

Winnipeg, Man.

A meeting of the District Council was held at the Sons of England Hall, 30th March for the purpose of nominating District Deputy Supreme Grand President during the present term.

The four lodges embraced in the District were well represented, even Runnymede lodge at Selkirk, some 20 miles from Winnipeg, was represented by its W. President and W. Vice-president respectively.

There was but one nomination, Bro. J. L. Broughton being the unanimous choice of all present, was declared by Bro. T. C. Andrews, the senior Past President present, duly elected District Deputy S.G.P. for the ensuing term, so far as those present had a voice in the matter. The advisability of re-nominating Bro. Broughton to the office had been well discussed previously in the various lodges concerned, and the delegates came with full instructions from the brethren they represented. At the conclusion of the specific business for which the meeting was called it resolved itself into a committee for the purpose of discussing the grievances under which the order is suffering in the Northwest, and the suggestion of some practical scheme for reform in some direction, but after Bro. Jos. Harrison had read the sayings and doings at the recent meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge from the pages of the March issue of the ANGLO-SAXON, it was determined to wait till the next meeting of the D. C. to be held in May, before taking any action on such matters now in abeyance, as it might by that time be known definitely what the General Purpose Committee had suggested to the S. G. Executive, and further what that body had determined upon doing.

The imperative necessity of the lodges represented sending one or more delegates to the next session of the S. G. Lodge was dwelt upon by several of the most influential members present as it is felt that however much the lodges may be indebted to Bro. Reynolds and other Eastern brethren for their efforts in our behalf when acting as delegates of our distant lodges, still they would not carry the weight with their colleagues, or have that true inward knowledge of what we want, or what is good for us, as would one who was, so to say, "to the manner born."

The further discussion of this matter was also relegated to the next meeting of the Council so that it might be well talked over in the lodges concerned. It was decided that the D. D. be instructed to extend an invitation to the S. G. President, and the S. G. Vice-President to visit Manitoba some time during the coming summer, so that for two terms at least the S. G. Executive may be presided over by men who will have seen a little of this magnificent heritage of Englishmen which is ever increasing its population by direct importations from the dear old land. At the conclusion the meeting closed in the usual form.

Westward Ho met on 21st of March, it was quarterly night and about 50 members were present. A farewell was given to Bro., the Rev. Milton H. Chaplin, on the occasion of his leaving Winnipeg to fill an incumbency in England. The reverend Bro. expressed his thankfulness for the confidence reposed in him by the lodge, and eulogized the benefits the order was conferring upon Englishmen in Canada, expressing his opinion of the great future of the S. O. E. society. A committee was formed for the purpose of organizing the annual picnic for 1899. Selkirk apparently being the favorite point of a number of the members. Another committee also was nominated in accordance with the wish of the D. D. for the purpose of forming a Military Company of members of the Sons of England in connection with and forming a portion of the Ninetieth Rifles.

It having been announced that a meeting of the District Council would take place on 30th inst. for the purpose of electing a D. D. for Winnipeg District, a vote of the lodge was taken and the wish was unanimously expressed that Bro. J. L. Broughton be again nominated for that office.

Lodge Shakespeare No 144, S.O.E., B.S. held its regular meeting at Sons of England hall, 27th March. Being quarterly night about sixty members were present in the lodge room. The appearance of the cosy and well lighted meeting room was both significant and impressive. The magnificent silk flag representing an English white ensign suspended from the centre of the ceiling, together with the Union Jacks, both real and depicted, gave the surroundings quite a nautical appearance, declaring in sign language if not in words, "This is the meeting of the Banner Lodge of the Sons of England."

The committee appointed to confer with the authorities of the Ninetieth Battalion re the formation of a Sons of England Company, reported that the idea had been most favorably received, and they were instructed by the lodge to proceed at once in conjunction with the other lodges to get the recruit roll filled up as early as possible, and mustering the whole force of those intending to join to meet the constituted authorities at such time and place as might be agreed upon.

At Sons of England hall on the 18th Mar., the new juvenile lodge of the Daughters and Maids of England was inaugurated by the D.D., Mrs. Eddy, assisted by Mrs. F. Clark, president; Mrs. Moor, V.P.; Mrs. Eddleston, chap; Mesdames Bowyer, Davis, Parsons and others.

There are already on the list upwards of twenty applicants for membership, but from various causes ten only produced medical certificates and were considered fully eligible on this occasion, but doubtless the next meeting will make a far better showing as the senior members of both the Daughters and Sons of England are expressing much sympathy with the movement.

Under the impression that the next meeting would add greatly to the membership, the christening of the lodge was deferred to a future occasion.

The Sons of England Hall and Building Association of Manitoba has no connection with any other institution of a like name or nature either within or without the Sons of England Society, therefore the deplorable failure, with its far reaching results, of the Sons of England Hall Co. of Toronto in no way affects it, in point of fact the Winnipeg enterprise has been so far a success that in spite of the apathy of members in taking up stock at its inception it has now become one of the most well known places for social gatherings in the city, is nearly out of debt, and owns a piano, paid for, which is pronounced by experts a first class instrument.

It is with pleasure we call attention to one of the most flourishing lodges of the order, Brandon Lodge of Brandon, Manitoba. It has an enterprising set of officers, the president and secretary being specially worthy of mention as enthusiastic Sons of England. The following is a short quotation from our correspondents letter.

"We have 53 members in good standing, having about \$200 in the savings bank and nearly as much to our credit with our bankers. The officers are a good selection and turn up well. I hope to see many more lodges formed in Manitoba and the Northwest this year."

Space will not permit a fuller report, but what we have will suffice to show that Brandon Lodge can legitimately be ranked with the foremost in the order.

A very enthusiastic and pleasing meeting of Lodge Middlesex took place on Wednesday night, April 12th. The retiring district deputy of West Toronto was on hand for the purpose of handing over his insignia of office to Bro. John Jones, who received the unanimous endorsement and was duly appointed by Grand Lodge. There was also the presentation of emblems to those members who had brought most members to the lodge.

This is the first time that the honor of district deputy has been conferred upon Middlesex and it is greatly prized by the members, all the more satisfaction is felt from the fact that Past President Jones is a great and hard worker for the order and has his heart in the work. There is every prospect of a most successful season now that so stalwart a Son of England is at the helm in West Toronto. Bro. Jones is a hustler, in the true sense of the word and it is with pleasure we announce his appointment.

Afterwards, congratulations and jollity, closed the eventful evening. Middlesex is in a flourishing condition at present, it has a membership of 283 in good standing, which does not include 52 members owing less than three months. Financially, the lodge is doing extremely well, having to its credit \$6015.72.

Among the delegates who attended Grand Lodge and who by some oversight were missed from our list of delegates was Dr. Anderson the highly respected surgeon of Guelph Lodge, Smith's Falls. Brother Anderson is an exemplary member. He attended Grand Lodge when in session and is known to always have the interest of Englishmen at heart.