

THE S.O.E. IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A NEW LODGE, THE GLAMORGAN, AT EAST LONDON.

Twenty-five Charter Members Make the Start—A Brilliant Social Function Under the Auspices of Jubilee Lodge No. 50.

The following interesting South Africa S.O.E. news has been forwarded to the ANGLO-SAXON for publication, under date Cape Town, Sept. 28:

The inauguration of a new Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society—the "Glamorgan"—took place in Homan's Hall, East London, on Saturday evening, Mr. T. N. Dyer, Grand President, conducting the interesting ceremony of inauguration. There was a full attendance of members—25 being enrolled—and representatives from the King Williamstown Lodge were also present.

The English community of the "fighting port" are to be heartily congratulated on their energy and co-operation in opening a branch of the Society in East London. The "Scotties" are in strength there, but the "Glamorgan" shows that those from South of the Tweed are in no wise indifferent to the manifold advantages of Unity.

A BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 28th 1892, a brilliant social function came off in the Odd Fellows' Hall, under the auspices of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, Jubilee Lodge, No. 50. This is their sixth annual social gathering, and it was eminently successful.

Over the front door entrance in the inside was a portrait of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, which was supported on either side by the charter of the Lodge, and emblematic flowers of merry England were placed over the doors to the adjoining ladies' and gentlemen's cloak-rooms.

The proceedings were commenced by the singing of the National Anthem, after which Mr. Dyer said it was his very pleasant duty, on behalf of Jubilee Lodge, to again give a hearty welcome to their friends.

Miss McCay sang "Beauty's Eyes," in excellent style. Mr. J. D. Robertson recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade," which was heartily applauded.

Mr. Gillings displayed his fine voice in a very finished rendition of "Sleep, my Lady, Sleep," Mr. Furniss showed his complete command of the clarinet by playing an "Andante and Polacca."

While the room was being cleared the company adjourned to the supper room, where the catering of Mrs. Thomas was put before them, and fully sustained her reputation.

When the company returned again to the large hall, the scene was even more bewitching. The dances comprised polkas, waltzes, lancers, and mazurkas. The music was supplied by a quadrille band, led by Mr. W. Kilmann; and the worthy President, Mr. T. N. Dyer, was the master of ceremonies.

TORONTO HOSPITAL BOARD.

Church Service of the Sons of England and St. George's Society—Daughters of England to the Front—Help for Sick Brothers.

Toronto, Nov. 21.—A very largely attended parade of the members of the Sons of England benevolent society took place yesterday afternoon to St. James' cathedral.

From every city lodge assembled at Shaftesbury hall, and, marshalled by Bro. A. Watkins and the three city district deputies, the brethren, to the number of about 1,200, walked in procession, by way of Yonge and King streets, to the church.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY were present, including Bros. Richard Ivons, P.S.G.P., J. W. Carter, S.G.S., B. Hinchcliffe, S.G.T., Dr. J. S. King, P.S.G.P., Thos. Skippon, P.S.G.P., Barlow Cumberland, and others.

About 200 members of the Daughters of England lodges occupied seats in the first pews, and when the brethren had all filed into their places the few remaining seats were rapidly taken up by the public, so that the spacious edifice was crowded to the doors.

An excellent choir of over 100 voices, drawn from the choirs of St. Stephen's, St. Mary Magdalen, St. Matthew's and other churches, led the musical portion of the service, under the direction of Mr. M. Wedd, organist and choirmaster of St. Stephen's church, and Bro. W. H. Hewlett, jun., presided at the grand organ with marked ability.

THE SERMON was preached by Right Rev. Bro. Arthur Sweetman, D.D., Bishop of Toronto, from Matt. xxv, 36, "I was sick and ye visited Me." Opening with the remark that Christianity was said to be on its trial at the present time, his Lordship pointed out that the truest and most vital evidence of its authenticity and divine origin and direction was not in the question of the inspiration of this particular scripture or the correctness of that special historical record, but the fruits of benevolence, love, sympathy and charity—the good works and practical results which had sprung up during the past nineteen centuries wherever Christianity had penetrated.

Having sketched briefly the history of the nations from early times, and shown how all pagan peoples, while in many cases excelling in the arts and sciences, were in every instance devoid of all works of love and charity, the preacher demonstrated the different state of things in Christian lands. Speaking more particularly of the

Sons of England Society, and especially of the work of the hospital board, in aid of whose funds the service had been arranged, the bishop said they were doing a Christ-like work, for they were banded together, not only to conserve the interests of Englishmen in Canada and to keep alive fond memories of the old land, but also to do good to one another, and lend aid and sympathy in the hour of sickness and distress.

The board had been instituted especially to care for those brethren who were laid aside by sickness or accident in the General hospital or other kindred institutions, and through its good offices no member of the order could be

PAUPERISED or made chargeable to the city while under treatment. During the five months of the present year 25 cases had been attended by the board, and in 15 of these the board had defrayed all the expenses. At the close of their last balance sheet there was a balance of \$110, but there was so much sickness in the city that it was thought well to make a special effort to augment the funds—hence the present service; and he earnestly appealed to his hearers to accord a liberal response to the call made for so noble an object.

[A special report of the parade written for the ANGLO-SAXON has been received, but it did not come to hand until the above was in type.—Ed.]

Six Thousand Millions in Debt.

The New York World gives the following valuable return of mortgages in the United States:

The Federal census of 1890 shows that private debt as indicated by mortgages on real estate has increased enormously during the census decade. The returns from seven Western and Southern States thus far printed show \$290,709,499 increase in mortgages recorded in 1889 over 1880.

Table with 4 columns: States, Mortgage recorded in 1880, Mortgage recorded in 1889, Increase over 1880. Rows include Alabama, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Tennessee, Nebraska, Missouri.

From the census results thus far published it has been estimated by statisticians that that part of the private indebtedness of the people of the whole country which is secured on real estate alone is about six billion dollars, which constitutes an increase far beyond the increase of population or of wealth. This enormous burden is bearing its natural fruit. The pressure of debt is forcing the people to part with their homes and farms. From a home-owning, free and independent people they are surely being converted into tenant-holding people. The land is passing into the hands of large holders.

THE S.O.E. IN WINNIPEG.

DOINGS OF THE ORDER IN THE CAPITAL OF THE N.W.

More About the Establishment of the New Juvenile Lodge—The Celebration of the Founding of the Order and Westward Ho Lodge.

[From our Winnipeg Correspondent.]

The most important piece of news from Manitoba as far as Englishmen in Canada are concerned, is that Winnipeg boasts a fourth boys' Lodge of the Sons of England one, but though literally last and least, its institution is in itself a portent of the permanent stability of the Order. Under proper management those who are initiated as children today will in a few fleeting years be men; men by very force of their surroundings who must become fond of the land of their fathers, its flag and its institutions. They will also be taught the doctrine of love and fidelity to the Order for the sake of its principles and sentiment, more than for the mere material benefits which it offers.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., by instruction from the District-Deputy, the Rev. Canon Coombes, Bro. T. C. Andrews, President of Westward Ho Lodge, No. 98, called a meeting of the Committee consisting of members from Lodge Westward Ho, No. 98, and Lodge Neptune, No. 144 at St. George's Rooms, in the City Hall, for the purpose of instituting a juvenile Lodge of the Order. The gathering assumed such proportions that it became necessary to adjourn to more commodious quarters, which through the kind courtesy of the Letter Carrier's Association, who waived their own business for the purpose was found in Trades' and Labor Hall. When all had assembled, Bro. T. C. Andrews, acting D. D. pro tem called the meeting to order, and proceeded with the ceremony of initiation of candidates, assisted by the following officers:

- P. P. Bro. Wm. Jones, L. Neptune.
V. P. Bro. Jas. Broughton, Westward Ho.
Chaplain, Bro. Gravelly, Neptune.
Sec. Bro. Jos. Harrison, Westward Ho.
1st Guide—Bro. Marshall, Neptune.
2nd Guide—Bro. Appleyard, Westward Ho.
3rd Guide—Bro. Gilding, Westward Ho.
4th Guide—Bro. Cawley, Westward Ho.
5th Guide—Bro. Odele, Westward Ho.
6th Guide—Bro. Clark, Shakespear No. 164.
Inner Guard—Bro. Easton, Neptune.
Outer Guard—Parker, Westward Ho.

The initiatory ceremony concluded, the newly elected members proceeded to name their lodge, it already having a number, (No. 25). Nelson, Queen Victoria, and Queen of the West received the nominations, but after several ballots, both England's naval hero, and even Queen Victoria herself, had to give place to the Queen of the West. Is this significant?

The proceedings having been delayed in starting on account of the change of meeting place, the election of officers was deferred until the next meeting which will be an early date. The long anticipated

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

of the institution of Lodge Westward Ho, and the foundation of the Order in the Northwest, is now also an accomplished fact. For weeks past wives and female friends, and relatives of members, have been cutting and condensing, while the members themselves have been patiently trying on fearfully and wonderfully fashioned garments. Bro. Andrew's sign shop has been the scene of nightly revels which have amused, if they have not scandalized the neighbourhood; the squeak of the fiddle, the nasal cadences of the oboe and the clash of cymbals and drum, have continued to evoke the echoes till even the midnight hour, while grim shadows have flitted in weird and uncanny procession dimly visible through the grimy windows. But all this mystery which has for so long filled the small boy (and some not so small) with awe, is now numbered with the events of the past and the old shop is no longer the cynosure of nightly attraction.

On the night of the 1st inst., the event came off in the form of a musical and dramatic entertainment. The former—as all such conducted under the auspices of Westward Ho Lodge have hitherto been, was of a superior order, "Up with the Standard of England," sung by an English lady, was the song of the evening; the same singer, Mrs. H. Springale, at a later period rendering with exquisite taste and skill, "The Clasp of an English Hand." The Worthy President of the Lodge being billed to fill the role of The Mighty Miracle of wisdom, in the great spectacular dramatic farce of the Wisdom of the Ages, briefly excused himself to the audience, introducing Bro. Alfred Pearson, immediate

PAST MAYOR OF WINNIPEG,

who kindly consented to preside, and give an address for the occasion. The subject matter of the performance was the opening and closing of a Lodge and the initiation of a candidate into some fearfully dreadful secret order. The shrieks of laughter from the audience presaged that at all events the efforts of the managers and of the actors had accomplished the effect desired, and they felt that they had once more made a favorable impression on their brethren and sisters outside, as well as inside the Order, and that another successful effort had been made to keep the Sons and Westward Ho at the head of the procession.

In justice to the parties concerned the writer must state that to the careful and untiring efforts of P.P. Bro. J. L. Broughton, of Westward Ho, as-

sited by members of both lodges, is due the success of the work achieved. At a somewhat late hour, with the usual honors to Her Majesty, the proceedings were adjourned for another year.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE RANGE.

An Organizer Badly Needed to Establish New Lodges in the Northwest.

The Editor ANGLO-SAXON:

Dear Sir and Bro.—I am very pleased to see that the S. O. E. B. S. have such a valuable organ to assist them to carry out the work of the Order, as I believe that the ANGLO-SAXON is doing great work out here in the Northwest. As I am travelling all the time between Port Arthur and Vancouver, and visiting various lodges on the way, I am very well able to find out how lodges of the Order are progressing in this vast territory. Although we are making good progress in Winnipeg, we are not able as yet to do much outside, as there are not many amongst us who are able to afford the time or money to go to the various towns of the country to organize lodges of our Order, although there would be several who would be willing to help were the Grand Lodge to send an organizer into this Northwest of ours to assist us.

I think we should have no difficulty in opening lodges at each of the places named hereafter, on the C. P. R. main line: Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Oak Lake, Virden, Regina and Moosejaw, and on the Southwestern at Morden, Killarney, Boissevain and Deloraine. With some assistance from the Grand Lodge we could have lodges in all those towns, which would greatly assist the Order. If the Grand Lodge does not think it wise to go to the expense of sending some one from Toronto, they could appoint a member of the Order out here, with headquarters out here, so that he would be on hand when wanted.

Another thing I would like to call attention to is the fact that we have been instituted for three years and since the opening we have not as yet had a visit from any Grand Lodge official, which I think is very unfair to the lodges of the west. Were they to show up once in a while it would put a little more enthusiasm into us to go on and do better in the future; not that we are not doing our best to further the interests of the Order. They could combine business with pleasure, for I don't suppose any of them have seen our glorious country in the west. I think that if they were to come that some of them would be liable to stop after reviewing our climate and country, and then we should be able to get a little attention from the Grand Lodge. As you are aware, we have three adult lodges and one juvenile lodge, and we are going along smoothly at present, but in the Province we are not doing so well. We have also in connection with the Order a S. O. E. Dramatic Society, organized by Bro. James L. Broughton, which is in a flourishing condition.

Hoping this will meet the eyes of some of the Grand Lodge officials, and with best greetings,

I remain, yours fraternally,
Bro. JESSE MARSHALL,
Lodge Westward Ho 98,
Winnipeg, Nov. 18, 1892.

Her Majesty's Government has favorably considered the suggestion to grant medals to the Colonial forces for meritorious service, long service and good conduct.

Wholesale houses in the States have received notices from the cotton mills of an advance in the price of staple cotton goods.

A number of Welsh tin plate manufacturers whose works had been closed, have given notice of a resumption of work.

The Gaekwar of Baroda has visited many of the large industrial establishments in Sheffield, and other manufacturing centres.

Lady Taunton, daughter of the sixth Earl of Carlisle and widow of the Right Hon. Henry Labouchere, Lord Taunton, has bequeathed to the National Gallery the picture of the Holy Women at the Sepulchre, by Mantegna. The value of her personal estate was £23,008.

The late Mr. Thomas Nelson, the well-known publisher, has by his will left large legacies for benevolent and philanthropic purposes, including £50,000 for the erection and equipment of five working men's clubs' reading rooms. Among other institutions to receive benefits are the free Church of Scotland and the Edinburgh Infirmary. It is reported that Mr. Nelson's estate amounts to about a million sterling.

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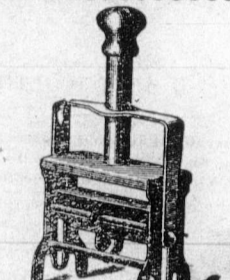
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