

Englishmen at Church.

THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER GRACIOUS MAJESTY

Observed by 15,000 Englishmen in the Dominion at Divine Worship—The Chaplains of the Order addressed words of Cheer to the Members.

FREDERICTON, N. B.

The brethren of Islington Lodge assembled at their lodge room, and after decorating themselves with the regalia of the order, besides all wore roses from the conservatory of Bro. Bebbington, a procession was formed, headed by the band of the 7th Battalion, and marshalled by Bro. ex-Mayor Beckwith, proceeded to Christ Church, Ste. Anne's, where the Rev. Bro. Canon Roberts, chaplain of the lodge, preached from 2nd Corinthians, III, 17: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Three subjects specially demand our consideration for a little while this afternoon—first of course the sacred season of the coming of the Holy Spirit; next the honored birthday of our beloved Queen; and third the Society of the Sons of England here assembled to unite in the worship of Almighty God. The three subjects are in no wise out of harmony with one another, and I trust and am sure, my brothers all will feel that the special teaching of this Holy Day, not only takes natural procedure of the lessons of loyalty, patriotism and brotherly sympathy and helpfulness evoked by the royal birthday and inculcated by the principles of our society, but also that it is the one only firm and lasting foundation on which these lessons can be based.

The Rev. Bro. then drew the attention of the congregation to Her Majesty's reign and said: She began her reign by asking the archbishop's prayer on her behalf, and the blessing of that prayer has followed her and her people ever since. More than 40 years ago this late poet laureate declared that our children's children would say concerning her:

"She wrought her people lasting good. Her court was pure, her life serene; God gave her peace, her land reposed, A thousand claims to reverence closed In her as mother, wife and Queen."

And so the loving loyalty of myriads of Christian hearts has been the support and protection of our Queen in all her undertakings. She has had the universal and heartfelt sympathy of all her subjects. Throughout her vast dominions the strong tie of mutual confidence and affection between Queen and people has acted as a mighty bond of union amidst all diversities of condition, race and clime. Therefore with hearts as well as voices we pray earnestly, "God Save the Queen."

The Sons of England join in this prayer with special fervor, for loyalty is one of the fundamental principles of the society—loyalty not to the Queen only, but to the British constitution, to the maintenance of the integrity of the British Empire, to free British institutions, to the glorious traditions which we inherit from our Motherland. Whether born in England or in Canada, our principles bind us to be patriots. We are proud of the grand old realm of England and of the rich heritage of glorious memories and associations which has been handed down to us, its sons. We are proud of the name of British subjects, for a nobler one has not been claimed by any race in any age. In the days of Rome's widespread Empire to say "I am a Roman citizen" was the assertion of a claim to grand privileges, to a dignity and protection recognized throughout the then known world. To say "I am a British subject," is a far prouder boast, and carries with it a still loftier distinction and more extended benefits. We are proud of England's history in arms, in arts, in literature. We are proud of England's church, which has stood as a rock for the pure faith and order of Apostolic days. Yes, we are proud of the whole vast and mighty Empire to which it is our glory to belong. But above all, we are proud of our own grand Dominion, the right arm of England's greatness. Who can say that Canada is too young to have a history? What is the story of the loyal men and women, who, at the time of the American Revolution or Rebellion, gave up home and property and comfort—yes, everything, but honor—that they might still dwell under the old flag, even though it must needs be in the wilderness—what is that but history, and history of which any people might be proud? What is the story of the war of 1812, when the militia and volunteers of Canada, with only the help of a few regiments of regulars, protected for two years their frontier of 1,000 miles, against the whole power of the United States, and yielded not one foot of territory. What is that but history, of which we have no need to be ashamed? Who was it

That bore the battle's brunt At Queenston and at Lundy's Lane— On whose scant ranks, but iron front The battle broke in vain? Whose was the danger, whose the day, From whose triumphant throats the cheers

And surely our young land is making history still, though it be in the more peaceful realm of statesmanship and commerce, arts and literature. Cause enough have we to be proud equally of our Mother Country and of our Canadian home. Ours be it to take care that they have reason to be proud of us. Ours be it to follow the leading of that Holy Spirit, who, as on this day came down from Heaven to animate His Church and to inspire the whole world with a new and higher life,

that we may indeed carry out in our lives the true principles of loyalty, patriotism and mutual love inculcated by our society. Ours be it, while we confess with grateful hearts, that we live in the freest country in the world, to take heed that we ourselves are freemen, free from the bondage of our sins, free indeed because Christ has set us free; free because we are led by the Holy Spirit, and "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." So may we with confidence look onward to a glorious future for our country. So may we with faith and a clear conscience pray for it, and our prayers and our lives alike will help it forward. The "Father of Nations," will

"Of our scant people mould a mighty state, To the strong stern, to Him in meekness bowed." The "Father of unity" will "make this people one," "Weld, interfuse them in the patriot's flame."

And Mother Land and Daughter Land may work together in the name and strength of Christ, the King of Kings, for the peace and welfare of the world.

CARMAN, MANITOBA.

The members of "Manitoba Lodge, No. 138," came out in force and attended the Baptist church, headed by the Carman brass band, which played appropriate sacred marches in a most efficient manner under the able leadership of Mr. Albert Doyle, the bandmaster.

The marshalls were, Bros. Thos. Henry Miller, F. G., and Frank Williams, W. Secy., who performed their duties right loyally.

The service was conducted by the Rev. T. M. Marshall, who preached an able sermon, strongly urging the society to continue their charitable work in relieving the distressed and comforting the sick, impressing upon them not to join friendly societies for self-interest, but to amalgamate and try to do all the good they can to assist their fellow brothers.

The church was crowded to excess, and many were unable to gain admission.

The Sons of England church parade in Carman is looked forward to as a very important event in the town, being such a memorable occasion as the birthday of our beloved Majesty, Queen Victoria. The hearty singing of the National Anthem, is sufficient evidence of the loyalty of the people of this district.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

One of the largest and most imposing church parades ever seen in our city was that of the Sons of England, on Sunday, May 24th. Patriotism and loyalty, two cardinal traits in the English character, play a very important part in this society and the brilliant procession was to commemorate the seventy-seventh anniversary of the birth of her present Majesty.

Headed by Worth's band, the procession started from their hall on Queen street, and proceeded to Upper Prince Street Methodist Church, where an eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by their chaplain, Rev. Bro. W. J. Kirby. Bro. Kirby's discourse was full of patriotism. He showed the grand strides Great Britain had made in commerce, colonization, the arts, sciences, literature and religion, and fully elucidated the fact that the open Bible was the secret of England's greatness.

The parade presented a splendid appearance coming down Prince street. The marching was exceptionally good. Each member wore a regalia of blue silk on either side of which was neatly worked a white and red rose—the motto of the order. The Sons of England have only been established here for three or four years, and are to be congratulated upon their success. Several of our representative men belong to this society.

ORILLIA, ONT.

Lodge Rose of Couchiching, No. 23, Sons of England, held its annual church service, Sunday afternoon, May 24th, the anniversary of Her Majesty's birthday. The brethren met at the lodge room, Mississauga street, and at 1:30 formed a double line, the executive officers wearing regalia, and preceded by the Orillia Citizens' Band, under Bandmaster J. W. Mitchell, marched via West and Coldwater streets to the Peter street entrance of Saint James's church, where they occupied the front seats. There was a large congregation, the building being well filled. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Burns of North Orillia and Medonte, and had kindly accepted the invitation of the lodge to preach on the occasion. The reverend gentleman spoke upon the benefits of union in such societies as the Sons of England. He commended the order for the good work it was doing in banding Englishmen together.

Mr. Burns wished Lodge Rose of Couchiching success, and urged its members to be true to the principles and to their God. The service was brought to a close with the National Anthem followed by the benediction. The musical portion of the service was ably rendered by a full choir. The collection, amounting to \$15.93, is devoted, as usual, to the maintenance of the Orillia cot in the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. On leaving the sacred edifice, the procession re-formed and proceeded via Coldwater, Front and Mississauga streets, to the lodge room, the band playing sacred selections. The number taking part in the parade was ninety-six, exclusive of the band, which made a total of one hundred and fifteen. Among those in the parade were the mayor, an ex-mayor and two members of the town council; the chairman and one or two members of the Public school board and other prominent English townsmen. A number of brethren from Wauwaschem, Uthbert, and other points were also present. Bro. John Bamforth acted as Major Domo, and Bros. R. Malner and W. Wilson, as marshalls. Great public interest was shown, the route being lined with spectators.

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