



S. O. E. LODGE NOTES.

THE DOINGS OF THE ORDER IN ALL PARTS OF CANADA.

Reports of Meetings, Picnics and Addresses Since the Last Issue of the Anglo-Saxon.

Supreme Grand Officers at Peterborough.

The secretaryship of Lansdowne lodge has changed hands. Bro. Elcombe retiring and Bro. Watford succeeding him as Financial Secretary, and Bro. J. J. Turner, R. S.

Bro. Turner opened a joint special meeting of Peterboro and Lansdowne lodges called on July 12, by D. D. Sommerville for the purpose of extending a welcome to our Grand Lodge Officers, Bro. Stroud, S.G.P., and Bro. Elliott, S.G.V.

The lodge was called to order shortly after eight, Bro. Sommerville, D.D., in the chair.

The chairman introduced the visitors who were heartily welcomed by the brethren extending the grand honors in a most hearty spirit.

The S. P. G. Stroud addressed the lodge at some length on matters connected with the Order, as also did the S. G. V. P., after which the S. P. G., on behalf of Bro. Mitchell, presented lodge Lansdowne with a beautiful motto, with British colors as a centre plate.

Bro. Mitchell responded in a few well chosen words, after which the lodge adjourned to the large dining hall in the rear for refreshments, where plenty was found to satisfy the inner man. Songs, speeches, etc., were the order of the evening, during which Mr. Harry Dunford, of H. M. S. Philades, then lying at Montreal, contributed two charming songs, which were well received. They were the more interesting as Mr. Dunford was in full naval uniform. Altogether a good time was spent by the brethren who managed to attend.

Lansdowne lodge continues to gain, owing chiefly to the efforts of one brother in particular, Bro. Taylor, who has an eye to business always.

We balloted for 7 candidates and initiated 5 that were in waiting, and hardly a meeting night passes but one or two are initiated.

Vote of Regret.

Lodge Birmingham, No 69, July 27.—A very interesting meeting of the lodge took place on Tuesday night. There was a fair turn out of members in spite of the intense heat. After routine business was over, Professor Symons, the very Worthy Chaplain, announced his intentions of shortly removing to another sphere of usefulness at Brockville where he would become a member of Lodge Suffolk. The lodge was affected and a standing vote was taken expressive of regret at the loss of the worthy Professor, and wishes of future prosperity in his new sphere of usefulness. Brother Pritchard of Lodge Preston, made a few remarks which were well received.

A. J. Craston off to England.

Winnipeg, Aug., 1.—Bro. A. J. Craston, late secretary of Westward Ho, left for England last month with the intention we are given to understand of taking up his future abode beneath the shadow of the walls of the mortuary establishment at far famed Kensall Green, London. Let us hope it may be for years his dwelling will be without

the outer walls. His brother officers of the lodge and others made the occasion of his departure the excuse for the presenting him with a testimonial and valedictory address, after which Lodge Neptune was carried by assault, and the milkman alone, in the grey dawn saw the serried hosts, victor and vanquished alike, flitting along the silent streets with hurried but uncertain step, hastening to bury themselves between the sheets and hide before the scorching glance of the approaching God of Day should wilt them up entirely.

S. G. S. CARTER'S DEPARTURE FOR ENGLAND.

A Hearty Send-off From Montreal—S. G. P. Stroud at Montreal to See Bro. Carter Safely Away.

The Supreme Grand Secretary Bro. Carter paid a flying visit to Ottawa, on Saturday, July 30th. Bro. Carter was on his way to England on the mission referred to in the last issue of the ANGLO-SAXON.

The Supreme Grand President, Bro. Stroud, accompanied Bro. Carter to Montreal, where it had been arranged that a meeting should be held by No. 1

The Supreme officers were met by Bro. B. T. Sellers, District Deputy of No. 1 District and other officers. Addresses of interest were delivered by the Grand Lodge officers and others.

The meeting was held in Primrose Lodge room, which is considered to be one of the best appointed Lodge rooms in Canada.

The brethren of Montreal were full of enthusiasm, and great satisfaction was expressed at the prospect of the order being extended to England.

Bro. Carter was escorted to the Parisian by the members and was given a royal send-off. The cable reports that the Parisian arrived safe and made a fast passage to England. We hope to have something to print in the next issue of the ANGLO-SAXON respecting Bro. Carter's movements in England.

Derby Lodge, Ottawa.

There was a large turn out of members and visiting brethren to Derby lodge on the 9th inst. After general and routine business had been got through with, the visiting brethren were called upon to address the lodge. Bro. W. H. Snelling, president of Russell lodge, gave the brethren an interesting address, inviting all present to visit Russell lodge, where he assured them they would have a pleasant but warm time of it—if the weather continued as it was then. Several other brethren addressed the lodge and an interesting half hour was spent. Bro. F. J. George, president, filled the chair with his usual ability.

Satisfactory Progress in Guelph District.

District Deputy, Bro. John Taylor, Guelph, favors us with the following: "I thought I would let you know how the Order is getting along in my district. I am pleased to say that the lodges are taking in members every meeting. Galt lodge is doing better this year; Brantford lodge is also doing good work. I was in Brantford on the 7th July, and made my official visit to Salisbury lodge, and had the pleasure of initiating one candidate for them, and they received several other applications.

As regards Royal City Lodge, No. 73, I am very much pleased with the way they are working this year. They have taken in about twenty applications this year up to date.

The excursion to Guelph from Toronto by the S. O. E. is going to be a great success.

WINNIPEGGIAN TOPICS.

A GLORIOUS SUMMER OF THE OLD FASHIONED SORT.

S. O. E. Lodge News—Talk of Another New Lodge—Some Suggestions that Will be Read With General Interest.

[From our own Correspondent.]

Winnipeg Aug., 8.—Manitoba is having a gloriously phenomenal summer, a reproduction of one of those old-fashioned seasons the writer remembers in the remote past when he used to hustle in the cricket field, or struggle with a big cloth kite in a vicinity not a hundred miles removed from Finchley Common, England. The growth is indeed marvelous. Thunderstorms, with but little wind and no hail, burst upon us occasionally and so prevent the earth drying up under such long continued and powerful sunshine. Now is beginning

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to get in his work; already he knows how many bushels of wheat we shall have as surplus for export, while his antithesis the pessimist, sneers and says the wheat will be all straw, and the potatoes and other root crops, all tops, or, it was pretty nearly a frost last night; you look at the daily weather bulletin, and you find the minimum was 54 degrees, so you just think what a valuable opinion Mr. Pessimist must be.

When you next receive a communication from your Manitoba correspondent, the long looked for Sons of England picnic to Selkirk, will it is to be hoped be a fact accomplished. This year there are three lodges to participate, two from Winnipeg and one at Selkirk. The last named town is holding out most liberal inducements and is preparing to receive their brethren of the Northwest metropolis with the honor due the occasion. There are rumors, and in fact have been some time, of yet

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of the Sons of England in Winnipeg, why or for what reason would be hard to tell by any one save the promoters. If the two lodges are struggling under the burden of having to meet running expenses nearly one half more than they are in eastern cities, and receiving an income from dues arranged on the same basis they are in the east; how can they cope with such difficulties in any better way than by increasing the membership of the individual lodge and so save rental, cost of properties and regalia and other incidentals? The same energy these pushers are bringing to bear to induce candidates to join a new lodge would bring all likely to be a strength to the order into those already formed.

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to aged and middle aged men to join, are not in the best interests of the order. The Constitution very properly increases the entrance fee very rapidly after forty five years of age and it is therefore manifest there must indeed be urgent need for a new lodge before the privileges of uniform charter rates should be held out as a bait to induce candidates to join whose age will cause them to be a weakness to the lodge in all probability in a not very remote future.

There is no theory about this last statement, and the truth has been admitted, and legislated on accordingly

years ago in England, where friendly societies are under surveillance of properly authorized government officers. To the writer's mind it would seem that it would be well if the

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would take up this matter of new lodges, and make a rule that a new lodge should not be formed in any certain district or locality till those already instituted numbered at least one hundred members each. At all events, some such rule should govern in the Northwest.

The Sons of England Hall and Building Association, of Winnipeg, are rapidly getting matters into shape to submit to Grand Lodge, and if approved apply for a local Provincial Charter.

Wishing that some members of Eastern and Maritime Provincial Lodges would reciprocate by sending some of their lodge news and kindred topics to the ANGLO-SAXON, this closes the Manitoba correspondence for the present issue.

Kingston and Gananoque Brethren Have a Joint Outing.

Bro. W. H. Cruse, secretary of Leicester lodge, Kingston, sends the following report:

The Sons of England, of Kingston, had their excursion to Gananoque on Monday, 8th inst., when between 200 and 300 went down on the steamer Richelieu, arriving there about 12 o'clock. The brethren of Lodge Cambrian were in waiting with their band. We then joined them in procession and marched to the Cambrian Lodge room, which is a pretty hall.

After a short rest and a little refreshment, we reformed in procession at about 1.30 with S. G. President Bro. Stroud in our rear and marched to a plot of ground at the foot of Stone St., when stirring and patriotic addresses were delivered by our S. G. Presidents, also George Taylor, M. P. for the county of Leeds and the Rev. Mr. Baldwin. After this we dispersed and went over on to the island, Tremont Park, by boats and enjoyed ourselves until our time was up to return home which we did after a little unforeseen delay, satisfied that we had all spent a joyous and happy day, arriving home all safe and sound at about 1.30 a. m., Tuesday.

A Spirited Meeting of Bowood.

At the regular meeting of Bowood lodge, Ottawa, held on the night of the 4th ult., there was a larger attendance than usual, D. D. Ackroyd being one of the visitors. After the routine work of the lodge had been gone through it was moved by Bro. Pritchard that the secretary send a letter of condolence to Bro. F. A. Jackson, over the loss of his daughter Emily Leslie, who was accidentally killed by a kick from a colt, while visiting relations, in Vermont. Bro. F. Arthur Jackson is now residing in Montreal.

The lodge having got through its business several of the brethren addressed the lodge upon topics of interest to the Sons of England. Among those who have always shown an active and keen interest in the welfare of the Order and of Englishmen in Canada, and who now spoke from that point of view were Bros. Andrews, A. Short, R. J. Wicksteed, L.D.D., F. J. Alexander and Bro. Broadbent.

Dr. Wicksteed, a charter member of Bowood, and its first president for two successive terms, dwelt strongly upon the fact that Bowood had exerted a good and lasting influence upon Englishmen in the city, and the future before Bowood, he thought, could not fail to be full of usefulness to English-

men. Through a member of Bowood the first lodge in the Northwest Territories was formed. Bro. Gisborne having left and gone to that section of the Dominion had carried the seed of patriotism and planted it and it had grown. He instanced also the effect the ANGLO-SAXON had in forming the lodges in Prince Edward Island and the Lower Provinces. The energy and foresight of Englishmen of Ottawa, was having an influence wide and effective throughout Canada. He was particularly pleased to note the fact that through the zeal of Bro. Ed. Ackroyd, of Derby lodge, the Order was likely soon to be planted in the old citadel town of Quebec.

The worthy president, Bro. W. J. Eastcott, thanked the brethren for their able remarks and the determination to push on in the good work which the brethren had so well begun, and anticipated that in the not very far distant future there would be no community in Canada without its regularly organized body of Englishmen, who would be heard from should the integrity of the Empire ever be in question. The lodge adjourned at 11.30.

A Suggestion from "A Scot."

Editor ANGLO-SAXON.—I notice that your Winnipeg correspondent suggest the admission of Scandinavians to the lodges of the Sons of England. The idea is well worth consideration, but the barriers should first be thrown down as regards relations nearer home. The Welsh are admitted, although their language is very distinct from English, but the Scotch are excluded, possibly because they speak the best English which is to be heard in the three Kingdoms. Elsewhere in the Empire, and in foreign countries the word England is understood to mean the whole United Kingdom, and therefore all its natives should be looked upon as Englishmen. Let the Sons of England put their house in order, hanging the latch outside the door for the use of anyone from the Old Country who may be disposed to enter, even although he should only be, like myself, A Scot.

Ottawa's S. O. E.'s Annual Fete.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON.—The members of the Sons of England, having foregone their 5th annual picnic this year, and no effort having been made or suggested to bring Englishmen into touch with each other, I beg to suggest through the columns of the ANGLO-SAXON that an excursion be arranged for some time between the 15th and 20th of September, to run from Ottawa to Brockville, taking up the brethren from Almonte, Carleton Place and Smith's Falls.

This would bring the brethren of the S. O. E., of this district together, and a most desirable gathering would take place.

From what I know of our brethren in Brockville, nothing on their part would be left undone to please and entertain their fellow-countrymen from the north.

If taken in time our Montreal and Lachine brethren, no doubt, would arrange also to run an excursion from their end of the line to Brockville, and all would have the pleasure of uniting and having a gala day. E. J. R.

Ottawa, Aug., 10, 1892.

The British Columbia Royal Agricultural and Industrial exhibition is to be held this year at New Westminster on September 10th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 1892. A large number of prizes are offered.