

19,000 in her population. The Somersetshire roll of honor has always consisted of men of rather heavy metal. Dorsetshire has always had a strong individuality of its own. The Cornish and the Welsh have never led the mind of England in anything. Herfordshire has glory enough in having given birth to the founder of the Darwinian philosophy. Suffolk is pre-eminently the county of famous women. Northumberland produces men of a practical turn. Lancashire and Yorkshire have had many worthies, but their brain product is low in comparison with many other districts of England. The midland counties of Scotland, between the Forth and the Grampians, have also been prolific in great names, though hardly to the same extent as the lowlands. The Aberdeen district is the brainy part of the north of Scotland. In Ireland the figures show that Dublin can hold its own against any English city in its output of celebrated men. At the same time it is remarkable that a large number of the men who have achieved fame in England have been born abroad. This is as true of the artists as it is of the literary men and the scientists. One of the most striking of the general results that can be traced in the analysis is that, if a line were drawn through the centre of Lincolnshire, it would be found that the poetry of the nation is to the northern side of that division. It will not do to insist that this geographical distribution of the British intellect shall be followed with too literal exactness. Like other statistics, it is possible for accidents to give undue importance to their indications, but it is plain that, if one will compare this analysis with the traditions of the racial settlement of the country, and with its traditional and present local occupations, he can draw out of it interesting conclusions on which some dependence can be placed. It appears that the finer texture of brain is found where the Normans had the larger settlements, that the harder Englishmen have come from the midland and the northern counties, and that in the far north of Scotland the men of the hardest intellectual force have been found. Again, it is seen that the culture lies largely in the cities, and that the influx from the outlying country replenishes it. There is, at least, enough in this statement to vindicate Dr. Doyle's conviction that there is geography in brains.—*Boston Herald.*

West Toronto Lodges Picnic.

The annual picnic of the S. O. E. lodges of West Toronto took place on civic holiday, August 13th, at Milton Grove. The weather was delightful and there was a large representation of Richmond, Portsmouth, Somerset, Norfolk, Leeds and Worcester lodges present. The procession of the brethren through the streets of Milton, headed by the Junction brass band, created quite a stir in the pretty little village. Arrived at the grove attention was duly paid to the various baskets provided by thoughtful wives, after which the serious business of the day commenced, viz., the sports, which consisted of members' races, members' wives' races, girls' races, boys' races, three-legged races, fat man's races, and last but not least the tug-of-war. And mighty men they were who tugged. The first to pull were the men of Somerset and Portsmouth, Portsmouth drawing first blood. Next came the stalwart Yorkshiremen of Leeds lodge, against the Worcester yeomen, which led to the discomfiture of the latter. The final tug resulted in the defeat of the Yorkshire "Tyke's" by the Portsmouth "tars." The utmost good humour prevailed, and it was conceded that the best men had won. A pleasing feature of the afternoon's proceedings was the children's races. The committee had thoughtfully provided a large number of toys to be competed for, and every child in the party had as many as they could well carry home, so generously had the friends provided for them. The committee is to be congratulated upon its good management. Home was reached in good time without any mishap or hitch of any kind, and after a most enjoyable day had been spent.

Eastern Ontario Lodges' Picnic at Britannia.

The third annual picnic of the Sons of England lodges in Ottawa took place at Britannia on the 16th August. The weather during the early portion of the day was very disappointing, and numbers of intending excursionists abstained from going on this account. In spite of the gloomy outlook in the morning, however, the two trains that ran out to the pretty little resort on Lake Deschênes was crowded. It certainly was most vexatious that the efficient arrangements made by the committee should have been somewhat marred by the showers of rain that fell, but the best course that could be followed under the circumstances was adopted. The sports were put off for a while to see whether there would be any clearing up. But the rain fell steadily for an hour and the thunder boomed at intervals, whilst the lightning flashed athwart the sky. The committee stood in the opening and gazed dismally at the falling rain. As someone facetiously said "It was a rain of terror." But it did not last so long after all, and subsequent events proved that in deciding to go on with the sports the committee had acted wisely. Presently the weather cleared, the sun shone, and "everything went merry as a marriage bell." The sports went off capitably, and were contested with great spirit. In several of the events some really good sport was shown. Other contests were productive of great amusement. The tug-of-war didn't come off as anticipated and the croquet and quoit matches were abandoned. The lawn tennis matches were played however, and so were the baseball and lacrosse matches, whilst the shooting revealed the existence of marksmen "hitherto to fame unknown." So the afternoon wore pleasantly on, and when seven o'clock came and the train that was to convey the excursionists had steamed into the Union station at Ottawa, it was generally felt that the day had been a pleasant one. Although financially not a great success, the picnic afforded an

excellent day's outing and demonstrated the growing strength both in numbers and influence of Englishmen in the city. The committee are to be congratulated on the complete and successful character of the arrangements for the picnic. It may be mentioned that the Rev. Owen Jones, Chaplain of Bowood Lodge, and Capt. E. Waldo, worked very energetically to get the lawn tennis matches through, and led the game with spirit when the grounds were in trim. Bro. J. A. Edwards of Victoria Jubilee Lodge, No. 41, Montreal, who attended as a visitor, rendered very efficient service. Several Almonte brethren were also on the grounds during the day. As secretary of the games, Bro. R. J. Tanner worked with a will, and to him much of the success of the day's outing is due. Bros. J. W. Foster was chairman and E. J. Reynolds, secretary of the committee. The thanks of the Ottawa brethren are due to the various donors who so liberally subscribed towards the prize list.

Official Notes.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO, SEPTEMBER, 1888.

Rev. H. P. Hobson, Deputy Grand Chaplain, has returned from his trip to the Old Country. We congratulate Bro. Hobson on his safe return and welcome him home.

Grand Secretary, Bro. John W. Carter, and the Grand Vice-Pres., J. W. Kempling, with the D. Deputy, Geo. Dudley, instituted Dover Lodge, No. 72, at Gravenhurst, on Tuesday the 21st.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Vice-President paid an official visit to Bracebridge, Lancaster Lodge, on Wednesday the 22nd August, and held a "lodge of instruction" in the different degrees. The members received the Grand Lodge Officers in a hearty manner.

There are seventeen lodges who have not sent in their June returns yet. The secretaries should remember that one month after quarterly night is the time allowed for these returns to be sent in; let the secretaries who have not sent their returns do so at once.

The Toronto Lodges will present Lord Stanley with an address on the occasion of his visit here in September. All the city lodges, with the Grand Lodge Officers, will attend in a body and escort the Governor-General from the Queen's hotel to the Horticultural Gardens.

The Grand Vice-President and Grand Secretary paid an official visit to Rose of Couchiching and Hampton Lodges, Orillia, on Thursday the 23rd. The members turned out in large numbers. Addresses on the progress of the Order and the Beneficiary were made by the G. L. officers. Things are booming in the northern district.

The following registered at the Grand Secretary's office during the month: Henry Thos. Smith, treasurer of British Lion Lodge, London East; P. A. Crouch and Sydney Crouch, of Bowood Lodge, Ottawa; Henry Williams, P.G.V.P., Victoria Lodge, Cornwall; James Boyer, Lancaster Lodge, Bracebridge; Chas. Squire, Secretary of Royal Oak Lodge, Galt; Henry Tammadge, Secretary of Oxford Lodge, Belleville; James Leach Durham Lodge, Port Hope; John Leach and James Leach, Chester Lodge, St. Thomas; Charles Scrase, President of Chester Lodge, St. Thomas; H. J. Carter, P.P. Chelsea Lodge, London; John Brown, Secretary Newcastle Lodge, Newcastle; Henry Stanyer, Chaplain of British Lion Lodge, London, East; S. F. Passmore, Secretary of Salisbury Lodge, Brantford; Francis Booth, Auditor, Britannia, Hamilton.

Personals.

We were pleased to have a call from Bro. Chas. Chappell, Secretary of Excelsior Lodge, No. 36, Montreal, and Bros. Edwin Armitage and Geo. Armitage of Primrose Lodge, No. 49, of Montreal.

Bro. Alf. Snugg's P.P. of Derby Lodge, we regret has left the city for a couple of months for Toronto. We are sure he will meet with many friends there. We hope the members of the Order of the Queen city, when passing up Yonge street, will look in at No. 367, and see Bro. Snuggs.

Bro. Luke Williams, of Derby Lodge, has returned to Ottawa, from the United States, where, early in the spring, he had gone with the hope to make a future home for himself and family. Bro. Williams met with a most hearty welcome by the members of his lodge. He regrets exceedingly that he ever made a move from Canada, and advises all who imagine that there are better places than Canada to live in to go first and find out before making sacrifices.

Quartermaster-Sergt. J. A. Edwards, of the 6th Fusiliers, and Secretary of Victoria Jubilee Lodge, Montreal, was in the city last month on a brief visit. During his stay here he was entertained at a complimentary supper by Richard John Wicksteed, late captain in the Montreal Brigade of Garrison Artillery, which corps Bro. Edwards was Battery Sergt.-Major, both having served in their respective capacities on the frontier during the Fenian Raid of 1870. A pleasant evening was spent with a few military friends discussing reminiscences "by flood and field."

Cape Colony is now advancing with gigantic strides, the area now amounting to 200,000 square miles, while the population reaches nearly 1,500,000, and the tonnage of shipping is getting into six millions. The Kimberly diamond output is now exercising an enormous influence in the development of the Cape, now being valued at \$15,000,000 a year.