

The resolution of Grand Lodge to extend its operations to the mother country deserves approval. Though our Order is of special value to colonial Englishmen, yet in these days when a stream of emigration, both large and continuous is flowing from every part of England to the colonies, it has become advisable to establish lodges in the parent land—if with no other object than to assure those Englishmen who may join our Order in England, that if they see fit to emigrate to the colonies, they will find what emigrants so greatly prize, a warm and brotherly welcome, as well as valuable aid and information from those of their race who are already settled in the country of their adoption. We therefore heartily endorse the action of Grand Lodge in authorising Bro. Dr. Girdwood, of Montreal, to open lodges in England, while visiting the mother country during the coming summer.

Our Order has been established little more than thirteen years, and yet it has already passed far beyond the wide and ample bounds of its Canadian fatherland, and has planted a fair and flourishing sapling beneath the Southern Cross. South Africa, that infant giant of the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans, where the Anglo-Saxon race is spreading far and wide the light of Protestant civilization among the heathen millions of the Dark Continent, now contains four lodges of our Order. These four lodges compose the District of South Africa, working under the jurisdiction and subject to the Constitution of the Canadian Grand Lodge. Under clause 18 of our constitution, Bro. M. A. Spence has been appointed by Grand Lodge to the very responsible position of Right Worthy Deputy Grand President of the District of South Africa with very extensive powers. Indeed, as was necessary at such a distance from Grand Lodge, the powers conferred on him by the constitution, within his own territory, and subject to an appeal to Grand Lodge, are greater even than those of the M. W. G. P. himself. Bro. C. T. Mowat is R. W. Deputy Grand Vice-President of the District, and under the guidance of these energetic and talented brethren, the South African District bids fair to become a most vigorous offshoot of her Canadian mother. We need scarcely add, that we shall be sincerely pleased to publish in the ANGLO-SAXON any communications pertaining to this distant but very interesting branch of our Order.

We are glad to learn that the Rev. Dr. P. Owen-Jones, Chaplain of Bowood Lodge, is out of all danger and is recovering rapidly from his recent attack of illness.

Obituaries of deceased brethren will always receive our most careful attention. Marriages, births, and deaths occurring in the families of our brethren will, if received in time, be duly noticed in our columns.

Will the secretaries of lodges kindly favor us with their communications as early in the month as possible? Unless unforeseen difficulties intervene, we intend henceforth to publish the ANGLO-SAXON on or before the first of every month; that is, if the secretaries enable us to do so.

OBITUARY.

The death of Bro. Jennings of Bowood Lodge, Ottawa, at the age of 42, occurred on Monday last, February 27th, under most heartrending and distressing circumstances. Bro. Jennings had for some years past been employed in the large printing and bookbinding establishment of Mr. A. S. Woodburn, Ottawa. Before coming to Ottawa, he had resided in Montreal, where his spare hours and a large portion of his Sundays were spent in evangelistic work among the roughs and outcasts of that great city—Joe Beef's saloon being his chief missionary station. That he earned the love and esteem of his strange flock is shown by the fact that on his leaving Montreal he was presented by them with a watch and chain, Joe Beef himself heading the subscription list. He engaged in similar work in Ottawa, and was always ready to bestow time and labour for any good cause, either of religion or total abstinence. Struck down by the fever which has during the past winter desolated so many Ottawa homes, he was removed by his brethren to the Protestant Hospital, to which institution he was speedily followed by his wife and six children, all of them suffering from the same dire disease. One of his sons, a fine boy of 14 years, died soon after his father, and was buried at the same time. Mrs. Jennings and some of the children are still in a most precarious state, and before these lines are read by our subscribers, other deaths may have occurred.

Bro. Jennings was also a member of the Unity Protestant Benevolent Society. Eighty-nine persons, chiefly workmen who had sacrificed a half day's wages to pay the last tribute of respect and sympathy to the memory of their departed brother and his son, walked in procession from the lodge room to the hospital, many members of sister lodges being among the mourners. There the solemn service of the Anglican Church, or at least a portion of it, was read by the Rev. Mr. Pollard, acting for the Rev. Dr. Jones, the chaplain of Bowood Lodge, who is was suffering from a serious illness. It is to be regretted that for some unexplained reason the reverend gentleman omitted the beautiful Psalm and chapter of Corinthians which form part of the Burial Service, and that he also declined, as required by the Prayer Book, to attend the bodies at the grave. The mode of burial is of course immaterial so far as the dead themselves are concerned, but omissions like these grate on the feelings of the survivors, besides being a breach of the laws of the Church of which the reverend gentleman is a minister and the writer of these lines a member.

It must not be supposed, however, that the remains of our brother were allowed to proceed unattended from the hospital to the tomb. Pallbearers from the two benevolent organizations to which in life he had belonged had been appointed, and attended by them and his brethren in nearly twenty vehicles, the two lifeless bodies traversed the mile of deep snow between the hospital and Beechwood Cemetery. There, by the loving hands of his brethren—for besides his suffering widow and children, and his aged mother in England, he leaves no kindred to mourn his loss—were laid in earth to await the final resurrection of the just, all that was mortal of Thomas Harold Jennings and his bright and promising son.

We wish to make the ANGLO-SAXON a complete directory of our Order. Will the secretaries of each of our lodges enable us to do this by sending us at his earliest convenience the name, number and day and place of meeting of his lodge, and the names of its office-bearers for the current year?