

PAUPERISM.—The half-yearly returns of pauperism and the expense of its maintenance show that for the half-year ended Michaelmas, 1888, when the estimated population was 23,015,618, the sum expended was £2,104,014, of which £206,683 was spent on in-maintenance and £1,897,331 on out-door relief. This means on an average a cost of 1s. 6d. a head of the population. This cost varies considerably in different parts of the country. Thus, in Wales and the southeastern district, the cost a head is just over 2s., in the metropolitan district it is 1s. 11d., while in the north-western district it is a trifle below 1s. The total sum expended is larger than in any corresponding half-year since 1864, but the cost a head is less than in any year, save 1883, since these returns were made in 1878. In comparing the expenditure of the half-years ended at Michaelmas in 1888 and 1889, it will be found that in the latter half-year there was an increase in the expenditure in the metropolis and in 31 out of the 44 union counties.—The Times.

The Birmingham (Eng.) City Council has adopted a resolution declaring that "the exemption of owners of land from the payment of rates for local purposes is in the highest degree unjust, and urges the Government to propose such an amendment of the law as will cause landowners to contribute directly to local taxation in proportion to their interests in the land."

"Don't sleep with your mouth open," said Fred to his younger brother. "You should breathe through your nose." "But I don't know when my mouth is open. What do you do when you wake up and find your mouth open?" "What do I do? Why, I get up and shut it."

An Irishman was having his hair cut recently in a barber's shop, when the hairdresser leaned over him and said quietly—"Your hair's a little thin on the top, sir, would you not like a little bay rum?" "Well, sor," said Pat smiling and looking up in the hairdresser's face, "if it's all the same to you I would prefer a drop of old Irish whisky."

A gentleman, observing an Irish servant girl, who was left handed, placing the knives and forks on the dinner table in the same awkward position, remarked to her that she was laying them left-handed. "Oh, indade!" said she, "so I have; be pleased, sir, to help me turn the table round."

"I baig ze pardon," said a Frenchman to the captain of a steamboat, "but sayre iz one ting I would laik to tell you."

"What is it?"

"Sayre iz de danger of de explosion presently."

"Of an explosion? Is there a mutiny on board?"

"I could not say. But I jus' now hear de steward declare dat he would blow up de cook."

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Objects, Aims, and Benefits, of the Order.

ORGANIZED IN TORONTO, DECEMBER, 1874

To Englishmen and Sons of Englishmen: GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW COUNTRYMEN:—As the question is so often being asked: "What are the objects of the **SONS OF ENGLAND SOCIETY?**" we have been led to present this Circular with the view of giving the desired information.

The objects are to unite all honorable and true Englishmen, who are in good bodily health and between the ages of 18 and 60 years, in an Association for mutual aid; to educate our members in the true principles of manhood, whereby they learn to be charitable, to practice true benevolence, and to keep alive those dear old memories of our native land; to care for each other in sickness and adversity, and when death strikes down one of our number, to follow his remains to their last resting place.

The government of the Order is vested in a Supreme Grand Lodge, and in Subordinate Lodges. The Grand Lodge is composed of delegates elected by the Subordinate Lodges to represent them. The Grand Lodge is supported financially by a per capita tax of 10 cents per member per quarter. The Grand Lodge Officers are elected annually.

Subordinate Lodges are supported by initiation fees, and weekly dues; they have control of their own moneys, elect their own officers, make their own by-laws, (subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge), and in every way conduct their business to suit the majority of the members. We meet in our lodge rooms at stated times in fraternal intercourse, learning each other's wants giving words of encouragement and good cheer, and to those in trouble and distress, substantial assistance. The moment we enter the Lodge room all distinctions are lost sight of, and we meet on one common level, and by this constant association and intercourse, an amount of love and interest is created for each other, which is made manifest by the good work accomplished.

The rapid growth of the Order has far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its founders, and it is steadily extending itself into the hearts of our countrymen, and we are confident that when the objects and aims are more generally understood, it will become one of the grandest and most useful of Benevolent Societies.

The Order has branches as follows:—In Toronto 20, South Africa 8, London 5, Ottawa 4, Montreal 4, Hamilton 2, St. Thomas 2, Orillia 2, Peterboro 2, Kingston 2, and one in each of the following places: Oshawa, Whitby, Port Perry, Cornwall, Port Hope, Belleville, Bowmanville, Lindsay, Woodstock, Galt, Barrie, Collingwood, Bracebridge, Brantford, Almonte, Dovercourt, Newcastle, West Toronto Junction, Weston, Little York, Aylmer, Eketer, Eglinton, Gravenhurst, Guelph, Aurora, Hensall, Vancouver, Stratford, Clinton, Brockville, and we hope by bringing this Circular to the notice of our fellow-countrymen, to imbue them with our enthusiasm and to swell our thousands into tens of thousands.

Though our Society is a secret Society, there is nothing in that secrecy except to enable us to protect each other and prevent imposition; our language of signs and grips enables our members to travel to places where we have lodges, make themselves known as members of the Order, when they will find a brotherly influence surrounding them, receive advice, and if needed pecuniary assistance.

In your initiatory ceremony and conferring of degrees, there is nothing but what will raise a man's self respect and kindle his patriotism and inspire him with benevolence; and the Order only requires you to live up to its teachings, honor your obligations, be true to the country and its laws, faithful to your families, and true to the brotherhood and to God.

We recognize the teachings of the Holy Bible.

The Sons of England Society offer advantages peculiarly suited to your nationality, and is second to none, and whatever benefits you receive are not charity but right, and paid to you by the proper officers without explanations or apologies; and all that is required of you is a small initiation fee, and prompt payment of your dues. Nearly one hundred thousand dollars have already been paid out for benefits.

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small graded assessment at the death of a member, substantial aid is secured to the surviving relatives, which will assist them in being independent of the cold charity of the world. Members becoming totally disabled and unable to follow any occupation, receive half the amount insured for, if required; the other half is paid at the time of death.

The benefits are medical attendance and medicine, on joining; full sick and funeral benefits after being 12 months a member; in case of sickness the benefits are \$3.00 per week for 13 weeks, and \$1.50 for the next 23 weeks; \$30.00 on the death of a member's wife; \$7.00 on the death of any of his children between the age of 5 and 15 years, \$100.00 on the death of a member. New members are entitled to half funeral and sick benefits at the expiration of six months.

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50 " 55	10 00
55 " 60	15 00

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30 " 45	13 "
45 " 50	15 "
50 " 55	20 "
55 " 60	25 "

On the formation of a Lodge, charter members are received on the first scale of payments, as regards initiation fees.

In conclusion we ask you take this matter into your earnest consideration, and if there is not a lodge near you, agitate among your fellow countrymen, and as soon as you can get 12 good men together notify the undersigned, and all the assistance required will be given to organize you into a lodge. You will then be astonished how your membership will increase, and will wonder how it was so many Englishmen were living all around you without being known. Any information will be cheerfully given by the undersigned.

JOHN W. CARTER,
Supreme Grand Secretary,
Shaftesbury Hall,
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April, 1888.

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