

### THE LEAGUE OF THE CROSS.

An organization bearing this title has been set going in Hamilton, Ont., by the Irish Romanists in order to neutralize, if possible, the action of the British Constitutional Society, the League of the Rose. Mr. Curran, M.P., a clever and conscientious Romanist, addressed the League of the Cross. This is consistent action, Mr. Curran being a Home Rule Irishman, who takes the cross as the badge, as did the ruthless murderers of the Huguenots, on St. Bartholomew's day.

But how, Dr. Burns, a Methodist—who shrinks with horror, when in his chapel, at the sight, or even mention of word "cross,"—can, a few hours later, warmly address in commendation the members of this League of the Cross, approve the truculent designs of its members, and be blessed by prayers of many papists—surpasses our editorial experience. Consistency though art a jewel, especially when worn by Irishmen, the most impulsive and easily led members of the human family.

### THE BRITISH-AMERICAN LEAGUE, IN THE UNITED STATES.

For some time past there has been a movement, on the part of the English element in the United States, to oppose the devilish schemes of the German Anarchists, and the ruthless attempts at aggrandisement of the Irish Papist. This will be done by meeting them with one of their own weapons, namely, casting votes in the ballot box.

The English in the United States have hitherto refrained from becoming naturalized, owing to a great extent to the, to Englishmen, particularly offensive character of the oath of allegiance to the United States of America. This doubtless will be altered. In any case thousands upon thousands of Englishmen have determined to become naturalized citizens of the United States, and unite under what is called the British-American League, for political purposes. The following two letters from Chicago and New York, show the progress made and the determination to effect their purpose, displayed by our kinsmen in the United States:

Office of THE BRITISH AMERICAN, Official organ of the British-American Association of the State of New York; Official Organ of the British-American Association of the State of Pennsylvania.

145 East 23rd Street,  
New York, December, 23rd, 1887.

DEAR SIR,—We would feel obliged if you could send us the names, place of meeting, time of meeting and names and addresses of secretaries of all the lodges of the Sons of England; the League of the Rose, and any Scotch, Welsh, or Protestant Irish Societies in your own or other cities.

Would also appreciate a kind word of encouragement from you as to our work. We have undertaken a very arduous task, but we mean to win.

Fraternally yours,  
R. G. HOLLAMAN.

P.S.—If there are any papers, organs of societies, would like to know what and where they are.

240 LA SALLE ST., CHICAGO, ILL.

MY DEAR MR. EDITOR,—My friend, Leonard J. Eastland, of this city, requested me yesterday to write you relative to the movement, now being pushed forward here to naturalize men of British birth.

A British American League was formed two weeks since with Gen. M. M. Trumbull as President. The League adopted a constitution and by-laws, a copy of which I will send you as soon as printed. The Canadians also formed a league for the same purpose as the British American League, and will probably become part of its organization, as the said league is for the whole state of Illinois.

We meet again and will post you promptly should any important business be transacted.

Yours very truly,  
GEORGE E. GOOCH.

P.S.—I would add that this movement is meeting with great success, about 125 men employed at the Pullman works have signified their intention of becoming citizens. We shall hold mass meetings in the several divisions of this city to forward the cause which we believe to be necessary at the present time.

From T. W., President St. George's Society, Windsor, Ont.—Enclosed please find 50c. for a copy of your paper, which I desire you to forward to C. H. A., Sandwich, Ont., a gentleman who occupies the position of head master of the public school of that town, a friend and fellow-countryman of mine, whom I have persuaded to become a subscriber to your paper. He desires me to ask you to send him all the numbers of your paper from No. 1 up to last issue. I think I shall be able, with the assistance of the secretary of our society (Mr. P.), to secure you quite a number of subscribers in this town and vicinity. In the meantime I would suggest that you send me a number of your subscription forms, which I will endeavour to circulate among our countrymen here, and I will do my best to induce them to sustain in this, or any other way that I can, the principles of which the ANGLO-SAXON is the organ.

### IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE.

#### OFFICERS OF THE OTTAWA BRANCH.

President—Sandford Fleming, C.M.G.  
Vice-Presidents—Lt.-Col. Chamberlin, Thomas Macfarlane, A. J. Taylor.  
Secretary-Treasurer—R. G. Code.  
Executive Committee—Dr. Bourinot, Dr. Hurlbert, Lt.-Col. Ross, Prof. Macoun, J. A. Gemmill, F. Bebbington, J. Featherston and F. J. Alexander.

The League in Ottawa has already a membership of nearly 200, including some of the most influential men in the city.

At the first meeting of the League in December last valuable papers were read by Mr. Fleming, Mr. Macoun, and a discussion took place thereafter, in which the following joined:—Mr. Macfarlane, Dr. Dawson, Col. Ross, Mr. Perry, and Dr. Wicksteed. These meetings will be continued monthly.

### THE "ANGLO-SAXON"

HONOURED BY A DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN CITIZEN.

28 Nassau Street, Boston.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—Thanks for a copy of your ANGLO-SAXON. I shall be much interested in examining its issues, and hope it will have a wide circulation.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH COOK.

### Sons of England Society,

LODGE CHESTER,  
ST. THOMAS, Ont., Dec. 25th.

To the Editor of the Anglo-Saxon:

DEAR SIR,—Seeing that you have a lodge column devoted to the interest of our Order, I will endeavour to give you and the Order at large the progress of Chester Lodge, in the City of St. Thomas, Ont. Since the formation of the above in the year 1882 to 1886 we made little progress, owing to the fact of great opposition and prejudice of a great number of, I am sorry to say, Englishmen. During the past year the increase of membership so far exceeded the expectations of its founders that the cloud has been removed, and ere long the lodge will be the strongest society in the city. During the past year we have added to the roll 64 new members. The majority of them are prominent citizens and their influence is being felt in the progress of Chester Lodge. There are at present awaiting advancement 23 candidates for the first meeting in the New Year. The average attendance at our Red Rose Degree is 50. With the special interest displayed by the majority of our members for the welfare of Chester Lodge its success is certain. During the past quarter the lodge has purchased a piano for the use of our members during recess. We intend to celebrate our 5th anniversary, on Jan. 19th, by having a supper and entertainment, and it promises to be the largest gathering of Englishmen ever held here. Invitations will be extended to lodges Prince of Wales (Windsor), Chelsea (London City), Trafalgar (London South), and Devonshire (London East), as Chester Lodge is the oldest lodge in the district, and ever ready to advance the interests of our noble institution. Again, sir, I see in the printed amendments to the constitution an amendment to establish permanently the Grand Lodge at Toronto. I quite agree that Toronto is a head centre for Englishmen, but would rather, in the special interest of No. 12 district, as there has never been a Grand Lodge meeting west of Galt, that the next Grand Lodge in 1889 be held somewhere in No. 12. The increase of membership would be surprising if this was done, as there are thousands of Englishmen between Aylmer, St. Thomas, London, Chatham and Windsor. During the past year there have been three new lodges opened in the district. With the above proposal I feel sure the appeals and aims of our institution will be circulated throughout the western portion of Ontario.

I am glad to learn, through Bro. Ridley, the large list secured from Chester to your valuable newspaper. Wishing you every prosperity in the future and the compliments of the season.

Please send me at once, cost of Lodge advertisement for 1 year. Bro. W. Hill, of Chester Lodge, now of Toronto, lost his only daughter by diphtheria, a few days since. Bro. Hill has the sympathies of his brethren in Chester Lodge in his sad bereavement.

Respectfully and fraternally,  
P. R. WILLIAMS, D.D.,  
Secretary Chester, No. 18,

### Belleville.

The annual meeting of Oxford Lodge, Belleville, was held on Tuesday evening, December 20th. There was a large attendance of the members. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Thos. Weymark; V. Pres. H. Varns; R. Sec. Wm. Hopkins; F. Sec. Henry Tammadge; Tres. Walter Alford; Man.-Com. Messrs. G. Bennett, A. Wensley, E. Ling, I. Spratt, H. Hulme and W. Creeper; I. Guard, Bro. Kemp; O. Guard, Bro. Sharp; Surgeon, Dr. Tracy; Trustees, J. W. London, Geo. Twining; Auditors, S. Burrows, A. Slater, E. Hayne; Grand Lodge Delegates, J. W. London, R. Croft Hulme; Marshals, L. Young and W. Wilkins.