

fill the vacancy, which we believe will be well and ably filled. He has the making of the lodge in his hands; the members may confidently look for a good record at the end of his term. Bro. W. Barker, Past District Deputy, attended as installing officer and duly performed that duty. As this lodge is so far east it is somewhat overlooked by visitors; we should like to see that remedied.

Lodge Windsor, No. 35, held their usual meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd, Bro. Will T. James, Pres., in the chair. The "At Home" committee reported, and all the necessary arrangements for a successful entertainment were in a forward state. We must state that the invitation and programme (one of which your correspondent has received) is a model of neatness and good taste. Two new members were made, and three propositions handed in. After the closing of the Red degree, a White degree meeting was held and seven members were raised to that degree.

Portsmouth Lodge, No. 45, met on Tuesday, April 17th, Bro. F. J. Drewitt, Pres., in the chair. There were two new members initiated. After the closing of the lodge, a White degree meeting was held and was very successful. This lodge, although formed only nine months ago, is making very rapid progress, and possesses an active and earnest secretary in the person of Bro. Walter Freeman. We wish them every success.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 57, met on Friday, April 13th, at Odd Fellows' Hall, Dundas St., Bro. T. H. Kidd, Pres., in the chair. The visitors included Bros. Thos. M. Buley, Pres., E. Blundell, P.P., R. J. Hodge, Jr., Middlesex Lodge; H. J. Boswell, Pres., J. E. Bond, Sec., Richmond Lodge; and S. B. Pollard, M.D., M.W.G.P. of the society. The business included one initiation and one proposition. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a large, handsome Bible to the lodge by Bro. S. B. Pollard. On behalf of the members of Middlesex Lodge, Bro. T. M. Buley, Pres., in a neat and well-timed speech, presented a valuable steel engraving of Her Majesty Queen Victoria to the lodge; the tone and matter of the speech was much applauded. Your representative spoke on behalf of the ANGLO-SAXON, and was well received.

Lodge Richmond, No. 65. The opening and dedication of the lodge took place on Wednesday evening, April 11th. It was one of the most impressive and brilliant ceremonies held in the order. The following Grand Lodge officers took part in the ceremony:—S. B. Pollard, M.D., M.W.G.P.; Rev. H. P. Hobson, Deputy Grand Chaplain; J. W. Carter, R.W.G. Secretary; Thos. R. Skippon, P.G.P.; H. J. Boswell, P.G.V.P. A number of the following officers of other lodge who were present also assisted at the dedication:—Pres. H. W. Smallpiece, St. George's; Pres. Will T. James, Windsor; Pres. T. H. Kidd, Norfolk; Pres. J. Poffley, Warwick; P.P. H. W. Thorpe, Windsor; P.P. A. W. Cooper, Warwick; P.P. S. Walker, Brighton; A. Riddiford, Warwick, District Deputy for East Toronto. Chas. E. Smith, secretary Albion Lodge, was acting chaplain during the preliminary proceedings. We noticed among the visiting brethren Bro. W. Huxley, secretary Windsor Lodge, and members of Albion, Middlesex, Kent, Warwick, Brighton, St. George, Stafford, and Norfolk Lodges. The following were elected the officers of the lodge:—H. J. Boswell, Pres.; R. Baker, V.P.; J. E. Bond, Sec.; F. Sparling, Treas.; R. Freeman, Chaplain; Messrs. Martin and Allen, Doctors. Committee—C. H. Beavis, H. J. Kent, J. H. Watkin, T. R. Statford, A. Wall, E. Hill, W. J. Hay, I.G.; C. Binsted, O.G.; Jno. Terry, A. T. Pollard, W. N. Wells, Trustees; R. M. Charlton and W. G. Piercey, Auditors. After the installation of the officers, the first business was the reading of your correspondent's circular letter, and the lodge unanimously resolved to advertise in the ANGLO-SAXON. Refreshments were served after the lodge business was concluded, and the remainder of the evening was spent in music and song, which wound up a memorable evening.

Brantford.—The first annual dinner of Salisbury Lodge, No. 42, of Brantford, was held at the Kerby House on Monday the 23rd of April, when a large number of the brethren and their friends sat down to a most sumptuous dinner, President Bro. Thos. Elliott in the chair, who in a brief address expressed the deep sense of satisfaction felt by the young society in the unqualified success which had attended this first annual dinner, and began the toast list proposing THE QUEEN. Rev. J. L. Strong, Chaplain of Salisbury lodge, made a few appropriate remarks. SISTER SOCIETIES was responded to by Ex-Mayor Henry, for St. Andrews; Dr. Kelly, for St. Patrick's and W. J. Imlach replied for St. George and the Dragon. OUR ORDER—the toast of the evening, was accepted with cheers, and Deputy Grand Chaplain Hobson congratulated the Society on the magnificent gathering. Members of the Sons of England were really sons of Englishmen or descendants, and loved England dearly. But they also loved Canada, and none would be found more ready to defend Canada than the Sons of England (cheers.) They are strongly attached to the old flag and will ever uphold and protect it when danger threatens. He believed Canada had a great future before her, and took a side blow at the advocates of Commercial Union, saying "if there is to be any differentiating, let it be on the side of Britain and against the United States." The object of their Society was benevolent and patriotic, one of the main objects being the assistance and relief of Englishmen and their wives and children who come to this country and need assistance. The committee in charge deserve every congratulation for the unbounded success of their first annual dinner. They are: Bro. Thos. Elliott, chairman, Bros. J. H. Adams, S. F. Passmore, T. H. Sears, Edman Brown, H. Griffith, Geo. Henwood and James Christie.

London.—Lodge Trafalgar, No. 51, located in London South, Ont., Canada, which meets the 2nd and 4th Monday in each month, was instituted August 23rd, 1887, with 15 members. At the present date we number 30, and are looking forward for a large increase this season. Our meetings are growing more interesting and the public in this neighbourhood are growing more interested in this society. We are aiming in every respect at maintaining a good reputation. A visit will be paid us soon by the Grand Secretary, who will give a good number the W. R. D. We hope soon to organize a degree lodge under our own charter. This lodge is in good financial standing and the auditors reported the books to be in excellent shape. Our motto is "go ahead."

Almonte.—Our lodge is doing fairly well, having initiated 13 since last July. We now number 45, and we hope to bring it up to 60 by the end of the term. Our meetings are well attended, no doubt, owing to the fact that we have a very popular man as president, while our V. P. is full of energy and vim, and our P. P. is just loaded with loyalty to the old Union Jack, and has a kind of fatherly care over us. With such brethren as leaders we must succeed.

Ottawa.—If a good attendance and willingness on the part of the contributors to the programme could ensure a successful entertainment that given in St. James' Hall, on the 17th April, by the Sons of England, would have been among the best of the season. The chairman, Dr. R. I. Wicksteed, opened the proceedings with an address on the Aims and Objects of the Sons of England Society. From its value and interest to all members of S.O.E., it has been thought wise to print this address at length in another column of this number. Mr. Perley gave two vocal selections "Anchora" and "Day by Day." Mr. Wm. O'Brien, M.P. for Muskoka, on being introduced, said he was not an Englishman, except in the sense that all British subjects are Englishmen. He touched on the struggles that had been made in all parts of the world to maintain the rights of British subjects and hoped the empire would show the same spirit in the future as in the past. Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P., sang "The Englishman." Mr. Baker, M.P., in a brief speech referred to the glories of the British navy in which he had served for a considerable time and hoped that all would be proud of being Englishmen. Mr. C. J. Pearson, sang "The Bridge." Mr. Clarke Wallace, M.P., was the next speaker, who as a Canadian and a British subject was an Englishman. He spoke in favour of confederation of the empire and hoped the victories which were won at Poitiers, Agincourt and the Battle of the Boyne would never be forgotten. Bro. W. Thicke sang "My Pretty Jane." Major-General Laurie, M.P., gave a reading descriptive of the battle of "Meane." A song "They all Love Jack," by Mr. J. Ogilvy and a quartette by Messrs. Thicke, Pearson, Ogilvy and Steadman concluded the programme by singing God Save the Queen.

New Lodges Opened.

St. Thomas.—Truro Lodge, No. 62. This lodge was opened and dedicated on Tuesday, March 27th, by Bro. Jno. W. Carter, R. W. G. Secretary, with the assistance of Bro. P. R. Williams, District Deputy, and the officers and members of Chester Lodge. The following brethren were elected to fill the different offices of the lodge: President, F. W. Wright; V.P., A. A. Drake; Chaplain, A. Neale; Secretary, E. R. Irving; P.P., T. B. Wright; Managing committee, Thos. Stone, Chas. Butcher, J. Ringwood, W. Clay, Fred. Day, Jno. Sawden; I. G., W. Holman, O.G., F. Raven; Surgeon, Dr. Tweedle. There were 25 charter members.

Exeter.—Lodge Plymouth, No. 63, was formally opened and dedicated on Wednesday, March 28th, by Bro. Jno. W. Carter, R. W. G. Secretary, assisted by Bros. Jas. Heman, of Trafalgar Lodge, London, and T. B. Wright, of Truro Lodge, St. Thomas. The following brethren were duly elected and installed as officers of the lodge: President, Bro. G. D. Kemp; V.P., Bro. D. Davis; Chaplain, Bro. Hustnoll; Secretary, Bro. Senior; Treasurer, Bro. Hurdon; P.P., Bro. J. Sparkman; Managing Committee, Bros. W. Sweet, Cudmore, Crocker, Bisset, Rowcliffe and Folland; I.G., Bro. Bawden; O.G., Bro. Sanders; Trustees, Bro. H. Spackman, Bro. T. Sweet, Bro. G. Davis.

Comments and Criticisms.

To the Editor of the Anglo-Saxon.

Toronto.—Members are slow to take hold of the ANGLO-SAXON, it having been fooled so badly by the *Englishman's Journal*. Our society is very strong and bids fair to become a power in this country. We should have a good paper; and, as I tell our members, if we put our shoulders to this it ought to become one of the first journals in the Dominion. I find a difficulty in not having a few copies to give away, our lodge is 345 strong and half a dozen papers don't go very far, so I would like to have a few samples of your next issue for distribution. Bro. Wm. Barker, your representative, is working hard for the ANGLO-SAXON's success. CHAS. E. SMITH.

London.—By what I have seen and heard of the ANGLO-SAXON paper it needs just one improvement to make it a success in our society—that is, it can be made a paper that we can take to the lodge room and occasionally make a debate of its contents. This may be done by stripping it entirely of political matter as that is not allowed in the lodge, "see Constitution." Now, if you can get a report monthly, just in time for print, from every lodge, especially debates, and anything at all interesting to Englishmen, you may have a paper that will be interesting to our society, and we will know all that is going on in the society at large. I was visiting British Lion Lodge, of London East, at their last meeting and one of the brethren gave us a lecture on the "Lost Ten Tribes." This was a credit to the brethren and ought to be put in the ANGLO-SAXON; it is a subject that ought to interest all Englishmen. I cannot promise you much success unless you make this change in the paper. I can't understand how it is that in the April number, on page 71, we have nothing to look at under the heading Ottawa. The items are so short that we don't know the fun that is going on there. Thanking you for copies of the ANGLO-SAXON received. SAMUEL T. COOK.

[We gladly publish the opinions of our two correspondents as above, which is a sample of many we receive. We will endeavour to refer to them ourselves next month. They contain a great deal of matter for reflection.—M. & R.]