

Correspondence.

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Membership in the S. O. E.

To the Editor of the ANGLO-SAXON.

In your last issue you kindly allowed me to direct your readers attention to a very important suggestion made by the S.G.P. at a District meeting in Toronto, affecting the basis of membership in the Society.

Practically it resolves itself into the question whether the simple fact of being an Englishman, in good standing in the lodge and enjoying the esteem and confidence of his fellow-countrymen, is a title sufficiently good for allowing him to be elected to fill any office his abilities fit him for? or is it necessary for him to buy with money his way into office and power, which are denied to personal merit and sterling manhood? Because not only is office and voting power given to a member on the "active" list who may be paying for benefits he does not seek, but, even the so-called "honorary" member, according to clause No. 89, of the constitution can by payments there named, vote on all financial matters and occupy certain specified offices which are denied to him otherwise.

These present provisions of the constitution betray a hesitancy and doubtfulness of purpose, as to what use or work to put an Englishman to in the society, who is not seeking its monetary benefits, but who may be actuated by the feelings of strongest natural sympathies towards his fellow countrymen, in their patriotic desires and efforts to maintain the integrity of the British Empire. Further, instead of winning to the society's ranks the foremost men of our nation, they largely act so as to repel such, and gather in the needy, whereas in a National Society we want men of all positions and abilities—not a class—to represent Englishmen in Canada.

The S. G. President's remarks, however, merely pointed out the simple fact that if full membership in the society were based on the qualification of being worthy Englishmen and all other distinctions obliterated in the lodge rooms, so that nationality ranked first and the monetary benefits accorded made subsidiary in the society's aims and objects, it would open the door of usefulness and legitimate ambition in the society, from which many good Englishmen, for various reasons, are now debarred. Also, that if say, one half of the lodge derived no benefits, but paid their half of all lodge working expenses, the other half who were deriving sick pay, etc., and insurance benefits, would have those special funds relieved of all the ordinary working expenses of a lodge room; so, that, while all derived the pleasure and advantages of national association together in the lodge room, the poorest of the members would derive the largest amount of benefit, in having the whole memberships aid to minimize the cost of procuring financial help during sickness or death by having those special funds relieved of all lodge working expenses.

To accomplish such a result all that is necessary is to make all direct monetary benefits to be departmental—like the Beneficiary at present. Quarterly subordinate lodge meetings, or oftener if necessary, could be held of all those directly connected with the departments, and all business between them and the Managing Boards could be dealt with and voted on by those interested therein only. Changes in the constitution affecting these departments could be voted on by those interested therein, by ballot in the subordinate lodges, and the results reported to Grand Lodge for ratification. Changes in the membership of the Boards could be similarly arranged, without taking up the short time of Grand Lodge in discussing the proposed amendments to the exclusion of all proper consideration to the large and momentous issues of national principles, of national importance to every true Son of Old England; issues which demand from us all, as one grand united body, a united voice expressive of mind and resolute purpose of Englishmen in Canada, on all great public questions that claim from us an oath-bound fidelity to Protestant truths and to the ties that bind us in warm-hearted devotion to our Motherland, to our glorious institutions, as the source of all the most cherished liberty which the free men of the world enjoy to-day especially under the folds of the Union Jack.

When the yearly meetings of Grand Lodge mean that not only are the bodily needs and ailments of Englishmen receiving their prudent provisions, but

that the Englishmen of this great Dominion have met to say their "Yes" or "No" to all or any legislative proposal affecting Protestant truths and liberties, and our political status in and relations with the rest of the Empire, it should be a voice heard with no uncertain sound by politicians, irrespective of all party interests; then it will be a time when patriotic watch-fires shall be kindled never to die out; when brave and true men shall return home and tell, with warm and full hearts, their children of a cause worth living and worth dying for.

Go on, Bro. Stroud and those ably working with you, to give all Englishmen a real National Society, and may God bless you is the fervent wish of

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT. Toronto, Feb. 14th 1893.

[The above communication was received too late for our last issue.—ED.]

No Change Necessary.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the letter published in last issue of the ANGLO-SAXON re Supreme Grand President Bro. Stroud's remarks at the district meeting in Toronto, as reported by your correspondent, "One who was There," also your editorial referring to the same. I cannot say I fully comprehend the purport of Bro. Stroud's remarks as there specified, but I certainly feel sure it would not be for the best interest of the Order to give any member who neither paid for or wished to claim aid in time of sickness, or desired funeral benefits for his family on his death, a power of voting on financial questions.

No, readers of the ANGLO-SAXON, for the Northwest at least, let us retain our constitution as it stands in regard to membership. If we desire honorary members let us have them and not charge them for the privilege, but if a lodge wishes to confer honorary membership on any loyal, true and patriotic public man, give them the power of conferring the "honor" upon him, irrespective of his nationality.

In the matter of District Deputies and Grand Lodge Officers, of course it will be better to have men of good social standing if such can be obtained, provided they will perform the duties of the office, but even in this case men who have shown their zeal for the cause by the work they have done should never be overlooked.

WINNIPEG FREE LANCE.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.

Satisfactory.

The Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

Sir,—I am perfectly in accord with the sentiment conveyed in the closing paragraph of Bro. Price's letter, in matters where anything like spite, or lodge jealousy can be implied. In the case in question there was a merely humorous allusion to a certain transaction, which no one is likely to comprehend save the parties implicated. That the shaft has struck home is sufficient, and so far as the writer is concerned he has no desire to refer to it further through these columns.

YOUR WINNIPEG CORRESPONDENT. Winnipeg, Feby. 20th.

Sons of Albion.

Again we have pleasure in recording another successful meeting of Old Albion. Bro. W. Howard who wields the truncheon of authority opened up business punctually at eight, after roll call the committee reported Bros. Brennan, Collett, Richards, Page, Stens, Leamen, F. E. Smith and J. Washington on the sick list. One candidate was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. R. C. Worsdall reported that the combined picnic committee of the Toronto lodges had decided to hold a grand demonstration on Queen's Birthday, and all lodges outside of the city will be invited to take part, and on Dominion Day a grand excursion to Niagara Falls and Buffalo. Bro. Glaybrook was not ready to report on labor bureau, but would try and do so next meeting. Bro. H. C. Wilson's notice of motion in regard to picnics, excursions, etc., was, after some discussion laid over until quarterly night, when a larger number of members would be present. The president and several members of Avondale lodge being present a few moments were given for speeches. Avondale's president was first called upon; he congratulated the officers on their ritualistic work, and had greatly benefited by being present. Several others gave short speeches. It was decided to have the yearly reports printed, and sent to the members with their next quarterly account. After a few minor matters were disposed of the lodge closed.

HAMILTON'S SONS OF ENGLAND.

OPENED THEIR NEW QUARTERS WITH A UNITED CONCERT.

A Royal House-Warming by St. George's Society and the S. O. E.

Hamilton, Feb. 18th.—The formal opening of the new hall of St. George's society and the Sons of England on Macnab street north took place Friday night the 17th. In spite of the stormy weather the attendance was large. The hall was nicely decorated, the walls being adorned with many Union Jacks and bunting and the portraits of past-presidents of the St. George's society. Wm. Hancock occupied the chair. He made a few introductory remarks, referring to the good work done by both of the societies. He said the Sons of England society was organized sixteen years ago, and since then it has steadily grown until now there are 173 lodges with a total membership of 12,000.

The programme was an unusually good one, and was much enjoyed by the audience. There were eight vocal numbers and three recitations. Mrs. Mackelcan, Miss Schumacher, E. G. Payne and H. Morton sang two selections, C. Hush Thee My Baby, by Sullivan, and All is Fair in Love or War, from Robin Hood, both quartettes being encored. Mrs. Mackelcan was a great favorite, as usual, her solo, The Flight of Ages, being enthusiastically encored. In response she sang Dear Old England, which greatly pleased the loyal Englishmen. Why Beateth So, O Heart was Miss Schumacher's selection. She was in excellent voice and was encored, but did not respond. There were two trios, one O Memory by Miss Schumacher, Mrs. Mackelcan and Mr. Payne, and the other, Tickling, by Miss Schumacher, Messrs. Payne and Mr. Morton. Two solos were sung by Mr. Payne and Mr. Morton. The former's selection was On the Goodwins, and for an encore he sang a comic song. Mr. Morton sang Trotiere's The Deathless Army. Miss Effie Hext gave three recitations—Briar Rose, Grandma at the Masquerade and Aux Italiens. She was more at home in the first two selections and they took better with the audience. For an encore she recited In the Usual Way. She also posed in Greek costume, giving forty different attitudes. E. Pearce played the accompaniment for the singers in a highly satisfactory manner. The acoustics of the hall are excellent, and the societies expect that many concerts will be held there.

The committee having charge of the entertainment was composed of Wm. Hancock (chairman), Fred. Walter (secretary), Charles Blackford, S. J. Whitehead, J. Gadsby, Hedley Mason, John Tulk, Ald. Hannaford, R. Hannaford, W. Buscombe, H. Robinson, H. Walker, J. Sweetlove, J. Jackson and H. Vernon.

Ottawa.

Bowood lodge, No. 44, at its regular meeting held on Feb. 16th, enjoyed a pleasant evening, all the officers being in their places. The business of the lodge was carried out with despatch. The initiation of two candidates was performed in the most perfect manner by the officers.

Russell lodge, No. 53, held their regular meeting on February 7th, with a good attendance of members, also of visiting brethren. After the general routine work of the lodge was over Bro. Foss, president of Stanley lodge, addressed the members, and asked for a committee of two to be appointed to meet a similar number of members from the other lodges comprising the district. Bro. R. Tink and W. Dawson were appointed.

Stanley lodge, No. 55, held its regular meeting on Feb. 9th. This was also a special meeting, called by order of the president, and the members showed up well. After the initiation of a candidate, the object of the special meeting was brought forward for discussion. After a full explanation of the pros and cons of the question, it was unanimously decided to agree with the object of the meeting, as it would be to the interest of the lodge.

Montreal.

The new officers of Yorkshire lodge No. 39, Montreal were installed by D. D. Bro. Setters, as follows:—T. Walton, past president; W. Thom, president; C. H. Timm, vice president; H. Y. Baker, secretary; A. Owen Gee, treasurer; J. H. Graham, chaplain; C. Dyke, A. Furniss, J. Hulmer, T. Jubb, R. Hardeastle, H. Newton, T. G. Thornby, committee; J. Strickland, outside guard; T. Lee, W. R. Whiting, trustees; E. Hampshire, A. Benn, auditors. The Grand Lodge delegates are B. T. Sellars and W. R. Whitney.

Growth of the Empire.

The following information in regard to the amount of territory added to the British Empire since 1838 will no doubt prove of interest to the readers of the ANGLO-SAXON.

Leaving out of consideration a few little islands and places of no particular consequence, such as Jebebu in the Straits Settlements, the North Somali Coast, and Negri-Sembilan; taking Egypt as an acquisition and addition to the Empire, which it really is, though that result was hardly contemplated by Mr. Gladstone; and counting Afghanistan and Zululand as independent States, although they are practically dependent Protectorates; the following will be found a correct statement of the situation:—

Table with columns: Place, Date, Area in sq. miles. Rows include Rotumah, Tonga Isles, Egypt, Upper Burma, Royal Niger Co., Pahang, British East Africa, New Guinea, British South Africa.

Grand total..... 2,190,835 The population of many of these vast territories is impossible to accurately determine at present. Sections of those in Africa are swarming with human beings, whilst other portions are decimated by the warfare and the slave trade of the past. Mr. Gladstone's Government lost to England the sovereignty of the Transvaal and of Zululand, the great plains of the Sudan and other portions of Africa, which should have been guarded by Britain in the interests of Christianity, civilization and peace.

With all mistakes considered, however, and the difficulties of England's great position duly appreciated, this is a magnificent imperial record. It is unequalled in the modern world, as indeed the structure, size, evolution and Government of the British Empire are unparalleled in all history.

Another Warning to Delinquents.

A decision has been rendered by the Kansas Court of Appeals which is of very great importance, and ought to be remembered by all members of fraternal death benefit orders. A certificate holder named Harvey had been suspended by a Kansas City lodge of the A. O. U. W. for non-payment of an assessment, of which he had been duly notified, and which was due on the 29th of January, 1890. Three days thereafter he died—the assessment still unpaid. If Harvey had been sick and unable to attend to the call made upon him, the order would not have been justified in resisting the claim. But there was no evidence of such being the case.

It was contended by the plaintiff that it was the custom of the finance officers of the lodge to accept assessments after the 28th of the month, or any time prior to the report being forwarded to the Grand Recorder. But the Court of Appeals held, and that properly, that no officer of a subordinate lodge had the power to dispense with the positive requirements of the order; that it was the duty of the member to pay his assessment on or before the day required, or in default become suspended. Any member, as we have on other occasions emphasized, doing otherwise, takes the chance of dying while under suspension, and so forfeiting the benefits of membership. The decision made is another evidence that the courts will sustain the laws of beneficiary organizations when these are fairly and clearly presented for adjudication.—Insurance Economist.

S. O. E. Lifeboat Subscriptions.

The receipt of the following subscriptions from the undermentioned persons for the Lifeboat for Toronto Bay is acknowledged with thanks by Mr. Richard Caddick, chairman of committee, 24 Adelaide st., east. Additional subscriptions are earnestly solicited and needed:

Table listing names and amounts for Lifeboat subscriptions, including Charles Cockshutt & Co., Lodge Mercantile S. O. E., Fred M. Brown, Caldecott, Burton & Spence, B. Davis, James Robertson & Co., G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., Sir Oliver Mowat, James Worthington, Brighton Lodge S. O. E., Mrs. Catharine Cameron, Dup. Wiman & Co., Bristol Lodge S. O. E., The T. Eaton Co., Ltd., The Copp Clark Co., J. W. London, Alexander Manning, M. Keachie, Bedford Lodge S. O. E., Woodstock, Ont., Capt. Goodin, schooner Severn, W. A. Murray & Co., Perkins, Ince & Co., S. R. Wickett.

Victoria, B. C.

Princess Alexandra Lodge, Daughters and Maids of England, was organized on the evening of Feb. 17th by District Deputy J. Critchley. Twenty-seven candidates were initiated and the following officers were elected:—W. P. P., Frank Reeves; W. P., Mrs. Sherwood; W. V. P., Mrs. F. T. Plows; W. C., Miss Bullman; W. Sec., Miss Gladding; W. Treas., Mrs. Robertson; Surgeon, Dr. Wade; Committee: Miss Robertson, Miss Winter, Mr. C. Winter, Mrs. Nankivell, Miss Pearce and Mrs. Wolf; Inner Guard, Mrs. Temple; Outer Guard, F. T. Plows; Trustees, Capt. G. W. Robertson and F. T. Plows. Ladies wishing to join can make application to Dr. Wade, Government Street.

MERCANTILE LODGE S. O. E.

About 80 brethren assembled on Saturday night at the regular fortnightly meeting of Mercantile Lodge, No. 81. Three candidates were received into beneficiary membership, and Vice-President J. F. Scott of Middlesex Lodge was elected an honorary member. The final report of the dinner committee was received and the committee discharged. Bro. Chas. E. Stone was elected to a seat on the executive committee. After the lodge closed the brethren stayed for an hour's social intercourse.

Our Representatives.

The following brethren represent the ANGLO-SAXON:

- Barrie, Ont.—J. Lang. Belleville, Ont.—Thos. Waymark. Bowmanville, Ont.—W. E. Pethick. Brantford, Ont.—G. G. Lambden. Brockville, Ont.—Arthur C. Bacon. Calgary, N.W.T.—E. Doughty. Capetown, Que.—Alfred Hansford. Campbellford—Nathan E. Grills. Chatham, Ont.—Chas. F. Chantler. Chedoke, Barton, Ont.—Sackville Hill. Charlottetown, P.E.I.—J. Ed. Rendle. Clinton, Ont.—W. S. Swaffield. Cornwall, Ont.—E. Hunt. Fort William, Ont.—Ed. Oakley. Fredericton, N.B.—A. D. Thomas. Galt, Ont.—Chas. Squire. Gananoque, Ont.—J. H. Baxter. Guelph, Ont.—H. Bolton; J. Taylor. Halifax—John Redford, 16 George St.

- Hamilton, Ont.—James Fisher, 101 Oak Ave. H. H. Martin, 22 Wellington St. J. W. Hannaford, 108 Wentworth St. T. Leurgton, 385 Main St. W. H. P. Bonny, 635 King St. E. Huntsville, Ont.—J. W. Gledhill. Kingston, Ont.—Wm. H. Cruise. W. Dumbleton. Lakefield, Ont.—C. J. Burgis. Londesborough, Ont.—B. Laurason. Lambton Mills—J. T. Jarvis. Longford Mills, Ont.—Chas. Carr.

- Montreal, Que.—Harry Smith, 29 Plessis St. J. A. Edwards, 546 St. James St. Jas. Field, St. Henri. Thos. H. Baker, 1144 St. Paul st. New Glasgow, N.S.—E. W. Thurston. New Westminster, B.C.—W. H. Boycott.

- Orillia, Ont.—Wm. Swinton Oshawa—W. H. Bowden. Pembroke, Ont.—L. N. Pink. Peterboro, Ont.—J. J. Turner.

- Saltford—W. S. Knight. Sherbrooke, Que.—Edwin Avery. Simcoe, Ont.—Chas. G. Cross. Smith's Falls, Ont.—A. W. Chester. St. Thomas, Ont.—E. W. Trunp, Chester Lodge. Toronto—W. L. Hunter, Bloor St. C. E. Smith, 31 Sward St. W. T. Kendall, Bloor St. W. Miles, 884 Queen St. W. R. S. Grundy, 74 Saultier St. J. G. Brent, 416 Gerrard St. E. J. M. Williams, 16 Carleton Ave. Toronto Junction—Wm. Harris. Victoria, B.C.—J. Critchley. Weston, Ont.—Henry Roberts. Whitty, Ont.—T. Dixon. Winnipeg, Man.—W. Jones, Lodge Neptune. Jos. Harrison, P. O. Box 866. Woodstock, Ont.—Wm. E. Barnett.

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