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DOINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

INTERESTING RESUME OF RECENT S. O. E. EVENTS.

The South Africa Grand Lodge Meeting and Banquet—Speeches by Hon. H. W. Pearson, Hon. J. Dolley and Others.

Full reports of the session of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England for South Africa, at Port Elizabeth, to which reference was made in the last issue of the ANGLO-SAXON are to hand. They show a most interesting meeting, and prove that residence in the far away Cape Colony, has not deadened the love of the English residents for the motherland. During the session a banquet was given by the Port Elizabeth brethren to the visiting delegates. Among the visitors present were Hon. J. Dolley, M. L. C., Mayor McLwraith, of the Port, and Hon. H. W. Pearson, M. L. C.

REPLYING FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Hon. H. W. Pearson replying to the toast of the legislature, said he knew that as the members present were good Sons of England they would be good Sons of Africa. The English and Dutch were striving unitedly for the success of the colony at large, and he believed their efforts would be turned to good account.

Hon. J. Dolley said, that while he was only an honorary member of the Sons of England, he took the keenest interest in its welfare, as he believed its aims, objects and aspirations were of the most laudable character. (Applause.)

OTHER NATIONAL SOCIETIES.

Before the Sons of England society was formed he had often wondered why in the colony, there was no society distinctively English. The Scotch, Irish and Germans had their national societies, and were the English less warm to their motherland than men of other nationalities? The organization of the Sons at once settled the suspicion. (Applause.)

Mr. J. C. King, the chairman, said the members of the society, while good colonists, intended to make the name of Englishmen known and felt. (Applause.) He referred in terms of congratulation to the rapid progress of the Order in Africa.

A HELPING HAND FOR NEW COMERS.

Mr. Dyer said the principal object of the society was to advise and help English new comers, and to show them they had fallen among friends, even in that far away land.

Mayor McLwraith in proposing the health of the society said that so long as it inculcated patriotism, benevolence and unity, so long would the sympathies of all true hearted men be with it.

During the evening a number of songs were sung and the affair passed off most pleasantly.

Nine New Cadet Members.

The regular meeting of Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 24, of Kingston, was held in the Lodge room of Leicester Lodge, on Monday evening, Dec. 5th. Nine new members were initiated, making a total of 33 members up to that date, with every prospect of still further increasing their number, which is very gratifying to the committee of the adult lodge. The latter will have to look out or the youngsters will be showing the elder ones the way to increase their membership.

Albion Lodge No. 1.

TORONTO, December, 12th. — Albion lodge held their regular meetings on December 1st, when quite a large number of members were present, all the officers being at their post. Bro. H. Smith who had been in the hospital for several weeks suffering from typhoid fever, was reported convalescent and two other members still on the sick list. It was also reported that Bro. Woodhouse had lost a child 13 years of age. The secretary was ordered to send a letter of condolence. One candidate was initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and one application was made for the Beneficiary Fund. The president then declared an intermission of 15 minutes, when several members contributed some good songs, and others enjoyed a strong pull at the weed.

Business being resumed, the Hospital delegate reported that \$110 was the amount collected at the church service. The Anniversary Committee reported everything going along swimmingly, and by all appearances they expected about 500 to be present. A first class programme is to be provided, and plenty of good things for the inner man.

Bro. Glazebrook thought we should establish a labor bureau, thereby assisting members when out of work. Kent lodge had done so, and he thought it would do an immense amount of good. After discussing other matters for the welfare of the lodge the meeting was brought to a close.

Leaving for the Old Land.

TORONTO, December, 12th. — Bro. W. R. Johnson an old and respected member of Albion Lodge, Toronto, has left Canada for the land of his birth. While we all wish him and his family prosperity, we are sorry at his leaving. He was a very active member of the Order, and his kindly genial face will be missed from the lodge room. The following resolution was passed at the last regular meeting of Albion Lodge and a copy ordered to be sent to Bro. Johnson:

"We the officers and members of Albion Lodge desire to convey to you our deep feeling of regret that you are so soon to be lost to us by your departure for the old land. We cannot find appropriate words to convey to you properly the feeling of the brethren in knowing that they will soon miss you from the lodge room where your earnest zeal, kindly nature, and indefatigable efforts in the cause which is dear to all of us, has made you one of the most valuable members of our Order, and outside of our lodge room you have also endeared yourself to all who have had the good fortune to know you, by those genial, charitable traits of character which adorn and beautify the man whose large heart thinks of the wants of others and seeks to place in the way of his fellowmen. Now your pathway leads you away from the familiar faces and friends you have learned to know, the links of friendship will be sundered perhaps never to be joined again, but if Providence in his wisdom deems us perhaps never to see you again, your departure from us leaving tender memories, that the grave alone can extinguish, and links of friendship that oceans can never sever. One and all bid you God speed, and pray that in the changing scenes of life your feet may again turn towards the scenes you are now bidding farewell.

"We wish you a pleasant voyage, a hearty welcome on the other shore, a prosperous life and the divine benediction to rest upon you through life's battle, and the reward of the worthy when the last scene comes.

R. C. WORSFALL, Pres., CHAS. E. SMITH, Sec.

Britain Given a Back Seat.

Dear Editor, In your reply to certain matters under the heading "Britain given a back seat," you evidently forgot the celebrated motion of the Earl of Chatham of that day, that "any minister advising the King to continue the war against the Colonies in America be declared a traitor, and an enemy to his country."

T. C. A.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Oxford Lodge Election

Oxford Lodge S.O.E. No. 17, held their annual meeting on the 6th inst. a large number being present, and a great deal of interest being taken in the elections, which resulted as follows:

- President—Bro. R. C. Hulme.
- Vice-Pres.—Bro. Wm. Hopkins.
- Fin. Sec.—Bro. H. Tammadge.
- Rec. Rec.—Bro. W. Watts.
- Treas.—Bro. J. W. London.
- Chaplain—Bro. A. L. Geen.
- Man. Com.—Bros. Twining, Perkins, Pearson, Brewer, G. Hulme and Rigs.
- Inside Guard—Bro. Rickard.
- Outside Guard—Bro. Wm. Corham.
- Surgeon—Bro. Dr. Tracy.
- Auditors—Bros. J. A. Campion, G. Twining and G. W. Smith.
- Grand Lodge Delegates—Bros. R. C. Hulme and J. W. London.
- Trustees—Bros. Jas. Hall and Dr. Nash.

Bro. R. C. Hulme was the first President of Oxford Lodge, holding the office for two years in succession, and was elected again last night.

Bro. J. W. London, who held the office of Treasurer at the formation of the Lodge and following year, was again elected to that office last night.

Bros. Dr. Tracy, Surgeon of the Lodge, and Secretary Tammadge, were re-elected last night for the 12th time, having held their respective offices since the formation of the Lodge.

Bros. Hulme and London have now had the honor of being elected representatives to the Supreme Grand Lodge for the tenth and eleventh time respectively.

It was decided not to celebrate the coming anniversary of the formation of the lodge on the 19th inst., but to have a dinner on St. George's Day next.

NEW LODGE.

A new Lodge will shortly be opened at Coe Hill. District Deputy Waymark, and Bros. Hulme and London have been asked by the executive to institute the lodge.

[For the above we are indebted to our valued contemporary the Belleville Intelligencer.—Ed.]

Royal City Lodge.

Guelph, Dec. 10.—At the regular meeting held on the 8th, officers were elected for Royal City Lodge No. 73 for the coming year. We had a good turnout of members and close competition for some of the offices, which shows that the brothers take more interest in the Lodge than formerly. We had two initiations. Following was the result of the election:

- P.P., W. M. Stanley; W.P., J. Taylor; V.P., F. Smith; Chap., W. J. Colson; Sec., H. Bolton, P.P.; Treas., J. Haver, P.P.; 1st Guide, W. T. Hill; 2nd, W. C. Lamb; 3rd, E. Broadbent; 4th, J. Platt; 5th, A. B. Austen; 6th, W. F. Huges; I.G., M. Snelling; O.G., J. Robertson; Surgeon, Dr. Orton; Trustees, T. Euljames and W. E. Scott; Auditors, Hill, Lamb and Platt; Representatives to Grand Lodge, P.P. Bro. Hawer and J. Taylor.

The installation takes place on the second Thursday in January, when we expect the S.P.G.V.P. Bro. Elliott.

Britannia Lodge Elections.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Britannia Lodge No. 113, met for business at 223 McGill St., Montreal, President Bro. Dewafel in the chair. Two members were initiated to membership, Bro. J. A. Edward and Firs, of Victoria

Jubilee Lodge, and Bro. D. Aspinall, of Excelsior Lodge acting as scrutineers. The following officers were elected:

- President—Bro. J. Croston.
- Vice-Pres.—G. C. Black.
- Chaplain—E. Dawes.
- Sec.—Harry Smith, re-elected.
- Treas.—A. Webb.
- Surgeon—Dr. D. DeCov.
- 1st Guide—J. W. Stancliffe.
- 2nd "—W. Roberts.
- 3rd "—A. V. Webb.
- 4th "—R. Jelley.
- Inside Guard—G. W. Green.
- Auditors—Chapman, Davis and Gill.
- Trustees—Lavers and Robinson.
- Grand Lodge Delegates—Croston and Webb.

The election of 5th and 6th Guides and Outside Guard was left over till next meeting. The Sons of England brass band meets every Thursday night for practice at 191 Fortification Lane.

The First Family Gathering.

New Glasgow, N.S., Nov. 20.—The first social ever held in New Glasgow of Englishmen and their wives and families has taken place in the Odd-fellows' Hall, New Glasgow. The president, Bro. R. Maynard, in the chair, explained the object of the gathering. It was for the purpose of meeting together in a friendly way for social entertainment and intercourse, and for their families to become better known to each other in the future. A good programme had been provided by Rev. H. Taylor, Rector of Christ Church, Stellarton, who was a warm friend of the Lodge and of the Order in general. He gave a most cordial invitation to all present who were eligible and not already members, to join the society. In arranging the programme, Rev. H. Taylor was ably assisted by the lady organist and a portion of the choir of Christ Church. Some excellent singing was enjoyed, also recitations, after which the Rev. H. Taylor gave a vigorous address explaining the principles and objects of the Order. He advised all Englishmen who were not members to join at once and make provision for the time of adversity and death which must at some time or other befall all men alike, and to support a society which upheld their common nationality, but had not been supported to the extent it should. In conclusion he exhorted all present to love their adopted country, and to be true to their church and Queen and to continue loyal to British connection.

The rev. gentleman was warmly applauded at the close of his very interesting address, after which refreshments were served in good order to all present. The audience seemed greatly pleased with the way they were treated. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. A number of Stellarton friends were present who were greatly pleased with the brotherly way in which they were treated.

Lodge Leicester.

The regular meeting of Lodge Leicester No. 33, Kingston, was held on Monday evening, November 28. After the usual course of business the entertainment committee presented the following programme for the amusement of the members, all of which was well given and greatly enjoyed by those present.

- Song, Bro. J. C. Swain.
- Recitation, Bro. Ed. Westmore of Excelsior Lodge.
- Song, Bro. Henry Hughes.
- Recitation, Bro. A. Perry of Tyne Lodge.
- Song, Bro. Wm. Dumbleton of Tyne Lodge.
- Reading, Bro. Thos. Lambert, Vice-President.
- Song, Bro. R. Marsh, Tyne Lodge.
- Song, Bro. H. J. LeHeup.
- Song, Bro. S. D. Swann.
- Reading, Bro. Ed. Scrutton, P.P.
- Song, Bro. J. Taylor.

GRAND LODGE NOTES.

The Beneficiary Board met at the Supreme Secretary's office Wednesday, Dec. 7th, the Supreme Grand President presiding. Forty-three applications for policies were examined, and forty approved, three being rejected.

The Secretary reported that the last call realized \$1,217.00, with three small lodge accounts to receive.

The disability claim of Bro. Miller, of Britannia Lodge was approved and ordered to be paid out of surplus. This is the second disability claim paid out of surplus this year.

The Supreme Secretary reported fewer defaulters on the last assessment than any previous assessment.

The board considered several very important matters which are now engaging the attention of the general committee on revision. Bro. Skippon said the revising of the Beneficiary part of the constitution had been placed in his hands, and he would be glad to get any suggestion from the members.

The Supreme Secretary reported the death of Bro. Finning, of St. Alban's Lodge, also Bro. Sweetman, of Bristol Lodge, the latter Bro. having died in England.

The Supreme Vice-President, Bro. Elliott and Supreme Secretary Bro. Carter with the District Deputy and others paid a visit to Brampton Lodge on Tuesday last. The Supreme Vice gave a splendid address on the advancement of the order. The Grand Secretary and other visitors also addressed the meeting. The members of Brampton Lodge were well pleased with the visit.

Bros. T. Elliott and John W. Carter paid an official visit on Wednesday last, and met with a very hearty reception. British Lion Lodge room was crowded. Even the ante-room had to be used for accommodation. A large number of officers and members of the other city Lodges were present, it being a union meeting for the purpose of encouraging and assisting each other. Three candidates were initiated and five proposed. It was a grand meeting. The addresses of the Supreme officers and prominent members of the order in London were well received, and created great enthusiasm. These union gatherings meet with great success, and before the winter season is over, will prove a great benefit to the officers and members.

A united banquet was held at Brantford by Salisbury and Wolfe Lodges on Thursday last. The Supreme Grand Vice-President, delivered a stirring and patriotic address which met with great applause. A report appears in another column.

The order is still progressing. Supreme Secretary, Bro. Carter informs us that five charters for new Lodges will be issued during the coming week, namely at Newtonville, Sudbury, Vancouver, Ormsby and St. Catherines, and five more are expected during the next month. There are several also that our energetic officer Bro. Ackroyd is working up in his own district.

The Grand Lodge meeting of South Africa which took place on Oct. 20 in Port Elizabeth, re-elected Bro. T. N. Dyer Grand President, and H. N. Woods Grand Secretary. The meeting was a great success. Full reports will be given in due time. Bro. Woods, the Grand is expected to pay an official visit to the Supreme Executive in a short time.