

Old England's Union Jack.

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Shall we haul down the flag that wav'd
O'er countless lands and seas,
That for a thousand years has braved
The battle and the breeze?
Shall we, by coward fears dismayed,
Disgrace that glorious name,
That all the world, in arms arrayed,
Could never bring to shame.

Not o! the heroes who have bled,
And stained the fields and waves,
And all the scattered English dead
Would turn them in their graves.
And Nelson still would lead the van,
For "England, home and beauty,"
And signal out that every man
Again "Should do his duty."

Dead foes would jeer at our disgrace,
Napoleon's shade would mock;
"Is this the dogged English race
That chained me to the rock?"
Proud Russia's despot would deride,
Though conquer'd in the fight;
"This shame will salve my wounded pride
For Alma's bloody height."

Oh! Englishmen, stand back to back
For what your fathers won;
And o'er our glorious Union Jack
Shall never set the sun.
In every clime, on every sea,
It still shall be unfurled;
And still our morning gun shall be
A salvo round the world.

Our children—spreading like the surge—
Shall bless their sires so true;
While infamy and scorn shall scourge
The Separatist crew.
Till all shall share a common grave
In this world's final wrack:
O'er our united land shall wave
Old England's Union Jack.

Sons of England Society.

From our own Correspondents.

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Toronto.—Albion Lodge, No. 1, held their fortnightly meeting on Thursday, April 19th, T. Down, Pres., in the chair. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bro. J. W. Kempling, R.W.G.V. President, of Southampton Lodge, Barrie; Bro. S. Walker, Pres. Brighton Lodge, and Bro. J. E. Bond, Sec. Richmond Lodge. There were three initiations. The quarterly balance sheet shows 17 new members made during the quarter, and the large sum of \$298.00 was paid out in sick dues. The lodge now numbers 355 members. At the previous meeting a large number of brethren were reported sick; we are glad to say a large majority have recovered. A feature of the evening was a recess for song and sociality. Bro. Kempling, R.W.G.V.P., made a touching reference to the death of two of the brothers in his lodge within a fortnight of each other, and unfortunately were not members of the beneficiary, and urged upon the members as a duty they owed their families to join.

Lodge Middlesex, No. 2, met on the evening of Tuesday, April 17th, Bro. Thos. M. Buley, Pres., in the chair. The visitors included Bro. S. B. Pollard, M.D., R.W.G.P., who was making an official visit; Bro. Jno. W. Carter, R.W.G. Secretary; Bro. Will. T. James, Pres. Windsor Lodge; Bro. T. Cannon, P.P., Surrey Lodge; Bro. A. W. Cooper, P.P., Warwick Lodge; Bro. H. J. Boswell, Pres. Richmond Lodge; and Bro. Geo. Catto, St. George's Lodge. We may mention that Bro. Thos. R. Skippon, P.G.P. is a member of the lodge. The M.W.G. President and the R.W.G. Secretary were introduced to the lodge by Bro. T. R. Skippon, P.G.P., and Bro. E. Blundell, P.P. The business of the evening was then resumed. Five new members have been added during the month. The quarterly report submitted by the secretary showed the total funds to be \$5,127.00, with a membership of 372. The secretary, Bro. E. C. Walker, who is new to the office, was highly complimented by the lodge for the efficient manner in which he has conducted his business, and a special vote of thanks was recorded. At the conclusion of the usual business, the grand officers, visitors, and members were invited to partake of an oyster supper in one of the upper rooms of the building. After returning to the lodge the evening was spent in speech and song, to which Bros. James, White, Blundell, Barker, Catto, and others contributed. The event of the night was the presentation to Bros. Thos. R. Skippon, P.G.P., of a past grand president's jewel by the Grand Lodge, which was performed by Bro. S. B. Pollard, M.D., M.W.G. President, in a speech which alluded in high terms of the valuable work done by Bro. Skippon during his term of office. Bro. J. W. Carter, R.W.G.S., made an eloquent and exhaustive speech in the same direction, who was followed by Bro. H. J. Boswell, Pres. Richmond Lodge, and Bro. Thos. Cannon, P.P. Surrey Lodge. Bro. Thos. R. Skippon then rose to reply amid a storm of applause which conclusively proved the high estimation in which his fellow members hold him, and gave some good advice to the younger members to prepare themselves to fill the places of the old members after they have

passed over to the great majority, and to perpetuate the principles of our glorious society. The ANGLO-SAXON was included in the felicitations of the evening, duly responding. Lodge Middlesex still carries the banner.

Kent Lodge, No. 3, held their usual fortnightly meeting on Monday, April 23rd, Bro. C. Reeve, Pres., in the chair. The lodge is keeping pace with the times. There was one initiation and four propositions for membership. The auditors, Bros. Thos. W. Forward and Alfred Essex presented the quarterly balance sheet, which was a very able and suggestive document, and many suggestions were thrown out for the well-being of the lodge, which the members present highly appreciated. The total number of members on the roll call is 224, and the amount of funds after paying all liabilities reaches the handsome sum of \$2,400.56. The members are supporting the ANGLO-SAXON, and in the near future we expect a larger number of subscribers in this lodge.

York Lodge, No. 6, met on Thursday, April 12th, at their lodge room, Odd Fellows' Hall, Queen St. West, Bro. C. Tarling, Pres., in the chair. The principal business of the evening was the raising of some members to the next degree, which necessitated the curtailing of the regular business. As the lodge has removed its quarters to the above address and changed the night of meeting, we beg to inform visiting brethren that the nights of meeting are alternate Thursdays from April 26th; a hearty welcome is always to be reckoned upon.

Brighton Lodge, No. 7, held their usual meeting on Friday, April 20th, Bro. S. Walker, Pres., in the chair. Bro. H. J. Boswell, Pres. Richmond Lodge, was present to install some new officers of the lodge, including two committee men and inner guard. Bro. F. Hayward, P.P. of the lodge, who is leaving for England for a holiday trip, received the good wishes of the brethren of the lodge. We hope he will enjoy himself, have a prosperous voyage and a safe return.

Surrey Lodge, No. 11, met as usual at Hinchcliffe's Hall, Bloor St. West, on Monday, April 23rd, Bro. T. H. Johnstone, Pres., in the chair, when the following business was transacted: The committee reported four sick brethren who were being visited and attended to, and three members were balloted for and duly initiated. The circular letter from your correspondent was read, and it was unanimously carried that the lodge advertise the place and time of meeting in the pages of the ANGLO-SAXON. Resolved, that the anniversary of the lodge be celebrated with a supper, to be held on the 23rd May, and that the following form a committee to carry out the arrangements:—Bros. Pacey, Owston, Talbot, Sendell, Hopcroft, H. Johnstone, Way, Lowen, and T. Cannon, Sr. The lodge then closed in due form.

Warwick Lodge, No. 13, held their usual meeting on Thursday, April 12th, Bro. Jas. Poffley, Pres., in the chair; Bro. W. George, V. P., in the vice chair. Your representative spoke on behalf of the ANGLO-SAXON, and the lodge very heartily voted to advertise in the paper the time and place of their meetings. Bro. A. Riddiford, the secretary of the lodge, is the District Deputy for East Toronto; we expect to hear a good record from him at the expiration of his term, as we are certain he would not accept any office without throwing his whole energy into it. The lodge is in a flourishing condition and stands well financially, as well as otherwise. Visitors always receive a warm welcome.

Manchester Lodge, No. 14, met on Monday, April 16th, Bro. H. Langley, Pres., in the chair. Owing to Bro. J. H. Hughes, secretary, having resigned, as he is leaving the city, Bro. W. Toms, P.P. of the lodge, has been elected to fill this office and was duly installed. Bro. J. Toms, a P.P. of the lodge, moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Hughes for the painstaking manner in which he had filled the office, and expressed the regret of the members at having to part with him. A standing vote of thanks was given Bro. Hughes, who responded, spoke feelingly, and regretted being compelled to leave his honourable office.

Lodge St. George, No. 27, at their ordinary meeting on Monday, April 16th, Bro. H. W. Smallpiece, Pres., in the chair, Bro. W. Lewis, V.P., in the vice chair, proceeded to the election of a secretary owing to the resignation of Bro. J. D. Jones, whose business engagements preclude him from giving the necessary time to the duties which devolved upon him. Bro. C. E. Swait was elected to fill the position and Bro. Geo. Catto appointed Financial Secretary. There were three initiations; the lodge is steadily adding to its number. The lodge room has been embellished and presents a very handsome appearance. Bro. J. E. Bond, Sec. Richmond Lodge, was present, and made a very humorous speech.

Lodge London, No. 31, held their usual meeting on Tuesday, April 10th, Bro. Lewis Brown, Pres., in the chair. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, the total funds amounting to \$1,000.00, including \$420.00 invested in the S.O.E. Hall Co. A spirit of emulation exists among its members. Bro. J. W. Haynes, the indefatigable secretary, is much to be commended for his general management; he is one of the most attentive and genial secretaries in the city. At our visit there were four initiations and two propositions. Bro. J. Harris, P.P., and Bro. J. Hughes, Sec. Manchester Lodge, were among the visitors, and made pleasant and appropriate speeches.

Stafford Lodge, No. 32, held their meeting on Monday, April 9th, at their lodge room, Copeland Hall, King St. East, corner Sherbourne St., Bro. Wm. Mitchell, Pres., in the chair. Bro. Jno. Moull having resigned the position of secretary, Bro. Geo. W. Ansell was elected to