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Bro. Hon. Alexander Vidal.
A Veteran Senator and Leading Englishman—A Great Champion of Temperance.



BRO. HON. ALEXANDER VIDAL.

Hon. Bro. Alexander Vidal, who a short while ago was re-elected president of the Dominion Alliance for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, is one of the most active and distinguished members of Canada's Senate Chamber.

He was born at Bracknell, Berkshire, England, in 1819. In 1834 his father came to Canada and settled at Sarnia. Senator Vidal was educated at the Royal Mathematical School, Christ's Hospital, London, Eng. When the militia was called out in 1837 to suppress the rebellion of that year, he served as a private and step by step was promoted until he won the lieutenant-colonel's epaulettes in the Lambton Reserve Militia, which rank he still retains. He was licensed a provincial land surveyor in 1843, and for 10 years followed this profession. During this period he was frequently employed by the Government. He accompanied Captain Anderson to the shores of Lakes Huron and Superior as commissioner to arrange with the Indians for the transfer of lands to the Canadian government.

In 1861 he placed himself in the field as a Conservative candidate for the Legislative Assembly and was defeated, but in 1863 he was successful in a contest for the representation in the Legislative Council of the St. Clair division, which comprised the counties of Lambton and West Middlesex, which seat he held until the confederation of the provinces, when the latter body was abolished and the present Senate created. In 1873 he was called to the Senate and since that period he has been a conspicuous and able member of that body of Canada's representative men.

Bro. Vidal was over 12 years agent for the Bank of Upper Canada in Sarnia, subsequently for eight years agent for the Bank of Montreal. As chairman of several committees in the Senate, such as Banking, Railways, Contingencies, etc., he has been from time to time prominently before the public and is held in the highest esteem throughout the country.

As an advocate of the temperance cause he stands in the front rank among the able men of the Dominion who are warring against the liquor traffic.

Senator Vidal is a member of the Sons of England Society. He is a member of Bridgewater Lodge, No. 204, Sarnia. He has been made an Honorary

President of his lodge, by special sanction of the Supreme Grand Executive—a distinction held by no other member in the Order out of the 15,000 Englishmen comprising its membership. He is as active in the promulgation of the principles of the Sons of England as he is in that of the Temperance cause. His energy is wonderful for a man of his age. He is always a welcome visitor at any of the lodges in Ottawa which he may be able to attend while residing here during the session of Parliament. Bro. Hon. Vidal believes as our principles become known to the hundreds of thousands of Englishmen in the Dominion, we will be a strong and influential barrier to all sentiment and active hostility against the unity and integrity of the British Empire.

Very recently the members of his lodge in Sarnia presented him with a beautiful medal in recognition of his deep interest in advocating the cause of the Sons of England. He wore the medal at the recent gathering held by Stanley Lodge in Ottawa last week. The design is artistic and pleasing. The brethren of Sarnia must be congratulated upon doing to the worthy brother what he deserves.

In Bro. Hon. Senator Vidal the members have a true and worthy brother, and the Order is proud of its Senator.

Bro. G. T. Martin, Dis. Deputy.

The subject of this short sketch, Bro. G. T. Martin, was born in the year 1845, at Upper Norwood, Surrey, England, and educated in the local school, and Kendal's Seminary, afterwards passing five years in the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, after which he removed to London, and remained in that city until 1871, when he came to Canada. After some years residence in the city of Toronto, he was attached to the Engineers staff for five years, during the construction of the C.P.Ry. After the



BRO. G. T. MARTIN, D.D.

completion of construction, in the State of Maine, in 1880, he removed to Smita's Falls, where he now resides, the marked improvement of the architectural beauty of that town giving tangible evidence of his professional abilities. Bro. Martin's father, being more than an ordinary lover of British institutions, it naturally follows that he should be an ardent and active worker in all that appertains to the advancement of English interest as a nation, and is a firm believer in and advocate for a Greater Britain by a strong federation of all British Colonies and dependencies. He is a charter member of Guelph lodge, and was elected President for the years 1891-24. At the close

of the last term of office, the members of the lodge wishing to give some token as an evidence of their appreciation of his interest and untiring efforts in building up Guelph lodge, presented him with a P. P. Jewel. He was elected Sup. G. L. delegate for 1893-45, and was honoured at the last assembly by being elected D. D. for the counties of Lanark, Carleton, Russell, Stormont and Renfrew.

Bro. Martin is a contributor to the press. His article upon the Union Jack is now appearing in the ANGLO-SAXON. Politically Bro. Martin is a Conservative; he has been president of the Conservative association of Smith's Falls for several years. His disposition and nature is that of a whole-souled and enthusiastic Englishman. In Bro. Martin you have a man who is with you to the last; he thinks quickly and acts promptly, and in the Order we have no brother more willing to work for its advancement. He feels that we should be more powerful, be stronger numerically than we are, but he has not given up the "hope" that that end will yet be attained.

Ottawa and Halifax.

Bro. John E. Hills, treasurer of lodge Chebucto, Halifax, N.S., was an attendant at the recent Dominion Rifle Association meeting held in Ottawa.

Bro. Hills called upon us and we were very much pleased to meet him. He conversed freely about the Order in Halifax, and feels as all others do that it is in need of some closer and more fraternal effort on the part of the leaders to awake it out of that lethargy which it has fallen into.

He instanced the recent visit of Bro. Clatworthy, P. S. G. President, to Halifax, and said that the arranging of his visit by the Supreme Secretary was not of the best. He says they received a letter from the S. G. Sec., saying that Bro. Clatworthy would likely be with you, etc. In the meantime he had been to Halifax and had left. Then the lodge instructed the secretary to notify the Executive that they would like, when a Supreme officer was on a visit in the name and at the expense of the Order, that he remain long enough to see the brethren.

It seems that Bro. Clatworthy was more anxious to open the new lodge at Dartmouth than to see the members who had been instrumental in keeping alive the Order in Nova Scotia. It is evident the object in view by the P. S. G. P., was the fact that he could point out that he had opened so many lodges, etc., which he could claim to his credit. The lodge would have been opened at all events.

PERSONAL NOTES—OTTAWA.

Bro. Wm. Fletcher, of Severn lodge, Arnprior, is now residing in Ottawa.

Bro. Capt. S. Maynard Rogers, of Bowood lodge, was elected President of the Undertakers' Association, which recently convened at London, Ont.

Bro. Wm. Davies, of Severn lodge, Arnprior, who has been in the hospital for the past three weeks, is recovering.

Bro. Rev. Mr. McKay, chaplain of Bowood lodge, has been confined to the house for the past week with a severe cold accompanied by a sore throat.

Tennyson lodge, Hull, P.Q., lost by death a worthy brother, Henry Stone. He was employed by the E. B. Eddy Co., and had contracted typhoid fever. He leaves a wife and three children.

A very painful and peculiar accident befell the father of Chas. Sharpe, Sec. and W. Sharpe, President, of Russell lodge. He was sitting on an empty box, when by some means the box gave way and he fell to the ground on his leg, breaking it in two places.

Bro. E. Hunt, of Derby lodge, has opened up a store in the Dairy business at 132 Bank street. Brethren who may desire articles in his line of business would do well to give him a call. We trust Bro. Hunt will meet with the encouragement he deserves.

Bro. J. Foss, of Foss & Sons, Wellington street, P. P. of Stanley lodge, has been confined to the house for the past two weeks. Bro. Foss is one of the staunchest of the lodge, and never out of the place, a committeeman, unless through some unforeseen cause.

Bro. Wm. Teague, D.D., took the opportunity to present the case of the boys to the members of Stanley lodge at their last meeting. He is anxious that a more active interest should be taken in the juvenile branch of the Order by the senior lodges.

The first social gathering of the Order in Ottawa was held by Stanley lodge on the 10th of September. Among those present were Bro. Hon. Senator Vidal, honorary president of Bayswater lodge, Sarnia; Bro. K. Townsend, Smith's Falls; Wm. Teague, D.D., and a large number of visiting members from the four city lodges. The lodge was opened by the president, Bro. E. J. Reynolds, after which Bro. Hon. Senator Vidal addressed the members. His address was a capital one, dealing with the wonderful progress achieved nationally in the world by the English people both in the missionary and commercial fields. Those who took part in the programme of music were Bros. Sam. J. Perkins, C. Foss, J. Shrimpton, B. J. Hunt, G. A. Fownell and others. Refreshments were served during the evening.

An Unfulfilled Promise.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

A branch of the S. O. E. was formed here on December 29th, 1892, and I was one of its first members, and we have a very nice lodge. Bro. Boswell was the officer who opened the lodge.

It will soon be four years since we started. Now, would you believe that during all this time we have not had a visit from any of the officials of the Sons of England, although in 1894, when I was at the Woodstock convention, I was promised a visit from some of the officers.

I have been asked by the members of our lodge why do not the officers fulfill their promises? What can I say; only tell them that we are so far away, and are so small in numbers, that we are not worth any notice! I think we deserve a little notice if we are in an isolated place.

The only way we know that there are such a body as the Sons of England is through the ANGLO-SAXON.

GEO. TUDDENHAM, P.P.,
Sudbury Lodge, 108.

[We agree with the brother; when a promise is made by our officers it should be kept. If a visit was promised it should be fulfilled. I trust the difficulty will be overcome at the coming G. L. meeting at Brantford, by the appointment of an organizer, whose duty it would be to visit lodges situated as lodge Sudbury is.—Ed.]

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