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A FEW OF THE REASONS WHY I JOINED THE BENEFICIARY DEPARTMENT.

- BECAUSE—I love my wife and children.
 BECAUSE—It is my duty.
 BECAUSE—It is a safe and cheap investment.
 BECAUSE—It will make my wife feel happy. If I should leave any young children it would prevent them being paupers.
 BECAUSE—I have seen so much poverty when no provisions have been made for them.
 BECAUSE—I have seen the good results where provisions have been made.
 BECAUSE—It will not hasten my death.
 BECAUSE—It will be a comfort in my sickness.
 BECAUSE—Knowing I have done my duty.
 BECAUSE—I know I am poor and unable to save anything for my widow.
 BECAUSE—It will help those that are in need that are willing to help others when called upon.
 BECAUSE—I am an Englishman and in a strange country.
 BECAUSE—It is reported in Grand Lodge report of 1885 the best investment in the world by the following gentlemen: John S. King, M.D., C. C. Martin, M. D., W. W. Ogden, M. D., and R. Tracy, M. D.

Yours fraternally,

ALFRED PARTRIDGE,

Albion Lodge No. 1.

Middlesex Lodge Toronto.—Anniversary Concert and Conversazione.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 28th at Occident Hall, Middlesex Lodge held their anniversary. Upwards of three hundred sat down to a well spread table, which did great credit to the committee, if they erred it was on the side of too great a liberality.

A very enjoyable concert was held for the lovers of music, and the programme was faithfully carried out. The mayor who was to have been the chairman of the evening wrote an apology saying "I fully intended to be present at the concert and conversazione, but find it impossible to be present, I trust you will have a pleasant evening and the Society success."

Bro. T. M. Buley, President of the lodge occupied the chair and was supported on the platform by Bros. T. R. Skippon, P.G.P., R. Caddick, P.P.G.; Ald. Wm. Bell, John W. Carter, G.S., T. Down, President of Albion Lodge, J. Stack, Albion Lodge and W. Barker, P.P., St. George Lodge. During the evening the chairman on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. E. Blundell, P. P. of the lodge with a beautiful framed and illuminated address as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and which expressed their regret at having to part with a brother who had held such friendly relation with them for so many years. Bro. Blundell removed to West Toronto Junction some weeks ago, and has transferred his membership to Worcester Lodge at that place. We wish Bro. Blundell every success in his new abode.

Before the ANGLO-SAXON again makes its bow, the glorious message "Peace on earth, good will towards men" will once more have been proclaimed throughout the universe. Christmas time and good cheer are, by common acceptance, invariably associated. To some of our countrymen, however, the joyous season may mean hard times, no work, poor fare, and cheerless homes. We are proud therefore, of our St. George's Societies, which at this season of the year come to the front and by their timely distributions of beef and bread, tea and coffee, to poor English families, help to cheer the homes of those upon whom the hand of poverty may have fallen. We bespeak from the members of the Sons of England in Canada, hearty co-operation with the different St. George's societies in this good work. In the words of the Child of Bethlehem, whose nativity we shall soon be celebrating, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

We take this opportunity to inform the members, and secretaries of the lodges, that we will issue circulars from this Office to each Secretary about the 15th inst., envelopes will be addressed and stamped for return mail.

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