

HONORING HER MAJESTY.

THE 24TH EXCURSION AND PICNIC A GRAND SUCCESS.

Carleton Place Crowded with Englishmen from Ottawa, Almonte, Smith's Falls, Pembroke and Brockville.

It would be hard to find a more jolly or better pleased crowd than that which gathered at Carleton Place to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday.

An unexpectedly large Ottawa party attended. They with the other excursionists from Almonte, Arnprior, Pembroke and other towns up the line augmented by the home throng, numbering fully 3000 people.

OTTAWA EXCURSIONISTS arrived in town about 11 o'clock, and were escorted to the picnic grounds by member of the S. O. E. order at Carleton, headed by the Carleton Place band.

THE SPORTS The sports commenced early in the day. The first event was the cricket match between Carleton and Almonte Cricket Clubs.

Almonte-Hogan, McCallum, Reynolds, Bell, Bennett, Rose, Stevens, Bunting, Maloney, Slattery, Abernathy and Fergie, and R. McGibney, captain.

Other leading events were the association football match between the Ottawa and the Carleton place clubs. Though they were on the defensive most of the time the Carleton men won by a score of 1 to 0.

BABY SHOW The baby show attracted a very large number of ladies. Thirteen chubby little ones were put up for competition, while each loving mother, of course, thought her offspring the best baby on earth, it was generally conceded by the opinion of the men-folks that the three special judges of the event, awarded the prizes right.

OTHER EVENTS. Other events and their winners were as follows:- Largest family on grounds-1, Mr. and Mrs. Lees, 7; 2, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reynolds, 7.

Fat man's race (200 lbs.)-1, W. Pain; 2, F. Jarman; 3, G. Brown. Hop, step and jump-1, C. Reynolds, Almonte; 2, J. Sullivan.

100 yards' race, (open)-1, J. Sullivan; 2, S. Stanzel; 3, F. Hanton.

Boys' race-1, Willie Reynolds; 2, J. Lee; 3, A. McDermott.

Girls' race (under 15)-1, Annie Burton; 2, Nellie Burnside; 3, Ethel George.

Girls' race (under 7.)-1, Nellie Davis; 2, B. Smallwood.

Running jump-1, C. Reynolds, Almonte; 2, E. Fee; 3, J. Sullivan.

Married ladies' race, (members' wives)-1, Mrs. Hickmet; 2, Mrs. Pownall; 3, Mrs. Lee; 4, Mrs. Cheetham.

Race (S. O. E. only)-1, F. Jarman, jr.; 2, E. J. Reynolds; 3, E. J. Le Dain.

Married ladies' race-1, Mrs. Firth; 2, Mrs. Lee; 3, Mrs. Kemp.

Boys' race (Lion Lodge)-1, Eddie Reynolds; 2, Howard Reynolds.

Committeemen's race-1, E. J. Reynolds; 2, Ed. Ackroyd; 3, C. G. Folkes.

TORONTO S. O. E. NOTES. Bro. Geo. Scott, who has been in the Old Country for the past two years, has again returned to Canada, and settled in Hamilton, bringing a partner with him to share his joys and woes. Bro Scott is a member of the old No. 1.

HAMILTON.

A SUCCESSFUL PICNIC AT BRANT HOUSE PARK, BURLINGTON.

The local Sons of England lodges celebrated the holiday by attending a picnic held at the Brant House by the S. O. E. lodge of Burlington. An enjoyable day was put in by the visitors.

Shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon a procession was formed in the village and the following bodies marched to the picnic grounds:-

S. O. E. Naval Brigade, Naval Brigade Band, True Blue Pioneer corp of Palermo, Lily Loyal Orange lodge 1, 182 of Burlington, Burlington lodge 156, S. O. E., and representatives from the different S. O. E. lodges of Hamilton.

On arriving at the grounds two pleasant events took place. Ex-Alderman Hancock, past grand vice-president, on behalf of Burlington lodge, in a neat and very complimentary speech, presented a handsome gold ring to Bro. William Hunt, the well-known past district deputy president of the order. Bro. Hunt replied, thanking the brethren.

Then affirming that it is a poor rule that won't work both ways, he called upon Past Grand President W. R. Stroud, of Ottawa, to present Burlington lodge a large and excellent photo of the recipient of the ring. Joseph Tolhurst, first guide, responded for the lodge, William Fleetham, president of the lodge, being busily engaged in showing the picture around. The photo will have a place of honor on a wall of the lodge room of Burlington lodge.

During the day Supreme Grand President Thomas Elliott, of Brantford; Supreme Grand Secretary, John Carter and Supreme Grand Treasurer B. Hinchcliffe, both of Toronto, were on the grounds; but all three were called away on matters of business before the afternoon. However, several of the high officers of the society delivered short speeches. Past Grand President Stroud spoke for a few minutes; Past Grand vice-President Hancock and Past District Deputy Hunt also said a few words, the former reviewing the past work and giving a few statistics of the order.

Rev. Mr. Yorston, of Waterdown, delivered a patriotic address and was heartily applauded. Col. Kerns, M. P., had a few words to say, but he did not extend his remarks, leaving the time for some one else to fill in. All the speeches were delivered in the open air, and were listened to with much attention.

While the S. O. E. Naval Brigade band, under Bandmaster William Peel, was delighting the picnickers with their well played music, a list of races and other sports was being run off by Samuel Thomas, W. H. Harrison, A. H. Finnemore and J. Hallett, the games committee. These were the winners of the different events:

Egg race, 100 yards-1, John Forth; 2, Arthur Bach.

Running jump-1, H. Ayerst; 2, E. Hartley.

One hundred yards race-1, E. Hartley; 2, H. Ayerst; 3, G. Downing.

Three-legged race-1, Heaney and Smith; 2, Ayerst and Hartley 3, R. Tuck and J. Tuck.

Girls' race, 50 yards-1, A. Henderson; 2, R. Tuck.

Boys' race, (under 18 years), 100 yards-1, D. Matthews; 2, P. Heaney; 3, T. Sagden.

Blind man's race-1, D. Matthews; 2, H. Ayerst.

Running hop, step and jump-1, J. Holland, 40 feet; 2, H. Ayerst, 39 feet 2 inches.

Special race (Daughters of England)-1, Mrs. Hancock.

Committeemen's race-1, Albert H. Finnemore.

In the evening the band gave an excellent concert, which was listened to with noticeable pleasure. During both afternoon and evening the dancing pavilion was patronized.

This was the committee of Burlington lodge in charge of the celebration: William Fleetham (chairman), William Wiggins (secretary), H. Lowe (treasurer), Samuel Moore, Samuel Thomas, Joseph Tolhurst, A. H. Finnemore, W. H. Harrison, William Little, W. Burrage, E. Wilson and W. Young.

The picnic was a big success in every way.

NOTES. Bro. Rev. Canon Belt was on the grounds at Burlington Picnic.

Past District Deputy Squires, of Galt, was one of the high officers of the Society at the Brant House Celebration.

It has been estimated that it would take a man 3,000 years to read all the standard works.

Read Bryson & Graham's advertisement on 1st page.

ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICES.

LARGE TURN-OUT OF ENGLISHMEN ON MAY 21.

Collections Taken up in Aid of the Various Benevolent Objects of the Society.

HAMILTON.

There was quite an imposing procession of the Sons of England and various kindred patriotic societies Sunday March 21st on the occasion of the annual church parade of the first membership. The Sons of England the central hall of the order on Macnab street, and accompanied by contingents of the Orange order, I. P. B. S., St. George's and St. Andrew's societies, marched to Christ's Church cathedral. The route was lined with crowds who had been waiting to view the procession. The Victoria flute band headed the column, and the S. O. E. lodges followed their own band, the members of which were attired in their handsome new uniforms of blue and silver. The order of the procession was as follows:-

Naval Brigade Band.

Naval Brigade-Lieut. H. C. Thompson.

Sons of England lodges-Robt. Hanford, D. D. G. P.; W. Hunt, P. D. D. G. P.; White Rose Degree, lodge, John Tulk, president; Acorn lodge, W Hancock, president; Rose of England, John Cheriton, president; Hearts of Oak, T. Butler, president; Devon lodge, R. Mitchell, president; Osborne lodge, J. N. Trebilcock, president; Hamilton lodge, E. Carleton, president; Cornwall lodge, F. H. Revell, president; Burlington lodge, Wm. Fleetham, president.

St. George's society-H. N. Kittson, president; F. Mackelcan, Q. C., J. J. Mason, Thomas Mason, W. Hancock, past presidents; S. J. Whitehead, vice-president; C. D. Blachford, secretary; Geo. Hacker, G. T. Tuckett, T. M. Davis, H. Mason, R. Harper, board of management.

There were about 500 members of the various lodges in the procession. At the church they were joined by the Daughters of England, the Ladies' Orange association and many of the friends of the organization, making a total of over one thousand.

The pulpit in the cathedral was draped with a Union Jack. The rector was assisted by Rev. R. W. Wright. Rev. Mr. Bland preached from the text: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father."-James i. 27. After welcoming the various societies he proceeded to speak to them particularly on religion, patriotism and benevolence. Self consecration is necessary among the individual members of a society in order that these principles may be carried out as a whole. When imbued with love for God and for his country a man should not be afraid to show it by his words and actions. Self-consecration, self-assertion and self-sacrifice should go hand in hand. If men are Sons of England they should be sons of England's God. Speaking of patriotism the reverend gentleman said that no true Son of England could countenance in any manner a scheme for the dismemberment of the empire or to alienate the least of England's dependencies from the crown, let alone a Dominion of such extent and importance as ours, which is so vital a part of that magnificent imperial belt line around the world. He hoped the day would never come when any one of them would ever cease to sing right heartily and loyally the national anthem, God Save the Queen.

In conclusion he congratulated them on the success which has attended their efforts in the past, especially in providing means for caring for Sons of England at the hospital, so that when a man is sick and weary, perhaps without friends, he feels that the old red cross of St. George is still over him and he is among Sons of England and sons of England's God.

The collection after the service, which was devoted to the benevolent purposes of the order, amounted to \$42.72.

PETERBOROUGH.

COLLECTION IN AID OF THE TORONTO LIFE-BOAT.

Divine service having been arranged, was held on Sunday May 21st at 3:30 in St. Luke's Church, Ashburnham. Bro. T. H. Martin, president, called the meeting at 3 o'clock, a large number of the brethren turned out and gave us a procession to be proud of. Bro. R. Tivey, marshal, kept everything in line and in order. Arriving

at the church, the centre aisle had been reserved for us, and there was too much room for we filled them all up.

After the beautiful English service had been finished, the brethren listened to an address by the Rev. Herbert Symonds, Rector of St. Luke's and chaplain of Lansdowne Lodge, and a grand address it was, much enjoyed by all. The collection having been taken up, which, by the way, is to be given to the S. O. E. Lifeboat Fund, Toronto. The brethren sang the National Anthem in true English style, filling the church with volumes of sound, "what enthusiasm." The benediction pronounced, the brethren filed out of church and marched to the lodge room, when votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. Bro. Symonds, St. Luke's choir and the visiting brethren, from Belleville, Toronto, Lakefield, and last, but not least to the efficient committee for the manner in which they arranged everything. The National Anthem brought a most successful and enjoyable church parade to a close.

ORILLIA.

COLLECTION IN AID OF THE ORILLIA COT FOR SICK CHILDREN, TORONTO.

The annual Church parade of the Sons of England Benevolent society in Orillia took place Sunday 21st from their lodge rooms, Mississauga-street. The brethren formed into double line at 15.15, and headed by the Orillia Citizens' Band in uniform to proceed to the English church grounds. Upwards of one hundred took part in the parade. The service commenced at 15.30 by singing the opening hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," after which Canon Greene read the Lesson and prayers, and preached from "I have shown you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Sons of England, it affords me great pleasure to welcome you here to-day, and so in the name of the officials of this church and congregation I greet you heartily in the Lord. Another year has most rapidly passed away since last we met, and as we all are growing older we feel more and more the necessity of being banded together, into ties of loving brotherhood. And this becomes daily the more necessary as we grow more painfully aware of the fast increasing age of our Gracious and beloved Queen. Hers has been a wonderful reign indeed-never the like having been seen before. Such wisdom, such diplomacy, such extent of territory. History nowhere tells such a glorious story. But her age is fast advancing and telling upon her, and we as dutiful subjects require to be drawn closer and closer together. This is an age when unity is more needed than ever in the past. England's sons must stand firm and fast together, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, hand to hand. The allwise One only knows what the future has in store. But we all-trust that the day may be far distant when Queen Victoria shall pass to her long home-and if I might so say it, her well earned rest. Long live our noble Queen in our earnest wish this afternoon. I have chosen a text for our consideration this afternoon of like feeling and sentiment with these thoughts. I invite your attention to Acts xx., 35, Revised Version, "In all things I gave you an example, how that so labouring ye ought to help the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he Himself said, it is more blessed to give than to receive." Referring to the collection to be devoted towards the maintenance of the Orillia Cot in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, he made a most eloquent appeal on behalf of that institution. The service was brought to close with a benediction, after the National Anthem had been sung in a most hearty manner. The collection amounted to \$18, which was handed to Miss Stewart for the Orillia Cot.

"LONG LIFE WITHOUT STRIFE FOR ENGLAND."

Winnipeg, May 24.-Lodges Westward Ho, Neptune, Shakespeare and Queen of the West, (Juvenile) held their annual church parade on May 21st. The day being fine, there was a good turn-out of the members of the four lodges.

A joint committee was appointed a few weeks ago from all the lodges, Bro. W. H. Reeve, chairman, and Bro. Thos. Appleyard, secretary, and all arrangements were completed by Saturday evening, when the church was tastefully decorated, the Union Jack playing a conspicuous part in the decorations. Some very handsome

flowers and plants were also placed on the altar, and on the handsome marble pulpit was a fine display of red and white roses, the fragrance and beauty of which were much appreciated.

The members mustered at their respective lodge rooms at 10 p.m. and headed by the Citizens band, marched to Christ Church. The Rev. Canon Pentreath, conducted the first part of the service, which was full choral, and Bro. Rev. Waddington Clarke, B.A., preached a most impressive and patriotic sermon. The hymns-"The Chimes, the Chimes of Motherland; of England, Green and Old," "O God of Jacob, by whose hand Thy people still are led," and "Loud in Exultation, England's Sons to-day," were heartily sung by the brethren and congregation, led by one of the finest choirs in Winnipeg. A special feature of the musical portion of the service, was the anthem, "If with all your hearts ye truly seek me," was splendidly rendered by Bro. A. H. Deeks, (of Orillia) who had lately joined the choir. Bro. Deeks has a fine full tenor voice, and his services were much appreciated. Bro. A. Bush, president of Lodge Shakespear, presided at the organ. The offertory was in aid of the building fund of Christ Church. Bro. McDonald, of Westward Ho, acted as marshal and Bro. W. H. Reeve, president of Shakespear, had charge inside the church. It is conceded on all side that the parade was one of the best ever held in Winnipeg.

Manitoba has worthy representatives of the Motherland in her population, and the Sons of England Benevolent Society is becoming a strong organization in the community, and is serving a good purpose in cementing the bonds of fellowship and keeping up pleasant recollections of home and boyhood.

LOOK WELL TO YOUR LAURELS.

AVONDALE LODGE VISITED BY S. G. OFFICERS.

Avondale Lodge, Toronto, held their regular meeting on Monday, May 22, Bro. Lynden, Pres., in the chair. After the opening ceremony had been performed, two candidates were initiated, and five were proposed, the meeting then adjourned for one hour to enable the members to attend the mass meeting in the auditorium. After which the brethren re-assembled; after transacting routine business, the S. G. Lodge officers were announced, and received with honors. Bro. Lynden thanked the Executive for their presence.

Bro. Elliott, S. G. P., congratulated Avondale on its progress, he thought some of the older lodges would have to look well to their laurels, as some of the new lodges were well at their heels. The hour being late he refrained from making a speech.

FIDELITY TO EACH OTHER.

Bro. Stroud P. S. G. P., felt pleased to be present, more especially as Avondale had sprung into existence during his term of office. He was sure by the manner this lodge was working, it was on the road to success. It was a pleasure to see so much young blood in the lodge, he urged the members to bring in the young men, and he hoped the good advice given at the meeting in the Auditorium would soon have its effect, and trusted the brethren would not forget the motto, "fidelity to each other."

Bro. J. C. Swait, P. S. G. P.; Bro. Dr. John S. King, P. S. G. P.; Bro. Skippon, P. S. G. P.; Bro. Herbert, D. D. and Bro. Barker, P. D. D., gave short speeches, after which a vote of thanks was tendered the supreme officers for their presence and the lodge closed. Refreshments were then in order.

England Never Sleeps.

In the construction of submarine cables and ocean steamships our country is far behind England, which leads the world. At this time an American company is laying a cable from Peru to Central America, which was made in England. At this time two great steamships for a new line between America and Australasia are on the stocks in an English shipyard. The English made the new deep sea cable between South America and Africa. We recently bought our best two Atlantic steamships in England. It is England that owns the most of the Atlantic cables and owns a large proportion of the Atlantic steamships. By her cable lines on the beds of the world's seas and her commercial marine on these seas the power and the wealth of England are immensely increased. This country is wide awake a part of the time, but England never sleeps.-New York Sun.