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GRAND LODGE SESSION OF THE SONS OF ENGLAND.

The forthcoming Session of this Grand Lodge of Englishmen promises to be of more than ordinary interest. It is big with possibilities of legislative action vitally affecting the welfare of the society.

The whole question of the formation of District lodges will be one of the greatest interest—for therein we feel is the solution of some of the most pressing difficulties besetting the effective working of the Society.

We regard the reasons assigned for the serious proposal to amalgamate the two degrees as being paltry in the extreme—and, as a matter of fact, in Ottawa where Clarendon W. R. Lodge has paid all its own expenses and had its own meeting night, the R. R. members have actually been complaining of it all as needless expense, because the W. R. degree here did not follow exactly the same line of action complained of elsewhere.

We trust that patience in abundance and wisdom and patriotism will accuate all the delegates in their attitude towards each other, and that their deliberations will be truly fruitful in the highest good to the Society.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

It is seemingly admitted generally that, in order to make the Public Schools meet public requirements, it is essential for religious teaching to be omitted, or to be so limited to a little goody-goody precepts about morality and of duty to a God of whose infinite love, as revealed in the plan of Redemption, they are to be told nothing.

taining inferior schools at greater cost to themselves.

In this question is distinctly involved the whole question of State Churchism equally as much as if every clergyman instead of the schoolmaster drew his salary from the Government.

This evil is growing in Canada, and it is true that a wholesome pressure be put on our politicians to remedy it. We hold as a fundamental principle that no private consciences must be violated by law.

We are utterly opposed to every form of State patronage and payment to religious and sectarian beliefs—because it is bad in principle and is never applied equitably to all creeds.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

QUEBEC SCANDALS: Reading daily the astounding revelations of the public robberies perpetrated by the late Mercier Government, leaves the mind of the reader in a perfect maze of wonderment.

IMPERIAL TRADE: Mr. Alex. McNeil, M.P., for North Bruce, has nobly addressed his constituents recently, pointing out the enormous advantage to Canada and the Empire likely to accrue from the adoption of a distinct preferential trade policy for the British Empire.

world over for the citizens of the Empire—and we can then dictate our terms of trade with foreign nations.

ROMAN CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETIES. In all centres of political life papists are forming what they call "Truth Societies." Their object, briefly stated, is to attend to all interests of the Roman Catholic Church being duly advertised in the press.

CANADIAN AUTHORS: The Ottawa Journal expressed regret that the bulk of the Toronto dailies dismissed with "scant notice" the occasion of a gathering of Canadian Authors to read, from their works, to the Young Men's Liberal Club of Toronto.

NUNS AS NURSES: What is the matter with Protestants at Toronto, that the city health officer—according to Archbishop Walsh—has had to request "the nuns of St. Joseph" to take charge of their contagious diseases' hospital?

THE S. O. E. B. SOCIETY: In the letters published in the ANGLO-SAXON, and from other sources, we learn there is quite a diversity of opinion as to the amalgamation of the two degrees of the Order—but a pretty unanimous feeling that the White Rose degree, as worked at present, is a failure.

HAUL DOWN THE FLAG: The ridiculous and frenzied attitude of the people of Bridgeport, Conn., in demanding that the Union Jack should be hauled down from a British ship entering that port—because the Stars and Stripes were not also floated—affords an insight into the feeling of the people.

WINNIPEG, MAN.

Red and White Rose Degrees.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ANGLO-SAXON: Sir,—I have read the very able letter of your correspondent, Mr. J. Critchley, re White Rose amalgamation, and other matters.

My views are more drastic; I am more in favour of reforming it out of existence, unless it can be caused to survive under entirely other conditions than those now in force.

I think we may estimate three-fourths of the members of a lodge are so from a desire to receive the benefits, at least as much as they are from any patriotic motive.

No member should be eligible for admission to the W. R. degree unless he could give satisfactory answers to all questions bearing on the fundamental principles of the constitution, and that when a member of the W. R. Degree, he should not be qualified for the higher offices of president, vice-president or past-president, till he was perfect in the ritual of at least the R. R. Degree.

Yours, etc., WINNIPEG FREE LANCE, Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 25th.

Sons of England News.

S. O. E. NOTES.

Through pressure upon our columns this issue, we leave over till our next issue a report of the annual dinner of Turu lodge, of St. Thomas, Ont.

We take pleasure in drawing the attention of the members of the Order to the lodge cards of Grosvenor lodge, No. 120, Montreal; Birmingham lodge, No. 69, Toronto; and Osborne lodge, No. 122, of Hamilton, which appear in this issue.

We are sorry to notice that, in the recent International Tug-of-War at Ottawa, Englishmen were at the bottom of the honor roll.

We are pleased to acknowledge, a large increase in the circulation of the ANGLO-SAXON, through the exertions of Bros. J. A. Edwards, G. M. J. real; T. C. Andrews, of Winnipeg; J. Critchley, of Victoria, B.C., and W. H. Boycott, of New Westminster, B.C.

THE BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

Forty-two applications for Beneficiary Policies were considered by the Board at their last meeting. Forty were accepted.

The Beneficiary Board meets the first Wednesday in every month. It is proposed to ask the Grand Lodge to increase the Beneficiary to \$2,000, giving all members an opportunity to take out another \$1,000 policy.

The officers of Lodge Truro, St. Thomas, were installed by District Deputy W. Gay. They are as follows: President, Charles Riddalls; Vice-President, H. Ponsford; Past President, A. Neale; Secretary, J. Hoare; Treasurer, W. Grigg; delegate to Grand Lodge, A. Neale; alternate, Chas. Riddalls.

At the regular meeting of Victoria lodge, No. 12, held at Cornwall, the following officers, elected for the year, were duly installed by District Deputy Bro. J. A. Edwards of Montreal: Past President, Bro. John Sudeg; President, Bro. the Rev. S. Gower Poole; Vice-President, Bro. H. Smith; Chaplain, Bro. R. Casson; Secretary, Bro. E. Hunt; Treasurer, Bro. H. Williams.

Grosvenor Lodge, No. 120, Montreal, the following officers for the present year, were installed by District Deputy Bro. J. A. Edwards, Past Pres. Bro. T. G. Atkinson; Pres. T. J. Vaughn; Vice-Pres. W. W. Evans; Chap. J. Combes; Treas. E. Lowe; Sec. M. H. Howell.

Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, JANUARY, 1892.

Readers of the ANGLO-SAXON most probably think the Manitoba correspondent has been either frozen out, or frozen up. That the latter fate has not overtaken him is certainly not due to any clemency upon the part of the clerk of the weather in this pyper-borean region, for we have just thawed out after the most continued cold spell it has been in the power of that respected individual, the oldest resident, to remember.

The annual meeting for the election of officers for the two local lodges, lodge Westward Ho, No. 98, and lodge Neptune 144, came off at their respective meeting nights in December. The president and secretary of the last named remain unchanged, while in lodge Westward Ho, the secretary assumes the chair, the late president retiring to fulfill his more onerous duties of District Deputy.

Lodge Neptune gave a most successful entertainment to which the officers of both lodges were invited. The good things were most bountifully and generously supplied by the wives and daughters of the lodge.

The first death, amongst members, since the institution of the Order in Winnipeg in October, 1889, took place last month. Bro. Hines, of Lodge Neptune, being the first of our brethren stricken down by the Fell Destroyer.

Our sister lodge, Rannymede, at the little suburban town of Selkirk, is progressing very favourably, and is about to give an entertainment which it is presumed will take a dramatic form. There is no doubt but that it must be a success; for where there is an assembly of Englishmen musical and dramatic talent will be found, and, as that particular little community is, by force of circumstances, cut off from the enjoyment of entertainments of the kind, it stands to reason when its people have one brought to their doors, they will patronize it liberally.

Lodge Westward Ho will be represented at the meeting of Grand Lodge, and it seems an unanimous feeling among members generally, that there should be a District Grand Lodge for lodges west of Port Arthur, and that the two degrees should be amalgamated.

Your correspondent would like to whisper in the ears of the SAXON, that the Separate School issue, has no more to do with the real state of affairs in this province, than had the anti-slavery tactics of President Lincoln at the time of the great American rebellion, to that political cataclysm. Any way a general election cannot be much longer postponed.

Montreal.

Victoria Jubilee Lodges, No. 41, held their fifth annual dinner, accompanied by their lady friends, on Friday, about 135 sat down. After satisfying the inner men Bro. Ald. E. Thompson occupied the chair having on his right I. R. J. A. Edwards, Supreme Grand Lodge Deputy, and on the left Bro. J. G. Brooks, President. The toast of "The Queen" was proposed and replied to by all standing in silence. The Prince of Wales and the Royal Family" was responded to. Bro.