

A JUVENILE PRIZE ESSAY.

"THE BATTLE OF CORUNNA."

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GEORGE LODGE, NO. 28.

Gananoque, Ont., Jan. 18th.—At the competition for the best essay, Bro. John Ormiston and Bro. Dr. J. S. Atkinson, past-presidents, of Cambria Lodge, acted as judges. The prize was won by Bro. Master Adelbert Meggs, assistant-sec.

The essayist won the praise of all present on his good delivery.

Bro. Ormiston then reviewed the events which led up to the cause of this, the only retreat upon the pages of history which has won the praises of all the historians for the masterly manner in which it was done, commanded by that great general, Sir John Moore, who lost his life in the result of the retreat, the Battle of Corunna.

Bro. Ormiston then presented the Bro. with a beautiful pin.

"THE BATTLE OF CORUNNA."

When Wellesley was recalled to England, in the beginning of 1808, Sir John Moore, who remained, was ordered to advance into Spain and join the Spanish troops, but on the road he heard that Napoleon was coming himself, had swept away the Spanish army and was advancing on Madrid. Moore, who was a brave and experienced commander and had only 25,000 men, while Napoleon had some 70,000 men, saw that he must go back to the coast to re-embark his men. His retreat was the most masterly ever recorded in war. He went by the town of Vigo, Napoleon in hot pursuit, but on the way heard that the harbor of Vigo was unfit to embark his troops, so he turned off to Corunna, a seaport in Galicia, but his fleet had been detained by contrary winds. About noon here received information from General Hope that the French under General Soult were drawn up on the heights of Corunna for an attack.

About a mile from Corunna there was a town called Elvina, and near this Moore drew up his army.

General Hope's division was put in position on the left side of the battle field and Sir David Baird's division on the right.

Baird's division defended the road to Vigo. The "rifle corps" took their position between Baird's and Hope's divisions. The Frasers supported the rifle corps on the right, and Paget's division took their position a half-mile on the rear of Hope's division.

The French had the advantage, their number of men being more than that of the British, and hemmed the British between the harbor of Corunna and the Mero.

Opposed to the slender lines of Baird and Hope were the heavy lines of Meale and Merniet, while the cavalry of the French left, under Lorge and DeLaborde, were in heavy lines against the whole British line.

Moore was confident of winning the victory, and about noon, Jan. 10th, 1808, the battle began which will always be remembered by France, England and Spain.

The French left began the battle and the bullets raked Moore's centre, and soon began to fire a heavy cannonade. The regiments of Meale and DeLaborde poured their strength against Elvina, while the infantry, which had some distance to march, did not immediately engage. The 4th and 50th regiments defended the right, the weakest place.

Moore remained near Lord Bentinck's regiment, because he saw a lively struggle was to follow there. The principal place in the battle was Elvina, and when the French drove the British from it, there rose a yell of triumph. One portion of the French then turned against the British rifle corps and another against Baird's division. The rifle corps then fell back on the main body, but at the same time giving volley after volley. Moore then took the 42nd, 45th and 4th regiments and by a steady stream of musketry drove back the French. Moore then turned on the French skirmishers, but was studiously met by the enemy.

Moore now saw the plan of Soult's attack, for he had French on all sides of him. He now ordered the Frasers to support Paget's regiment, and ordered Paget to descend into the valley, and turned to see the recapture of Elvina.

The brave Highlanders soon drove back the French, and Moore exclaimed, "Well done, good and faithful men." To relieve the Highlanders he sent the 42nd regt. to help them, and united they routed the French.

Moore saw an error made by the 42nd

and went to them just when their bullets were exhausted, but he told them to remember Egypt and use their bayonets. Everywhere signs of victory were visible, when Moore was almost torn from his horse by a cannon shot.

After this terrible wound he would not accept help until he saw that the French were defeated, and then Soult's back.

Moore's flesh was torn from the shoulder and the bones were broken over the heart. He would not let his sword be taken from him, but instead suffered torture. He was borne from the field by six men and after hearing that the enemy was beaten he expired. He was buried in Corunna, and by nightfall his troops were embarked.

During the course of Bro. Ormiston's remarks, he referred pretty strongly to the action of the Minister of Education for Ontario, in withdrawing the compulsory examining of teachers and scholars in English History from the schools in this province.

The secretary announced a good programme for next meeting, among which will be an essay on "Our Flag its History and of what it is Composed."

An initiation will also take place at our next meeting. The senior members are taking a good deal of interest in the juveniles, and the probabilities are that there will be more taken than heretofore. The boys themselves are all in earnest and good results may be looked for this year.

CAMBRIA LODGE NO. 134.

The installation of officers was conducted by Bro. John Ormiston, P.P., in the absence of the D.D.

The picture, "Death of General Wolfe," which the ANGLO-SAXON has given to Cambria Lodge, will be presented at our next regular meeting, January, 23.

A new code of by-laws are under discussion now, which is badly needed.

A strong committee is at work for a big anniversary entertainment sometime about the end of March.

MONTREAL.

The regular meeting of Victoria Jubilee Lodge, No. 41, was held on Friday evening, 12th ult., at the St. Charles Club House, a large number of members being present also visiting brethren, including Bro. Hy. Wadge, president of Primrose Lodge; Bro. G. Black, of Britannia, also Bro. W. Lee, of United Roses, Calgary, N.W.T. A large number of members were reported sick with la grippe. After the initiation of one candidate and the proposition of two others, the announcement was made of the arrival of Bro. J. A. Edwards, Supreme Grand Vice President, for the purpose of installing the officers, which he did as follows:—

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Hy. Furze, president; Robt. Sayers, vice-president; R. Penk, past-president; Wm. Hill, chaplain; T. White, treasurer; J. A. Edwards, secretary; H. Nettleton, J. R. Mole, James Cottrell, A. J. Tarling, E. A. Veary, John Wills, committee; W. G. Murdock, inner guard; C. Smith, outer guard; J. P. Hartley, A. T. Smith, and W. J. Herbert, trustees; W. J. Parks, I. Cooper, and H. H. Collins, auditors; Dr. F. S. Wilson, surgeon; Alf. Holt, grand lodge delegate.

ADDRESSES.

Several good speeches were made by the officers, also one of those stirring addresses from the Supreme G. V. P., exhorting the members to be united and to work in harmony with each other and to carry out in its true spirit the password with which they had been so solemnly entrusted, and then their success was certain.

VERY PROSPEROUS.

We are proud of our lodge. Our membership is now close on 200, and with a little exertion on behalf of the members it will soon reach the coveted number.

The financial standing of the lodge is also very encouraging when we can show a balance of \$1,534.86 after paying so large an amount for sick benefits.

GUELPH.

INSTALLATION ROYAL CITY OFFICERS.

At our installation of officers we had two visitors, Bro. Squire, D.D., G.P., and Bro. West, of Royal Oak, Galt; we had one application and one joined by card.

After installing the officers the D.D., G.P., made a few well chosen remarks on the progress of our Order, and congratulated the lodge on their work during the year.

Our D. D. thanked the officers for their valuable assistance, and the members for the harmonious meetings. He wished the lodge the best of prosperity for the incoming year.

Bros. Squires, Hewer and Bolton, as past district grand lodge officers, spoke encouraging words to the brethren and of the Order.

One of the pleasantest meetings of Royal City lodge was brought to a close by a few spirited remarks from Pres. F. Smith and V.-Pres. W. C. T. Hill.

FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER OF

BIRMINGHAM LODGE NO. 69,
TORONTO.

SPEECHES BY GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
AND PROMINENT MEMBERS—AN
ENJOYABLE EVENING.

At the annual dinner at the Arlington Hotel W. P. Bro. E. J. Lomnitz occupied the chair. On his right were S.G.P. Bro. Elliott, Bro. Barlow Cumberland, Bro. Ald. John Shaw, D. D., Bro. Cashmore; on the left of the chairman were P.S.G.P. Bro. Stroud, Bro. Col. F. C. Denison, M.P., Bro. P. H. Drayton, President of St. George's Society, P.S.G.P. Bro. Dr. J. S. King, and Grand Chaplain Rev. Bro. Clark. There was present the father of the chairman, who is here on a visit from England.

SPEECHES.

Bro. Barlow Cumberland responded to the toast, "Canada the land of our adoption."

"The Grand Lodge" brought the S. G.P. to his feet, amidst considerable enthusiasm. Bro. Elliott spoke feelingly of the loss the order had sustained in the death of Bro. Richard Caddick. Owing to this sad event he would not have been present at Birmingham dinner that night had it not been for a specific promise given to Birmingham's president, who, Bro. Elliott said, had a strong claim on the Supreme Grand officers for the grand work he, Bro. Lomnitz, had done during the year in organizing several new lodges and resuscitating others in a very moribund condition.

Bro. Elliott spoke briefly on the affairs of the order, quoting statistics which showed the amount of benefit, from a financial standpoint, which had been derived by members when in distress from sickness or other causes. The Grand President urged upon his hearers the necessity of individual effort to promote the best interests of the society. Its aims were good and noble, and in the next two decades its progress would, he was confident, eclipse that of the first twenty years of the society's use, great though that has been.

The Grand President alluded to the possibility of the chairman holding executive office during 1894, and the allusion was greeted with loud applause.

P.S.G.P. Bro. W. R. Stroud regretted that his three years of office had made it somewhat difficult for him to say anything original when responding to the toast with which his name was coupled. It was a toast he had responded to time and again, but nevertheless he was always glad of the opportunity it gave him of coming into personal contact with the members of the order. He was going out of office shortly. For three years he had striven to do his duty conscientiously. If he had made some mistakes, they, his hearers, he was sure had, like good Englishmen, forgotten and forgiven them.

Bro. Stroud very ably explained the difference between the position of the Sons of England in Western Ontario and their brethren in the eastern section of the province. In the latter the order was regarded with a certain amount of suspicion as being antagonistic to good and true government. This fallacy was gradually disappearing, as our fellow-countrymen of different race and creed become more intimately acquainted with the principle, aims, and work of the order.

Bro. Stroud in referring to the Grand Lodge officers, said it was possible that Birmingham Lodge would have a representative in the next executive. Bro. Lomnitz was a man capable and full of zeal, and one that the order would have the fullest confidence in, and if he got the position of S.G.V. he would do the order justice throughout Canada.

Bro. Dr. J. S. King, in responding to "Our Past Grand Presidents," made interesting allusions to the early days of the order, and spoke to some extent upon the government of the order, and the advantages to be gained by the adoption of certain constitutional changes.

Grand Chaplain Bro. Clark followed, and dwelt eloquently upon the bounteousness of this our country—a heritage second to that of no other people on earth.

"The Army, Navy, and Volunteer Force" found a fitting defender in Bro. Col. J. C. Denison, M.P., who spoke of the prowess of the British Army and Navy in the past, and the part they took in extending our Empire. He regretted that the British regular was not often seen in Toronto nowadays,

but wherever the British soldier might be he was doing his duty.

Bro. P. H. Drayton, as President of St. George's Society, responded for "Sister Societies."

Bros. Dr. Hodgetts and Sidney Greene responded to "Sister Lodges." Dr. Hodgetts paid a tribute to the power of Birmingham Lodge, which was the centre of enthusiasm for Toronto. He hoped that the possibility which had already been alluded to would become an accomplished fact, and that their chairman would soon occupy the Grand Vice's chair.

Bro. Ald. Shaw expressed his satisfaction at being present at a representative gathering of Sons of England. As a public man and as a private citizen, he trusted the Sons of England would never have reason to feel ashamed of him. He had striven in the past to do his duty, and would continue to do so in the future.

"The Press" was responded to by Bro. F. Vipond and J. Castell-Hopkins. Bro. Hopkins pleaded earnestly for the adoption of an organ by the order. Until this was done the full strength and influence of the Sons of England can never be felt throughout Canada.

Bro. A. T. Hunter's reply for "The Ladies" was unique in the extreme. At one o'clock the health of the chairman was taken. Bro. Lomnitz replied and God save the Queen brought Birmingham's reunion to a close.

THE SOCIETY AT HEART.

A LIVE DUKE A MEMBER OF ST ASAPH
LODGE.

Longford Mills, Jan. 8.—The regular meeting of Lodge St Asaph, No. 130, was held at the public hall Friday, Jan. 5. Owing to a large number of the brethren being away from home the attendance was not as large as might be expected. After the general routine of business the installation of officers took place. The installing officer being Bro. J. Burnett, president of Rose Couchiching lodge, Orillia, assisted by Bro. Rox, who performed the ceremony in a very creditable manner. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: President, John P. Kemp; vice-president, E. Jones; past president, Geo. Bradley; treasurer, Geo. Porter; secretary, A. E. Tracy; chaplain, J. C. Jones; committee, Geo. Langridge, Geo. Williams, W. Mingay, A. Bidwell, J. Corey and W. Booth; inner guard, J. H. Jones, P.P.; outer guard, Horace Bradley; Medical examiner, A. E. Ardagh, M.D.

The installing officers at the close of their remarks congratulated the officers and members upon the financial and progressive condition of the lodge. And we might also add that although few in number they have the interest of the Society at heart, and like all true and loyal Englishmen are always ready and willing to help a brother when duty calls, and are also determined to keep from their ranks impostors and those anxious to join the society merely for the sake of its benefits.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Bro. G. Porter. The members with their wives partook of an excellent oyster supper. During the rest of the evening the party amused themselves in games, songs and speeches.

We read in the ANGLO-SAXON of many prominent men belonging to other lodges in the S.O.E., but we can boast of having a Duke in Lodge St. Asaph.

J. H. J.

BAILLIEBORO, ONT.

The installation of officers of Lodge Coventry, No. 161, Baillieboro, for 1894, took place on 11th January, as follows:—President, Rich. Doughty; past-president, Alfred Maycock; vice-president, A. J. Maycock; secretary, Henry Tipper; treasurer, Rich. Murse; chaplain, J. H. Maycock; committee, James Jackson, R. Hetherington, Thos. Maycock, Stephen Jackson, R. Thompson, D. Jewison; inner guard, F. W. Batman; outer guard, John Nicholson; surgeon, Dr. Montgomery; auditors, R. Doughty, Jas. Jackson, Alfred Maycock; trustees, David Jewison, James Jackson.

The S. O. E. hall, in this pretty little village is a model of neatness, and a credit to the progressive spirit displayed by the members of the lodge, whose future success is now fully assured.

HUNTSVILLE, ONT.

Lodge Croydon, No. 85, at their regular meeting on the 9th January, had a very full attendance, Bro. Skitch, D.D., being present to install the officers as follows:—President, L. W. Ware; vice-president, W. Rumsey; chaplain, A. J. Downs; financial secy., I. G. Rumsey; treasurer, J. W. Gled-

hill; recording secy., A. Ventress. A slight change was made among the committee.

During general business the D.D. presented to past-president Wm. Rumsey, a handsome P. P. jewel, speaking a few pleasing words; Bro. Rumsey in a very feeling manner replied.

After business was concluded the members adjourned to Bro. D. Pym's hotel, to partake of a nice oyster supper. Croydon is now in a fine position numerically and financially and look forward with renewed hopes for the future.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.

At the last regular meeting of lodge Bedford, No. 21, Bro. Pittman in the chair. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. H. H. Wright, D.D., assisted by Bro. Harris, both from Aylmer. The following officers were installed:—Past-president, E. Brett; president, J. Pittman; vice-president, E. Blundell, secretary, W. E. Barnett; treasurer, F. Chaplin; chaplain, Bro. T. Pacher; committee, Bros. J. Pattinson, J. Parslow, H. Westlake, G. Clements, A. Appleby and R. C. West; inner guard, John Lewin; outer guard, John Wynne; surgeon, R. C. West; auditors, Bros. Blundell, R. C. West and J. Parslow; trustees, Bros. H. Westlake and J. Pittman; delegates to grand lodge, Bros. Robinson and J. Pattinson.

The D. D. Bro. Wright, addressed the lodge and gave some information to members how the Order was progressing, and he was pleased to know that lodge Bedford was doing its share. Bro. Harris also addressed the members in a vigorous and patriotic speech. The brethren then adjourned to the Dufferin House where they found an oyster supper in waiting. After supper an interesting programme was gone through with Bro. Brett as chairman.

LONDON, ONT.

Piccadilly Lodge, London, held their regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 15, in addition to the regular officers there were present many members of the lodge and Bros. H. J. Carter, P.P., Chelsea lodge, and E. J. Lomnitz, W. P. Birmingham, Toronto. The following officers having been elected: President, R. Cadwallader; vice president, Bro. Blake; chaplain, Bro. Nicholls; secretary, Bro. Hook; treasurer, Bro. Heaman; surgeon, Dr. Williams; committee, Bros. Short, Lockhand, Hughes, Shirley, Gardner and Marshall; inner guard, Bro. Heaman; outer guard, Bro. Mandley; auditors, H. Heaman and Wootton; trustees, Bros. Caddy, Heaman and Lockhand; grand lodge delegate, Bro. Hook; all were duly installed by Bro. Hook, D.D., Bro. Lomnitz acting as guide, after which short speeches were made by the newly installed officers and the visiting brethren.

FIRST ANNUAL SUPPER OF
LIVERPOOL LODGE, 140.

The members marked the installation of their new officers by a supper at the British Exchange, Godrich, which was in every way enjoyable and successful. Between 45 and 50 brethren sat down, president R. Warrington occupying the chair, with D.D. Thos. Jackson and P.P. N. Robson, of Clinton, who were the installing officers seated at his side. Mr. Tilt spread an admirable supper, chief on the bill of fare being the royal old English dishes of roast beef and plum pudding. When the plates were removed, a couple of hours were spent in toast, song and speech, which were all most heartily received and responded to. During the evening Mr. R. S. Williams, as a brother Englishman, though not a member of the order, presented the lodge with a handsome coat of arms to be placed over the president's chair, an act for which he received unanimous and sincere thanks. Bros. Jackson and Robson gave Liverpool lodge great praise for its successful career and present prosperity, it being the largest lodge but one in the county. The society as a whole is doing great good in its benevolent work, and is spreading throughout the entire breadth of the Dominion. Its success throughout the Huron district is largely due to the enthusiastic and unselfish labors of Bro. Jackson, district deputy, who is ever ready to respond to an invitation or call for help.

The following are the officers of Liverpool lodge for the present year: President, R. Warrington; past president, W. S. Knights; vice president, W. Rutson; secretary, W. J. Dowling; treasurer, W. Andrews; chaplain, G. Evans; committee, J. Jewell, Thos. Hornby, J. E. Precious, B. Hogarth, A. Dymock; inner guard, W. E. Mitchell; outer guard, C. Walters; delegate to Grand Lodge, W. J. Dowling.