

NEW BRUNSWICK.

A. D. THOMAS, D.D., OFFICIALLY VISITS THE LODGES.

His Report is Encouraging—The Continued Growth of the Order in the Province—Press Comments.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

Dear Sir,—I have had the pleasure of visiting the lodges of Stanley, St. John and Moncton, and I am much pleased at being able to report that the Order is prospering in New Brunswick. I visited Rose of Stanley lodge on Wednesday evening, Jan. 2nd, and installed their officers and addressed some words of advice and encouragement to them.

On Tuesday, Jan. 8th, in company with Bro. A. B. Murray, chaplain of Rose of Stanley lodge, I visited Shaftesbury lodge, No. 208, Moncton, and installed their officers and conferred the White Rose Degree upon 17 members. As you are probably aware, this lodge was instituted a little over four months ago with eleven members. It has now 26 initiated members, with a number of accepted applications, and, judging from the efficiency of their president and secretary, and other officers of this lodge, we may well expect, by the time their first anniversary arrives, to find a strong and efficient lodge in that active and enterprising city. They meet in a beautiful and commodious lodge-room and conduct their affairs in a prompt and business-like manner. Moncton has a population of about 10,000.

On Thursday evening I visited Marlborough, No. 207, St. John, and installed their officers. This lodge was also instituted about four months ago with eleven members. It has now 46, with a number of accepted applications. The members are brim full of enthusiasm and are on the war-path continually in quest of new members. Considering this fact and that they have a population of 33,000, with a fair proportion of Englishmen, or their descendants, to recruit from, if they content themselves with one lodge in their city, I should not be surprised if New Brunswick would, in the near future, have the banner lodge of the Dominion.

A. D. THOMAS, D.D. Fredericton, Jan. 14th, 1895.

The following comments from St. John papers, upon the occasion of the banquet given by Marlborough lodge, on Jan. 10th, will be read with interest:

St. John Record.

The first symposium given by Marlborough Lodge, No. 207, Sons of England, at the Interoceania Cafe last evening was a success without a speck of alloy. Englishmen go in heart and soul for having a good time, just as they do for anything else, and a more convivial company was never seen in St. John. The dinner was a credit to the genial caterer, Mr. McBriarty, and the after-dinner speeches, songs, recitations and clog-dances were of high order. Everyone present contributed his quota to the evening's entertainment, and the songs and speeches were such as fire the blood of the patriot. President Stubbs made a particularly happy chairman.

That the Sons of England is not merely an institution for burning the midnight oil, and smoking the cigar of peace, is evident from the report of District Secretary Thomas of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. In 1874 the Sons of England had one lodge. This was in Toronto, and had eleven members. In 1894 there were over 13,000 members in Canada. The financial condition of the Order was especially encouraging, although the amount disbursed to benefit members was large. The Sons of England is one of the most worthy fraternal societies in existence, and Marlborough lodge, which was organized only last August, has, according to Mr. Thomas, an eminently good chance of becoming the leading lodge in Canada.

St. John Progress.

HOW THEY STARTED IN CANADA AND IN THE CITY OF ST. JOHN.

The Sons of England are as jolly as they are brave, wherever you find them, which is everywhere; and the symposium of the patriotic society known as the Sons of England, in the Interoceania Cafe, on Thursday evening was as merry a gathering as ever assembled in Merry England. Speeches and songs, recitations and clog-dances, kept the diners at the table long after "the walnuts and the wine" had been freely dispensed with. Good accounts of the

proceedings at the dinner have appeared in the daily press, but a story that Mr. Brownhill, past president of the Victoria Jubilee Lodge, of Montreal, gave, of how the brotherhood originated, should be told to a larger audience of Sons of England than those present on Thursday night:—

"In the year 1874 a man who was just from the land so loudly known as 'the old country,' was in Toronto looking for work. He saw in a paper an advertisement for a groom, which he promptly answered. His apparent ability in that line was recognized, and he was engaged, but when the employer asked him of what nationality he was, and received the proud reply, 'I am an Englishman,' the Toronto man decided that the groom's tenure of office was ended.

The groom found a few other Englishmen in Toronto who had similar stories to tell. So he and his friends decided to found a society of British-born. The Sons of England started with eleven members—and now there are thirteen thousand of them in Canada. And the Order is growing yet.

One wet Sunday last August Mr. Brownhill and another upper province gentleman tramped around St. John looking for Sons of England. They found eleven, just the number that was first found in Toronto. Now there is a membership of about fifty—and they are worthy sons, too, as a stranger could easily perceive last Thursday evening—and Friday morning

MONCTON, N.B.

Lodge Shaftesbury, No. 208.—Our D.D., Bro. A. D. Thomas, of Fredericton, accompanied by Bro. the Rev. A. B. Murray, of Stanley, paid us his first visit at our lodge meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8th, and installed the officers elect for the ensuing year, and also conferred the White Rose degree on seventeen members. The D.D., in a stirring and patriotic address, congratulated the lodge and its members upon its success and urged steady and continued work for the Aims and Objects of the Order, which he maintained were for the good of the whole country as well as individual members. The Rev. A. B. Murray also spoke in the same strain and pointed out that a spirit of patriotism should be fostered in the rising generation, both at home and at school. After the close of the meeting the members adjourned to McGowan's restaurant and spent a short time very pleasantly discussing the oysters, etc.

AN ASTONISHED WAITER.

Foote, the comedian, once declared that he would upset the dignity of a certain head-waiter at the principal hotel in Bath, who was famous for his stately manners. Foote went to the hotel with three friends—an engineer who had lost an eye, a cavalry officer who had lost an arm, and an old sea captain who had lost a leg. The quartette seated themselves in the four corners of the room, and called for the waiter, who came in with great dignity.

'Waiter,' cried the one-eyed engineer, 'come and take off my eye-glass'; adding, as the waiter swelled with indignation, 'and while you are about it take out my eye.'

'Your eye, sir?' echoed the startled waiter.

'Yes, my eye; don't you understand English? Look sharp!'

Eye-glass and eye came away together, and the waiter looked at them doubtfully as they lay in the palm of his hand.

Just then the one-armed dragoon called to him: 'Waiter, take off my glove; and now that I think of it, take off my arm!' Glove and arm gave away at the first effort, and the waiter appalled to see his customers thus tumbling to pieces, was turning hastily away, when the one-legged sailor shouted: 'Waiter, pull off my starboard boot, and you may as well pull off my leg too!' The poor waiter shudderingly complied. Instantly the previously loosened straps of the cork leg gave away, and down went the dignified waiter on his back, with the artificial limb in his grasp. It was enough. Forgetting everything in his longing to escape from this chamber of horrors, the waiter, casting a terrified glance at limbs which strewed the carpet, sprang toward the door. But before he reached it, Foote himself cried out, 'Waiter, come and take off my hat, and while you're at it, take off my head!'

Human nature could bear no more. The poor frantic waiter rushed down stairs, upsetting not only his dignity but himself so thoroughly, that to the day of his death he was never quite himself again.

THE DEVIL FROM THE PITT PRESS.

A good story comes from Cambridge. A literary man who was on the verge of bringing out a book at the Pitt Press, ordered his proofs to be sent to him at a house where he was engaged to dine out, intending to look them over in the half-hour after dinner. The printer's boy, however, was late in bringing them, and the gentleman had already rejoined the ladies in the drawing-room when the company was electrified by hearing the sonorous voice of the butler announcing: 'The devil from the Pitt has come for Mr. Jones!'—The Effective Advertiser, London, Eng.

FOUR GENERATIONS OF ROYALTY.

"Four Generations of the Royal House of England" is the title of a handsome pamphlet just issued by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. The cover is a work of art, and has admirably executed portraits of Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales, Duke of York, and the infant Prince Edward of York. The Dr. Williams' Co. have a reputation for distributing the handsomest pamphlets issued by any proprietary medicine house in Canada, and the present work amply sustains this reputation. The pamphlet is well worth having and a copy of it will be mailed free to any of our readers who will send their address (plainly written) on a post card, to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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THE FOUNDATION.

That broad principle—the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man—is the foundation on which the tenet of most fraternal societies rest. The effects of this principle are not confined to man's lowest estate, but rich beyond that and continue on through the endless ages of eternity. It is gratifying to note what a potent factor for good fraternal secret societies are proving themselves to be over the world. The man who enters one of these institutions and gives attention to the lesson taught must of necessity take a higher, nobler and better view of the earthly affairs and have a broader and brighter conception of the duty that man owes his neighbor and himself. These organizations instill into the hearts and minds of all who seek admission the sublime truths and undying principles which bind them into a band of friends and brothers among whom contention should never exist. In the lodge-room the good of all is considered. There sterling manhood counts for everything and bickering and fault finding counts for nothing. In such an atmosphere the best side of human nature is developed and it is not to be wondered at that such schools turn out men that are at the front in the fight for elevation in mankind to a higher but common level.

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