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S. O. E. LODGES IN THE N. W.

CHANGES IN DETAILS OF INTERNAL MANAGEMENT DESIRED.

Reasons why Eastern and Western Lodges Require Different Treatment—A S. O. E. Hall Proposed at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, June 19. — June, the month of English victories, is now well on its way and we have passed another anniversary of Lord Howe's celebrated manoeuvre of taking the wind from the French line of battle off the Isle of Ushant, with the culminating consequence of, for England, the Glorious First of June, 1794.

Yesterday completed the seventy-sixth year since the tricolor of France trailed in the mud in the wake of the fleeing Napoleon Bonaparte, pursued by Britain's victorious, and avenging hosts en route from Waterloo to Paris.

A PEACEFUL CONQUEST.

At this day the hordes of Albion's Isle still push forward, but in a different direction and though the object, conquest, is still the end in view let us hope that in this case the consummation will be brought about by the force of brain and muscle, rather than by the expenditure of blood and iron, though it must be admitted that even in the last case, if the one is in the horses and the last named material takes the shape of certain parts of agricultural machinery they make a combination which proves a most useful ally in the settlers' efforts to subdue a certain now middle-aged lady who is at times very perverse, this allusion referring to Dame Nature of course.

It is sincerely hoped the readers of the ANGLO-SAXON will be able to glean from the foregoing that the tide of emigration from England to Manitoba still flows onward steadily.

LOCAL S. O. E. LODGE NEWS.

A delegate from the two S. O. E. lodges in this city, paid an enjoyable visit to Lodge Runnymede at Selkirk on the 10th inst., the object being to assist our District Deputy, Rev. Canon Coombes, and his delegate Bro. Hirst, of Stratford, Ont., in conferring the W. R. D. on the officers of that lodge, whose happy lines are cast in this amphibious abode of fishers, saw millers, and those other vocations which go to make their town the sapragon of rural felicity.

The picnic committee of lodges Westward Ho, and Neptune have about settled on August 20 as the date, and Selkirk, as again the objective point for the annual outing.

CHANGES DESIRED.

The time being now close at hand at which all questions to be discussed at next meeting of Supreme Grand Lodge must be handed in to the S. G. S., it is to be hoped the two lodges here will have formulated some intelligible resolutions in the matter of having a greater measurement of self government untrammelled by clauses laid down in a constitution, which, excellent as it is in itself, in many cases is not applicable to the condition of affairs in this region. For one thing the scale of payments in regard to initiation fee and subscription is not commensurate with the higher cost of everything in this province to that prevailing in the older settled portion of the Dominion. Then again the doctor's charges, salary and medicine are a subject which causes

every earnest worker for the Society's welfare a great deal of anxiety and are of such a nature that they can be best got over by having power to deal with them individually as lodges.

A S. O. E. HALL TALKED OF.

Another matter which is agitating S. O. E. circles, is the idea of raising a subscription fund amongst members to fit up and furnish a hall of their own, and thus by paying a fair rate of interest to the subscribers amongst our brethren, eventually build up our truly British institution in preference to those others who cater for every creed and nationality from whoever they can draw the present dollar.

Supreme Grand Lodge Notes.

To-day, July 1st, is the last day for receiving proposed amendments and alterations to the constitution.

The Grand Secretary would be pleased to receive at once the names of members in the Old Country, who are in active membership, with a view of opening up lodges in England.

Charter and supplies have been sent to District Deputy, Bro. Parker, of Fredericton, N. B., for the new lodge at Stanley.

Bro. John Clayton, Past Supreme Grand President, died June 21st. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the Supreme Executive.

New Brunswick.

Our Fredericton, N. B., sends us gratifying news that a new lodge S. O. E. B. S. is to be opened at Stanley, York Co., to-day, July 1.

It was expected that most of the members of Islington Lodge would go to Stanley to assist in the opening ceremonial. The new lodge have a good list of names to start with. The work has been done mainly through the efforts of a member of Islington Lodge, who went to Stanley to reside this spring. So the work goes on.

Ottawa Notes.

Bro. Ald. W. R. Stroud, S. G. P., returned home to-day from an official meeting of the Supreme Executive, which was held in Toronto on the 28th. Bro. Stroud reports S. O. E. matters to be in a most satisfactory condition.

Bro. J. R. Hooper, of Derby lodge, is at the hospital with rheumatism. His host of friends wish him a rapid convalescence.

Last week Bro. Geo. Low, of Bowwood lodge, accompanied by Mrs. Low, left Ottawa for a two months trip to England.

Bro. Thos. Low, of Derby lodge, has gone home to England on a well earned holiday, after being in the city for 20 years.

Bro. Sergt. Wm. Short, of the G. G. F. Guards, left on the Parisian, on Saturday the 28th, as a member of the Bisley Team. Bro. Short, is treasurer of Russell lodge No. 56.

The columns of the ANGLO-SAXON, bring to the notice of members of the order, this issue, the card of Lodge St. Asaph, No. 139, of Longford Mills, Ont. President, Geo. A. Bradley; Secretary, Chas. Carr.

At the last regular meeting of Derby lodge, it was decided to make Bro. Col. A. Tyrwhitt, M.P., of Southampton Lodge, No. 28, Barrie, an honorary member of the lodge. At the lodge meeting several members made happy allusion to the interest displayed by Bro. Tyrwhitt, in the progress of the order of the Sons of England.

BOYS' BRIGADES

Montreal's Way of Solving the Problem how to Amuse the Youngsters.

Montreal, June 28.—St. Jude's Church (Episcopal) and Stanley Street Church (Presbyterian), of this city, are to have "Boys' Brigades." Caps and belts for the privates; stripes and a rifle for the sergeant; week-day drill and discipline which brings Sunday obedience and attention;—and that is the Boys' Brigade.

St. Lambert has a brigade already. Mr. Fred Walker is the moving spirit there. He talked at St. Jude's Church the other night on the benefits of the Brigade.

Boys eligible for membership must be of ages between twelve and eighteen years, on the Sunday-school rolls, of good report; one of the aims being to strengthen the ordinary work of the school by increasing the attendance, improving the discipline and broadening the field for Christian effort among boys. One of the leading statements of the constitution is: "The object of the Brigade shall be the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys, and the promotion of habits of reverence, discipline and respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness."

Mr. George Elliott also spoke at that meeting on the questions of drills, uniforms and arms and the probable expenses and scale of fees of membership. Addresses of encouragement and words of congratulation on the large attendance at the first meeting were given by Mr. John Forgrave (the People's warden of St. Jude's), Mr. J. T. Sadler, and Mr. John Parratt. Mr. George Elliott was elected Captain of this No. 1. Brigade by acclamation; Edgar Nicholson, Lieutenant, and Percy Moore and Roger Leders, Sergeants. A large number of eligible boys signed the roll, and it is expected that the Brigade will at once be placed in full and efficient order, and quickly present a goodly appearance in full force on parade, and at their weekly meetings.

Members of Stanley Street Church, it is understood, are quietly, but vigorously working towards the speedy formation of their Brigade. There is some talk of other churches taking the matter up.

The Brigade is an institution which originated in Great Britain. The Earl of Aberdeen is the honorary president, and among the vice-presidents are many titled persons, and Professor Henry Drummond, whose article on the Brigade, recently published in "Good Words," has been printed in pamphlet form. It is full of information, and can be had through local booksellers.

Shows the Stuff They're Made of.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:—Will you allow me a small space in your valuable paper to make known to the readers of your paper the disloyal practices that some of our very prominent men indulge in. The Calgary Herald of June 1st, has an account of the reception given to the party of Roman prelates visiting this part of Her Majesty's Dominions, from Quebec, Mr. Justice Rouleau in the chair. The Mayor was also present. The report reads that when the cloth had been removed, the chairman proposed the toast of His Holiness the Pope, which was drunk with enthusiasm, the band of the Indian Industrial school rendering a nice selection of music. "The Queen, God Bless Her," was also duly honored, the band playing, "God Save the Queen," as if they were born Englishmen. The gentlemen who proposed the toasts in

the above order was Mr. Justice Rouleau.

Now, sir, I assume that this gentleman had to take the oath of allegiance before entering upon his official duties as a justice, and such being the case, I for one fail to see how the government can sustain him in office, after showing that he honors the Pope first and then the Queen.

I think it about time that we, as the Sons of England, gave the Roman Catholics to understand that any insult (and this was one) offered to our Queen in this country, will be resented in a very effective manner.

W. J. Winnipeg, June 13th, 1892.

Against Amalgamation.

EDITOR ANGLO-SAXON:—The subject on which I address you this time must rather be manipulated with the butt end than with the point of my spear, as the writer of the letter headed, "Can we Amalgamate?" is a personal friend.

In referring to this matter of amalgamating with the American Society, the Sons of St. George, I say emphatically we cannot—I speak by the card when I make this statement, for I have lived a number of years consecutively in the United States. In one state, I was for a long time both a member and an officer in an English national society long before the Sons of St. George was known outside Pennsylvania. Now I know that the majority of the members of any and all these societies, though Englishmen, many perhaps as wedded to British institutions as ourselves, still from the necessities of occasion have become American citizens. Their children are educated in United States Schools, where they are taught patriotism and loyalty as American citizens to the country in which they dwell, and who when they grow up will be the most bitter despisers of "Old Daddy" if he has a word to say in favor of Johnny Bull. Then again many of them are married to American wives, of possibly German, French, or Irish Catholic parentage.

Further than this, they embrace in their ranks some who in every sense have "left their country for their country's good," men who would never join our ranks so long as they had to swear allegiance to our Queen and the Government of Great Britain.

Looking at the matter from another light, what strength could we be to them or they to us? Those who are loyal and patriotic amongst them will sympathize with us in any case as it is evident from W. J.'s letter, the right stamp of us do with them, but this is as far as this matter can ever go, for directly there was any action taken by them in regard to amalgamation with our well known, from a British point of view, Loyal order, public jealousy would be aroused against them by their neighbours, and perhaps do individual members of the Sons of St. George a great deal more harm than we, of the Sons of England could hope to do them good.

There are more cognate reasons even than these, could they be specified, but in the meantime I will remain,

FREE LANCE.

Winnipeg, June 23, 1892.

British Columbia's Premier Dead.

Victoria, B.C., June 29th.—A cablegram received by J. Hunter, M.P.P., stating that the Hon. John Robson, Premier of British Columbia, was seriously ill, was followed later by a despatch announcing his death. He left Victoria for London on business connected with the crofter colonization scheme. The hon. gentleman was born in Perth, Ont., in 1824.

Not Sure What Their Flag is.

Montreal has long been noted as the toady city of the Dominion—a place whose people are not quite sure whether their flag is the star spangled banner, the tricolor or the Union Jack. On holidays, the tradesmen have avoided mistakes by displaying all three, and people who paid their money were also at perfect liberty to take their choice. But on the anniversary of Her Majesty's Birthday, some members of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, with a correct sense of the fitness of things, called upon a few of these non-committal tradesmen and requested that of the flag of the empire should be displayed. This demand was complied with, but the incident came to the ears of the Colonel commanding, and he called on "General Knapp, United States Consul-General, and apologised for the outrage that had been committed by some irresponsible member of his corps." He said, "that neither the officers of his corps nor any of the militia officers in the city sympathised with those who had taken the flag down. If offenders are discovered they will be severely reprimanded unless further punishment is ordered by the militia department." If the members of "Col. Cole's" corps were to refuse to serve under such officers, it would be a fitting answer to his promise of punishment for a meritorious act.—Orillia Packet.

[Is not our friend rather sweeping where he writes of Montrealers not being quite sure what their flag is? We believe there is a splendid British sentiment in Montreal, though not offensively self-assertive, which will be found quite capable of taking care of itself should the occasion ever unhappily arise. The toady element however has certainly made itself unpleasantly conspicuous in this matter of the flag, and its acts are duly noted, though passed over, with silent contempt. ED.]

The All-English Speaking Gathering.

The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour and Earl Spencer have expressed their approval of Mr. J. Astley Cooper's proposed periodic All-English Speaking Gathering.

The Hon. James Service, late Premier of Victoria, Australia, writes:—"I think the idea of a periodical festival for the British Empire is an excellent one. The reasons set forth in favor of it are obvious and powerful, and must commend themselves, I think, to everybody who has at heart the permanent unity of the British peoples. The scope of the movement as outlined is probably too extensive to begin with. I think it would be well to limit it, in the first instance, to contests mainly of a physical character, which would possess the greatest attraction for the youth of the Empire. There would be an absolute certainty of success in that direction, if we may judge by the experience we have had in connection with cricket, rifle-shooting, &c. The periodical gathering once established, it could, and no doubt would, be gradually availed of for other purposes—literary, scientific, social, commercial, religious. I hope the idea may speedily become an established fact."

Among other representative men who support the idea are Sir Henry Brougham Loch, Governor of Cape Colony, Lord Lansdowne, Viceroy of India, Lord Harris, Governor of Bombay, Sir Charles Mitchell, Governor of Natal, Lord Wenlock, Governor of Madras, Sir Walter Sendall, and Lord Jersey.