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ENGLISH PARADE AT MONTREAL.

NINE LODGES OF THE SONS OF ENGLAND IN LINE.

A Creditable Turn-out of Englishmen at the Commercial Metropolis of Canada—Instructive Sermon.

The annual church parade of the Sons of England of Montreal was a decided success. Mr. Edwards, the secretary of the society, made an admirable master of the ceremonies, and under his able direction the parade marched to St. Stephen's church in the following order: First came the Juvenile "Sons," followed by the chief officers, Mr. B. T. Sellars, Supreme Grand Deputy of District No. 1 and Mr. C. H. Beckett, Supreme Grand Deputy of District No. 2, together with the following:

Excelsior No. 36—C. Chappell, president; J. Aspinall, vice-president.
Yorkshire No. 40—I. Walton, president; W. Thom, vice-president.
Victorians Jubilee No. 41—J. G. Brooks, president; R. Penk, vice-president.
Primrose No. 49—R. H. Bartholomew, president; H. Wadgs, vice-president.
Denbigh No. 96—A. Hilton, president; W. Hammersley, vice-president.
Britannic No. 113—T. Dewfall, president; W. Kelly, vice-president.
Grosvenor No. 120—Vaughan, president; W. W. Evans, vice-president.
Lincoln Lodge, St. Lambert—F. Riddington, president; W. H. V. Cooper, vice-president.
Royal Rose, Lachine—Wm. Ellis, president; the rank and file bringing up the rear.

Altogether there were present about 550 members and they completely filled the body of the church. The service, which followed the usual evening ritual of the Church of England, was joined in most heartily by all present, the responses being especially noticeable owing to the unusual preponderance of male voices.

THE SERMON.

which was delivered by Ven. Archdeacon Evans, M. A., was short and eminently suitable to the occasion. The text was taken from Proverbs iii, 6. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." The words of the text, said the preacher, contained not only an injunction, but coupled with it God's gracious promise that in the event of our obedience He would direct our paths.

It was peculiarly appropriate that the society had adopted as their title "Sons of England." By it they acknowledged themselves as the heirs and offspring of a mighty nation, a nation foremost among the races of the earth. But how was it that England, so small a place on the earth's surface had reached so high a rank among her competitors? How was it that a people who were once so insignificant in point of numbers were now filling every day a larger portion of the world, of whom it was said that "Their morning drum-beat circled round the globe?" He believed—may he was sure—it was owing to the fact that, more than any other nation, the English had

ACKNOWLEDGED GOD IN ALL THINGS.

Whatever the practices of other nations may have been, the government of Great Britain has always shown the greatest respect for religion. Her Parliament is always opened with prayer; her soldiers go forth to war with a chaplain in their ranks, and are followed by the prayers of her people; when her sovereign is crowned and the sceptre is

to be placed in her hands, the ceremony is celebrated as a religious service, the divine sway is humbly acknowledged, and His assistance and blessing implored.

It was consistent, the Archdeacon went on to say, with all the traditions of their native land, that the Sons of England as a society had always acknowledged and sought the assistance of

THE DIVINE PROVIDENCE

in their various undertakings. They opened their meetings with prayer; they had their chaplain, and in many other ways acknowledged their Maker. The wonderful prosperity that had attended their organization, and the work they had attempted had, perhaps, occasioned them some surprise; but so long as they retained their present spirit, so long would their efforts be crowned with success. But this was not sufficient. If the various members of the society wished to be efficient helpers of their common cause, if they desired to be useful citizens, successful business men, and good husbands and fathers, they must follow out the teaching of the Bible in their daily lives, and then they would assuredly experience the fulfilment of the promise. He would direct them in all their paths. This was the road, not perhaps to pleasure and enjoyment, but to all true happiness.

The address was listened to with the deepest attention, and judging from the remarks overheard in the lobby, seemed to be highly appreciated. On leaving the church the procession reformed, and returned to head quarters via St. James street.

A Busy Week for Lodge Kenilworth 149.

New Glasgow, N. S., Lodge matters have been very lively of late, and there has been quite a week of lodge business. On Sunday morning, May 29, the members of Lodge Kenilworth, No. 149, assembled at ten o'clock, when there was the largest gathering of members ever found in the lodge at one time. The lodge was opened in due form and at 10.45 the members formed into a procession, the flag being carried in front by Bro Dodson, past president, who led the way to St. George's church. Here the members heard an excellent address, full of patriotism, which was all that could be desired and was thoroughly British to the core, by the chaplain, the Rev. A. C. Frost, rector.

The members then re-formed and marched back to the lodge room, the rector marching in the procession.

PRESENTATION TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT.

On Wednesday, June 1, a special meeting was held to receive the resignation of the president, Bro. Clarke, who has accepted a position at Halifax. After the resignation had been accepted, much to his surprise a beautiful presentation was made to him as a parting memento of his connection with the lodge. Bro Clarke in reply said that little did he expect such a thing, especially as he had only served half his time in office. He much regretted having to go away, as the happiest moments of his life had been spent among the members of Kenilworth lodge, and during his term of office as president he had met with the ready co-operation of every member of the lodge. As soon as he was in Halifax he would connect himself with the lodge there.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The next business was the appointment of a new president in the place of the one just resigned. The choice at once fell upon Bro. Maynard, who is also an old and experienced officer in

the Oddfellow and Orange orders, much to the joy and satisfaction of all the members.

Bro. Maynard accepted the office as president, and thanked the members for their kindness in electing him to the important position. He said that during his term of office he would do his best to make the lodge the home of Englishmen, and all he could do to further the interests of the lodge.

On Saturday June 4, the lodge again met, when a lot of important business was transacted, one event being the initiation of the Rev. C. Taylor, rector of Christ church, Stellerton, who received a very hearty welcome to the lodge. In replying to the cordial brotherly welcome accorded him, the rector said he had been much impressed with the ceremony of initiation into the lodge and would do all he could to further the interests of the lodge and of the order generally.

The installation of the new president then took place, also of two com mittee men, both good members.

The by-law committee then reported. They had not quite finished their labors and asked for another two weeks, which was granted.

The meeting throughout was the best the lodge has ever yet had. There were four propositions sent in.

S. O. E. Parade at Victoria, B. C.

There was a splendid turnout of the Sons of England for the annual Queen's birthday parade at Victoria, B. C. Both lodges were represented (Alexandra, No 116, and Pride of the Island, No 131), and they made a splendid showing with badges and official regalia, as they lined up, headed by the Victoria City Band, and started for the Pandora Avenue Methodist church. The edifice was crowded with worshippers, and several special anthems, including the Te Deum, were sung, appropriate to the occasion.

Rev. Coverdale Watson, in his sermon warmly advocated the extension of such orders as the Sons of England, and entreated the members not to forget the grand principle that was written in their constitution, to aid the weak, the aged and the infirm, and never to use any power or strength they possessed except to benefit their less fortunate brethren. The sermon was listened to throughout with great interest.

When the final hymn had been sung, the procession left the church, reformed, and started back to the Lodge Room to the music of the band. On reaching Forester's Hall, the officers passed through a double line of saluting members, and the national anthem was sung, needless to say very heartily. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Coverdale Watson for his admirable address, and the choir of the church for their special and successful efforts.

The Victoria Colonist, commenting on the parade, says: "The Sons of England, who thus annually celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday, are fast gaining in strength in this province, and by the end of the year it is expected that the order will be as well known here as it is in Eastern Canada. The members as Englishmen and Sons of Englishmen are pledged individually to make all visitors with whom they may come in contact feel that they are heartily welcome to British soil."

Orillia.

At the last meeting of lodge Hampton, No. 68, (W. R. D.) the lodge room was draped in mourning emblems for the death of Bro. Percy Clement Leaper. Both the Orillia lodges had made arrangements to attend the Church parade of Lodge St. Asaph, at Longford Mills, but owing to the recent calamity it was resolved to give up the project.

SALUTING THE FLAG.

The Chaplain of Bowood Lodge S. O. E., Makes a Good Suggestion.

EDITOR, ANGLO-SAXON: While reading Scribner's Magazine for the month of May, I was deeply interested in an article, "The Children of the Poor." It is well worth the serious consideration of all who are studying the social problem. To Englishmen and the members of the Sons of England I would call special attention to the illustration and the paragraph, "Saluting the flag," as follows:

"Very lately a unique exercise has been added to the course in these schools, that lays hold of the very marrow of the problem with which they deal. It is called, "Saluting the Flag," and originated with Col. George T. Balde of the Board of Education, who conceived the idea of instilling patriotism into the little future citizens of the Republic in doses to suit their childish minds. To talk about the Union, of which most of them had but the vaguest notion, or of the duty of the citizen, of which they had no notion at all, was nonsense. In the flag it was all found embodied in a central idea which they could grasp.

In the morning the star-spangled banner was brought into the school, and the children were taught to salute it with patriotic words. Then the best scholar of the day was called out of the ranks, and it was given to him or her to keep for the day. The thing took at once and was a tremendous success.

Then was evolved the plan of letting the children decide for themselves whether or not they would so salute the flag as a voluntary offering, while incidentally instructing them in the duties of the voter at a time when voting was the one topic of general interest. Ballot-boxes were set up in the schools on the day before the last general election. The children had been furnished with with ballots for and against the flag the week before, and told to take them home to their parents and talk it over with them. On Monday they cast their votes with all the solemnity of a regular election, and with as much of its simple machinery as was practicable.

As was expected, only very few votes against the flag were recorded. One little Irishman in the Mott Street school came without his ballot. "The old man tore it up," he reported. In the East Seventy-third Street school, five Bohemians of tender years set themselves down as opposed to the scheme of making Americans of them. Only one, a little girl, gave her reason. She brought her own flag to school: "I vote for that," she said, sturdily, and the teacher wisely recorded her vote, and let her keep the banner.

The manner of saluting the flag is thus described. "Every morning sees the flag carried to the principal's desk and all the little ones, rising at the stroke of the bell, say with one voice, "We turn to our flag as the sunflower turns to the sun!" One bell, and every brown right fist is raised to the brow, as in military salute. "We give our heads!" Another stroke, and the grimy little hands are laid on as many hearts, "And our hearts."

Then with a shout that can be heard around the corner: "—to our country! One country, one language, one flag! No one can hear it and doubt that the children mean every word, and will not be apt to forget that lesson soon."

I would suggest to those who are school trustees that this might be done, if not regularly, at least occasionally, say near the Queen's Birthday and also at the closing exercises before Dominion Day. It will inculcate a true British spirit among the rising generation.

A W MACKAY,

St. John's Church, Ottawa.

Can We Amalgamate?

EDITOR ANGLO-SAXON: I was more than pleased to read the address given by Lt.-Gen. Surlis to the order of Sons of St. George in your last issue. The objects of this order seem to me to be in keeping with our own beloved society, the S. O. E. B. S. I would like to see at a very early date some plan to amalgamate the two societies, as it

seems to me that we both uphold the one grand principle, the honor of our nationality.

I am sure it would be a good thing for both societies if something in this direction could be done. I have often asked Englishmen to join the Sons, who have refused because we have no lodges in the States.

Now I think if this matter was exhaustively discussed through the columns of the ANGLO-SAXON it would be the means of bringing about some plan by which the difficulty that now exists could be removed, to the advantage of both societies. Hoping to hear the views of some brother on this important matter, I am, Yours,

W. J., Lodge Neptune, No. 144,
Winnipeg, June 6, 1892.

How to Amuse the Boys.

EDITOR ANGLO-SAXON: I am president of a juvenile lodge of the S. O. E., and through some cause unknown to me our lodge does not grow very fast. Though we have a large adult lodge, our boys do not attend regularly. In fact I have been in the lodge room on lodge night with only my assistant, the worthy vice-president and treasurer.

Now we try as far as our abilities will allow to entertain the boys by songs and interesting speeches, and we also gave them a picnic last year, and intend doing the same this year, and give them a good time. But of course if they will not attend we can do nothing.

Now would you Mr. Editor, or some of the many readers of your most valuable paper, be so kind as to give us a few pointers as to running a juvenile lodge. Do you not think the parents of our boys might do something towards helping us, not only on account of the benefits of the orders but to cultivate desirable tendencies in the minds of our youth, that they may grow up to take a lively interest in our beloved order of which they are the nursery, and you will greatly oblige,

Yours fraternally,

HOPE.

[One of the most attractive things in the world for English boys is some form of sport, or gymnastics. A healthy wholesome English boy worries and pines away if he cannot be hard at work at something or other. Give him lots of exercise and you are sure of him. Let some of the brothers speak who have solved the problem of how to fill the juvenile lodges. Our columns are open to any number of letters on the subject, so long as they are short and to the point.—Ed.]

Winnipeg.

The Winnipeg Daily Tribune thus refers to the Sons of England Shakespeare entertainment given in that city and referred to in our Winnipeg correspondent's letter: "The entertainment was a success, a large and enthusiastic audience being present in Victoria hall, Shakespeare's birthday being honored in Winnipeg for the first time in a public manner."

"In connection with the above one thing may be noticed,—the so-called fashionable people of this city were conspicuous by their absence, thus showing that they lack having been educated up to the standard required to appreciate the beauties of the "Sweet Singer of Avon."

"They stayed away, and their places were just as worthily filled by those who are the bone and the sinew of Canada,—the sturdy yeomen of England and their descendants, the backbone of Canada, as they are of the dear old mother country. All honor to them.

"Some exceptions of course, can be made, a sprinkling of the more intelligent amongst the fashionable folks were present and enjoyed themselves amazingly."

In connection with the above the secretary-treasurer of the general hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$53.35 from Sons of England Benevolent Association, being proceeds of their Shakespearean entertainment.