

he died in March, 1907, at the age of sixty-five years, honored, respected and loved by all who knew him, for his gaiety and simple light-heartedness. His nature indeed was that which his Indian name signified, "Sun of the Morning."

The Sons of England originated in Toronto on December 12th, 1874. About this period in Toronto there were Irish, Scotch and other national societies, but no English, and it was hard for an Englishman to obtain work. A young Englishman applied to a firm for a position, and finding his nationality was against him, he, with six other Englishmen, there and then decided that this state of affairs should cease, and I think you will agree with me that they have ceased, for there are no less than thirty-three lodges of the Sons of England in Toronto alone, with over 250 scattered over the length and breadth of Canada, Newfoundland and South Africa, and on looking down the list of successful candidates for municipal honors in this city, you will find that two controllers, four or five aldermen, and several members of the Board of Education are representatives of the Sons of England. It has an insurance department which is one of the cheapest and soundest in Canada.

You have limited me to thirty minutes, consequently I find that time will not permit me to go into details of all the societies which are working amongst us to-day, such as the Knights of Pythias, A.O.U.W., Arcanum, Home Circle, Chosen Friends, Macabees, Sons of Scotland, Ireland, Woodmen of the World, Elks, Sons of Temperance, Hearts of Oak, besides literary and scientific associations; suffice it to say that they are all thriving more or less, and distributing happiness in the paths of distress, and then there are Trades Unions, the principal of which is the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, known as the aristocrats of trade unionism, and is a very wealthy institution.

There are no less than 30,000 branches of friendly societies in the United Kingdom, with a membership of 13,000,000, and controlling £15,000,000 in money.

There are several Catholic institutions of the mutual benefit and provident class, the principal of which is the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1893, and which has a very elaborate constitution and code of by-laws, both of which are held up by Bourinot's Manual as a model for other benevolent and provident societies to copy.

Railway Clubs have been in existence for a number of years. One of the first in Toronto originated about seven years ago under the presidency of Mr. J. C. Garden, the esteemed General Foreman of G.T.R. shops, and your humble servant as Secretary, and we, like the rest of the old members, should feel proud to think that it has blossomed out into this very useful and intellectual association, which should form a happy centre of