeting at Oddfellows' Hall, Dundas St., on Friday, May 11th, Bro. W. Miles, Pres., in the chair. Two propositions for membership were received, and one member initiated. Bro. W. Barker, Past District Deputy, acted as Past President. Bro. Thos. Birch, V. P., Somerset Lodge, who was present, addressed the members in his usual earnest manner. The members of Norfolk Lodge are always glad to receive visiting brethren and exchange fraternal greetings.

Lodge Richmond, No. 65, held their second meeting on Wednesday, May 9th, at Shaftesbury Hall, Bro. H. J. Boswell, Pres., in the chair; Bro. R. Baker, V. P., in the vice chair. There was a large muster of members, also a number of visiting brethren. Thirteen new members were initiated. The Worthy President called an interval for social intercourse and song, when Bros. Stack and Partridge (Albion), Carr (Manchester), Bond (Richmond), contributed to the harmony and sang some capital songs. Bro. Partridge was in his old-time form. Under the head of beneficiary business Bro. Partridge made a strong appeal to the members to join that department, and said that it must be a pleasant thought to a man on his death-bed to know that his wife and family are provided for.

Lodge Cambridge, No. 54, Little York, met on Friday evening, April 25th, Bro. A. Matthews, Pres., in the chair; Bro. C. Wilkins, V. P., in the vice chair. Two of the Grand Lodge officers, Bros. Dr. S. B. Pollard, M. W. G. P., and John W. Carter, R. W. G. S., were present, paying an official visit, both of whom addressed the members at length. The M. W. G. P. said he thought the time had arrived when it would be advisable to engage some well-informed brother of the order to travel and organize lodges in such places where it was feasible, in order to keep pace with the times. Other societies were doing so, and he thought the time had arrived when the S. O. E. B. S. should do the same. The concert committee presented their report and statement, which showed a balance, after deducting all expenses, of \$42.15 for the contingent fund of the lodge. The committee is to be congratulated upon the result, which shows good management and indefatigable labour upon their part. The usual vote of thanks was tendered the Grand Lodge officers for their attendance, and the lodge closed in due form after a very pleasant evening.

Lodge Warwick, No. 13, held their usual meeting on Thursday, May 24th, Bro. Jno. Poffley, Pres., in the chair; Bro. Wm. George, V. P., in the vice chair. Being Queen's Birthday anniversary, the attendance was rather small. Bro. Wm. Douglas reported upon two candidates for membership. One brother applied for a policy in the beneficiary department. It was resolved that the lodge do not commence business until 8:30 p. m. during the summer months. The members will turn out in large force to take part in the church service on Sunday.

The members and friends of Kent Lodge, No. 3, Toronto, will hold a pic-nic on Saturday, June 30th, at Long Branch. The steamer Rupert will leave Yonge street wharf at 10 a. m., 2, and 4.15 p. m. Tickets are available by all the boats. The committee is determined to make this the event of the season. The lovers of terpsichore have been specially provided for, an excellent band having been engaged. A large number of prizes will be contested for in the various games provided for that purpose.