

effect were presented from the Grand Councils of Michigan and Tennessee.

On the third day of the Supreme sitting the S. C. Finance Committee reported against the reduction of the fee in the following terms:—

"The Committee on Finance to whom were referred the resolutions of the Grand Councils of Ontario, Michigan and Tennessee, in favor of reducing the benefit certificate fee to \$1, respectfully report that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the subject."

S. M. Lindsey,
C. P. Ingersoll, } Committee.
W. L. Douglass.

The reduction of the fee was also a matter for consideration with the Committee on New Councils and the Extension of the Order and in their report upon the several resolutions of the representatives of Pennsylvania and Michigan, relative to reducing the expense of joining the R. A., this Committee thus dealt with the matter.

"The reduction of the fee for benefit certificate from \$2 to \$1 would not conduce to the welfare of the Order at this time, and it is inexpedient to legislate thereon."

On motion this resolution was adopted by the Supreme Council and the result is that two dollars remains the price of the benefit certificate in the Royal Arcanum.

THE LATE HARRY ENGLISH.

Last month there passed away from our midst the soul of our Bro. Harry English so well known in R. A. circles in Toronto.

He was at first a member of old North Toronto Council got up by the Deputy Supreme Regent and Bro. H. M. Wilkinson. It was the latter who induced Bro. English to become an R. A. member, a step his widow and children will never regret. North Toronto Council was afterward amalgamated with Maple Leaf Council, and it was after this time that Bro. English began to take such a deep interest in R. A. matters. Besides being an officer in his subordinate Council he attended the Grand Council in 1887 and 1888 and was elected Grand Guide at each session. He was also, we believe, District Deputy for the Toronto District for one or more years. Readers of the R. A. Journal of Wooster, Ohio, will remember the Ontario Correspondent of that paper who wrote under the nom de plume of "Angli."

This was none else than Bro. English who for a long time kept Ontario R. A. matters regularly before the Order in his well-written letters to the fraternal press.

Bro. English was a bookkeeper by profession. For some years he was troubled with the nervous disease called "writers cramp." His general health was poor for the past 3 or 4 years and, when lately attacked by pneumonia, he finally succumbed to his ailment.

Bro. English was musically inclined and became a singer of much acceptance. He leaves a widow and several children.

At the regular meeting of Maple Leaf Council on April 5th the Regent, W. Ray, paid a tribute to the late Bro. English in a few well-chosen words.

We are sure all his old companions in the Order will feel the loss. We hope they will also strive to emulate the ceaseless activity of our deceased brother for the good of the R. A. while he had the health and strength to devote to our work.

THE ROYAL ARCANUM

Was founded in the year 1877 upon business and fraternal principles. Its birthplace was the State of Massachusetts, but from that centre it has now spread abroad over almost the whole of the healthy portion of the North American continent.

Its underlying principles are benevolence, charity and fraternity. There is the element of secrecy in its Council system, but only sufficient to enable the Order to keep its private matters to itself and to render the work of the Society interesting and pleasant.

ARCANUM LITERATURE.

There is no better Arcanum literature than a fraternal paper put into every member's hands as it cannot but be helpful in instructing and entertaining the members and will materially assist in the work of extending the Order.

WHO MAY BECOME R. A. MEMBERS.

All white men of sound bodily health and bearing a good moral character may join, provided they are socially acceptable and between 21 and 55 years of age.



BRO. D. F. MACWATT, BARRIE,
P. G. R. Royal Arcanum, Ontario.

Bro. D. F. MacWatt, a Past Grand Regent of our Order was born in Nairn, Scotland on July 9th, 1853. His father, Charles MacWatt, of Aberdeen, who died in 1866, was the publisher and proprietor of the Nairnshire Mirror, the first newspaper published in that neighborhood. Bro. MacWatt attended school until about 13 years of age when the death of his parents forced upon him the necessity of providing for himself. When fourteen years of age he entered the service of the Highland Railway Co. at Blairathol, Perthshire, as a clerk, but in 1869 he left Scotland and came out to the New World taking a position as clerk in New York. By faithful attention to his duties he soon rose to the position of bookkeeper and confidential clerk in the wholesale confectionery establishment of A. Clausen & Co. of that city.

In 1873, when not quite twenty years of age he left New York and settled under the British flag in the town of Barrie Ontario. Here he carried on the business of general agent until May, 1876, at which time he entered the office of D'Alton McCarthy, Q. C., as a law student. He was called to the bar in 1881, and admitted as a partner in the firm of McCarthy, Pepler and McCarthy, where he remained until the year 1887.

In this year he became a member of the law firm of Lount, Dickinson and MacWatt now Dickinson and MacWatt. Bro. MacWatt is noted for legal ability, has attained a high standing in law, and will yet rise higher in his profession.

Bro. MacWatt is a member of almost every fraternal society worth joining. In the A. O. U. W. he has gradually risen from the ranks to the position of Grand Master Workman of the Province of Ontario.

He has been a Select Knight of Canada for a number of years and is now serving that Order as Chairman of the Supreme Legion Committee on Laws.

In the Sons of Scotland, and A. O. F., Bro. MacWatt's ability has brought to him all the honors of the highest offices in the gift these bodies. As a Mason, Bro. MacWatt is highly esteemed and has occupied the most prominent positions. He is a Royal Aron Mason, and Knight Templar of prominence. A past Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite, a Sovereign of the Order of Rome and Constantine, a Past T. P. G. M. of Barrie Lodge of Perfection and M. W. Sovereign of Spry Rose Croix Chapter, Barrie, in which Rite he is an active worker.

In politics Bro. MacWatt is a liberal, and in religion, a Presbyterian. In our Royal Arcanum Order Bro. MacWatt's fraternal and personal magnetic qualities have also brought him to the fore. He entered the Order as a member of Barrie Council, No. 873.

At the first Grand Council Session in 1885 he was appointed chairman of the Committee on Laws, a position held by him for several years with great acceptability to our Order. Gradually he passed into the others' chairs and rose year after year in rank until he became Grand Regent of the Order in Ontario. During his tenure of this office he did capital work for the Royal Arcanum and now rests on his laurels as a Past Grand Regent. He was the Supreme Representative from Ontario at the last Session of the Supreme Council R. A. and took a prominent part on some of the Committees. If continued as a representative we are confident he will in due course soon rise to prominence in the highest court of our Order as he has done in almost every Society with which he has been identified.

ODDFELLOWS' DAY.

Procession in Honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Order.

Seven hundred members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, of Toronto, celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Order on Sunday afternoon, April 29th ult.

They assembled in Oddfellows' Hall, at College and Yonge streets, where Joseph Oliver, Grand Master; W. J. Cruickshank D.G.M.; J. B. King, Grand Secretary; and Dr. Ryerson, addressed them.

They then marched to Elm street Methodist Church, where Rev. A. C. Crews preached to them.

Good Enough.

Dear boy, I want to give you
A motto safe and good:
'Twill make your life successful
If you heed it as you should—
Keep it always in your mind.—
Obey it to the letter—
Don't say a thing is "good enough"
Till it can be no better.

And whether at your lessons,
Or at your daily work,
Don't be a half way dabbler;
Don't slip a red slide and shirk,
And think it doesn't matter,
That such talk is trash and stuff—
For until your task is perfect
It is never "good enough."

If your work is in the school room,
Make all your lessons tell;
No matter what you mean to be,
Build your foundation well,
Each knotty point and problem
That you bravely master now
Will increase your skill and labor
With the pen or with the plow.

If you sweep a store or stable,
Be sure you go behind;
Every box and bale and counter;
It will pay, you'll always find,
To be careful, patient, thorough,
Though the work be hard and rough,
And when you've done your very best,
'Twill then be good enough.

So you'd better take my motto,
If you ever mean to work
At any station higher
Than the stable boy or clerk,
It will make you independent;
It will make you no man's debtor,
Then never say "It's good enough."
Till it can be no better.

Pensions to the Aged Poor.

A project now under discussion in the House of Commons and accepted in principle by all the political parties, shows to what an extent in England the doctrines of State socialism have supplanted the views of the orthodox economists. The bill to which we refer provides that the imperial exchequer and the local rate payers shall between them, in equal proportions, pay a pension of \$1.75 a week to every man or woman sixty-five years old who desires the money, who has not been convicted of crime, who has not accepted poor relief, and has subscribed to a friendly society during some part of his or her life. It will be obvious that this bill contemplates something very different from the old-age insurance scheme which has been carried out in Germany. Under the latter plan a fund for the maintenance of a workingman in his old age is created by means of contributions from three sources, namely, the workingman himself, his employer, who is regarded as having a special duty toward him, and the State, which is held to be interested in promoting habits of thrift and foresight among its citizens. The aged workman, who becomes the beneficiary of a fund thus formed, does not feel himself a recipient of charity, because he has himself furnished a large part of the accumulated money by which he profits. The English project will have the opposite effect. Instead of furthering, it will discourage economy. All that a workman, or any other man, will need to do to make sure of being maintained in idleness, after he reaches the age of sixty-five, is in the meantime to keep out of jail, to avoid receiving relief under the poor laws, and to make a minimum subscription for his own benefit to some friendly society for a brief period, say a year or a month. In short, the proposed law virtually bids him to take no thought for the morrow, either for himself, his wife, or his parents; because any of these, on attaining the age designated, can rely upon obtaining a pension of at least \$1.75 a week. We say at least that sum, for in the debate on the project it was pointed out, and not disputed, that while the suggested pension might prove sufficient in some rural districts, it would not be adequate in London, where \$3.50 would be required.

Tot—"Mamma, what are sun dogs?"
Small brother (interrupting)—"I know, mamma; Skye terriers."

Can anybody give a good reason why clocks should not strike when they are required to work over time?

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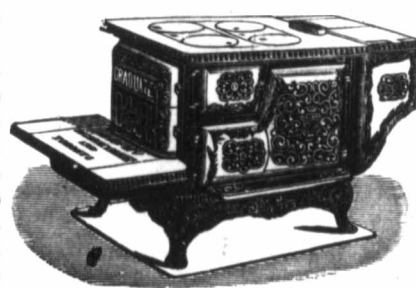
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