

**Almonte.**—The following are the officers of Nelson Lodge No. 43, Almonte, for the ensuing term, viz.: Past president, Wm. Thoburn; president, A. G. Horton; V. P., H. H. Reeve, M. D.; R. S., James H. Bennett; F. S., E. Cockroft; Treas., George H. Bray; Chap., George Mattock; first guide, Samuel Smith; second guide, Charles Townsend; third guide, John Drynan; fourth guide, Wm. H. Cockroft; fifth guide, John Fletcher; sixth guide, Wm. Curry; I. G., K. C. Townsend; O. G., M. Curry; Representative to Grand Lodge, Wm. Thoburn; surgeon, Dr. Reeve. We are glad to observe that Bro. Wm. Thoburn was elected mayor of Almonte.

**Oshawa.**—Lodge Essex No. 4. At the first regular meeting in December the following officers were elected: President, Wm. Holland; vice-president, Wm. Allchin; secretary, Thos. Martin; treasurer, P. Goynes; chaplain, F. Gaird. Committee—W. Robinson, Wm. Byam, C. Rose. A. Yoe, J. Inch, F. W. Wigg. Inside guard, J. Bone; outside guard, M. Andrews. Grand Lodge delegates—J. W. Higginbotham, Wm. Holland.

**Belleville.**—Oxford Lodge, No. 17, met on the evening of December 18th. Bro. J. W. Kempling, G.V.P., and Bro. J. W. London, D.D., visited the lodge officially, and were received with grand honors. After initiating five members the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows: President, Thomas Weymark; Vice-President, George Bennett; Financial Secretary, H. Tammadge; Recording Secretary, Wm. Hopkins; Treasurer, Walter Alford; Chaplain, Rev. A. L. Geen; Managing Committee, A. Wensley, S. Weden, W. Creeper, J. Luscombe, F. Polas and R. Oliphant; Surgeon, Dr. Tracey; Inside Guard, Bro. W. Kemp; Outside Guard, A. Gale; Trustees, J. W. London and G. Twining; Auditors, F. Slater, E. Hayne, S. Burrows; Grand Lodge delegates, R. C. Hulme and J. W. London. The annual banquet of the above lodge was held on the evening of December 19th. Grand Vice-President Kempling and Bro. London responded to the toast of the Grand Lodge. A number of speeches were delivered and patriotic songs were given by Bros. Rockrest, Barns, Vichers and George Carr. The gathering was a great success.

#### Middlesex No. 2.

We thank Secretary Bro. W. H. Symes of Middlesex Lodge No. 2 for sending us their balance sheet for the year just closed, and we must say that the showing which Middlesex Lodge has made is one to be proud of. Their invested funds are:

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| To Balance in Treasurer's hands..... | \$ 554 61  |
| Deposit in Dominion Bank.....        | 2,775 00   |
| “ Receiver General's office.....     | 900 00     |
| “ Sons of England Hall Co.....       | 1,000 00   |
| “ 6 per cent. paid up 100 shares     |            |
| “ S. O. E. Hall Co.....              | 600 00     |
| Interest from Government.....        | 18 00      |
| “ “ Bank, about.....                 | 100 00     |
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|                                      | \$5,947 61 |

We hope to publish tabulated statements of the financial standing of the lodges throughout the Order in our future issues.

On Wednesday December 12th, Richmond Lodge, No. 65, held a Social and Concert in their Lodge room Shaftsbury Hall. A large number of friends responded to the invitations issued, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, the musical portion of the entertainment being of a high class character, which added to the success of the entertainment. The Committee deserves great praise for the admirable manner in which everything was carried out.

#### Oxford Lodge, No. 17.

We have received through Bro. J. W. London, the secretary's report of Oxford Lodge, Belleville, which shews the membership to be:

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| In good standing..... | 153 |
| Owing six months..... | 7   |
| Honorary.....         | 4   |

Average age 36 years.

The financial standing of this lodge is most creditable, when it is taken into consideration that it is only a few years in existence. The lodge's invested funds are:

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| In Bank.....                          | \$1,457 20 |
| Interest.....                         | 19 90      |
| Banked this year.....                 | 50 00      |
| Dec., 1888, in Treasurer's hands..... | 178 83     |

Grand Total..... \$1,705 93

By loan to Room Trustees..... \$575 00

H. TAMMADGE, Secretary.

#### Lodge Dinners.

Lodge Warrick No. 13 held their annual supper in their lodge room on Thursday, November 29th. The room, which is a large one, was filled to repletion, the wives and lady friends adding greatly to the gaiety of the scene. The hall was decorated with patriotic flags, and the tables were abundantly supplied with creature comforts spread by the committee under the supervision of Bros. W. George and G. F. Lott. After justice had been done to the good things supplied, Bro. James Poffley took the chair, the remainder of the evening being spent in toast and song. Bro. R. Caddick, P. G. P., and Bro. W. Barker, P. P. St. George Lodge, were the speakers.

The anniversary dinner of Portsmouth Lodge No. 45 was held on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, at the Mechanics' Institute, Dovercourt, the anniversary day of the society. Bro. F. J. Dewitt occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. S. B. Pollard, John W. Carter, W. Barker, P. P. St. George's Lodge; Wallace Clarke, M.P., Col. Denison, M.P., Alds. Bell, Ritchie and Denison. The room was inconveniently crowded, the demand for tickets being so great. After the usual loyal toasts, Wallace Clarke, M.P., Col. Denison, M. P., Dr. S. B. Pollard, M. W. G. P., John W. Carter, R. G. S., made interesting and spirit-stirring speeches, which were much appreciated by the large audience. The supper was first-class and abundant. The committee are to be congratulated upon their success.

The annual dinner of Lodge Somerset No. 10, which was a good old-fashioned English one took place on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, at the Masonic Hall, Parkdale. The President, L. H. Collins occupied the chair, after the usual loyal toasts the evening was devoted to speech and song. Col. Gray, M.P., responded for the Army, Navy and Volunteers. The Town Council of Parkdale, by Bros. Booth, Terry and Goodman. Grand Lodge by Bro. J. W. Carter, R.W. G.S. and Bro. T. R. Skippon, P.G.P. The President was unable to be present in consequence of professional duties. The Mayor and Corporation of Toronto by Bro. Alds. Ritchie and Denison. Sister Lodges by Bro. W. Barker, P.P. St. George Lodge, and Bro. H. J. Boswell, President Richmond Lodge. The visitors by Rev. Chas. L. Inglis. Among the visiting brethren we noticed Bro. W. Miles, President Norfolk Lodge, who sang a song in his usual excellent manner. Bro. J. H. Raybould, President Worchester Lodge, Bro. F. Wotten, President Birmingham Lodge. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Lodge Albion No. 5 celebrated their anniversary in Shaftesbury Hall on Wednesday evening December 12th by holding a Social Concert, the large hall was tastefully