

Obituary.

DEATH OF BRO. RICHARD SKILL, OF PRIMROSE LODGE, NO. 49, MONTREAL.

It is with regret that we have this month to announce to our readers the death of Bro. Richard Skill, who for many years took a very active part in the Good Templar cause in the cities of Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto. He was at one time connected with Cecil and Never Failing Lodges in Toronto, and was also Grand Messenger of the Grand Lodge of Canada. About some eighteen months ago he removed his residence to Montreal, and became a member of Good Samaritan Lodge of that city, in which he made rapid strides and was appointed Lodge Deputy, and delegate to the Grand Lodge of Quebec at their session in September last. He was also appointed at the same session Assistant Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge. He, whilst in Montreal, became a member of the Royal Templars of Temperance, and was the first Select Councillor of St. Lawrence Council. While in residing in Montreal he became a charter member of Primrose Lodge, No. 49, Sons of England.

After a lingering illness of over three months, on the 13th June, he was called away to that long rest from which no man returneth and his remains were followed from his residence at Magdalene St., Point St. Charles, to Bonaventure Station, G. T. R., by over one hundred and fifty members of the Sons of England, Royal Templars of Temperance, and I.O.G.T., and were taken from thence to Hamilton, being interred in the Burlington cemetery on Friday morning, the 15th of June. At Toronto, on arrival of the train from Montreal, representatives from Kent Lodge, S.O.E., and Never Failing and Cecil Lodges, I.O.G.T., were on hand and went with his remains to Hamilton, where they were met by numerous friends, and the funeral was taken charge of on arrival by Acorn Lodge, No. 29, S.O.E., Hamilton.

Bro. Skill leaves four children to mourn his loss, his wife having predeceased him some two years. He was a native of Louth, Lincolnshire, England, and came to this country about fourteen years ago. For a number of years he was employed in the solicitor's office of the Great Western Railway at Hamilton, on that line being taken over by the Grand Trunk Railway he was removed to Toronto, and subsequently to Montreal.

BRO. FORWOOD,

Kent Lodge, Toronto.

DEATH OF BRO. PHINEAS BERWICK, OF ROYAL OAK LODGE, NO. 26, GALT, ONT.

Past President Phineas Berwick, a native of a neighbouring village to Scarborough, Yorkshire, England, died of lingering consumption on Friday, July 27th, after an illness of about six months. He was an early member of Lodge Kent, No. 3, Toronto, where he was well known, but a charter member of this lodge. This is a great loss to us, but a greater one to his poor orphan children, two little girls of five and seven years, now left fatherless and motherless at the mercy of a strange land, as they have not a relation in the country. To me it is a great consolation that I was made, I hope, a true Son of England, for I have been enabled to learn the good we can do one another, if we have the will, and now know the true gratitude of a loved and honoured friend. On Sunday, July 29th, we laid him in his last resting place in Trinity Church Cemetery, with all the rites of our beloved Order. Royal Oak is a lodge of sorrow, but may the Great President of us all guide and lead us to a better and brighter time, until we are summoned to His presence, and may He guard and guide the poor little orphans so that they may know the benefit of being left in the charge of the Sons of England.

CHAS. SQUIRE, Secretary.

Comments and Criticisms.

[This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of general interest.]

A FEW WORDS FROM AN OLD MEMBER.

To the Editor of the Anglo-Saxon:

DEAR SIR,—The last issue of our valued journal, The ANGLO-SAXON, was so thoroughly in accord with all that is patriotic and British, that we feel as though the spirit of inspiration that captured the editor in time to spread it out amongst his readers should also so enthuse every Son of England that they will strive more than ever to augment our forces and thus increase in usefulness.

It is repeatedly impressed upon our members the desirability of joining the Beneficiary department, and several members have recently taken out certificates. It is true that every eligible member should clearly see the great advantage offered by this branch of the Order. It is true that a brother, at death, leaves to his heirs the \$75. So far, so good; but when it is considered that for a further comparatively trifling outlay the sum of \$500 or \$1,000 may, and will, at his death, be placed within the reach of the loved ones he leaves behind him, we sometimes wonder that all do not speedily embrace the opportunity thus afforded. I would say, Brethren, take hold of this matter, and make it a still greater success. It is for you—your good only is considered. No particular member has any royal claim to bounty, but every one that joins this department secures one of the cheapest and best possible means of providing for his family.

I wish that a man could be engaged by the Executive to canvass every member, and bring personally and distinctly before each one the great advantages of this much neglected, part of the work of the Society.

We are glad to note from the various reports that appear in the ANGLO-SAXON, that there is decided signs of advancement all along the line—and why should there not be. We have surely sufficient to stir up the "Old Lion" within us, in these days of Papal aggressiveness and of anti-British sentiment, the effect of which is being felt more or less by us all, and if we are anything at all we are British-Canadians. We have faith in our Great Mother Country, and allied as we are to this youthful but vigorous and ambitious Canada of ours, what more need we to satisfy our ideas of progress or to gratify our language for a higher place in the van of nations. Let us then with these incentives go on adding to our membership from week to week, and we will soon be as great a cause for surprise to our country's foes as King Solomon of old was to the Queen of Sheba, when she exclaimed in her astonishment: "The half has not been told me."

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM.

Oshawa, July 23rd, 1888.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the Anglo-Saxon:

DEAR SIR,—In trying to build up the circulation of the ANGLO-SAXON by canvassing for subscriptions, etc., I must say that I find it very easy to get names, yet, again, I find it exceedingly difficult to collect the fees. Considering the above I am sure that earnest workers in that connection must feel sometimes inclined to tire, and, knowing this to be a fact, as I speak from experience, I would like to make the following suggestion, which I think would be a benefit to all: That a capitation tax of 10c. be put on each member's quarterly dues—collectable by the Secretary of each lodge of the S. O. E.—thereby enabling him to pay for his paper without any inconvenient outlay of money, at the same time affording all members of our Society an opportunity to support their monthpiece for the sum of 40c. a year. A statement rendered by the Secretaries quarterly, would insure the keeping of each lodge's quota of names on the subscription list in the best possible standing, also the remittance at the same time by the Secretary for the quarter's subscription. In order to get the feeling of the lodges of the Order upon these questions it would be necessary to put the above suggestions in print, and let it be submitted to the different lodges for their approval. Hoping you will consider my few remarks favourably and act upon them as early as possible, I will await the result.

ENGLISHMAN.

July 25th, 1888.

Notes from Chester Lodge.

Bro. H. L. Downs has removed to Erie, Pa.
Bro. W. J. Vennor is now residing in Toronto.
Bro. H. Williams has left for St. Paul, Minnesota.
Bro. Harry Storr is at Fraser House, Port Stanley.
Bro. C. Wright has drawn his clearance from Toronto.
Lodges are being worked up at Stratford and Ridgeway.
Bro. G. E. Burns is now in the N. Y. C. offices, New York city.
Bro. Wm. Gay has been sick since April 26th with malarial fever.
Bro. Thos. Stewart, of the M.C.R.R., has left for a visit to the old country.
Bro. G. V. Fuke has secured a lucrative position in Toronto, on the G. T. R.
Bro. E. Willoughby, now a resident of Beaver Lake, Wisconsin, is heard of as well.
Bro. A. Hammond, of Columbus, Pa., has been ordered home to England for the benefit of his health.
Bro. F. Doggett has the contract for laying stone paving at Woodstock, with Bro. P. Arnold as foreman.
Bro. C. Ward, of Victoria, B.C., is lying at the point of death. His son Charles, residing in this city, has been summoned home to his bedside.

Bros. T. Robinson and J. Hillier left a few weeks ago for Victoria, B.C., and by letters since received are doing well and like the country very much.

Bro. Fred. Doggett has been appointed by the excursion committee to represent both orders in advertising the route between St. Thomas and Galt, on civic holiday, Aug. 21st.

Twelve members of Prince Albert Lodge, No. 61, Aylmer, will come to this city on the 17th of August, when the White Rose Degree will be conferred and received. P. R. R. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Notes from the Pioneer Lodge.

Albion Lodge has five members good on the books in New York City.

We are sorry to hear of the death of the wife of our esteemed Bro. Pettit. She had been ailing for a long time and he had taken her to England for the benefit of her health, where she died.

The old mother lodge (Albion) is always ready to help on the good work. She sent a quota of four to the new lodge at Eglington—Bros. H. Fox, Geo. Stocker, Geo. Pritchard, and Geo. Lawrence.

The bye-laws of Albion Lodge have been revised, so as to form four pages, and pasted in the back of the constitution. We think this a very sensible plan, as it avoids the necessity of carrying so many books in one's pocket.

We are pleased to note that Bro. Walter White, of Albion Lodge, has removed to Point St. Charles, Montreal, where he has received a more lucrative appointment, and we feel sure the lodges in Montreal will be pleased to have him visit them.

CHAS. E. SMITH, Secretary.