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THE ENGLISHMEN OF WINNIPEG FULL OF ZEAL.

Excursion to Morden—A Good Day Enjoyed in that Thriving Town—Prize List, etc.

Winnipeg, Aug. 23rd, 1893.—Lodge Shakespeare held its regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 7th. Attendance good, and business brisk, two initiations and three propositions, with more to follow. Shakespeare is a real live lodge with an energetic set of officers, and is aiming to outnumber its sisters in numbers and efficiency; this, by the way, of course, in a fraternal spirit; let the other Lodges be on their mettle, and friendly rivalry should be the benefit of our noble order. Lodge Shakespeare is nearing her first anniversary and discussed the advisability of having a celebration of some sort in honour of the event, which will be decided upon at the next meeting.

The Winnipeg brethren are discussing the probability or otherwise of the promised visit of S. G. P. Bro. Elliott. Is the S. G. P. going to fulfil his promise—or are we to conclude that the visit is to share the same fate as the organizer question.

Some fifteen months ago a scheme was promulgated for having a S. O. E. Hall, and the two senior Lodges, (Shakespeare not then in existence) appointed committees to carry out the object, which came to a standstill over the title, viz., the use of the words "Sons of England." This difficulty overcome by the S. G. Lodge giving the required permission, of which, however, the committees have up to date not availed themselves. The Hall scheme is a very feasible one and popular with the Brethren and in fact can be made a paying concern. Let those having the matter in hand wake up and Shakespeare will join heartily with them.

The picnic of the lodges of the S. O. E. B. S. Neptune and Shakespeare, took place on Saturday, Morden being the place selected. A train of eight coaches left the C. P. R. depot at about 3.15, and after a smart run of a little over three hours pulled into Morden station. Here the Morden lodge of the order, attended by the town brass band, playing an appropriate air, were in waiting to welcome their Winnipeg brethren, and a few minutes afterwards a procession of the order was formed, and headed by the Morden band, the rear being brought up by the Citizens band of Winnipeg, which accompanied the excursion, marched to the picnic grounds, a pleasant grove in the outskirts of the town.

A number of decorations were made in the town, consisting of flags, arches and mottoes, the most prominent being one near the station bearing the words "Greeting," "The Monitor Welcomes Our Winnipeg Brethren," and another inscription at the picnic grounds "Welcome to Britannia's Sons."

The sporting events, which numbered twenty-eight, commenced at about 1.30, and proved of great interest to the spectators and competitors alike. The prizes, which were mostly in kind, were distributed shortly after the programme finished. The following is the full programme of sports and results:

Boys under 5 years, 25 yards—1st F. Fulthorpe, 2nd C. Pollard, 3rd B. Reeve. Girls under 5 years old, 25 yards—1st E. Piercey, 2nd M. Skinner, 3rd L. Reeve.

Boys 5 to 7, 25 yards—1st J. Harrison, 2nd F. Fulthorpe, 3rd E. Hays.

Girls 5 to 7, 25 yards—1st Emily Kirk, 2nd Aggie Turner, 3rd, A. Pollard.

Boys 8 to 10, 50 yards—1st J. Chapman, 2nd G. Andrews, 3rd F. Alderson.

Girls 8 to 10, 50 yards—1st E. Hill, 2nd E. Kirk, 3rd P. Snowden.

Boys 10 to 12 75 yards—1st E. Wahan, 2nd A. Kirk, 3rd J. Chapman.

Girls 10 to 12 75 yards—1st H. Lyons, 2nd E. Hill, 3rd M. Helliwell.

Boys 12 to 15, 75 yards—1st D. Todd, 2nd L. Anderson, 3rd S. Bray.

Girls 12 to 15 75 yards—1st M. Miller, 2nd M. Smith, 3rd E. Baker.

Sack race boys 15 to 18, 75 yards—1st D. Todd, 2nd J. Fulthorpe, 3rd A. Kirk.

Young ladies race, 15 to 18, 75 yards—1st M. Kennedy, 2nd L. Davis.

Single men's race (S. O. E. only), 100 yards—1st J. Lyons, 2nd J. Murray, 3rd F. Sparrow.

Married ladies (members wives only) 75 yards—1st Mrs. Bush, 2nd Mrs. Smith, 3rd Mrs. Reeve, 4th Mes. Bowyer.

Married men (S. O. E. only) 100 yards—1st E. H. Hipp, 2nd W. G. Piercey, 3rd A. Creek.

Old men's race (50 and over), 75 yards 1st T. Lyons, 2nd T. Taylor, 3rd J. J. Morris.

Officer's race, 100 yards—1st F. Clark, 2nd E. Creek, 3rd H. G. Rothland. Open race to amateurs, 150 yards—1st J. Lyons, 2nd W. J. Harrington, 3rd J. Stack.

Committeemen's race 100 yards—1st Rev. Mr. Walton, 2nd J. Chapman, 3rd R. P. Smith, 4th S. Bray.

Fat men's race (180 lbs and over) 75 yards—1st J. E. Coulter, 2nd Tayslor, 3rd Dugan.

Daughters of England, 75 yards—1st Miss Davis, 2nd Miss Hall, 3rd Miss Clarke.

Married ladies (open), 75 yards—1st Mrs. Bush, 2nd Mrs. Somers, 3rd Mrs. Smith.

Long standing jump (open) 1st G. Seaborn, 9ft. 5in., 2nd J. E. Coulter 8ft. 5in.

Pole-vaulting (open) 1st W. J. Piercey 8ft. 9in. 2nd P. H. Allan, 8ft. 6in.

Tug of war, S. O. E., Morden vs Winnipeg—1st Morden team; 2nd Winnipeg team.

Juvenile lodge, S. O. E., 75 yards—1st D. Todd, 2nd S. Bray, 3rd A. Clark, 4th G. Davis.

Running long jump, two prizes—1st G. Seaborn, 17 ft. 5 1/2 in., 2nd J. E. Coulter 13 ft. 3 1/2 in.

Donations in cash were made by the town of Morden, Hugh J. Macdonald, M. P., Bro. Thos. Robinson and P. C. McIntyre, M. P. P.

Great credit is due to the starters, judges, prize clerk, etc., for their efforts in arranging and carrying out the programme in a very pleasing manner. The Morden lodge is also to be congratulated for its efforts, as a great deal of the success of the excursion is due to the very successful arrangements made by the members for the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors.

After the sports were concluded an adjournment was made for tea, and about 7.15 the train left for the city, the Morden band playing "God Save the Queen" as it pulled out.

During the excursion, an opportunity was afforded of noticing the progress in harvesting operations. On both sides of the line numerous fields are in stook, and several binders were noticed hard at work. Many fields of oats looked as though they should have been cut, by this time. Directly around Morden a great quantity of the grain is cut and from examination, though the yield will not be heavy, it bids fair to be a good crop.

Lodge Enfield, No. 159, Richmond, P. Q.

On Saturday, Aug. 26th. Capt. Thos. Rawson, District Deputy, accompanied by Bro. Edwin Avery, ex. D. D., visited Lodge Enfield, 159, at Richmond, P. Q.

Here they were met by Bro. J. A. Edwards, Supreme Grand Vice President, who also paid a visit to the Lodge and some nine brethren from Lodge Fidelity 108, New Rockland, were also in attendance.

The President of the Lodge was unable to be present, and the able Secretary, Bro. J. H. Well, was laid upon a bed of sickness.

Bro. Edwin Avery, racted as secretary, the only business calling for remark being a letter from the ANGLO-SAXON, acknowledging the receipt of \$1 for the insertion of the lodge card, which afforded an opportunity for pressing the claims of your journal for support by the brethren.

Capt. Rawson reported that he had officially examined the books and found the minutes and accounts properly kept.

At the conclusion of the Red Rose meeting the Lodge worked in the White Rose degree, when two members of the Richmond Lodge and seven brothers of Lodge Fidelity were raised to that degree, the impressive ritual being well carried out, owing to the able assistance and wide experience of Bro. J. A. Edwards, the Supreme Grand Vice President.

Owing to the length of the ceremony, with so many initiations, there was not much time for speech-making, which was limited to short pithy addresses from Bro. J. A. Edwards, S. G. V. P. Capt. Rawson, D. D., Bro. Edwin Avery, ex D. D. and Bro. Killingbeck, the President of Lodge Fidelity.

Both Lodge Enfield and Lodge Fidelity are fairly prosperous, for although there is not material for a very large extension in their numbers, yet they have workers among them who are thoroughly imbued with patriotic feeling, and who are zealous in maintaining the principles of the order.

Baron Hirsch gave \$1,500 for a room to view the royal wedding procession in London, and prizes somewhat similar were offered by others.

The smallest bird is the West Indian humming bird. Its body is less than an inch long and weighs only 20 grains.

TORONTO'S S. O. E. LODGES.

Business of a Varied Nature and Plenty of it for Albion Lodge.

Bro. William Howard occupied the chair at the last regular meeting of Albion, and was well supported by his brother officers. Bro. Pritchard, secretary of Preston Lodge and other visitors were also present. The sick committee reported that since the last meeting, Bro. Sharpe had died, and that seven others were on the sick list, there were no initiations. The President reported progress on "Rifle Brigade", as did also the Juvenile committee. A letter of thanks was received from the Juveniles thanking the Lodge for their generous gift of the old regalia. A letter of thanks was also received from the widow of our late Bro. Hider, thanking the Society for their prompt payment, of death claims, and \$1000 insurance money. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent the widow of late Bro. Sharpe. The visitors were called upon for a few words, after which the Lodge closed.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

At the last regular meeting of Albion, Lodge No. 1, Toronto, the following resolution of condolence was ordered to be sent the widow of the late Bro. Sharpe, who died through injuries received by a circular saw at the G. T. R. shops.

"We, the officers and members of Albion Lodge, S. O. E. desire to tender you our heartfelt sympathy in the trial through which you have been called to pass, in the loss by death of one most dear to you on earth. We pray you may be sustained by Divine Grace, thereby enabling you to rely on Him who has promised to be a Father to the fatherless and a Friend to the widow. While we mourn the loss of an esteemed brother, you mourn the loss of a true partner in life; and while we shall miss him from our midst, we know that much more you shall miss his welcome voice. We also earnestly pray that you may be consoled and comforted by the assurance that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

WILLIAM HOWARD, PRES. CHAS. E. SMITH, SEC.

Tug of War.

LONDON LODGE POSSESSES THE CUP.

The annual Tug of War between the Toronto Lodges took place on the Base Ball grounds, Saturday, Aug. 12th. London Lodge the present holders of the Cup, to be completed for, made all arrangements for holding the games; quite a large number was present, and a very keen interest were taken in all the sports. London Lodge having won the challenge cup two years in succession, it just remained for them to win this year to be the sole owners. When the pull came London had a walk over and won easily. Albion and London have held the cup between them for about seven years.

Bro. Richard May has returned to Toronto from Columbus Ohio, where he has been working for the last three years. He has had sickness and death in his family, and regrets ever leaving Canada. Experience has taught him that Toronto is the best place to live in as regards both work and health. He is a member of old No. 7.

Handsome Gift for Lodge Hammersmith.

Lodge Hammersmith, No. 183, held its regular meeting on Thursday Aug. 17th. Bro. Vennell, W.P., in the chair.

During business a good number of visitors were present, three candidates were initiated and two clearances received. Seven propositions and some 15 or 20 on the charter list yet. As next meeting closes the charter, a committee was formed to look up all whose names are on the charter. A pleasing duty fell to the lot of Bro. Carr, in presenting, on behalf of the President, Bro. Vennell, a Bible, set of gavel and a frame for the charter. On motion these were received and a hearty vote of thanks tendered to Bro. Vennell for his splendid gift. After musical honors had been given the W. P. responded in a rousing and patriotic speech. A hearty vote of thank was tendered to the visiting brethren.

Boston Lodge.

Notwithstanding the heat Boston Lodge had a good turnout of members on Thursday evening Aug. 24th. One candidate was initiated and propositions were received. Bro. Dr. Allen reported from the Juvenile Lodge, which is in a flourishing condition. A business meeting of the White Rose degree was held after closing of Red Rose.

All The Officers Present.

Lodge Warwick S. O. E. held its regular meeting on Thursday evening, Aug. 24th, with a fair attendance. All the officers answered to their names at roll call. The Managing Committee reported one sick brother, three having recovered. Bro. Wm. George reported Bro. Ross still in the hospital in a critical condition. Two candidates were initiated into the Red Rose degree.

Juvenile Lodges Flourishing.

Boston Juveniles held its regular monthly meeting in Ossington hall, Dundas street, on Thursday evening of last week. There was a full attendance of officers and members. Two candidates were initiated and several propositions received. Bro. Alfred West was appointed delegate to the Hospital Board. The boys of Boston Lodge take great interest in the work of the organization.

DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND.

Lodge Old England held their regular meeting on Friday last. Alonzo J. Walkins, occupied the chair. Quite a large number of members were present also several visitors, among them being Bro. Cross, W. Miles, and Bro. Graham. Sister Walkins reported on Hospital Board. As this was a new feature in the Society, and required funds to carry it on, they decided to hold a picnic for the purpose of raising money to place the Board on a sound financial basis. The Pres. urged the members to do all in their power to make it a success.

Princess Alberta Lodge No. 7, Toronto, held a very successful picnic at Island Park on Wednesday, Aug. 23rd. The Daughters of England Lodges of Toronto are contemplating the forming of Juvenile Lodges. We understand Princess Alberta Lodge has taken the matter up and hopes in a short time to have it started.

ANXIOUS REGARDING THE VISIT OF THE S.G.P.

PRESENTATION—THE "ANGLO-SAXON"

THANKED—WESTVILLE, N. S., TO HAVE A LODGE OF THE "SONS."

At the last regular meeting of Kenilworth Lodge, New Glasgow, N.S. the by-law committee brought in their long promised report, which contained a complete set of suggested by-laws for the Lodge, and a number of clauses were adopted and the remainder were deferred till next meeting night.

One very interesting event took place, namely, the presentation of a beautiful picture of Her Majesty Queen Victoria to the Lodge by the President, C. E. Wadded, who was very warmly thanked for the kind and generous gift, which the Lodge Room wall, much needed.

Bro. A. S. Dodson, D.D., informed the Lodge that he had just received a letter from Westville, stating that the required number of Englishmen were ready to form a Lodge of the Sons of England. Bro. Dodson has made final application to Grand Lodge for the necessary papers. A number of inquiries were made as to when the promised visit of the S. G. P. will take shape; a number of the members would very much like to see a Grand Lodge Officer; doubtless we should have much to learn from him. Kenilworth Lodge has been organized over two years and as yet has not received a single visit from any one connected with the order during the whole of that time.

We have known our best to make ourselves known through the press and by the Lodge card in the ANGLO-SAXON, and but for the information regarding the workings of the order contained in the columns of the ANGLO-SAXON our knowledge indeed would be very small, isolated as we are away from any other lodge, but thanks to the ANGLO-SAXON we do learn something about the Order, which we have learnt to love and respect, and no doubt if some brother (Grand Lodge Officer) was to come this way and pay a fraternal visit it would possibly increase our love seven fold more. Although small in numbers there are some very earnest and devoted members in Kenilworth Lodge who are deeply attached to the Order, and who want to see the Order further extended in the Maritime Provinces, but to do so special efforts will be required as the society here is almost unknown, and to make known its aims and objects requires a deal of hard up hill work, combined with patience and perseverance.

Bro. A. S. Dodson, D.D., intends visiting Halifax. He will be accompanied by a number of the leading members of the lodge. Bro. Dodson is going on purely lodge matters, believing there is room for another lodge in Halifax, also a desire among the members of Kenilworth lodge to make the acquaintance of the brethren in Halifax.

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