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**FROM THE PACIFIC SLOPE.**

**NOTES RESPECTING THE S.O.E. ON THE COAST.**

**A Hard Struggle, well Fought, with Victory to Crown the Effort—A Few Words to Eastern Brethren—The Duty of Englishmen.**

Editor ANGLO-SAXON: In your issue of Dec. 1 there is a letter signed "Rose of Columbia," which if allowed to pass unnoticed will lead to some misunderstanding. I mean the part in which he refers to Victoria. It ought to be true, what the writer says about our having the most influence and Victoria being an old English colony. I always however, heard it called "a Scotch colony." There are a number of Englishmen here but they are not the earliest settlers.

Next, as for our influential (S.O.E.) members, we are honored with the membership of our M.P., Bro. Col. Prior. He, so far, though, is the only member of any influence; the remainder of our membership is working men and small business men, but sir we think we are all good ones. Please do not say one of our Society have

NOT EVEN RECOGNIZED US yet, so whatever influence they have has not helped us. Our membership is about 90 with \$650 in the bank, and not one cent of liabilities. We have had a hard struggle but we have good members who have worked harmoniously together. That accounts for our success.

We are trying to work up a D.O.E. B.S. here, I am pleased with their results in the east, and I wish them every success. They will make a valuable auxiliary to the S.O.E. I must also congratulate the juvenile branch. If only we can get our mothers, wives, daughters and other English girls and women, who have the moulding of the children's character, to join our Order and help on the noble work we are engaged in, we will attain such powerful dimensions as will surprise the most sanguine S.O.E. I hope the Grand Lodge will recognise this fact at its next session. We had our

**ELECTION** on the 7th inst., and the following officers were elected:

P., Bro. F. Reeves; PP., J. Hellier; VP., F. T. Plows; Chap., G. White; Treas., C. F. Beaven; Sec., J. Critchley. Com.—Bros. D. Critchley, B. F. Shepherd, J. G. Taylor, C. Winter, W. Bull, F. Poore, I.G., Geo. Jelfs; O. G., Geo. Millett. Trustees, R. Drinsdale, H. G. Brown; Auditors, T. Brownness, H. Watts, G. B. Parry; G. L. Delegate, Col. Prior, M.P.

**A WORD FOR EASTERN BRETHREN.**

Now, sir, I want to speak a few words to the brethren back east. Since our Lodge has been organized a number of brethren have joined by clearance. Two or three have visited us while here and shown us that they were genuine Sons of England. But there are two members of the Order who lived in this city for quite a long time—one of them two years—but who never visited us. One brother says he came once or twice, but for eighteen months he has not been to our Lodge. Trouble overtook both brothers, and at once they made us know it. They appealed for assistance and both received it. I want to tell any other such brothers who propose to come here to bring a return ticket, for while we are willing to help a genuine S. O. E., we would not assist anyone who can get along without us while they are successful, and

only come to us when in distress. We will weep with them all they want, but pull out the silver, never. We are prepared to

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and brethren, but not a counterfeit. The S. O. E. B. S. is too grand and noble an Order for anyone to be ashamed of, so, brethren, if you visit Victoria, come and associate with us, help us and encourage us, and let Englishmen all over the Dominion rouse up and rally round the flag. Honorable Englishmen, you who are strong, help the weak and stimulate the indifferent, and let us make our beloved Order first and foremost in the Empire. Do not waste time discussing amalgamation with all sorts of societies, but let us build up our own Order, and let us extend the Order everywhere.

We have lots to do for our own people. Let us get down to work. If we grow and prosper it will be an incentive for further and kindred Orders to exercise greater efforts to succeed. We have a noble and grand work to do. Let us be faithful to ourselves and the principles of the S.O.E.B.S., and every good society will be benefited by our success because it will create a confidence in our Orders. I hope you will pardon this long letter. With compliments of the season, I remain,

J. CRITCHLEY.  
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 14.

**Hearts of Oak.**

Hamilton, Dec. 19.—Hearts of Oak 94, Sons of England benevolent society, has elected these officers: S. Y. Bulter, president; George Maxted, vice-president; H. H. Martin, secretary; George H. Evans, treasurer; S. Hall chaplain; Brothers Bailey, Saddler, Powell, Burton, Anthony and Davis, managing committee; A. Wakeham, inner guard; John Savage, outer guard; Dr. Cockburn, surgeon; Bros. Lewis and Anthony, trustees; George H. Evans, grand lodge delegate.

**Lodge Princess Louise, No. 3, D. O. E. B. S.**

The above Lodge held a very interesting meeting on Monday evening, December 19th. On account of it being quarterly night, and also election of officers for 1893, a large number were present. Every office, with the exception of President, Secretary and Treasurer, were contested for, showing the interest taken in our noble Order by the members of Princess Louise No. 3.

Brothers E. W. Trump and J. Leach were a Committee from the Sons of England, asking the co-operation of the Daughters in getting up the annual supper, which will be held on the 17th of January next. The ladies agreed unanimously to the Committee's request. The following is a list of the officers elected for 1893:—  
Past Pres., Jas. Brown; Pres., M. Upton; Vice-Pres., J. Leach; Sec., E. W. Trump; Treas., Sister E. Flowers; Chaplain, Sister M. Heard; Managing Committee, Sisters F. Jackson, R. Yeo, W. Heard, E. K. May, M. Phillipot and M. A. Sqaunce; Inside Guard, Sister M. Snell; Outside Guard, Sister S. Baker; Surgeon, Dr. S. D. Day; Trustees, Sisters H. Barrett, S. A. Baker and E. K. May; Auditors, Sisters R. Yeo, S. Upton and F. Jackson.

**Answers to Correspondents.**

Bro. Wm. E. Barnett, Woodstock, Ont.—Send your remittance for Life Boat Fund to the Treasurer, Richard Caddick, Esq., Equity Chambers, cor. Adelaide and Victoria Sts., Toronto.

**BUSY TIMES IN HAMILTON.**

**GENERAL WAKING UP OF THE S.O.E. IN THE AMBITIOUS CITY.**

**Elections of Six Different Lodges—Preparing for the Campaign of 1893—A Hospital Board—The Cadets.**

To Editor ANGLO-SAXON.—The past week has been one of great activity in S.O.E. circles, no less than six Lodges having held their annual election of officers, viz., Hearts of Oak, Britannia, Rose of England, Osborn, Cornwall and Burlington, Bro. W. Hunt D. D. G. P. conducting the Elections in all except Burlington Lodge from which he was unavoidably absent, as Osborn Lodge officers were elected the same evening.

The meetings were all well attended, great interest being shown, and oftentimes keen competition for the various offices. The D.D.G.P. will have a busy time the first two weeks of the year installing the officers of the nine Lodges in his district.

**THE JOINT HALL.**

The renovation of the large hall on McNab street, north, for the joint use of the St. George's Society, Britannia, and the Cornwall Lodges, will be pushed forward rapidly after the New Year, the various Lodges expecting to be in their new quarters by the end of January (the Naval Brigade has withdrawn from the co-lessehip and rented a hall on the opposite side of the street.) A grand opening of the hall will take place early in February under the auspices of the various Lodges interested, in the shape of a first-class concert and ball. Preliminaries for the same are already under way. Bro. A. Hannaford, P. D. D.G., Bro. W. Hancock, P.S.G.V.P., and Bro. S. S. King (a brother of Bro. G. S. King, Toronto) are in the field for aldermanic honors. Bro. Hancock being up for his fourth term for reelection. We hope to have three members on the aldermanic board for this city for 1893.

The different lodges are appointing one delegate each to represent them on a special committee to endeavor to form a hospital board, or to endow a S. O. E. cot in the city hospital. Britannia Lodge is taking the initiative in the matter, particulars having been kindly furnished them of the working of the scheme by Bro. —, the energetic Secretary of the S. O. E. hospital board in Toronto. The different lodges here are interesting themselves very much in the scheme.

Hamilton Lodge holds their annual banquet on December 28. It promises to be an enjoyable affair.

**THE BOYS.**

Hamilton Lodge, No. 1, juveniles' concert, held recently, was a grand success, the D. D. G. P. occupying the chair. The boys worked hard for the concert, and no wonder, as the proceeds are to go towards defraying the expense of a grand blow-out for the boys, at which turkey, roast beef, plum pudding (of course) and boy, will play a prominent part. The Juvenile Lodge has made good progress during the year. The D. D. G. P. pays them an official visit at their next meeting.

The joint demonstration committee of the several lodges which has been working during the greater part of the year, have recommended to the various lodges that the surplus be handed to the S. O. E. cemetery committee, to be used by them in keeping in order and beautifying the plot of ground in the cemetery recently purchased from the city as a burial plot for the S. O. E.

members who may be taken from us, and who have no relatives in this country.

Bro. Hugh Walker, Vice-Pres. of Cornwall Lodge, is loud in his praises of the members of our Order at Fort William, for valuable and generous assistance rendered him while on what proved to him an unfortunate trip in that neighborhood. He says he can never forget their kindness, especially of Bro. Newsome, of Guildford Lodge, Fort William, and Bro. H. Cooke, late of Worcester Lodge, Toronto, now a member of one of the Montreal lodges. Bro. Walker gave a very touching account of his trip at the last meeting of Cornwall Lodge, and referred in grateful terms to the assistance he received from Bro. Cooke. We join in wishing the ANGLO-SAXON and all our brethren a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Hamilton, Dec. 26, 1892.

**ALBION NO. 1 TO THE FRONT.**  
**The Founding of the Order Celebrated in Grand Style.**

The long looked for social gathering in honor of the founding of the S. O. E., by the members of Albion Lodge, took place at St. George's Hall, Elm street, Toronto, on Monday, December 12th. Over 500 members, with their wives, daughters and sweethearts, were present, the hall being taxed to its utmost capacity. The committee who had charge deserve credit for the able manner in which the arrangements were carried out. The concert programme, which was a very long one, did not close until 10.30. Those taking part were Miss Easton, who recited "The Second Trial," and "The Massacre of Zowaster." Bro. Toms sang "My Sweetheart When a Boy," and Mr. Macker "The Death of Nelson." A well rendered trio by Bros. Creighton, Wilson and Winters, and a duet by Bros. Toms and Sims, "The Larboard Watch," were well received. Others taking part were Bros. Bennett, Nicholls, Brown, Howitt and Mills, and Mrs. Nicholls; but what seemed to be most enjoyable to all was the ventriloquism of Bro. Oldfield and his Punch and Judy show. It brought back to many the memories of old days, when boys used to stand with their hands behind them and their mouths open, watching the capers of Punch, at the corners of the street, in dear old England.

Next came the refreshments, and I tell you justice was done to that part of the programme; after which the floor was cleared for dancing, and a large number who had small children left for home, not wishing to be out late, while those who remained enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content until the small hours in the morning. Every one left well satisfied that it was the best anniversary they had attended.

**Officers of Cornwall Lodge, No. 121.**

President, W. Buscombe, re-elected; P. President, T. Mephram; vice president, C. Salmon; secretary, Hugh Walker; treasurer, H. A. Buscombe, re-elected; Chaplain, W. Howard; Managing Committee, Bros. Robinson, Cox, Austin, Howard, jun., Hammond, Rees; inside guard, E. Buscombe; outside guard, G. Adams; Surgeon, Bro. Dr. Philip; Auditors, S. S. King, C. Howard, jun., E. Brydger; Lodge Trustees, C. Howard, jun., C. Plastow; Hall Trustee, W. Buscombe; Representatives to Juveniles, H. Walker, S. Cox; Cemetery Committee, W. Buscombe.

In the above election, not a single member nominated on the managing committee declined to serve, which is something unusual and shows zeal and enthusiasm for the Order.

**Rousing Meeting of Old No. 1.**

It is characteristic of Albion Lodge to have a big meeting on quarterly nights, but the one held on December 12th outdid all previous meetings, both in point of numbers and interest. The question, who was to be President for the coming year, has been agitating the members for some time, and we suppose on that account so many were present. Long before the Lodge opened the room was filled; several visitors were visible, amongst those being Geo. F. Carrette (we should not call him a visitor, as he is a member of the Lodge, but on account of living so far from the Lodge room, very seldom attends, although his heart and soul are in the Order), the founder of the Order, whose smiling countenance make the hearts of the members feel glad at his presence; the Past President of Kent, Bro. Webster, the Past President of Chesterfield, and Bro. Giles of Chesterfield. The room was also graced with the presence of Bro. Ald. Bell, of Middlesex Lodge. We understand Bro. Bell is again a candidate for municipal honors, and we hope the members will see that he is placed at the head of the poll on election day.

Officers for 1893: Past President, R. S. Worsdall; President, W. Howard, jr.; Vice-President, W. G. Partridge; Secretary, Chas. E. Smith; Treasurer, F. W. Turner, by acclamation; Chaplain, R. C. Smith; Committee, Bros. F. Coulter, W. White, G. E. Morris, S. Jones, J. J. Leamen and F. Davis; Inside Guard, J. Strongitharm; Outside Guard, Jas. Gray; Surgeon, Dr. J. S. King; Grand Lodge Delegates, Dr. J. S. King and R. C. Worsdall; auditors, Dr. McFaul, J. E. Vick and S. S. Smith; Trustees, re-elected; organist, C. A. Fry. Receipts for the evening, \$527.30.

[We regret that several other election reports are unavoidably crowded out of this issue. They will appear in our next.]

**Bedford.**

Woodstock, Dec. 23.—Our regular meeting was held Thursday, 15th, the chair being occupied by Bro. John Pittman, President, who never fails to be with us. There was a large attendance of members, it being the night for the election of officers. The office bearers for the year 1893, are as follows: President, John Pittman; Past President, Jas. Pattinson; V.-President, B. E. Brett; Secretary, Wm. E. Barnett; Treasurer, F. Chaplin; Chaplain, Thos. Pacher. Managing committee—E. Thomas, A. Appleby, S. Latron, R. C. West, Jas. Parslow and G. Robinson. Inside guard, Geo. Clements; Outside guard, Jas. Manser; Surgeon, R. C. West; Trustees, F. Sannby and H. Westlake; Auditors, Wm. Walborne, Geo. Robinson and E. Hagger; G. L. delegate, Geo. Robinson.

The election being closed we went on with the regular business of the lodge. I must say on behalf of Bedford lodge, we have been alive this year. We have added 32 members, and now we are in a most prosperous condition. We are very strong financially and have nothing to complain of, and I do think that the officers that are elected for the year 1893 will be as good as the retiring officers. In the W. R. D. we have 34; at the same time last year we had 14. Our Juvenile Branch is commencing to grow. Wishing all the members a Happy New Year. I am, yours truly,

W. M. E. BARNETT.

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