

THE BRICKLAYERS.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF BRICKLAYERS AND MASON'S INTERNATIONAL UNION.

Presentation of a Report to the Local Union—Officers—Reports—Election of a Secretary.

A VERY pleasing feature of the proceedings last Friday's session of the Bricklayers and Mason's International Union, was the presentation of a Report to the Local Union No. 2—the local branch of the body of well-selected and handsome souvenir, as a memento of the attentions received by the delegates at the bonds of the Reception Committee. At the afternoon sitting the chairman of the Special Committee, Mr. Tombridge, in a dignified, stepped forward and made a formal presentation of a couple of handsome desks, a table and chairs—had a dozen pieces of all the value of the souvenir—each piece was a plate with the inscription—'Presented to Union No. 2, Ontario, by the Annual Convention of B. & M. I. U. 1891.' Mr. Tombridge read the following address:

Brother James O. Lucas, President No. 2, Ontario:

There is a story in a very old book which Americans often read of a great and wise king, the splendor of whose throne and dominions were the wonder and admiration of all the kings of the earth. One of the far countries there dwelt a beautiful queen who upon hearing of this royal king determined to visit his kingdom and satisfy herself as to the correctness of the rumors that had reached her ears, and setting out on her journey in search of knowledge, and after beholding the grandeur of his palace and partaking of the hospitable fare which he presented to her people declaring that the half had not been told. Now, sir, we who have been told as much of you as we have heard from our brethren of this wonderful country called Canada; we have read in our schoolbooks the story of Quebec where the brave Wolfe gave up his life; we have heard something of its mountains, its beautiful rivers, and its fertile plains. The richness of its resources and its wonderful commercial resources are familiar to each of us, but the beauty of this the Queen City, and the hospitality of its people, which has made it so dear to you, have taken us into your banqueting hall, and your banner of love has been over us, and we have seen your homes and say to the people whose representatives we are that the half had never been told us concerning this city and our brethren on this side of the water, realizing how greatly we are indebted to No. 2 of Ontario as well as to the people of Toronto for their hearty and generous reception, we have extended by this means our affectionate regards to you and our brethren on this side of the water, and in doing so we feel that this gift cannot repay the great debts of gratitude we owe, but with an abiding trust that as from time to time you shall gather in your hall, where those tokens are kept, that they shall serve to perpetuate brightly burning in the hearts of the people of brotherhood which you so nobly to our brethren of Toronto. Subscribed by C. T. Tombridge, Secy. of Reception Committee, U. S. A. chairman of Special Committee, for providing suitable testimonials for No. 2 Ontario.

Mr. James O. Lucas, president of Union No. 2, accepted the testimonial on behalf of Union No. 2, and made a suitable response. Short addresses were also made by Mr. A. McCornack and Mr. J. J. Marsh, delegates from Union No. 2, and by Mr. Robert Roberts, president of the Reception Committee, receiving the gift as a souvenir of a visit they had greatly enjoyed.

The convention resumed general business, and the Committee on Officers' Reports completed their report at 3.30 o'clock. The Committee on Subordinate Unions next engaged the attention of the convention with their compilation from the reports of the various subordinate unions.

MONDAY'S AND TUESDAY'S SESSIONS.

Monday was occupied in the discussion of questions relating to the constitution of the union. On Tuesday the election of officers formed the principal business. Mr. John Heats of Denver, Colo., was re-elected president and Mr. Jerome Livingston of Boston, Mass., was elected first vice-president. Secretary, Thos. O'Dea, Colones, N.Y.; Treasurer, Patrick Murray, Albany, N.Y. Next day's Convention will be held at Indianapolis.

PRINCIPAL GRANT AS A HUMORIST.

Was Principal Grant playing a practical joke upon the Trinity students? Did he set up funny objections to the proposed theory of taxation, merely to repudiate them in the closing paragraph of his lecture? Or is he a humorist? Mr. George Christian minister, a famous lecturer and writer, a teacher of the youth—a believer in the Georgian theory without knowing it! See what he says: "Mr. George Truider, that is, as an opponent of taxes on goods. Mr. George is right in his speculative purposes: it is wrong to tax improved land the same as unimproved land. Well, Dr. Grant, remove taxes from houses, from improvements on land, from the furniture, clothing, books, trunks, etc., which make up the contents of houses;

be a Free Trader, tax unimproved land as highly as improved land of the same title, and Mr. George will be quite well pleased to say, notwithstanding your chivalrous co-operation, that the only way of respecting the relation of the Single Tax to tenement houses. You say that "Progress and Prosperity are inseparable." Keep on thinking. Read this friendly criticism twice; sleep on it; think the subject over for an hour; and go back to Trinity. Duller or more intelligent, beginning where you left off last time. For, Dr. Grant, let us suggest with due humility that in your endeavor to give your lecture knocks all the rest of it into smithereens.—Hamilton Times.

THE ROCHESTER LOCK-OUT.

CIRCULAR OF THE BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION.

The following circular has been issued to local unions throughout the country, calling them to duty:

Office of General Secretary, Boot and Shoe Workers Int'l Union, No. 32, Water Street, New York City. To the Officers and Members of Local Unions, Greeting:

It having appeared in the press that the lock-out is not only being extended throughout the country that the lock-out at Rochester was at an end owing to a stampede of the members of our International Union, and that they had publicly declared their intention to leave the Boot and Shoe Workers' International Union, and that they had expressed their dissatisfaction with the General Officers of the International Union, is the reason for sending out this circular.

The lock-out is not ended by any means. These unfavorable reports are sent out in the following manner: Eugene Curtis, of New York City, is the executive committee on and Board, and is also editor of the Union and Advertiser, thus being in a position to disseminate the views of the State Board of Arbitration held a hearing of this case in Rochester, but have rendered no decision. It is easy to conceive how the lock-out is being extended by the shirkers of that city.

The newspapers throughout the country do not know the relations existing between Mr. Percell and Mr. Curtis, concerning the former to be an authority on labor matters, and thus published those unfavorable reports. The Associated Press correspondents at Rochester in the Union and Advertiser, and consequently under the domination and influence of Mr. Curtis. Thus our members can readily see that the unfavorable reports are sent out through the country with a direct and brutal purpose to encourage the strikers to make no collections or of sending any more money to that city. In some places the newspapers have had the effect of discontinuing the collection of money for our brothers and sisters in Rochester.

The manufacturers have become so desperate as to arm their seals with the result of the scale of wages set by Bob F. Cox, got drunk and drew a revolver on Brother John E. Coyle, ex President of Union No. 2, and members of the Reception Committee. Brother Coyle now lies in a critical condition, with four scab bullets in his body. Two thousand dollars have already been collected even by scab bullets, but in great danger of becoming hungry. Under these circumstances your General Office will see again call for your assistance in the strongest terms to continue your financial assistance to these people and to redouble your attention to the press despatches sent out by the hirelings of the shoe manufacturer, Eugene Curtis, about the lock-out, and to send them to the press, and to Rochester, for one dollar now is worth as much as ten dollars two weeks from now. The money is needed there for immediate use.

Send all money to Charles S. Towne, Box No. 528, Rochester, N. Y., Boston, Mass., January 11, 1891.

THE EIGHT HOUR LEAGUE.

OBJECTS AND METHODS OF THE ORGANIZATION—A MOVEMENT WHICH SHOULD BE WARMLY SUPPORTED.

Mr. T. W. BAXTER, President of the League, has forwarded the following statement of the aims and methods of that association, which ought to commend themselves to our readers. The object of the hours of labor is a specially important and necessary reform, because it is a stepping-stone to so many other reforms by giving the workers time and opportunity to educate themselves—

"The objects of the League are to hold meetings, to disseminate literature dealing generally with the question of eight hours as a general working day, and in any way that may be deemed advisable to advance from now. The money is needed there for immediate use. Send all money to Charles S. Towne, Box No. 528, Rochester, N. Y., Boston, Mass., January 11, 1891.

Hence the need for such a League as has been formed. But in order that the League may accomplish its work, it is necessary that we have the sympathy and hearty co-operation of all who are engaged in shorter working hours is one of the first reasons in the ladder of social reform. Shorter hours, first and, other reform will be accomplished.

We need good literature suitable for distribution. No doubt there is an abundance of it, but it is not in the place where it will do the most good is the question. The League at present has the means to purchase any quantity of it. Therefore I venture to make a suggestion; and that is, that those who have got any of it lying idly among their piles of books and pamphlets, that they will give it to the League to be used as a sort of circulating library.

Members of the League are open to all, no matter to what class in the community they may belong, whether wage earners, factory owners, manufacturers and business men, professional men, amateur actors and orators. In fact all and every class of men and women who sympathize with the movement; and payment of twenty-five cents per annum.

The League will endeavor to affiliate with the League or the local administration of payment of \$1 (one dollar) per annum for every hundred members, or fractional part thereof. The meetings are held in the International Hall on the first Tuesday in every month.

The support and active sympathy of the movement is of the greatest importance in the working classes in particular, and ultimately of all classes, is earnestly and sincerely solicited.

FATHER HUNTINGTON.

SERMONS DELIVERED LAST SUNDAY IN VARIOUS CHURCHES.—AN ADDRESS FROM THE REV. F. O. L.

FATHER HUNTINGTON'S visit to Toronto has aroused the greatest interest and enthusiasm in religious as well as in labor reform. He preached three times on Sunday last, in the morning at St. George's church, in the afternoon at St. Stephen's men only, and in the evening at St. Luke's. He attracted a large and crowded and many hundreds owing to lack of accommodation. In his afternoon discourse he took occasion to reply to the charges of teaching Socialism and exciting class hatred, which he met in the Evening Mail. He repudiated Socialism, but asserted in emphatic language the equal rights of all men to the natural opportunities for production and enjoyment of the fruits of their labor.

On Tuesday afternoon Father Huntington spoke to women only in St. Margaret's church, and in the evening he lectured in the same place to working women, urging upon them the necessity of organization as a means of bettering their condition. At a later hour he addressed a meeting of Knights of Labor at Richmond Hall. The chair was occupied by Rev. C. H. Harding, another worker who is a member of the order, was most warmly received, and the following address was presented to him.

Father Huntington, Received Sir and Brothers:

District Assembly 125 of the noble order of the Knights of Labor, in the City of Toronto, in the presence of a distinguished array of their officers, are pleased to have you here, and to have you not alone in this city, but under the shield of our organization as well, to express your views on the subject of Socialism, and to themselves a keen appreciation of your very exceptional services as well as philanthropic good will, which has been the result of your benevolent and generous heart, and a common humanity. They feel genuine and the good seed scattered broadcast and sown through your eloquence—eloquence of thought, eloquence of language and, better still, eloquence of sincerity—during your presence among our people of Toronto on the present occasion will bear fruit an hundredfold in the good work of political and social reform throughout the land.

The membership of District Assembly 125 are the more thankful to you, now read and note because they realize that you are an enthusiastic impetus to Christian Church could give to our movements, and to our many friends who are engaged in the work. This unfortunately, has not been done so far, except in a few most honorable and noble instances.

To be sure, you are worthy brother, not flag in the noble, disinterested and holy work to which you are devoting your life with your absence from your home, and the choicest blessings of a kind Providence upon your person and efforts. Not desiring to tire you, we are purring your words, which will be most fully followed our gratitude, and concluded in the hope that time and opportunity will enable you to visit Toronto, and to give us a personal acquaintance with Toronto audiences on the topics with which you have expressed their attention for the past year. We are, therefore, brethren, one and all, and on behalf of the membership of the K. of L. in Toronto.

L. A. GRAY, D.M.V. H. GLOCKEN, Secretary.

TORONTO, Jan. 1891. In reply Father Huntington dwelt strongly on the general principles of a proletarian body, and in the principles of the order set forth in its motto that "An injury to one is the concern of all." The

gent and pressing need of wage-earners for education, and in this particular order had a noble though an arduous work before them. He thought it well for labor matters to take an active part in politics, because the social question coming to the front in public matters. The politics of the future would not mean simply narrow class solution of social problem. He urged his hearers to give every possible aid to their sisters in the establishment of working women's organizations. Addresses were also delivered by Bro. A. F. JURY, R. GLOCKEN and D. J. O'DONAGHUE.

A FRENCHMAN'S QUEER IDEA.

A FRENCH INVENTOR, having in mind people who take upon the particular notion that one feels on a high swing, on the edge of steep declivities, or in any place where there is a rapid descent, proposes to give the public the feeling of a vertical fall of several hundred meters into space. To him a jump from the top of the highest peak in the world is not a feat, it is the height of the Eiffel tower to satisfy his ambition. It is in one word a question of meters and giving them lack safe to their families. At the end of 140 meters of fall the rate of descent of this new species of vertigo will be forty five meters a second, at the end of 200 meters it will be sixty meters per second; at the end of 300 meters it will be seventy meters per second. The most rapid railroad trains make about thirty meters per second, and this new species will be the human race experienced so high a speed as that proposed.

It is always easy enough to fall 300 meters, but it is not so easy to pick oneself up safe and sound. This is the scheme of the inventor. He builds a cage similar to that of a steam boiler, in the center of the body of the shell is a large sphere of diameter of three meters and a height of four meters, with room to hold fifteen persons, and the cage is surrounded by water. The floor is a mattress having springs fifty centimeters high. Beneath, and forming the point of the shell, is a series of cones included one within another. The total height of the cage is ten meters; its weight four tons. From the top of a tower one can let the gigantic slip, with its load without injury to any of the occupants.

After a strike the inventor has hollowed out a large lead filled with water, slipped like the bowl of a champagne glass. The buoyancy of this soft cushion displaces about thirty tons of water. The shock that the voyagers would otherwise feel by this means entirely deadened. The buoyancy of the water causes it to rise to the surface and the bold experiments can then get out. The shell then rises to lift up by an elevator to the top of the tower, where everything is ready to begin again. The price of this venturesome journey is already fixed at twenty francs a person, which is a very low price.

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