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AMALGAMATION OF WHITE ROSE LODGES.

Dominion Day—Bank Failure—Bicycle Accident—A Treasurer's Jewel—Daughters of England—Anglo-Saxon Lodge.

Winnipeg, July 6th, 1893.—Dominion Day, 1893, and the night preceding it will likely be long remembered in Winnipeg. The day was intended by several corporate institutions to be given over to excursions, and out door sports. But Jupiter Pluvius, alias the Clerk of the Weather, ruled otherwise, and as there was no time to make an appeal, we citizens had to stand the racket. Straw hats, muslin dresses, and dusters were at a discount, and rubber goods and umbrellas were the staples in demand. The early morning held out hope that at least it might remain dry overhead, but alas, such cheerful prospects were soon found to be fallacious, and the exuberant individuals who wended their way to the Exhibition grounds on athletic sport intent, soon had their ardour dampened by a heavy down pour, and returned weary, disheartened, and bedraggled, to put in the rest of the day in such manner as best suited their individual proclivities. But unfortunately a wet holiday is not the worst calamity which has befallen our fair city.

The failure of a popular local bank is announced. This institution—the Commercial Bank of Manitoba—has been established some seven years and has eight branch establishments, besides the parent stock in this city. This event, coming as it does at a time when money is so scarce from the low price of grain, and other causes, is likely to produce some inconvenience, and in perusing the list of stock-holders a thoughtful person can read between lines, that the widow, and the fatherless, have to bear a heavy share in the loss.

It was said in ancient days, "the mill of the gods grind slowly," but the ultimate result is inevitable. So with our Sons of England; we have done one thing at a time, and so far with tolerable success, now comes the turn for the promotion of a Hall and Building Fund, an important business which it is to be hoped will be no longer delayed. This matter, and a careful consideration of the proposed new constitution of the order by the members of our various lodges, should be worked enough to keep the active brains of our more energetic brethren in full employment for the balance of the year.

We have had our first bicycle tragedy this week. Mr. N. D. McDonald, a well known and respected citizen, jumped off an electric car right in front of a bicycle and rider coming from the opposite direction; on this account the unfortunate man was struck with terrific force, having his ribs broken, and it now appears must have received internal injury, as he succumbed after a week of great suffering.

A Treasurer's Jewel.

One of those interesting events which are calculated to strengthen the Order and encourage those who undertake the duties of executive officers, took place at the last quarterly meeting of Lodge Neptune in this city, being the presentation to Bro. H. Scrimiee of a treasurer's jewel.

The presentation was made by Bro. W. Jones in a neat and appropriate

speech, setting forth the value of the services rendered to the lodge by the efficient and able manner in which the onerous duties connected with the office had been discharged. The worthy brother has held the office since the formation of the lodge in July, 1891, and by the satisfactory performance of the duties has contributed much to its success.

White Rose Amalgamation.

The preliminaries necessary for the formation of a United White Rose Degree Lodge, which have been in progress for some time, having been completed and the charter received, a meeting of the members of that degree belonging to lodges Westward Ho, Neptune and Shakespeare in this city, assembled at Unity Hall on the last day of June to organize and elect officers for the remainder of the current year. The acting district deputy, Bro. W. Jones, presided, and opened the proceedings by appointing the necessary officers to assist him in the business of the evening. After the usual outline of the steps which had been taken to bring about the organization, the election of officers took place. The lodge starts with a membership of more than 100, and the members are confident that a strong united degree lodge will greatly assist the general working of the respective lodges and strengthen and extend the general principles of the Order in this part of the Dominion.

Daughters of England.

A lodge of the Daughters of England has been organized in this city with a membership of 27, and the charter having been received a meeting was held on the 4th inst., to elect officers for the remainder of the current year, and take steps to extend the membership. The meeting was enthusiastic, and great encouragement was given to the expectation that a large addition to the membership will shortly be obtained. The election of officers resulted as follows:—W. Jones, president; Mrs. Eddy, past president; Mrs. Davis, vice-president; Mrs. Ross, chaplain; Miss Clark, secretary; Mrs. Hall, treasurer; Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Eddlestone, Mrs. Pugsley, and Mrs. Musker, guides; T. Lyons, outer guard; T. Eddy, inner guard. Bro. T. W. Gravely, of Lodge Neptune, acted in the capacity of District Deputy, to which position he has been appointed in connection with this branch of the Order. The lodge received the name of Princess Christian, No. 24.

Morden, Man.

Anglo-Saxon Lodge Sons of England Benefit Society is just booming. Every night new candidates knock at the door for admission. Five new propositions were received at the last meeting. A lodge that started three months ago with 28 members and now number 60, is a pretty good lusty infant. It is the doctor and medicine department that tells with intending members.

George IV., from the time he was a young man, constantly carried a pocketbook, into which he thrust bank notes, letters trinkets and keepsakes. As soon as the pocketbook became full he used to put it away and substitute for it a new one. This when filled was laid aside and replaced in like manner. When the King died it devolved on the Duke of Wellington to examine the monarch's personal effects, and he discovered an entire chest of drawers filled with fat pocketbooks, which contained not less than \$50,000.

TORONTO S. O. E. NEWS.

Will go to Hamilton.

At the quarterly meeting of Windsor Lodge there was a very good attendance of members, considerable interest being manifested in the business brought forward. The committee appointed to secure terms, information, etc., for an excursion, reported, and upon a vote being taken it was decided to hold an excursion to Mountain View park, Hamilton.

Closed with nearly 100.

The members of Cheltenham Lodge held their usual meeting in room A, Shaftesbury hall, the W.P., Bro. Clatworthy, presiding. It being quarterly night the attendance was large, between 60 and 70 members being present when the lodge was called to order. During the evening twelve candidates were initiated, and one brother (Bro. Backer, P.D.D., Center Toronto) was elected an honorary member. Several visiting brethren were present, including Bro. Scott, V.P. of Middlesex Lodge. A good deal of routine business was transacted during the evening. Bro. Shock was elected to all the positions O.G., and Bros. Winstanley and Wells were appointed delegates to the Hospital Board. Bros. Wells and Harrison were elected as representatives of the lodge on the general S. O. E. Labor Bureau Committee, and the following brethren were appointed to act as a committee of refreshment and entertainment, viz.: Bros. Winstanley (chairman), Diblee, Wells and Crocker. The membership of the lodge numbers close upon ninety, also some fifteen or twenty proposition papers in hand. The charter was closed on Tuesday evening and it is safe to say that no lodge of the S. O. E. has up to the present got so large a number of names on their charter list as Cheltenham. The lodge will continue to meet for the present on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

The "Illustrious" Lodge.

Kent Lodge No. 3 held an unusually large meeting on Monday evening in Shaftesbury hall. Being quarterly night the members turned out in full force and some important business was transacted. The serious accident which happened to the secretary, Bro. J. M. Williams, by the derailing of a suburban trolley, car had caused great inconvenience to the members, but upon motion Bro. Charles Sims, an old and valued officer of the lodge, was elected to carry out the onerous duties of the office. The Excursion Committee reported having made all arrangements to visit the city of Hamilton on the 25th inst., an event which the citizens of the ambitious city will no doubt make the most of. The receipts of the evening for dues amounted to \$290. Among the visitors were Bro. R. Caddick, P.G.P., Bro. F. H. Herbert, district deputy, and members from Mercantile and Preston Lodges. Bro. C. Russell, the popular president of this "illustrious" lodge, presided, and initiated three candidates into the mysteries of the degree.

A Jolly Time was Spent.

Mercantile Lodge held their first meeting in St. George's Hall, on Saturday, July 8th; invitations had been sent out to members of other lodges to be present, and a large number responded, the lodge room being crowded. The lodge opened promptly at 8 p.m.; there were no initiations; after transacting routine business closed promptly at 9.

The president, Bro. R. Patching, then asked Bro. Evans, P.P., to take the chair for the remainder of the evening. Speeches were given by Bro. F. Herbert, the vice-president, and others; a large number of members also rendered some splendid singing. Refreshments were served; a vote of thanks was tendered the officers and members of Mercantile by the visitors, for their hospitality, and the remainder of the evening was spent in songs and recitations. The lodge will meet in St. George's Hall, Elm st., on the second and fourth Saturdays.

A Large Amount of Business Done.

Albion Lodge held their regular meeting on July 6th, Bro. Howard presiding; a fair representation of members were present, considering the hot weather. Seven members were reported on the sick list, and one candidate initiated. The Hospital Board delegate, Bro. H. Lewis, reported they had decided not to amalgamate with the Daughters of England for the present. All members in the hospital were progressing favorably. The juvenile committee reported progress; the picnic committee reported the excursion on Dominion Day a grand success, about 1,500 being present. The auditors read their report, which was very satisfactory, considering the amount of sickness during the past quarter. A circular was read from "Provisional Committee" in regard to forming a Rifle Brigade to meet on July 14th; a very encouraging circular was also read from the Supreme Grand President. Three dollars was granted to Lincoln lodge for the benefit of Mrs. Berry. The next W. R. D. meeting was announced to take place on July 31st.

PERSONAL.

We congratulate our old friend, Bro. Geo. F. Carrette, Toronto, who has taken unto himself a wife, and wish him a long life and happiness. Bro. Carrette is one of the founders of our Order, and the first Grand President. The honeymoon will be spent at the World's Fair.

We regret to learn that Bro. T. J. Clarke, of Chicago, has been on the sick list for the past three weeks. Perhaps the climate of the windy city does not agree with him. We trust he will have a speedy recovery.

The excursion of the Toronto lodges to Barrie and Orillia on Dominion Day was a grand success; over 1,500 members, wives and daughters left Toronto on two trains. A very enjoyable time was spent at Lake Couchiching, and all arrived home safely at 11 p.m.

Though now forty-five years old England's great cricketer, W. G. Grace, is maintaining his high reputation by his excellent work with the bat this season. Up to the present time he has scored 778 runs in first-class matches, with an average of 45. Such a record would be noteworthy in a younger player, and in the veteran who has been guarding a wicket almost for a generation it is extraordinary. What American baseball player is there whose career has been even comparable with Grace's? Harry Wright, the father of the game, was accounted a good centre-fielder even up to the time when age began to creep upon him, but all the crack ball players of the present day are young men, without exception.

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