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SHAKESPEARIAN CELEBRATION.

A GRAND SUCCESS BY BUNNY-MEADE LODGE.

The Rose and Thistle at Selkirk, Manitoba. A Plesant Gathering of Englishmen and Scotchmen.

Selkirk, April 26.—Our Shakespearian celebration came off last night. We scored a grand success. The Sons of Scotland and the members of St. Andrew's Society turned out in large numbers; our large hall was well filled with them and our friends the ladies. The St. Andrew's Society were introduced by Dr. Grain and welcomed by Mr. T. Partington in a concise, well received speech. The reply was made by the Rev. J. F. Sutherland, whose impromptu speech was heartily applauded.

An account of the life and works of Shakespeare followed. The Rev. C. R. Littler gave this address and showed a most thorough knowledge of the several plots and their sources.

"Rule Britannia" followed, sung by Mr. Cummings, accompanied by all in the chorus. Several toasts were given and all received hearty responses.

The "Merchant of Venice" was next on the boards. That genuine spirit of naturalness which characterizes Shakespeare's works was well brought out by the members of the S. O. E. who took their parts well. Special mention should be made of Shylock and Portia whose acting was well-nigh perfect. Refreshments were then served—all seemed to enjoy this part of the programme, but none more than our worthy Duke of Venice, whose rotund figure was plainly seen in the thickest of the fray. Several songs were then sung, one given by Mr. Simpson, "The White Squall," being specially well rendered and received.

The programme came to an end with the singing of "God Save the Queen," followed by "Auld Lang Syne" in right good style; and thus for all, ended a most pleasant evening's entertainment, which I am sure will bring closer the Thistle and Rose in Selkirk.

The members of the Orillia lodges of the Sons of England Benevolent Society will hold their usual annual Church parade on Sunday afternoon, May 21st. The brethren will meet at the lodge rooms at 14.30, and, accompanied by the Orillia Citizens' Band playing appropriate pieces, will proceed to St. James's church, where a special service will be conducted by the Rev. Canon Green. The collection will be devoted to the maintenance of the Orillia cot in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. All Englishmen are cordially invited to meet the members at the lodge rooms and take part in the parade.

Bro. Ed. Ackroyd, D.D., Ottawa, has returned from a trip to the several towns interested in the celebration which is to take place at Carleton Place on the 24th inst. He met with great encouragement. At Arnprior he met with several Englishmen who have been considering the matter of forming a S. O. E. lodge. He left the necessary papers with Mr. Jay, who will push forward the formation of a lodge in Arnprior.

The handsome silver cups to be competed for at the Picnic in Carleton Place, are donated by the brethren of Lodge Beaconsfield of that town.

WORKING WELL TO THE FRONT

Gananoque, May 6th.—The members of Cambria Lodge, No. 134, some few months ago, were very despondent over the loss of ten of our brethren who had gone to Brockville and other places to live and work, but the horizon is brighter, and now, the enthusiasm reigns supreme. Since March 14th some ten propositions have been received, five of which have been initiated, and the other five will be at our next regular night of meeting. And this is not all; the applications are still coming in, others are interested and purpose placing their propositions with us for our consideration. The Trafalgar motto: "England expects every man to do his duty," has been duly accepted by every member of our lodge, and in view of the few Englishmen and English descendants in this town, this is a remarkable good showing.

The beginning of April last it was decided to organize a Boys' branch, and a good strong committee was appointed, who went to work with a will, with the result that on April 13th we have partially organized what will be known as Lodge Prince George, No. 28, Boys' Branch, of the Sons of England B. S., with a good respectable charter list. Organization was not complete until last evening, when the officers were duly installed by Bro. John Munden, president of Cambria Lodge, No. 134, as follows:—George R. W. Cartwright, president; W. E. Meggs, vice-president; J. Burton Churchill, chaplain; Robert W. Knight, asst. secretary; E. Beaumont Davis, Wm. White, Percy W. Knight, Fred. W. Knight, and Harry Moore, committee; H. A. Meggs, inner guard; H. Clifford Churchill, outer guard. The senior members, who have been appointed as a committee in charge of this lodge, are Bros. C. Knight, P. A. Churchill, John Munden, John Chapman, John Griffith, A. E. Meggs and N. A. H. Moore.

Both Cambria and Prince George Lodge will turn out in parade to Church of England, when we expect a large turn out of our membership—this is our first parade to church.

Lodge Cambria's members gave the boys a frame for their charter. Bro. John Ormiston, past D.D.G.M., made the presentation in a few and very choice words.

Brethren of the Order may always find a hearty welcome in "The Thousand Island City," from any of our members, when they come our way, and "No Surrender" is our motto, and as long as one Englishman is left in this town who is not a member we will not give up.

CONDOLENCE.

The following resolution of condolence was passed at the last regular meeting of Lodge Victoria, No. 12, Cornwall, to Mrs. E. Hunt, over the loss she has sustained in the death of her husband. Our late Bro. Hunt, was secretary of Lodge Victoria at the time of his demise:

Dear Mrs. Hunt:

At our regular meeting of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, it was unanimously resolved that the lodge extend to yourself and family their warmest and heart-felt sympathy in the sad affliction visited upon you by the death of your husband and our esteemed brother and secretary. The brethren trust that the Grand President of the universe may give both you and your family strength to bear up under this trial, feeling that your loss is His gain, and that you have a bright hope of a happy reunion hereafter. We can assure you that our brotherly love and interest will ever be extended to those he has left behind him. We remain yours respectfully on behalf of the brethren,

HENRY SMITH, Pres.
JOHN BROOK, Sec.

AN IMPORTANT ADDITION.

OPENING LODGE CHELTENHAM, NO. 178, TORONTO.

Addresses by the Supreme Grand President and Other Members.

Toronto, May 12th, 1893.—On Thursday evening, May 11th, in the parlor of Shaftesbury Hall, Lodge Cheltenham, No. 178, was instituted. Never before has a lodge opened under such favorable circumstances. Over 60 names were on the charter list, comprising some prominent Englishmen of the city, and 40 candidates presented themselves for initiation at the opening.

The Supreme Grand President, Bro. Thos. Elliott, assisted by the S. G. S., Bro. J. W. Carter, opened the lodge. The following prominent members were also present: P.S.G.P., T. R. Skippon; P.S.G.P., J. C. Swait; P.S.G.P., H. J. Boswell; Bro. Wm. Barker, P.D.D.; F. H. Herbert, D.D., Centre Toronto; Bro. Parkham, P.D.D.; Bro. Patching, President Mercantile; E. Jones, P.P. Albion; Chas. E. Smith, P.P. and Sec. Albion; Bro. Axworthy, P. P. Middlesex; Bro. Clay, President Chesterfield, and about 150 others.

After the candidates had been initiated, the S. G. P., proceeded to open the lodge, which was done in a very impressive manner. This ceremony performed, the members proceeded to elect their officers, the following being the result: J. Castell Hopkins, past president; Geo. Clatworthy, president; C. E. E. Cobb, vice-president; A. J. Moreland, secretary; Robt. Awade, treasurer; W. Walklate, chaplain; Bros. Pepall, Carps, Cooper, Tillson, Dibble and Hawken, committee; A. F. Botsford, inside guard; Dr. A. E. Awade, surgeon; Bros. Lucas, Till and Rathburn, trustees; Bro. Phillips, organist. Other offices were laid over till their next meeting. The S. G. P. then installed the officers assisted by the S. G. Secretary.

The truncheon of authority was then handed over to the president, Bro. Clatworthy, who thanked the supreme officers for their presence and opening Lodge Cheltenham. He also gave a few encouraging words to the new members, and impressed upon them the necessity of working, as there were hundreds of Englishmen in the city not members of the society. He hoped that each member would bring in one candidate during the coming month.

The lodge then opened up in general business. The first thing to settle was the night of meeting. It was decided to meet for the present on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in Shaftesbury Hall.

Bro. Awade, treasurer, then, in a very loyal and patriotic speech, moved a vote of thanks to the S. G. officers and others for their kindness in instituting Lodge Cheltenham.

Bro. J. Castell Hopkins, P.P., in a few well chosen remarks, in which he greatly eulogized by S. G. P., seconded the motion, which was carried by a standing vote.

The S.G.P., Bro. Thos. Elliott, in reply, thanked them for their kindly expressions. He always felt it a great pleasure to open new lodge. He had not opened a lodge with such favorable circumstances as this one. He did not propose to make a speech, as there was to be a mass meeting in the Auditorium on May 22nd. He reserved any remarks in reference to the Society until then. He urged the brethren to be true to our principles.

S. G. S., Bro. Carter, also refrained from making a speech, and invited the members to the mass meeting. He thanked them for their kind vote of thanks.

Bros. Swait and Skippon also responded to the vote of thanks.

Bro. F. H. Herbert, D.D., felt greatly pleased at the splendid opening of Lodge Cheltenham. He should at some future time pay the lodge an official visit. Bro. Barker, P.D.D., said a few words.

After others had congratulated the lodge, the meeting was brought to a close. Receipts, \$94.10. Refreshments were then in order, and a right royal time was enjoyed.

SUPREME GRAND LODGE NOTES.

Toronto, May 12th, 1893.

Cheltenham Lodge, No. 178, was instituted in Shaftesbury Parlors, Toronto, on Thursday. There was a large number of officers and members from sister lodges present. A list of the officers will be forwarded for your next issue.

Bro. Harry Symonds, assisted by Bro. Jones, of Winnipeg, recently conferred the W. R. degree on the officers of Brandon Lodge. The visiting officers received a big welcome.

The Supreme President has requested all the Executive officers to be present at the mass meeting in the Auditorium on Monday evening, May 22nd, for the presentation of past officers' jewels to the Supreme Past President, Bro. W. R. Stroud, of Ottawa, and the Supreme Grand Secretary, John W. Carter. Deputations from London, Hamilton, St. Catharines and Belleville are expected to be present. The Auditorium will accommodate over 2,000 members.

The Supreme President desires all lodges, as far as practicable, to observe Sunday, May 21st, as the annual church parade.

The Supreme Secretary has a new supply of constitutions on hand. Lodges requiring copies should order them at once, as there will be no new constitutions printed for over a year.

The Grand Lodge reports are in the hands of the printer, and will be ready shortly.

The Executive are preparing a circular in connection with the new constitution, which will be in the hands of the lodge secretaries in a short time.

The circular issued by the Supreme President has been received with very great favor, as evidenced by the large number of congratulatory replies.

The meeting for the presentation of a Past Grand President's Jewel to Bro. Stroud, of Ottawa, will be the most important and influential ever held in the city of Toronto. The Toronto Hand Bell ringers are expected to give selections, also some of the best talent in Toronto.

Bro. A. J. Moreland, Secretary of Lodge Cheltenham, No. 187, Toronto, opened on the 11th inst., is a brother of C. G. and W. A. Moreland, well known and highly esteemed members of Derby Lodge, Ottawa.

We had a call last week from Bro. W. T. Kearsey, of Lodge Mercantile, Toronto. Bro. Kearsey is doing business just now in Ottawa.