

A SERMON TO THE S. O. E.

PATRIOTIC ADDRESS—THE EMPIRE'S GROWTH.

Sketch of Sermon Preached Before the Sons of England in St. George's Church, New Glasgow, N.S.

On Sunday, May 28th, the Rev. Bro. W. Raven, preached to the brethren from the following text:

"What nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for. Deut. 4: 7."

We are met together in God's house this morning under somewhat special circumstances. We meet together, some as members of the Society of the Sons of England, some as native born sons of the old land, others again as descendants of Englishmen, all, we trust, as well wishers of the Mother Country, the seat of government of this vast Empire, and as true and loyal subjects of the illustrious lady who for over half a century has occupied the throne of these realms.

It is, we think, most fitting that as a society we should once a year thus publicly attend the house of God, and thus proclaim an allegiance to our Sovereign, and our recognition of Him who is the king of kings. The text has reference to Israel's greatness as a nation, and was spoken by Moses their great leader and lawgiver. They were indeed a great nation—the secret of greatness having God nigh unto them.

We trace the history of this remarkable people step by step from the smallest beginnings. They go into Egypt, some 70 souls, they leave Egypt after some four hundred years, numbering hundreds of thousands. We see their gradual advancement to national greatness during the period when ruled by judges, and the earlier period of the monarchy.

We notice their career as conquerors under Joshua and David; their commerce and its results—vast wealth under Solomon.

If Moses in his day could speak of Israel as a great nation, what must it have been under its greatest, wisest, magnificent monarch Solomon. It is held by men of great biblical knowledge, men of great learning who have devoted almost a life-time to the study of the subject, that the greatness of the British Empire is due to the fact of the British people being the lost ten tribes of Israel, and as such having the special favor and blessing of God. These men tell us that the Kingdom of Israel and the Empire of Great Britain exhibit many similar characteristics and have many things in common. Be this as it may, one thing is certain, the words of our text may be applied equally to Israel of old and to the British Empire of to-day.

Time would fail us did we endeavour to trace the marvellous growth and progress of the Empire to which we belong. We look down the centuries for a thousand years, when we see the nation emerging from barbarism, and like Israel the history of the British nation has been a history of conquest, of continued progress in arts and sciences, in general knowledge, in commerce and wealth, until Great Britain stands to-day the foremost nation on earth. In every quarter of the world the flag of England floats the emblem of Empire, on every sea are found her ships; her commerce, her influence, her wealth are boundless. Well may the heart of an Englishman swell with pride as he thinks of the great, the noble, the mighty Empire which owns the sway of England's Queen.

I have chosen this subject to-day in order to speak a few words respecting one whose seventy-fourth birthday we celebrated on Wednesday last. I allude, as you well know, to the Sovereign of these realms, who in the providence of God has been permitted to exceed man's allotted time of three score years and ten, and whose millions of loyal subjects fervently pray, may long be spared to occupy the lofty position to which she has added the lustre of a pure unselfish devotion to the public weal, and of an earnest reliance upon Divine Providence. No figure stands more prominently than England's monarch. No period in the history of the Empire when it occupied such a position among the nations as to-day.

The reign of Queen Victoria has been without precedent in our history, the most sustained and august of any national history in the world, tracing back in one unbroken line of kings for more than a thousand years. During this reign the growth of the Empire has been rendered even more remarkable, than appears from the very considerable list of annexations, transfers by

treaty and otherwise, conquests, conventions, etc. The reign of Queen Victoria has witnessed such stupendous growth as the transfer to the crowns of India and British Columbia, the annexation of Natal, New Guinea, and Burmah, the purchase of New Zealand, the cession by treaty of Labuan, Hong Kong, British North Borneo, Fiji, the acquisition of Cyprus by convention with Turkey, the conquest of Aden and Socotra, besides the stupendous growth of these colonial plants, which had taken root at an earlier time. This reign has had a marvellous story of extended and constantly extending Empire. It must, I think, be evident to every observant man that there are grave dangers to the Empire looming in the distance. We hear the mutterings of communism and socialism. We witness too the struggle now taking place in the House of Commons in respect to Ireland. Our trust must be in God, and our hope must also be, that as in the past so in the present and future, the Almighty may over-rule all for good. It behoves all, having the good of the Empire at heart to strive and pray for its welfare.

The Society of the Sons of England, to which so many of us present this morning belong, has for its object not only the meeting of Englishmen together for their mutual benefit and support, for their moral, mental and social advancement, and for assisting each other in times of sickness, need and death, but it has in addition other good, noble and patriotic objects. By its teachings it reminds its members of the glorious heritage which, as Englishmen, is theirs. In its initiatory ceremony it enjoins upon the candidate loyalty to his Sovereign and patriotism to his country. Our motto is Fidelity, faithfulness to ourselves as men and Englishmen, faithfulness to each other as fellow-countrymen, and faithfulness to our country itself. These truly are noble aims. Let us then, fellow-Englishmen, hold fast to our glorious heritage. Let us hold fast that which we have, the things which we possess. Do you ask what things? I reply:

- Hold fast to your liberty of conscience.
Hold fast to the pure word of God.
Hold fast to the free and open Bible.
Hold fast to the sanctity of home.
Hold fast to the purity of your sons and daughters.
Hold fast to the glorious traditions of your country.

Are not such worth holding fast to? You may ask, are these things in peril? Truly it would appear as if they were. Look at the strenuous efforts being put forth to subvert the "liberty where with Christ has made us free." Let us see to it that we are "not again entangled in the yoke of bondage." Well may it be said, in the words of the text, respecting the British nation: What nation is there so great? So great in liberty, so great in power, so great in knowledge, so great in every quality requisite to build up and maintain national greatness. Be it ours then as Englishmen to strive honestly, constitutionally and perseveringly to maintain the integrity of Britain's Empire.

FAMOUS FOR SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENTS.

Toronto, June 20.—Lodge Birmingham No. 69, held one of its successful and enthusiastic meetings on Tuesday last. The evening was hot, but the brethren turned out well and the lodge room was filled. Among the visitors present were Bros. J. D. Young, past president, Mercantile; H. Giles, past president, Chesterfield; Geo. Clay, president, Chesterfield; Geo. Horswell, president, of St. Albans; Geo. R. Moore, past president, St. Albans; W. Watson, past president and Bro. Piers, vice-president, of Norfolk, and Bro. E. Plumb, vice-president, Rugby.

Several initiations took place, and the visitors addressed the lodge on subjects of interest to the order generally. The lodge then formally closed and the brethren adjourned to the ante-room and had an hour's social enjoyment, for which this lodge is famous.

Songs were given by Bros. Clay, Horsley, Moore and others; some excellent addresses were made, especially by Bro. A. T. Hunter, in which he alluded in sorrowing accents to the fact that two members of the lodge proposed perpetrating matrimony. The meeting broke up about 11 p.m., and every one there went home after an enjoyable evening.

ORMSBY BROTHERS PICNIC.

June 23rd.—Lodge Cumberland No. 167, S.O.E., held a picnic at the above place on Tuesday, June 20th. The Madoc band was in attendance and a

most enjoyable day was put in. The weather was fine. The afternoon was spent in cricket, base-ball and other games. At eight o'clock dancing was started, which was kept up till the wee hours of the morning.

Great credit is due Bro. E. Steel, president, who six months ago formed lodge Cumberland. Our numbers have rapidly increased, with good prospects for a large and influential lodge.

AN APPEAL TO THE ORDER.

GARTMORE, DAUPHIN, MAN., MAY 7th, 1893.

The Editor ANGLO-SAXON: Dear Sir,—I have taken the liberty of writing you on behalf of a near neighbour of mine, who since his advent in this country has met with exceedingly bad luck, not through any negligence on his own part, but through force of circumstances.

For months he was laid up himself, and before he was thoroughly convalescent his wife was attacked with paralysis, which has confined her to bed for the most of the winter, and now that she is beginning to get around they had a further visitation in the shape of a fire, which has for the time being left them homeless. The fire occurred during the absence of her husband, and beyond the walls of the building they have lost all. They are in exceedingly poor circumstances. Having learnt he belonged to the Sons of England, when in Hamilton, Ont., (Osborne Lodge, No. 122.) I concluded perhaps you could get up a subscription for him.

Mr. Joseph Pilgrim is about prostrated with his continued bad luck, and I am sure he would be very thankful for any aid you could give him, however little it might be. He is an Englishman and one of our best settlers.

Any Englishman wishing to assist in this matter can send their contributions to THOMAS IREDALE, J.P., Gartmore, P.O., Dauphin, Man.

Trusting you will take the matter up, I am, yours truly, PERCY H. CHIPMAN.

[The above letter was forwarded to Lodge Osborne, with the result that the Supreme Grand President has given permission to Bro. Hanaford, the district deputy, to instruct Lodge Osborne to make an appeal to the Order generally. Circulars will be issued and sent out to the lodges. Any remittances made will be acknowledged and sent forward.—Ed.]

PRESENTATION TO

BRO. CHAS. SQUIRE, GALT, ONTARIO.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Your brethren of Royal Oak Lodge, No. 26, S. O. E. B.S., now in session assembled, deem this a fitting opportunity to acknowledge in a tangible manner your past services. As secretary of the lodge, a position you have held for over seven years, not only with credit to yourself, but you have devoted your time, means and talents to the interests of the society. We embrace this occasion to express our high appreciation of your services as an officer and brother, and we assure you that you have our earnest wishes for your future welfare and happiness. We would ask your acceptance of this Past-President's Jewel, as a token of remembrance intended to mark our sense of your official probity and devotion to our interests and a brother. We wish to pay a just tribute to your public and private character, and beg you to receive this token of our friendship, not for its intrinsic value, but as an evidence of sincere and disinterested regard.

Signed on behalf of your brethren, JESSE WELLAND, RICHARD BARNES, JOSEPH WILSON, Committee.

REPLY.

Worthy President and Brethren of Royal Oak Lodge.—You have taken me a little by surprise. I thank you one and all from the bottom of my heart, for the confidence reposed in me, also for the beautiful jewel you have been pleased to place on my breast, and may it always remind me of the duty I owe to my God, my country and my brethren. I accept it as the highest honor in the power of my lodge to confer on me, and if I have done aught to deserve it, it is you that have been my judges. I feel that I have done no more than was my duty in trying to fulfil my obligation as an officer and a brother of this noble Order.

I have at times differed with you, but it has been done in good faith and for what I considered to be the best interests of the Society in general, and as yet I have failed to meet any body or number of my countrymen who all think alike. On my joining the Sons

of England I thought I could see a light ahead, I could see in the distance a body rising that some day would be an honor and a power in this our adopted country.

I hope, please God, that this evidence of your appreciation of my earnest attempt to do some little good to my countrymen will lead me on to do better in what little time I may have to be with you. The honour you have conferred on me will be as dear to me as my life, and I can assure you this beautiful jewel with the Honored Lady's Head and its grand old crosses shall be handed down as an heirloom in my family. Brethren accept my sincere and heartfelt thanks.

CHURCH SERVICE AT LONDESBOROUGH.

Londesborough Lodge held their first church service on Sunday, June 18th. The members, accompanied by large contingents from Sheffield and Liverpool lodges, met in the S. O. E. hall at 2.30, and marched in a body to the Methodist church, where a special service was held. The turn-out was a very creditable one and reflected credit on those who had the management in hand.

The church was crowded. On the members entering the choir sang "God Save the Queen." The sermon was preached by the Rev. James Ferguson, of Granton, who is a member of Londesborough lodge. During his remarks he said: The society whose anniversary we are met this day to celebrate, is exercising a mighty influence. It is doing much to break down the barriers raised by pride and selfishness between Englishmen, separating them one from another. The Sons of England Society knows no ecclesiastical, social or intellectual distinctions, all its members are brethren, whatever may be their religious opinions, social position or educational status. And just in proportion as this Society is influential in promoting the interests of Englishmen is it influential in promoting the brotherhood of the race. We believe it to be in the interests of the whole world that British influence, British institutions, British liberty and British christianity should spread that we are here this afternoon. In promoting the interests of the Sons of England we are promoting the interests of all nationalities and hastening the time when there shall be neither Greek nor Jew, bond nor free, but when Christ shall be all in all.

After the benediction was pronounced the brethren formed in line, numbering about 70, and marched back to the hall, where a short time was spent in mutual greetings. A vote of thanks was tendered the Rev. Bro. Ferguson and others, after which the brethren dispersed.

IN COMMEMORATION OF QUEEN VICTORIA'S ASCENSION.

Morden, Man., June 22.—The members of Lodge Anglo-Saxon, S. O. E., attended divine service in St. Thomas Church on Sunday evening, June 18th, in commemoration of the Fifty-Sixth year of the ascension of Queen Victoria to the Throne. That grand old emblem of Britain's greatness—the Union Jack—was carefully carried at the head of the procession, and on arrival at the church the pulpit was draped with the flag. Rev. Thos. Walton preached a fine sermon, in which he took occasion to refer to the long and happy reign of Queen Victoria. He recounted in graphic language the incident that followed the death of William IV., on June 18th, 1837, when the Archbishop of Canterbury hurriedly announced to Victoria the death of the King and her consequent accession to the Throne of Britain. It was at that supreme moment that the Queen asked the venerable Archbishop and the others who were with him to fall on their knees in supplication to God to give her strength to bear the responsibilities and burdens of ruling over the greatest Empire the world ever saw. The rev. gentleman remarked that a reign begun so auspiciously had been blessed by God to a very large extent.

The choir sang "The Chimes of England" and other pieces in a very creditable manner, and the way the entire audience rendered the National Anthem at the close will not soon be forgotten.

The members marched back to the hall, and tendered to Rev. Mr. Walton a hearty vote of thanks for his earnest, patriotic and eloquent sermon.

A Reliable medium for Immigration. The ANGLO-SAXON contains news each issue of the advantages of Canada as a field for the tenant farmer of the Old Country to come to and make a home for himself and family.

NOTES ON THE ENGLISH ARMY.

WHOSE DRUM-BEAT ENCIRCLES THE GLOBE.

True Tales and Incidents Collected and Selected by "Canadensis," from Various Exchanges.

What we want in Canada.

Cardinal Moran, addressing a school of boys in Sydney, New South Wales, lately, specially referred to the necessity for military drill. It was excellent for the boys to be trained how to do their duty should necessity arise. They were being instructed in the use of arms so that they might be able, whenever called on, to defend their country and their liberty. If he had his wish, much though he was opposed to standing armies, every young Australian would be put through a course of discipline and trained in the use of the musket, not with the view to creating a warlike spirit, but to ensure the defence and safe-keeping of unequalled freedom and the true independence which happily enjoyed, and the value of which many of those present were too young to fully appreciate.

A Brave British Soldier.

Lance Corporal William James Gordon has the place of honour in a recent London Gazette. The Queen intends to confer upon him the decoration of the Victoria Cross, for the conspicuous bravery displayed during the attack on the stockaded town of Toniatara, Gambia River, on the 13th March last year. During this attack "Major G. C. Madden, West Indian Regiment, who was in command of the troops, was superintending a party of twelve men, who were endeavoring, with a heavy beam to break down the south gate of the town, when suddenly a number of musket muzzles were projected through a double row of loopholes which had been masked. Some of these were within two or three yards of that officer's back, and before he realized what had happened, Lance-Corp. Gordon threw himself between Major Madden and the muskets, pushing that officer out of the way, and exclaiming, "Look out, sir!" At the same moment Lance-Corp. Gordon was shot through the lungs. By his bravery and self-devotion on this occasion the lance-corporal probably saved the life of his commanding officer." So runs the official account of the act of courage for which Lance-Corp. Gordon is to get his Victoria Cross.

For British Columbia Defence.

Of Admiral Hotham's squadron on the Pacific station, at the latest accounts, the greater part was off the coasts of Chili and Peru, the Warspite, Melpomene, Champion and Pheasant being in South American waters between Callao and Valparaiso. The Warspite is an armored vessel of 8,400 tons displacement and 10,000 horse power, which gives her 16 1/2 knots at the maximum, carrying fourteen guns and 400 men. She is the only armor-clad on the station. The Melpomene is of 2,985 tons displacement and carries six 6-inch guns. The Champion is of 2,380 tons, has a battery of four 6-inch and eight 5-inch guns, and her complement is 278 men. The Pheasant is a gunboat of 852 tons, and has a speed of 13 knots or more, carrying half a dozen 4-inch guns and 75 men. On the coast of Mexico, at Acapulco, at last accounts, was the Garnet, of 2,120 tons and fourteen guns. At Esquimault was the Nymph of 1,140 tons and eight 5-inch guns, having about fourteen knots speed and a complement of 131 men; and with her was the Hyacinth, 1,420 tons, 1,150 horse power, and eight guns. The Daphne was last heard from as having gone to the Fijis. She is a sister ship of the Nymph.

Another Hero.

The following story comes from New Zealand about Captain Theobald, who was promoted to rear-admiral's rank not long ago. This officer was a midshipman on board H. M. S. Niger, commanded by Captain Cracroft, and was at the attack of the native pah at Waireka. When the sailors were scaling the pah Midshipman Theobald, not able to get over the palisading, called out in his excitement, "Chuck me over; oh do chuck me over, and let me at them.

But they are Always Ready.

Cavalry soldiers often sleep in the saddle after a fatiguing march, and although it would seem to be impossible to march on foot and sleep at the same time, there are authentic instances of the performance of such a feat. Artillerymen in battle have been known to sleep from exhaustion under their own guns, which were constantly firing.

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