

**THE ROYAL ARCANUM.**

**A Pleasant Gathering at Wroxeter.**

On the evening of the 23rd inst. the members of the Royal Arcanum held the anniversary meeting of the Order in the Odd Fellows hall, Wroxeter. The Order was just 15 years old on that date having been inaugurated on June 23rd 1877. This meeting was largely of a social character but differed from those usually held in some respects, notably, in having a number of non-members present by special invitation.

When the assembly got together it was found that close on to one hundred were present. A very interesting program was rendered of which I will give you many readers a brief sketch. Mr. Jos. Cowan acted as chairman on the occasion to the satisfaction of everyone. A number of songs were sung at proper intervals by Messrs Thos. Ray, J. Gibson T. Gibson, Jas Fox, and A. Boag, all did so well it would perhaps be considered invidious to select anyone for special mention. Some of the singers were accompanied on the organ by Miss Maggie Miller, who did her part in a pleasing and acceptable manner. The speakers were Mr. Malcolmson from Goderich, Master in Chancery and Mr. Lee Grand Secy of the Grand Council of Ontario. Mr. Malcolmson was just called upon and spoke for a few minutes in his felicitous way, when recalled later in the evening told a very amusing Scotch story in capital style which fairly "brought down the house." Mr. Lee then addressed the audience. This is a speaker of more than ordinary ability. He first dealt with the history of the Order and then very forcibly and eloquently set forth its aims and objects. He has the faculty of expressing his opinions in a very clean and comprehensive manner. After hearing his admirable address we were impressed with the idea that we should very much like to hear him again. After speaking refreshments were served. This was done in a way to call forth the highest praise of those present towards the lady members. The ladies very liberally supplied the wants of all those present. Their part was most efficiently done. The R. A. Council furnished a very pleasant evening's entertainment for themselves and their invited guests. Many who were present by invitation will join me in expressing their appreciation of all this and trust the future prosperity of the Order in Wroxeter may be commensurate with their kindness and liberality.—Com.

**Talmage On Horse Racing.**

At the same time I do not believe in slow driving, writes T. De Witt Talmage in the July Ladies' Home Journal. There is no more virtue in driving slow than in driving fast, any more than a freight train going ten miles an hour is better than an express train going fifty. There is a delusion abroad in the world that a thing must be necessarily good and Christian if it is slow and dull and plodding. There are very good people who seem to imagine it is humbly pious to drive a spavined, galled, glandered, spring-halted, blind, staggered jade. There is not so much virtue in a Resinante as there is in Bucephalus. At the pace some people drive, Elijah, with his horses of fire, would have taken three weeks to get into heaven. We want swifter horses, swifter men, and swifter enterprises, and the church of God needs to get off its jog trot. Quick tempests, quick lightnings, quick streams, why not quick horses? In time of war the calvary service does the most execution; and as the battles of the world are probably not all past, our Christian patriotism demands that we be interested in equal velocity. We might as well have poorer guns in our arsenals, and clumsier ships in our navy-yards, than other nations, as to have under our cavalry saddles, and before our artillery, slower horses.

Manitoba elections are to take place July 23.

Half a million gold was ordered at New York for export yesterday.

Sir Oliver Mowat and party have taken apartments at the Penetanguishene hotel for the season.

The rainy season has opened in Mexico and has brought with it an epidemic of smallpox. The death rate is increasing rapidly.

The Government cruiser Constance has made a capture below Quebec of what is supposed to be a whiskey smuggling schooner.

Hamilton City Council has passed a by-law enacting that "drunks" shall be liberated on first and second offences if they have not been disorderly.

The C. P. R. Company is endeavoring to turn the tide of emigration from the maritime provinces to the North-west, and will take a number of representative agriculturists on an excursion to the prairie province to see the land.

On Saturday night the passengers of the two electric cars in different sections of Boston became panic stricken by the

cars taking fire and jumped into the street while the cars were going high speed. Thirteen persons were injured three seriously.

Saturday a mob went to the jail at Shelbyville, Tenn., and forcibly securing the keys from the sheriff, took the wife-murderer, W. M. Bates, of Rowesville, from his cell and hanged him to a tree in the courthouse yard. He died protesting his innocence.

Mr. Joseph Fallows shipped on Saturday from Thamesford, 54 head of extra fine cattle to the British market.

A total of 164 cases of cholera has been reported at Baku, Russia, during one week, with 70 deaths from the disease.

Neill, who is on trial in London, Eng., for poisoning young women, was in Montreal last March, and left there for New York.

Bertha Reed, a servant girl at Mount Forest, committed suicide on Tuesday.

The Pontiac election was held on Tuesday, and resulted in the election of Mr. Bryson, conservative, by a majority of 700. This is a conservative gain, the constituency having elected a Reformer in a three-cornered contest, at the general elections.

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