

St. Thomas.

At the annual meeting of Lodge Chester, No. 18, Sons of England, 23rd December, the following officers were elected:—W. President, Bro. Jos. Lee; W. vice-President, C. Redalls, W. Secretary, P. R. Williams, W. Treasurer, H. Nash; Chaplain, Jas. Brooks; Surgeon, J. B. Tweedale; Managing Committee, Bros. E. Trump, A. E. Ridley, M. Upton, H. Marks, Jas. Evans and C. Bull, jr.; Guards, Bros. J. Grantham and H. L. Down; Trustees, Bros. J. Midgley, and R. W. Mackay; Auditors, Bros. W. Bailey, G. Midgley and W. Grenfield. Delegates to Grand Lodge, Bros. T. H. Jones and P. R. Williams. The lodge, on this occasion was crowded to the doors, the largest gathering ever held.

Ottawa.

At the regular meeting of Derby Lodge No. 30, Sons of England, held on 27th December, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected for 1888:—President, W. Percy; V.-Pres. E. Ackroyd; Sec. E. Aust; Treas. W. R. Stroud; Chaplain, Rev. H. Pollard; Asst.-Chaplain, J. Hickmett; Asst.-Sec. Bro. Jackson; Man.-Com. Bros. Pain, Foster, Nicholson, Ambridge, Taylor and Harrison; I. Guard, Bro. Russell; O. Guard, Bro. Gregory; Surgeon, Dr. Cousins; Druggist, Henry Watters; Grand Lodge Delegates, Bros. J. B. Wright and W. R. Stroud. Bro. Alf. Snuggs becomes Past-president.

At the regular meeting of Bowood Lodge No. 44, held on January 5th, the following officers were installed for the year by District Deputy Ackroyd:—President, R. J. Wicksteed; V.-Pres. J. Goodall; R. Sec. H. Bott; F. Sec. R. J. Tanner; Tres. Geo. Low, sr.; Chaplain, Sydney Crouch; Man.-Com. E. J. Reynolds, W. T. Mason, H. Jennings, Geo. Low, jr., W. Pease, G. T. Pelton; I. Guard, E. Lewis; O. Guard, R. Brown; Surgeon, Dr. R. W. Powell; Auditors, C. Bott, W. T. Mason and R. Grundy; Trustees, J. Davis, J. Goodall and H. Bott; Grand Lodge Delegates, R. J. Wicksteed, LL.D. and E. J. Reynolds.

A meeting of Stanley Lodge No. 55, was held on 23rd December, in their hall, when the following officers for the year were installed by R. W. D. G. P. H. J. Boswell, of Toronto:—President, W. C. Teague; V.-Pres. R. Dawson; Sec. A. S. Morris; Tres. R. Constant; Com. Man. Bros. H. Cooch, E. Hickmett, Bull, Foss, R. Parker and Mumford; I. Guard, W. Warren; O. Guard, C. Cooch; Surgeon, J. A. Shillington, M.D.; Chaplain, Rev. John Wood; Auditor, E. Hickmett.

The following have been elected the officers for the ensuing year of Russell Lodge, No. 56:—President, James Hope; V.-Pres. J. J. Hawkin; Sec. J. D. Sherwood; Tres. W. H. Snelling; Acting Past-President, W. R. Bell, M.D.; Chaplain, Rev. E. A. W. Hanington; Man.-Com. Bros. Wm. Haggart, Fred. Hardy, S. Sherwood, Geo. Thorne, B. Slinn, Geo. Haggart; Auditors, C. C. Rogers, B. Slinn and Jas. Kinder; I. Guard, James Kinder; O. Guard, J. W. Dawson; Surgeon and Druggist, W. R. Bell; Trustees, J. J. Hawkin, and W. R. Bell, M.D.

Presentation in Ottawa.

On the evening of the 20th December a strong party of the Sons of England assembled at the Temperance Coffee House for the purpose of presenting a valuable gold-headed walking stick to the secretary of the late concert committee, for valuable services rendered on that occasion. After refreshments had been served, District Deputy Ackroyd made the presentation, preceding it by reading the subscription list and making a few appropriate remarks. The following inscription was engraved on the handsome and chastely ornamented gold head: "Presented to Bro. R. J. Tanner, by the Sons of England, Ottawa, Nov. 9th, 1887." The recipient was much taken aback at the unexpected gift, but his modest bearing and unassuming language pleased more than the most studied eloquence would have done. The natural man stood confessed in his gentle unpretentiousness.

Mr. Alf. Snuggs, president of Derby Lodge, said that he was a convert to the annual concert scheme, and wished for no better showman than Bro. Tanner to please the music-lovers in this city.

Mr. George Low was proud of his share in the presentation.

Mr. Percy sang "Doherty's Boarding House" with good effect.

Mr. Goodall was pleased at Mr. Tanner's pleasure, to which he had humbly contributed.

Mr. Forster thought the concert owed its perfection to Mr. Tanner's hard work and careful supervision.

Mr. J. Davis was proud that the presentation was made by both lodges to a common benefactor. The cane was given and received as a token of Englishman's love for an honest Englishman.

Mr. Charles Bott recited "Tel-el-Kebir."

Mr. Grundy said he would never doubt again as to the capacity of Englishmen for working against odds, and coming out victorious and triumphant as they had done in this concert.

Mr. Moreland thought that Mr. Tanner richly deserved the splendid memento he had received from his brethren.

Mr. E. J. Reynolds was happy in honouring so much merit, and would assist to the utmost all future efforts in the way of union entertainments, the success of the last was so undoubted.

Mr. Low, jr., recited his inimitable "Dutch Dog."

Mr. Percy followed by a painful and harrowing "Shipwreck on Lake St. Peter."

The president of Bowood Lodge said that Mr. Tanner had been described by one of his intimate friends as the most modest man in

Ottawa. But even modest men are not averse to having their merits acknowledged, especially when the recognition does not end in airy nothings but takes the handsome and substantial form of the walking stick before him. It was, in spite of its adornment and beauty, a stout walking stick, one on which a man might lean when the limbs grew weak. This would not occur to the recipient for ninety years, he hoped. He made it a condition on behalf of "Bowood," that the worthy secretary should never walk out without his useful and ornamental cane. He then summed up humorously, appropriating portions of the eloquence of those who had preceded him, and then invited all to oysters.

The party left the sober precincts sober, and pleased with their own kind act—for it was kind, and therefore they did it.

S. O. E. and Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.

Hon. Mr. Chamberlain was waited upon, last week, at Rideau Hall by Rev. H. Pollard, Messrs. R. J. Wicksteed, R. J. Tanner, E. Ackroyd, A. Snuggs, and W. C. Teague, representing the four lodges of the Sons of England in this city. An address was read to Mr. Chamberlain. He replied at length, formally. Afterwards the deputation was entertained, the hon. gentleman conversing pleasantly on matters political, and general. Refreshments were served to them.

Oxford Lodge Dines.

The Sons of England celebrated the seventh anniversary of the opening of Oxford lodge, Belleville, by a grand dinner at the Kyle House on the 20th December. Dinner was served at 9 o'clock. One hundred and fifteen persons were present and, after doing full justice to the elegant spread placed before them, spent a very enjoyable evening together. They upheld the reputation of their ancestors, at least in one respect, if the amount of roast beef consumed be any criterion by which to judge. Among the guests present were Rev. Mr. Daw, Mr. J. J. B. Flint, Mr. Carmichael, Mayor Biggar, Mr. Jas. Reid, G.T.R. and others.

New Lodges and Official visits by the Grand President.

Devenshire Lodge No. 53, was instituted in London a few days ago, this is the third lodge in London, and promises to be the largest and most influential in that district. The Grand President, Thos. R. Skippon, will pay an official visit to Essex lodge on the 6th, to Lansdowne, Peterborough, the 12th. Albion, No. 1, will celebrate the anniversary of the order on the 12th at Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto. Chester lodge has a large and influential committee arranging for its anniversary supper on January 19th, for which a splendid programme has been arranged.

The Election of a School Trustee.

Mr. S. Maynard Rogers, one of Bowood Lodge's recruits, has reaped the benefit of his possessing a good character, and the cordial co-operation of friends and his brethren the Sons of England. He was elected a Public School Trustee for the City of Ottawa, defeating in a handsome manner an old officer, much to the latter's surprise and disgust. Napoleon thanked the Almighty that there were so few English soldiers—he admitted their surpassing excellence over his own soldiers in the hardy fight. The same thanksgiving has been hitherto uttered by our enemies in Canada, for the same reason. The English in Canada are waking up to a sense of their duty which is, as the ANGLO-SAXON has shown before, to cease to be slaves, grow to be free men, and insist on being rulers by divine right. The municipal elections tell this tale.

CRITICISMS

From G. C., South Rawdon, N.S.—Will you please favor me with such information concerning the "League of the Rose" as may be communicated to the uninitiated.

From J. L. F., Toronto.—Are there any Habitations of the League of the Rose in Toronto? Favour me with particulars and oblige.

From P. R. W., St. Thomas, Ont.—Please send me all information re League of the Rose, as there is lots of material here.

From T. C., jr., Surrey Lodge, S.O.E., Toronto.—I shall do all I can to help the ANGLO-SAXON along, and I have no doubt you will have a large number of subscribers from here.

From F. C., Lethbridge, N.W.T.—I am in receipt of the ANGLO-SAXON copies you sent me to Regina. I will distribute the copies amongst the members of the craft that are living here.

From E. C. B., M.P., Victoria, B.C.—I am just in receipt of your favor of the 12th inst. with initial number of the new journal, the ANGLO-SAXON, which I shall peruse with pleasure, and you may safely depend upon my annual financial contribution.

From J. C. H., Young Men's Liberal-Conservative Association, Ingersoll, Ont.—I beg to enclose subscription to the ANGLO-SAXON for one year. From what I have seen of the prospectus, the paper is one which fills a long felt want and will do much good in encouraging the spread of a genuine British feeling and the formation of a truly national sentiment.

From E. T. P., President English Workingmen's Society, Montreal.—I send you the address of two subscribers to the ANGLO-SAXON. I have been so very busy since I last heard from you that I am unable to send others, but hope to send others in the near future.

From S. C., Quebec, Q.—Your paper did not appear any to soon, and not before it was loudly called for. I trust you will have a very wide circulation. I will lend my copy round.

From J. B., Montreal.—The League of the Rose has indeed my best wishes, and I am certain it will grow and flourish rapidly. When everything is ready I hope you will notify me, and I will do all I can to assist in getting up a Habitation here. I will always do my utmost to support a conservative policy; and I think it is high time that steps should be taken to unite Englishmen together in conservatism, so as to be prepared for any emergency.

The *Metronome* of New York, a leading musical review of North America, has been added to our exchange list. It is ably conducted by Mr. A. A. Clappe, so favorably known in this city as a musician of untiring energy and great talent.

From the Editor of the *Metronome*, New York.—I was very much pleased to receive your letter and enclosure and to note that you still take interest in things practical as well as ideal. When I get time I shall contribute to your ANGLO-SAXON. The purpose has my warmest sympathy.