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**AMONG THE GRAND OFFICERS.**

**BIOGRAPHIES OF PROMINENT SONS OF ENGLAND.**

Interesting Information Regarding the Brethren Who Have Charge of the Various Departments of the Order.



S. G. C. CLARKE.

The Grand Chaplain, the Rev. W. H. Clarke, rector of St. Barnabas Church, Toronto, is a native of Paris, Ontario. Firmly believing in the good work to be done by the Sons of England, he joined the Society several years ago, and has won the esteem of the membership by the interest he has shown in its progress.



S. G. T. HINCHCLIFFE.

The Supreme Grand Treasurer, Bro. B. Hinchcliffe, Toronto, has filled that office successfully and consecutively for the past twelve years, he being one of the oldest members of the Society. He has also been one of the staunchest, having frequently, during the early years of his Treasurership, assisted by advancing money to settle accounts, never allowing any to remain unpaid. He has seen the income increase from \$305.00 the amount of his first year, to over \$30,000 last year. Bro. Hinchcliffe was born in Yorkshire, England, and has been a resident of Canada for 20 years. He has been again re-elected to fill the office of Treasurer for another year.



S. G. P. P. STROUD.

The Supreme Grand Past President, W. R. Stroud, was born in London, England, 18th January, 1832; came to Canada with his parents in 1856, and is the eldest son of the late respected and philanthropic Mr. W. D. Stroud, of Montreal—one of the most prominent Englishmen of British North America. Bro. Stroud joined Derby Lodge, No.

30, Ottawa, in 1884, and at the Grand Lodge meeting in Ottawa, 1889, was elected to the position of Supreme Grand Vice-President; he was elected Supreme Grand President, in London, Ont., February, 1892. Bro. Stroud was elected a member of the Ottawa City Council in 1889, and was Chairman of the Finance Committee during the latter part of his term in the Council. He refused re-election in 1893. His earlier days were spent in a sea-faring career, during which he obtained a Second Officer's certificate from the London Board of Examiners. In 1872 he returned to Montreal and laid the foundation of the now extensive business of Stroud Bros., tea merchants, widely known all over Canada.

**NEW APPOINTMENTS.**

BRO. WM. JONES, ASSISTANT DISTRICT DEPUTY.

A Building Association for Winnipeg—Bro. Symons, Organizer for the North-

west. April 15th, 1893. Permission has been given the Winnipeg Lodges of the S. O. E. to use the name of the Order in connection with the establishment of a Hall and Building Association, in this city.

Bro. Wm. Jones, of Lodge Neptune, has been appointed Assistant D. D. during the temporary absence of D. D. Bro. Canon Coombes.

The Supreme Grand Lodge has, we are given to understand, appointed Bro. Symons, one of their own body to the office of Lodge Organizer in the Northwest.

**"CONTINENTAL UNION."**

The Disloyal Scheme Condemned by the "Sons of England."

Belleville, April 15th.—The following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of Oxford Lodge No. 17, of the Sons of England B. S.:

"That this lodge, believing as they do that the interests of the Dominion of Canada can be best conserved by its continuance as an integral part of the British Empire.

"Resolved, that we, as loyal British subjects and Canadians, hereby renew our devotion to the throne of Great Britain, and enter a solemn protest against the action of some of our citizens, who under the cloak of continental union propose to foment a spirit of disunion, discord, and disloyalty in our midst, by introducing upon the public platform some of the most notorious annexationists in the Dominion.

"We consider their action detrimental to the best interests of the country at large, and only calculated to foment a spirit of unrest hitherto unknown in this section; and we earnestly ask the co-operation of all loyal Canadians, to nip in the bud this primary attempt to disseminate treason in this section of the Dominion."

The Commander-in-chief of the Naval Brigade, Bro. Geo. Tyler, has sent an invitation to all the Toronto lodges, inviting the members to attend the "commissioning" of the life saving station for the season of 1893, on Saturday, April 29th, at 2 p.m. We trust that a large number will make it convenient to be present on this auspicious occasion.

A new lodge of the Sons of England was opened in Ingersoll, Ont., on Friday the 14th inst., with 35 members,

**A NOTABLE BANQUET.**

**A GREAT GATHERING AT THE CITY OF BRANTFORD.**

SPEECH BY S. G. P. ELLIOTT.

A Notable Exposition of the Position of Englishmen in Canada in Relation to the Intrigues of Traitors.

The Supreme Grand Presidency of the Sons of England is an honor which any man might covet, and the recent elevation of Mr. Thomas Elliott, of this city, to that proud position was looked upon by the brethren here, not alone as a great compliment to him personally, but also to the whole order and to the city itself. As an outcome of this feeling Mr. Elliott was tendered a complimentary banquet on April the 4th by the members of Salisbury lodge, which he was instrumental in starting and of which he was the first president.

With the greatest of pleasure were:

Bro. J. Taylor, D. D. S. P. Guelph; E. J. Lomnitz, Toronto; Chas. Finch, Treas. Royal George, Simcoe; Chas. Gunning, Simcoe; Ralph Farrer, J. Tilley, J. Bellhouse, J. Christie, Ed. Brown, Jer. Wells, William Peirce, John A. Adams, S. F. Passmore, W. P. P.; D. J. Richardson, W. P.; J. S. Thomas, W. P. P., Wolfe; James Benwell, John Raynor, Henry Morton, Chas. Taylor, Wolfe; J. Bassett, J. W. Taylor, J. T. Pollard, V. P.; R. W. Nicklinson, John Longbottom, Joseph Beal, F. Harrison, J. G. Banks, Fred. Cutmore, James Shapley, Henry Harworth, J. B. Watson, H. B. Leeming, Jesse Gibbs, jr., Henry Brown, James Hall, Thos. Pilgrim, Wm. Harper, Thos. Russell, Wm. Tipper, W. H. Moore, Wm. Irwin, secretary; John Ashton, R. T. Warbrick, F. J. Temperance, J. Wood, T. H. Sears, Richard Wilkinson, R. E. Yeates, E. Lang, J. H. Byrne, Jas. E. Benwell, Wm. Edwards, Chas. West, Fred J. Fisher, James Hunt, Chas. Harper, Dr. Fitton, (Simcoe), H. Sandifare (Simcoe), Chas. Dunnett, H. W. Staniland, A. C. Cornell, W. G. Raymond, F. D. Reville.

The innerman having been looked after in good style, the toast list was started with that of "The Queen," followed by the National Anthem.

"The Prince of Wales and the Royal Family," was greeted with "For he's a jolly good fellow," and then came "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers."

Mr. W. G. Raymond was down for a response, and he opened by referring in very flattering terms to Mr. Thos. Elliott. If there is one period in his life when W. G. feels more at home than any other it is when he is talking about those rollicking dogs the Britishers, and his speech last night was as breezy as a whiff off sea air.

**THE TOAST OF THE EVENING.**

"Our Guest" was the next toast, and it was received with deafening applause. Then the crowd sang "For he's a jolly good fellow," and ended up with three cheers more and another tiger. As Mr. Elliott rose to reply he was greeted with another outburst. When silence had once more ensued, he said:

MR. CHAIRMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT, BRETHREN AND GENTLEMEN.—There are periods in a man's lifetime when he feels overcome by some kind act, or some mark of appreciation shown by his fellow men to himself.

This occasion, Sir, is such a time

with me. If I say I feel highly honored at the manner in which the toast was received, I-but mildly express my feelings. I am aware Sir, that this demonstration of feeling is not so much for myself, in my capacity as a brother and a citizen, but a desire to express the feelings of respect and attachment, which belong to the Supreme Grand President of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, whether it happens to be T. Elliott or any one else who may have the honor, and I assure you it is an honor, and a high one, too, to be elected by the brethren to fill the position I occupy. (Loud applause.)

You are gathered then at the request of Lodge Salisbury to do honor to the Supreme Grand President of the S. O. E., and I, occupying that position by virtue of the wish of my brethren, become the individual to whom you look for the proper management of your affairs for the year 1893. Well, I can only tell you that so far as my ability and time will permit I shall endeavor to do my whole duty to the Society and its members. (Applause.)

I have taken an active and lively interest in the Order ever since I became a charter member of Lodge Salisbury, No. 42. The members of the lodge chose me as their first President, and I continued to occupy that position for two years, with the consent of my fellow members, and I am pleased to say the lodge increased in numbers and prospered. (Applause.) We had some, thing like thirty-five charter members and to-day we number, counting in Wolfe lodge members, and we are all Sons of England, nearly three hundred names on the roll. (Loud applause.)

Many people say, who are the Sons of England? Why was this Society started?

The answer is easily given and it brings with it a knowledge of the good intentions of our Order. We are a body of Englishmen and their descendants, banded together to aid one another, to do good to our members in sickness and distress. We help the family of a brother; we see that the sick get medical attendance and care and, if death should come, that the widow and children have enough at least to bury their dead, and if the brother carried a policy in our cheap and efficiently managed beneficiary, that the wants of those left behind are supplied in a measure at least. (Loud applause.) The order was started in 1874. It was first incorporated in 1875.

The first report was made by the grand secretary to a grand lodge in 1882. We then only had 835 members. Now we have over 12,000. (Loud applause.) The total receipts for 1882 were nearly \$70,000. (Loud applause.) So that you can see we have made great progress, done much good, and many hearts have been made to rejoice over the aid and comfort afforded them. (Applause.) Who among us has begrudged the small amount we have from time to time contributed to help a brother or some of his family? None. No, not one. (Loud applause.) The order is useful in another form. Loyal Englishmen meet and converse together. They read and hear what is going on around them. We are pledged to the integrity of the British empire, and why not? (Applause.) Is it not the greatest empire the world has seen? (Applause.) Has not Providence joined it together? Has He not prospered it? Has He not enabled it to be the means of distributing the seeds of religion, civilization and commerce to many dark places in the world. (Applause.) This is where we shake hands with our loyal

Irish and Scotch brothers as Britons, for they join with us in maintaining the integrity of the British Empire. In this we all agree, and yet, there are men, who were born under the benign influence of the Union Jack who would seek to disgrace that flag. Men who would dismember our empire. Men who would like and are seeking and scheming to barter or sell our homes—our Canada, the fairest of all the gems in the crown, which we as Englishmen, as Sons of England, are attached to and love. (Loud applause.) Yes, we love our Queen, we love old England and we love our homes in fair Canada, and we are far from feeling any desire to even listen to the subtle voice of any of those men whose time is given to such contemptible devices. (Applause.) Whether it be gain for themselves personally or, whatever the motive, we despise the action and we exclaim "the British Empire forever," and "Canada our home" will always be coupled with it. (Loud and continued applause.) Who is not proud of being an Englishman, or having English blood in his veins? If any falter let him read the history of his land. The growth of wealth, the commerce, the victories on land and water, and if his veins do not fill with warm and loyal blood he must be a clam, and not a man.

I want to say a few words to our Scotch friends and our Irish friends. While we are purely a national society, and you cannot join us, and we cannot join your national societies—and you have many of them—yet, when it comes to a question of loyalty we join hands with all loyal men who are in favor of the integrity of the empire of which we all form a part. (Loud applause.) Mr. Chairman, I must again thank you all for this kindness and such a demonstration of your feelings. I can assure you I shall never forget it, and I hope it may be the means, if possible, of making me put forth greater efforts on behalf of the Sons of England, while I shall at all times endeavor to do my best in the interests of the order.

The points were capitably put, and altogether the result was such as to give Bro. Elliott a leading place among local speakers.

"England, Our Country" was received with "Rule Britannia" and a speech by Bro. S. F. Passmore. Bro. D. J. Richardson gave "Hearts of Oak," and then followed "CANADA OUR HOME."

One verse was sung of "The Maple Leaf Forever," and Mr. Leeming was called upon to reply.

The speaker opened by congratulating Mr. Elliott upon his election as Supreme Grand President of the Sons of England. It was not alone a personal honor to the recipient but also to the city at large. (Applause.) He rejoiced in the prosperity of the Order in Brantford, and of the mark of distinction placed upon one of their number. He had known Mr. Elliott well for a number of years, as he had also known his honored father. (Applause.) The latter had occupied all the important positions in the gift of the city, and he was glad to see that his mantle had fallen upon the son in his election to the head of the S. O. E. (Loud applause.) It always did him good to meet with a company of Englishmen and the sons of Englishmen, and while they freely admitted and did full justice to the many excellencies of all other societies, they were all well satisfied to meet together as Englishmen. (Loud applause.)

"The Visiting Brethren" was next in order. Bro. Lomnitz (Toronto) made an eloquent reply.