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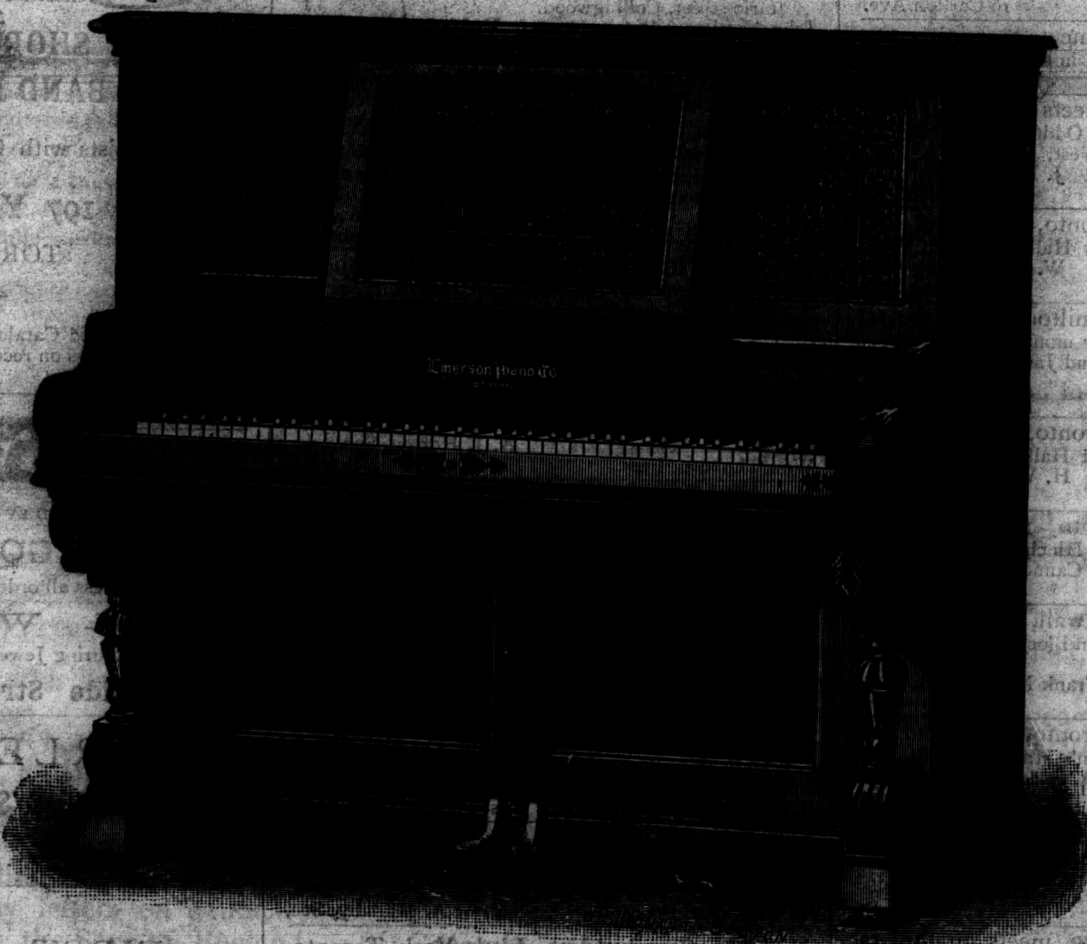
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

One more lodge added to the roll, Royal City, No. 75, Guelph, being the latest.

Dr. Beers! You hit them hard. It was a regular sock-dollager. Do it again please.

Under the heading "Open Council" we shall be glad to publish brief pithy letters on national questions or on matters of interest to the Sons of England or St. George's Societies.

The old flag has been receiving a thorough airing within the past few weeks. We are glad of it, as nothing is calculated to send the blood crossing through the veins of a true Englishman and quickens patriotic impulses than the flutter of the Grand old Union Jack.

Hurrah! 'Rah! 'Ah! Mr. President Cleveland, don't you think it was a case of the sacker being sacked? And do you know who did it? If not, the ANGLO-SAXON will tell you. It was the thousands of Britishers who during the past two years have become naturalized citizens of the United States, who yet reverence their native land and who resented the insult your Secretary of State offered to Her Majesty's representative.

Lodge secretaries will oblige by studying the form of the reports from the different Lodges as they appear in the ANGLO-SAXON, and follow it as closely as possible when sending in their monthly communications. We are pleased to receive such an increased batch of communications as have come to hand the past few weeks, but our work will be

greatly facilitated by the brethren keeping their communications pertaining exclusively to Lodge work and the good of the Order separate from those having reference to the business department of the ANGLO-SAXON.

Brethren, do you appreciate our Order and give it your best efforts to increase its membership? Or are you, like a great many others, selfish enough to participate in all its benefits, but do nothing in return to advance its interests? If this is so does not your conscience accuse you? We think that the splendid record of the past year, together with the bright future before us, should inspire and enthuse the most careless among our members, and cause them to work energetically in the future for the upbuilding of our grand society.

The brethren of Lodge Nelson, No. 42, of Almonte, Ont., have issued an appeal to the order on behalf of Bro. Chas. Townsend, a member of Nelson lodge who recently lost an arm by an accident in Almonte Knitting mill, thereby rendering him incapable of following his vocation. The ANGLO-SAXON cordially endorses the appeal and urges all Englishmen in Canada to give it their favourable consideration. Bro. Townend is nineteen years of age. His education was neglected in boyhood and any funds that may be raised it is proposed to expend in giving him an education to fit him for some other employment.

The removal to Vancouver, B. C., of Bro. Rev. H. P. Hobson, Deputy Grand Chaplain for Toronto, is a great loss to the lodges in the Queen city, but we trust it will ultimately result in benefit to the Order. Knowing the zeal and energy which are characteristic of Bro. Hobson in any matter to which he devotes himself, we are sanguine that he will not allow many months to elapse after he arrives in B. C. without seeking to plant in the Pacific province strong lodges of the Sons of England. British Columbia is the English province of Canada; in fact, it may ever be said that British Columbians are more English than Canadian. Certainly such was the case a few years ago. The soil there is ready for the husbandman and in Victoria and Vancouver Bro. Hobson should find no difficulty in starting good strong lodges.

The surgeon of an eastern lodge, having occasion to perform a surgical operation on a sick member of the order, charged a special fee for his services on the ground that the constitution gave him the power to do so. The section of clause 82 bearing on the surgeons' duties says: "Shall attend all sick members eligible for his services and provide them with proper medicine." While the letter of the section may have justified the medical brother in making an additional charge the spirit of it is clearly against such action. What services are referred to unless it means the whole of his personal surgical skill? The lodge took the matter up on behalf of the brother and we are glad to learn that the Grand President has decided that the extra charge was illegal and that all members in good standing are, under the constitution, entitled to the full benefits of the professional skill of the lodge surgeon. Of course, in a serious case necessitating the calling in of an outside physician in consultation, the latter's fee has to be paid by the affected brother.

One great fault that a large majority of the members of our Orders have is that they do not attend lodge meetings regularly. They depend altogether on the officers of the lodge, and quite frequently the officers are troubled with the same fault, consequently the business is not properly attended to, and new members are not brought in. If you would have your lodge grow and prosper attend its meetings.

Grand Lodge and its Work.

The whirligig of time has once more brought us within measurable distance of the meeting of Grand Lodge. In February, as most of our readers are aware, the supreme governing body of our Order will hold its fourteenth annual meeting at the Capital of the Dominion, and from what we know of the Ottawa brethren, we feel satisfied the Grand Lodge delegates will not regret the choice of meeting place. This will be the first occasion that Grand Lodge has assembled in Eastern Ontario, and there can be no doubt that as a result of the gathering in Ottawa a big boom will be given to the Order in this section of country. The Capital has many attractions for the visitor, and as Parliament will be sitting at the time, those of the Grand Lodge Delegates, who have never seen the Federal Legislature in session, will be afforded an opportunity of doing so. The Ottawa brethren are making extensive preparations to give Grand Lodge a fitting welcome, and we have every reason to believe that the fourteenth annual gathering of the chief governing body of the Order will be an occasion, long to be remembered by those who may fortunately be delegated to be present.

There are some important questions to be considered at the coming Grand Lodge meeting, and we feel satisfied that, when the assembled wisdom of our grand organization gets together, the legislation forthcoming will be such as to redound to the credit of the legislators, and to the best interests of the brotherhood. Of course, there will be the usual tinkering at the Constitution, and this may be anticipated to go on for some time until we get a code of laws, devoid as far as possible of crudities, clear and explicit in their principles, and uncontradictory in their terms. Bowood Lodge, No. 44, has sent up an important resolution which is deserving of the most careful consideration by Grand Lodge. There is no doubt that frequent changes in the Constitution do more harm than good, and if we could have one effective revision and then call a halt for three, four, or five years, the Order would be benefitted. Bowood's proposition, which will be found in our lodge reports, is in substance that a committee be appointed at next Grand Lodge meeting to thoroughly revise and amend the constitution, and report the same to the Grand Lodge of 1890, and that such amended constitution be not interfered with for five years at least. From the wording of the resolution it would appear that the desire of Bowood lodge, more particularly, is to get a constitution governing the White Rose degree, but we have the best reason for believing that this enterprising lodge requires also a thorough and complete revision of all the laws governing the Order. The ANGLO-SAXON thoroughly approves of the idea. If a small but representative committee were appointed and invitations sent to every lodge to devote one or more nights to the discussion of the Constitution, then after a given time, say August first, up to which period suggestions from the lodges would be received, the committee would go to work, with the concentrated wisdom of the lodges before their eyes, and draft a Constitution which would be a credit to the Sons of England.

Doubtless the question which is being discussed with such ability in our columns relative to the limits to which the operations of the Sons of England shall extend will come up. Last session Bro. Dr. Girdwood, of Montreal, was delegated to open Lodges in Great Britain if he saw an opportunity for doing so. We have not heard of his being successful and his views on the subject will be looked forward to with great interest at the coming gathering. Meantime, in order the better to enable our friends to make up their minds on the question we would again renew our offer to the brethren to join in the Symposium, only asking them to

keep to the one subject and not incorporate extraneous matters in their contributions.

Why should Grand Lodge meet in February every year, probably the most unsuitable time of the year for a peregrinating institution like the governing body of the S.O.E.B.S. to assemble? We know of no other fraternal organization in Canada whose Grand Lodge meets in midwinter and, so far as the Sons of England Order is concerned, we think a change in the time of meeting of Grand Lodge to a period of the year when travelling is more congenial and attended with less risks, could be made with greater advantage. Last year, Chester Lodge of St. Thomas tried to get September substituted for February—an excellent proposition—but the Committee on Constitution and Laws in their superior wisdom effectually sat upon the suggestion. There are several reasons why Grand Lodge might advantageously change its time of meeting from the second Tuesday in February to the second Tuesday of July, August or September. Most men like to take a little relaxation during the summer, the facilities for travel are greater and cheaper at that time than at any other period, and it would seem as if most men find it more convenient to get away from business for a few days during the summer months than in the depth of winter. In the event of a proposition being made to change the time of meeting we bespeak for it earnest consideration on the part of Grand Lodge.

We regret that pressure on our space will not permit republication in the columns of the ANGLO-SAXON of the eloquent and patriotic speech of Dr. Beers, of Montreal, delivered at Syracuse, N. Y., the last week in October. To the Toronto *Empire* Canadians are indebted for the report of a speech which has attracted more attention throughout the Dominion than any other speech of a non-political character delivered of late years. It has been republished in all parts of Canada and is worthy of the most careful perusal by every Britisher in the Dominion. The peroration gives one an idea of its general tenor. "Politically, I realize I am a foreigner here the moment I cross the line. I am at home when I land at Liverpool, at Glasgow, at Dublin, at Bermuda, at Capetown, at New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, New Guinea, Jamaica, Barbadoes or Trinidad. Politically I have a share in, and am proud of the glorious old flag which waves over New Zealand, Australia, Gibraltar, Malta, Hong Kong, West Africa, Ceylon, St. Helena, Cape Colony, Natal, British Honduras, Dominica, the Bahamas, Grenada, Barbadoes or India. England is an old and apt master in annexation. Since she lost the thirteen colonies here, she has annexed colonies far greater in area and population, or far more value to her than if they were joined to her three kingdoms, while Spain, Portugal, Holland and France have lost theirs and there is little or nothing left for any nation to annex. I need no other political passport to the rights of a British subject, and the citizen of a great realm, comprising 65 territories and islands, than my Canadian birthright. I do not measure my national boundary from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but from the Pacific to the Caribbean Sea. Under the reign of Victoria no Canadian need be ashamed to belong to an Empire which embraces a fifth of the habitable globe, and to know that his own Dominion forms nearly a half of the whole; an Empire sixteen times greater than France, 40 times greater than United Germany; three times larger than the United States, Australia alone nearly as big as the States; India nearly a million and a quarter of square miles; Canada, 600,000 square miles larger than the States without Alaska; and 18,000 square miles larger with it! An Empire nearly 9,000,000 of square miles, with a population of 310,000,000. Sharers in such a realm; heirs to such vast and varied privileges, Canadians are not for sale."

And the ANGLO-SAXON repeats, "Canadians are not for sale."

Our Symposium.

HOW FAR SHOULD THE LIMITS OF OUR ORDER EXTEND?

To the Editor of the Anglo-Saxon:

DEAR SIR:—Having read with much pleasure and interest the several articles in your November issue, I am constrained to make a few remarks.

I can quite endorse the general sentiment of the first three paragraphs of that able contribution of our worthy Bro. Will T. James, but when he comes to emphasize the absurdity of an effort to establish our order in the United States, I beg most cordially to disagree with him. He says, also, that if any of our members think it to their interest to migrate to the States, we should endeavor to retain their membership, etc. Now, I think the best means to that end is to afford them fraternal intercourse in the land of their adoption. I take it that an Englishman can be as good a citizen of the United States—that is, he can be obedient to their laws and in other ways conform to the established usages and customs as the native-born American, and still *not* take the oath of allegiance. Let us not forget that Liberty is conspicuous in the motto of that great Republic, and while they use every effort to entice aliens to join them, they cannot (and would not try to) compel such, and therefore I think the establishment of our order there would be the means of sustaining the adherence of Englishmen to "the dear old flag."

I know many worthy Englishmen who have been long resident in the States (some 25 and some 30 years) and have never taken the oath, and they have told me that, although as aliens they sacrifice some few privileges of citizens, yet they choose the lesser of two evils; and notwithstanding they make a good living there, yet they will never sell their birthright for a "mess of pottage."

If our order were extended across the border, I think there are thousands who would seek to be encircled with the "Glorious old Union Jack," and thereby show their love and fidelity to their native country as well as silently proclaiming that independence, which is the prevailing characteristic of every true Briton.

Yours fraternally,

W. E. WILKINSON,

District Deputy No. 17 District.

Woodstock, Nov. 26th.

To the Editor of the Anglo-Saxon:

I beg to say a few words in answer to Bro. James, President of Windsor Lodge, *re* How far should the limits of our order extend? I willingly admit that they should extend to wherever a sufficient body of Englishmen can be found; but it is a question of policy how far afield we should at present go. Grand Lodge Reports of 1886-7 show that it is practically impossible for us to amalgamate with the Sons of St. George across the line. Their only idea of amalgamation being complete absorption into themselves; and I very much question if the "Sons of England" are prepared to give up their name, charter, rituals, constitution, our pledged fidelity to the Mother Land—in fact, surrender everything but our funds—merely to become associated with a larger body of men who are almost as much American as they are English. There is no doubt that the Sons of St. George are doing a noble work, and I wish them God speed. But our aims, our objects, and the line of conduct we have marked out for ourselves are different from theirs. Having put our "hands to the plough" let us not look back. We have a number of brethren in British Columbia, in Australia, New Zealand and in dear Old England itself, all of whom have promised to organize lodges in their neighbourhood, but year after year goes silently by and the matter rests in abeyance. "Hills look green when

far away." I contend that we should, at least for a time, devote all our energies to this Dominion of ours, and principally in Ontario. A writer in one of our home magazines, wishing to illustrate the advantages of concentrated efforts, mentioned the following anecdote: A number of children were out gathering wild raspberries. They entered heartily into the work, picking a few here, then off to another bush for one or two there, again looking up and seeing two or three tempting ones a few feet away, run wildly off to secure them; but the end of the day found them tired out and their pails not full. One little fellow in the party was noticed to select a goodly spot and then *stick to his bush* till he had gathered all that were worth having. He then quietly went to the next bush, and at the end of the day found himself but little fatigued and his pail full to overflowing. We are surrounded with cities and towns, all within easy reach of us, where branches of our noble Order should be established. I therefore say—"Stick to your bush" and finish the work before you go to the *next*. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the LABORERS are few."

Yours fraternally,

J. W. KEMPLING,
Grand Vice President.

Barrie, Nov. 21st.

The Fighting Blood of Englishmen.

And yet, when wanted and called on, we are there; and the fighting power of the brave old race does not seem to have diminished, nor has its course nor its energy.

We hold our own against such enemies as we have to meet; we loose our lives in the desert, on exploring expeditions, on the Alps, in any kind of manly exploit; and we have not yet discarded the lion for the domestic tabby. Some of our philanthropists would like that we should, and some of our women—those who want to see men reduced to the standard of women, combed and curled and dainty handed, and abhorrent of all rude sports, and as nicely behaved as so many good little maidens fresh from school, but the sense of the nation repudiates the tabby, just yet at least, and holds to the need of the lion-bearded manliness of men. Until the long looked-for and oft-talked of millennium sets in in real earnest, there will be no good in showing the pattern of the plough-share into which we are to beat our swords, or in extolling the virtues of a pruning hook over a spear. Life has its rough places and its rough work; and embroidered slippers and white kid gloves do not always suit either ways or things. It is a pity truly, that so much of the animal and so much of the barbarian remain in the midst of our civilization; but there they are and both animal and barbarian have to be recognized and provided for and against—if we would keep our place among the nations, and not become as soft as a cargo of sea cucumbers.

If our philanthropists and non-fighting men, our tender-hearted women, who think pain the greatest evil of life, and those of such ethereal purity as to hold smoking for sin, if these had their own way, every drop of fighting blood would be drained out of our men and we should be left a prey to all our foes of every kind.

But every now and then when hope plays, and belief grows weak, some splendid sacrifice, some magnificent achievement lifts up the fame and brightens again the splendor of the brave old name of Englishmen. The great God Pau is not dead. He is only asleep at the hour of the fervid noon when he always slept, and though Palinurus has more than once "nodded at his helm" he too will awake when he is wanted. But the women and their backers must not have their will, and the fighting blood of Englishmen must not be watered down to the soft milk of weakness.

If we have to sin at all, we must rather sin on the other side; and perhaps the pessimists are right so far. The excess we have to guard against at the present time is that of sentimentality rather than of severity, of soft-handedness rather than of rude toughness.

An Emigrant's Farewell to England.

Farewell, O Land, wherefrom I drew my all!
The charm of venture lures me o'er the main;
Although vehemently thy mem'ries call
Me sharply back, with yearnings to remain,
I yet must snap their tendrils, should they cling
In twisted coils around my very soul,
Or leave their impress where they grew, to sting
Me as thy shores fade past each rocky shoal.

Farewell, O England! Dimples in thy breast,
When seen afar, thy verdant valleys seem;
Ne'er left a pilgrim an oasis rest

With more reluctance to be gone, I deem,
Than now I bid adieu to thee, to cross
A desert dreary 'as Sahara's waste,
Upon whose trackless leagues far weeks to toss
Before is sighted where my hopes are placed.

Lo! now we part, Ancestral Land and I,
And distance wraps thee in its veil of haze;
Each well-known landmark sinks below the sky,
While tears be-blur my vision as I gaze,
What but experience can unfold the scroll,
Whereon is writ life's chapters yet unread,
O! shall I say, when I have scanned the whole,
I was not from thee by a mirage led?

Farewell, my country! Bear, O waves, the words,
As on ye leap in gambols droll toward
The caves and crannies in the cliff that girds
The strand, where yonder beacon burns to guard
Such luckless ships as the enamoured sea
Would cast as tributes into England's lap,
With adoration's prodigality,—
The trophies of its power, through dire mishap.

Farewell! farewell!! Though strained shall be the bond
Of cordial union, which affections bind
To kinship's kind remembrance, when beyond
The influence of friends I leave behind,
Allegiance of my love to England's name—
So well deserving of a patriot's love—
My truthful lips or acts shall ne'er disclaim;
My birthright yields me prestige where I rove.
Farewell! I, absent, love thee none the less,
My heart is thine. God prosper thee and bless!

WILL T. JAMES.

Windsor Lodge, Toronto.

The Anniversary Concert of Lodge St. George

Was held on Monday November, 12th, at St. George's Hall, Toronto, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the lodge. The concert was a great success in every particular and the committee are to be congratulated on the able manner in which they carried out all the arrangements. The artists were Mrs. S. H. Marchee, Miss Glover, Miss Z. Walters, Mr. J. H. Denison and Bro. J. Lister Nichols. "The Sunflower Quartette" gave a parody on "Mary had a little Lamb," which was very amusing and brought down the house. The solo violin playing of Prof. Donville, was much appreciated while the rendering of several selections of Bro. Claxton's orchestra was an appreciable addition to what was a most enjoyable entertainment. It is proposed by the lodge to have several open meetings during the winter, at which concerts will be given, the first will probably take place in January, when something entirely novel will be introduced. The musical committee consisted of Bro. F. H. Torrington, our veteran Toronto musical conductor, Wm. McCartney, Thos. Claxton, T. A. Blakeley, J. Lister Nichols, Geo. Catto and C. E. Swait.

Open Council.

DUES AND BENEFITS.

To the Editor:—

I wish to say a word or two on the principle of "every member getting another, and the Lodge thereby duplicating itself."

That principle is good provided it could be carried out practically—but this indiscriminate button-holing a man because he can boast of British ancestry and inducing him to join our ranks is something I entirely condemn.

If we wish to maintain the integrity of our Order we must have *good men and only good men*. Better have a Lodge of fifteen good, than fifty indifferent members. Experience has instilled this sentiment. This brings me to a question which I hope to see thoroughly ventilated through "our paper." I refer to the graded scale of subscriptions or dues. When I have spotted a man of good healthy frame, sound judgment, and strict morals (an Englishman of course) I cautiously approach him with a double motive (viz.), to get him to subscribe for the ANGLO-SAXON and thereby prepare him with a desire to become a member and to that end I place a copy in his hand and as our "aims and objects" at once meets his eye the figures of course attract his attention first. Then almost invariably the question comes, "do those who pay most get the largest benefit?" I tell him to read carefully and I will talk to him later, and the argument he brings is that it is not based on equitable principles. Holding the same views I cannot argue the point and I have often desired to get the general opinion of members on the question through the medium of your columns. I will therefore open the discussion. Of course the more years a man lives the nearer he is to the end of life's journey, and therefore no objection is taken to a graded entrance fee, but I contend the man of 50 is not as likely to be on the funds as the man of from 15 to 30. The records of the Bedford Lodge established that fact and the result is the same in all other lodges as far as I can be informed. Now if the reverse was the case then the dues should advance with the age. Is that sound reasoning? Then again, Grand Lodge has assumed the payment of the death benefit, and the individual assessments are uniform! That even more than justifies the reason for a uniform rate of dues. There is certainly some modification needed here, and the sooner the better. Hoping the point will be taken up by abler men than myself, I remain

Yours Fraternally,

W. E. WILKINSON,

Bedford Lodge, No. 21, Woodstock.

A Cheering Letter.

To the Editor:—

Having been away from home now for some weeks I am afraid I have neglected giving you an account of our Lodge doings up this way, but all the same I had the furtherance of our beloved Order at heart, and was determined to leave another Lodge here in Guelph before I left. I am now proud to say that Lodge Royal City, No. 73, has been started on a good foundation. Our R. W. G. Sec. has most likely informed you of the opening on the 8th of Nov. We commenced with twelve members; we have now had three meetings and have initiated 7 members each night, making a total of 33, with one more meeting before the charter month closes, when we hope to make it up to 40, and then I have no doubt that the young Lodge will soon make itself known and become one of the strongest Lodges in the province. The newly formed brethren are all working with a will and will soon let some of their elder brethren see that if hitherto they have held aloof from the Order, their indifference is to continue no longer.

Last night we initiated among our number the editor of the Guelph *Mercury*, a solid S. O. E. We had six initia-

tions last night and six propositions were handed in. Bro. Rev. J. A. Harvey was duly installed into the office of W. Chaplain, and in a few well chosen remarks expressed his sense of the honour conferred upon him. Past President Moule, of Trafalgar Lodge, Toronto, who visited us at a most opportune time gave us a rattling speech and made a strong appeal for the Beneficiary.

Yours Fraternally,

CHAS. SQUIRE,

Sec'y. Royal Oak Lodge, Galt.

Official Notes.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO
NOVEMBER, 1888.

Several Lodges have not yet sent in their September returns.

There are 725 members in the Beneficiary at the present time.

Several lodges have applied for dispensation to elect their officers on a special night owing to the holidays.

The Beneficiary Board meets the first Wednesday in every month. We had one application from Ottawa during the past month.

The Executive of the Grand Lodge desires to convey to the officers and members throughout the Order their 'Xmas greetings and wish them every blessing and increased prosperity.

The Grand President, Dr. S. B. Pollard, and Grand Secretary, John W. Carter, have made the following official visits during the month: Somerset, Warwick, Kent, London, Stafford, Preston, Surrey, St. George, Manchester and Worcester.

The proposal to change the payment of Funeral Benefits back to the Lodges is meeting with very little success, nearly all Lodges agreeing that it is one of the best steps ever taken by the Grand Lodge to secure the payment of funeral claims.

Royal City Lodge, No. 73, was instituted at Guelph on Nov. 8th. Bro. Kempling, C.V.P., John W. Carter, Grand Secretary, with several visitors from Hamilton and Galt, assisted at the opening. At the close of the ceremony the visitors were entertained at an oyster supper. Br. Wm. Read is Secretary of the new Lodge, with Bro. Ald. W. G. Smith President, and Bro. Jas. Hewer, P. P.

The following brethren, from lodges outside of Toronto, called upon the Grand Secretary and registered their names during the month of November:—Bro. Jas. Hope, Pres. of Russell Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Thos. Elliott, President of Salisbury Lodge, Brantford; Bro. J. W. Higginbotham, Pres. of Essex Lodge, Oshawa; Bro. Millburn, Pres. of Westminster Lodge, Lindsay; Bro. Colville, Sec. of Newcastle Lodge, Bro. F. M. Clarke of Oxford Lodge and Bro. John Clayton, P.G.P.

The Grand President Dr. Pollard, with the Grand Secretary, Bro. John W. Carter, paid an official visit to Britannia and Acorn Lodges, Hamilton, on Tuesday the 20th, and met with a most enthusiastic welcome. After the Lodge business was over the Grand Officers were invited to a grand banquet. The Lodge room was crowded. It was one of the best meetings ever held in the Lodge room. The address of the Grand Officers were listened to with great interest. The meeting closed about 3 o'clock in the morning.

The model lodge is the one in which harmony and good feelings prevail—where true charity, friendship and fraternity are exemplified; where efforts to increase the numerical strength of the lodges are guided by the feeling that none but good men should be admitted to membership, and where energy, faithfulness in performing duties, and progressive and enlightened efforts to make lodge meetings interesting, pleasant and profitable and characteristic of officers and members.—*Ind. Statesman*

Sons of England Society.

Toronto.—Albion Lodge, No. 1, held their usual meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 1st, Bro. T. Down, President, in the chair. Five new members were duly initiated, and two propositions for membership handed in. The great event of the year, the anniversary of the first lodge of the society, will be held in Shaftesbury Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, when a concert and social will be held. The committee have spared no pains to make it a great success. The large parlour is to be utilised and refreshments served there. A fine band has been engaged, and the evening will close (or rather early morning) with a ball, which is always welcome to the young members.

Kent Lodge, No. 3, met on Monday evening, Nov. 12th, Bro. C. Reeve, President, in the chair. Four propositions for membership were made. A committee was formed to arrange for a tea and social to be held at an early date.

Brighton Lodge, No. 7, met on Friday evening, Nov. 2nd, Bro. S. Walker, President, in the chair. After routine business, the Rev. H. T. Hobson, Deputy Grand Chaplain, delivered a lecture entitled "Impressions of England after ten years' absence." The lecture, which was given without notes, was given, in a chatty, conversational manner with most charming effect, and delighted the large audience assembled. The lecturer described the voyage across, and the great impression Liverpool made upon his mind, with its vast amount of shipping. He next referred to the quick rate of travelling on the railways, his arrival at home, and the feelings he experienced at seeing the home of his youth once more. Thence the lecturer carried his audience to London. A visit to Westminster Abbey was made, where he was delighted to meet a member of the S. O. E. B. S. Visits to Peterboro', Durham and York Cathedrals were touched upon. At the conclusion of the lecture Bro. Ald. J. C. Swait moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer for the great intellectual treat he had given to the members present. Bro. H. J. Boswell, President of Richmond Lodge, who acted as chairman, put the motion to the meeting, which was responded to by a rising vote. On Friday, Nov. 16th, at the conclusion of the regular business, a concert was held, and a prize consisting of a handsome pickle jar was offered for the best song and singer. There were several competitors from the various city lodges, the prize being carried off by Bro. Aldridge, of Norfolk Lodge. Bros. W. Hall, District Deputy, Holyoke, Brighton Lodge, and J. Lister Nichols, of St. George Lodge, acted as judges. The lodge room was crowded to overflowing with visiting brethren.

Surrey Lodge, No. 11, held their usual meeting on Monday evening, Nov. 19th, Bro. T. H. Johnstone, President, in the chair, when the M. W. S. P. Bro. Tollard, paid an official visit. He made a strong appeal to the members in favour of the beneficiary department, and in the course of his remarks said, although the society was so strong in numbers, that with the large number of Englishmen in the Dominion he did not see why it should not be stronger still, and if each member would make up his mind to bring in only one member during the coming year the membership could thereby be doubled. A feature of the evening was the reading of THE ANGLO-SAXON circular, calling attention to the "Symposium," upon which a debate arose, and was adjourned until next meeting night. Bros. J. Lomas, P.G.P., A. E. Corking, Vice-President, and T. P. Williams, of Manchester Lodge, who were among the visitors, addressed the lodge and were well received.

Warwick Lodge, No. 13, held their usual meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 22nd, Bro. J. Poffley, President, in the chair. The members had been summoned by circulars to meet the Grand Lodge Officers. The meeting was a good old time one, the room being crowded. Bro. H. B. Pollard, G.P., Bro. B. Hinchcliffe, G.T., and Bro. John W. Carter, G. Sec., being present. Two new members were initiated and one proposed for membership. Under the head of general business, the circular issued by the lodge respecting the "Funeral Benefit Fund" came up for discussion, and the Grand President explained to the members that the issue of such a circular was irregular. It should have been submitted to him for his approval. If any lodge wished for any change in any clause of the constitution, such could be obtained in a constitutional manner by inserting a motion for the desired change in the sessional papers. It would then come up for discussion in every lodge in the Society, and the delegates would be prepared for the discussion of the same at the Grand Lodge meeting in February next year. Bro. Hinchcliffe and Bro. Carter also addressed the meeting, which closed at 11.30 after a very instructive evening.

Lodge Manchester, No. 14, met on Monday evening, Nov. 26, after which a free concert was given by the members and friends. Bro. Harry Symons gave an invitation to all visitors and members to join him in an oyster supper. The evening was spent in recitations and singing by Mr. Wilson, Bros. J. Lomas, C. Carr, A. Corking, Costenello and J. Harris. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Symons. The meeting closed by the members singing "God Save the Queen."

St. George Lodge, No. 27.—On Monday, 29th October, this lodge received an official visit from the Grand President, Bro. Dr. Pollard, accompanied by Bro. J. W. Carter, G. W. Secretary, and Bro. Higginbottom, President of Essex Lodge, Oshawa, and Past Grand President. The visitors also included Past Grand Vice-President, Bro. H. J. Boswell, President of Richmond Lodge, Bro. Terry,

one of the founders of the Order, Kent Lodge, with President Reeves, Richmond Lodge, also paid us a visit. The Grand President thanked the lodge for the cordial reception accorded him, and complimented it on the businesslike and efficient manner in which the work was conducted. He stated that the Order was progressing favourably, and that he expected shortly to institute more lodges. Bro. Higginbottom, Past Grand President, followed. He said he had given up another meeting, and was most pleased that he had done so. He was proud to see such a fine body of Englishmen present. He gave several loyal and patriotic anecdotes and personal reminiscences, and concluded by wishing the lodge every success. The Grand Worthy Secretary, Bro. Carter, followed much in the same strain, with a few words on the duties of members one to the other. Speeches were also made by Bro. Boswell, Past Grand Vice-President, Bro. Barlow Cumberland, Grand President of St. George's Society and a member of Kent Lodge, and Bro. Reeve, President of Kent Lodge, who stated that they had learnt much over their visit which would ever be engrafted on their memories. Songs were given by Bros. J. Lester Nichols, of this lodge, and by Bro. Tyler, of Preston Lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to all, with a wish that these fraternal visits be kept up amongst our lodges. About 120 were present. The lodge closed at 11.15 p.m., the members and visitors all heartily singing "God Save the Queen."

London Lodge, No. 31, met on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, Bro. L. Brown, President, in the chair. One new member was initiated. Bros. Dr. H. B. Pollard, M.W.G.P., John W. Carter, R.W.G.S., accompanied by Dr. John D. King, a Director of the Sons of England Hall Company, paid the lodge an official visit. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Geo. Carrette, P.G.P., J. Lomas, P.P. of Manchester Lodge, two of the founders of the society, and Bro. A. R. Corking, V.P. Manchester Lodge. The lodge room was crowded, and the Grand Lodge officers were accorded a hearty welcome upon entering the room. After they had addressed the meeting Dr. King brought before the members a scheme for the purpose of purchasing the house and lot where the society was first instituted and was favourably received. Judging from the tone of the members it is probable that the framers of the scheme will consummate their wishes. After an entertaining evening the lodge closed at a late hour. The lodge voted \$5 from the contingent fund for our Bro. Townsend, of Almonte, who has lost an arm. The members of the lodge at the same time instituted a private subscription to be added to the grant from the lodge. All the Toronto lodges are contributing in the most hearty manner.

Stafford Lodge, No. 32, met on Monday evening, Nov. 19, Bro. Wm. Mitchell, President, in the chair, Thos. C. Bailey, Vice-President, in the vice chair. The Grand Secretary, Bro. John W. Carter, paid an official visit, and addressed the members at some length, encouraging them to make an effort to bring back the prestige of the lodge, and the Grand Lodge officers would assist them in every manner. Bro. H. W. Smallpiece, President, and Bro. C. R. Swait, Secretary, of Lodge St. George, addressed the members and offered words of encouragement. The officers and members of other city lodges paying fraternal visits will be heartily welcomed.

Windsor Lodge, No. 35, met on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, Bro. Will T. James, President, in the chair. Two members were initiated and three propositions for membership presented. Two members applied for beneficiary policies. It is satisfactory to see this department progressing. The dividend has increased \$100 since the last call, some few months ago. After the close of the meeting a White Rose Degree was held, when two members were raised.

Portsmouth Lodge, No. 45, met at the Mechanics' Institute, Dovercourt, on Tuesday evening, October 30, Bro. F. J. Drewitt, President, in the chair. One new member was initiated and two propositions for membership received. One member applied for a beneficiary policy. The anniversary committee reported progress, and announced that all preparations had been made for a dinner to take place on the 12th December, the anniversary day of the Order. All the Grand Lodge officers are expected to be present. A White Rose meeting was held at the close of the first degree.

A successful meeting of Lodge Norfolk, No. 37, was held in their hall, 85 Dundas street, on Friday, the 9th November inst. Three propositions were handed in, and the lodge seems verging into a new era of success. During the recess some very fine songs were rendered by Bros. Aldred, Miles, Pocock and several others. We are pleased to note the presence of the Worthy President of Richmond Lodge, the worthy Secretary of Middlesex Lodge and visiting members from Brighton, Somerset, Peterborough and various other lodges. A pleasing feature of our last meeting was the presentation to the lodge by Bro. Miles, on behalf of the worthy Chaplain, Bro. Broome, of a very handsomely painted picture of the national Coat of Arms. Bro. Broome was rather shy, and seemed anxious to hide his light under a bushel. He deserves great praise for his thoughtfulness. All are cordially invited to attend.

Richmond Lodge, No. 65, met on Wednesday, Nov. 14th, Bro. H. J. Boswell, President, in the chair. Under the head of deferred business the by-laws came up for discussion. Owing to the great interest taken by the members in the discussion the completion of the same was again deferred until next meeting. The members contemplate holding an open meeting early in December to which they can invite their friends. A first class programme of music and song will be provided.

Preston Lodge, No. 67, met on Wednesday evening, Nov. 14, Bro. J. Aldridge, President, in the chair. Two new members were initiated and one proposed for membership. It was carried on motion that the lodge hold its meetings in future in Shaftesbury Hall, to commence Wednesday, December 12th. The negotiations for the purchase of the Jubilee Hall having fallen through, the above course was thought the best to adopt. Although the lodge will be an acquisition to Shaftesbury Hall, probably it may be deemed unwise to leave the district open for some other society to operate in.

Bowmanville.—Wellington Lodge, No. 19. Bro. John Lyle was visited on the 15th anniversary of his wedding day at his handsome residence, "Lakeview," by a large number of friends, and Mrs. Lyle was made the recipient of a very pretty berry dish on a massive silver stand. . . . Bro. Alderman Gale, second committeeman, was presented by his spouse with a bouncing boy on our last lodge night. The lodge received his proposition for membership the same evening. The oysters followed. . . . Bro. M. A. James, our worthy Secretary and the District Deputy, and his lady, were surprised by upwards of a hundred of their friends on the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage, on the 12th ult., and presented them with a complimentary address, a beautiful hanging lamp, and several other valuable presents. Mr. J. B. Fairbairn, P. M., acted as chairman, and Mr. D. H. Coates read the address. Speeches were given by Mayor Younie, Stephen Washington, R. Moore, Bro. W. B. Cooch, H. C. Hoar, Bro. C. M. Cawker, J. M. Jones and Rev. H. S. Matthews, while Miss Coufts, of Oshawa, and Miss Byron, of Bowmanville, presented a rich musical treat for those present. Bro. Jones is a charter member of this lodge, and its senior Past President. At the last meeting our Managing Committee (Bro. W. E. Pethick, chairman) was appointed to complete arrangements for a lodge sociable on Dec. 7. One initiation took place the same night.

St. Thomas.—Chester Lodge No. 18. At the last regular meeting, on Friday, Nov. 23rd, a very profitable evening was spent. "Lodge Truro" paid a fraternal visit. The proposed amendments to the constitution were thoroughly debated upon, especially that referring to the District Deputies, the members of the above lodges being of the opinion, that in view of the fact of Bro. Carter being G. S., coupled with his duties in connection with the Beneficiary department and Shaftesbury Hall company, and the rapid increase of our Order, his time must necessarily be better occupied in the interest of the society at his office, and that proper qualified members should be chosen as D. D.'s, delegated with power to organize new lodges and otherwise superintend the proper carrying out of the ritual in his district. Bro. Wm. Gay referred with pride to such noble Sons of England as Dr. Beer, of Montreal, who in the enemy's camp made such a loyal, noble and fearless speech in defence of the land of our adoption. We refer to his recent speech at Syracuse, N. Y., and should that gentleman ever visit St. Thomas he will meet that royal welcome which he richly deserves. Lodge Chester voted the sum of \$5.00 in aid of Bro. Townsend of Nelson Lodge, which has been forwarded.

Guelph.—Royal City Lodge, No. 73.—On Wednesday, Nov. 7th, Bro. Kempling, G.V.P., by request of the Grand President, went to Guelph and addressed an open meeting of Englishmen in St. George's Hall, which resulted in the opening and dedicating on the following night of Royal City Lodge, No. 73. The following brethren were present and assisted in the ceremonies: Grand Sec. Bro. J. W. Carter, Past Grand Pres. Bro. J. Clayton, District Dep. Bro. W. Hoar, the President, Secretary and two committeemen of Royal Oak Lodge, Galt. To the energies of Bro. James Hower, of Guelph, are we principally indebted for this young and promising lodge, Bro. Squire, of Royal Oak Lodge, Galt, also doing yeoman service. There are 25 charter members. This would have been doubled had the night not been so stormy. The officers were elected and are as follows:—James Hower, Past President; W. G. Smith, President; H. Bolton, Vice-President; W. Reed, Secretary; G. H. Skinner, Treasurer; Rev. Mr. Harvey, Chaplain; M. Snelling, Inside Guard; H. Sharp, Outside Guard; Management Committee—W. T. Warren, Thos. Simmons, Jas. Howard, Thos. Fulljames. Royal City promises to become large and influential, as many prominent men of the city have promised to join. After the lodge was closed the visitors were entertained at an oyster supper, the President, W. G. Smith, occupying the chair. A number of addresses were made by the Grand Lodge officers, and the party broke up at an early hour.

Ottawa.—Derby Lodge No. 30 held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, Nov. 27th. An interesting discussion took place on proposed amendments to the constitution. Bro. Stroud's motion asking the Grand Lodge Executive to confer the rank of President on Acting President Ackroyd for the ability and energy with which he has filled the chair in Bro. Percy's absence during the greater part of the year, was unanimously adopted. Bro. Cook, on behalf of the Special Committee, presented a draft of proposed lodge by-laws, the consideration of which was deferred until next meeting.

Russell Lodge No. 67 met in their hall at New Edinburgh on the evening of the 26th of November. There was a large attendance of members. In addition to the regular business, the principal matter was the consideration of amendments to certain clauses of the constitution by the Grand Lodge, which meets here next February. One suggestion is that members shall not be forced, as at present, to proceed to higher degrees unless they wish to.

Bowood Lodge, No. 44, met on Thursday Nov. 15th, President R. J. Wicksteed in the chair. Two candidates were initiated. An animated discussion took place on proposed amendments to the constitution, and finally the following resolution was adopted and ordered to be sent to the Grand Secretary to be placed on the sessional papers.

Whereas we deem it expedient in the future interests of the Order, that the Constitution and By-Laws be more thoroughly and systematically arranged.

"We, therefore pray, that a Committee be appointed by the Grand Lodge, in Session at Ottawa, in February next, to draft and place before the Grand Lodge a more workable form of our constitution, and all appendages thereto, governing the White Rose, etc., the same to be fully explained by note or clause. And that the Committee have power to send for information, evidence, papers or records in the possession of any Lodge; and to hear any member who may wish to be heard; and that the Committee report to the Grand Lodge at its session in 1890; printed copies of such report to be in the hands of the members at least one month previous to such session of the Grand Lodge for the consideration of each and every member of the Order. That the constitution so arranged shall come into force in February, 1890, and that after that date it shall be permanently used as a basis of the Constitution of the Sons of England, and not be changed for five years at least, or till 1895."

"That the officer—District Deputy—be known as a Grand Lodge officer. That the District Deputy be the choice of the lodges comprising the territory of which said district shall be composed. That the officer as appointed receive credentials from the Executive of the Grand Lodge, in acknowledgement of said office, within one month after the choice is made. That the duties of said officer be to visit each lodge in his jurisdiction once each quarter and report to the Grand Lodge the result of each visit; to assist in developing the working of the Order, more particularly the Beneficiary Department and the other ritualistic work, etc.; that all reports made by said Deputies be published as an Appendix to the Annual Report from year to year. And that the expenses incurred by said officer in official visiting be paid by Grand Lodge."

Montreal.—Excelsior Lodge, No. 36, Sons of England, celebrated its third anniversary by a dinner in the lodge room, Place d'Armes, and a more enjoyable and more unpretentious affair has seldom taken place. The chair was occupied by the president, Bro. T. J. Bedford, who was supported by the secretary, Bro. Chas. Chappel, the vice-president, Bro. J. Field, Bro. Peter Millington, the past grand president of the Order. The speeches were few and short, the time being almost entirely devoted to songs, recitations, and instrumental music. The toasts of "The Queen," "The Governor General," and "The Army and Navy" were cordially received. The toast of "The Grand Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Millington, the past grand president, and that of "Sister Lodges" by Bro. B. T. Sellers, of Yorkshire Lodge, and Victoria Jubilee Lodge by Bro. J. A. Edwards. Bro. Horsefall sang "The Sandstone Girl," which was heartily encored. Bro. Anderson's song, "The Old Musketeer," fairly brought down the house. Bro. Hunt gave a capital rendering of "Rule Britannia," and in response to a hearty encore gave "The Old Brigade." Patriotic recitations were given by Bros. Westmore and J. A. Edwards, a clarinet solo by Bro. Peat, and a concertino solo by another gentleman. There were about 75 gentlemen present, and the dinner was a complete success, and the committee, Bros. Perry and Hunt, and the caterer, Bro. John E. T. Dixon, are to be congratulated on the result.

Heard Outside the Lodge Rooms.

The circular letter to the various lodges issued by Bro. A. Riddiford, Secretary of Warwick Lodge, Toronto, respecting the levying for the death benefit fund has been almost unanimously disapproved of by the Toronto city lodges.

On Tuesday evening, October 9th, the 12th anniversary dinner of Kent Lodge, No. 3, was held at the Marble Hall, Jarvis street, Toronto. Bro. C. Reeve, President of the lodge, acted as chairman, and was supported by Bro. S. B. Pollard, M.W.G.P., Bro. B. Hinchcliffe, R.W.G.T., Bro. John W. Carter, R.W.G.S., Bro. R. Caddick, P.G.P., Bro. J. Lomas, P.G.P., Bro. T. R. Skippon, P.G.P., and officers of various city lodges. After the usual loyal toasts the chairman read a letter of apology from Mayor E. F. Clarke for non-attendance in consequence of a previous engagement. The letter continued, "This I regret very much, as I know that I would have been made to feel at home among the brethren of your loyal and patriotic association. Wishing you an enjoyable and pleasant evening and also great prosperity." The remarks of the various speakers were well received and heartily applauded. The enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by songs, in which Bro. A. W. Harris, Bro. Robt. Clayton (Surrey Lodge), Mr. Geo. H. Thorpe and others took part. Bro. Clayton secured an encore for his excellent singing, while Bro. Marshall took the members by surprise by the happy manner in which he responded to the toast of the ladies. A pleasant evening was spent which went into the small hours of the morning.

The members of Brighton Lodge, Toronto, have inaugurated a scheme for social evenings during the winter months, when papers will be read by members of the various city lodges and debates will be held upon subjects relating to the society and the welfare of its members.

On Friday, the 19th October, the subject for debate was the "Aims and objects of the society. Which are the neglectful members, and why are they neglectful?" This was rather a comprehensive subject, and a prize, a bound volume of the English Illustrated Magazine, was offered for the best argument adduced. Bro. John W. Carter, Grand Secretary, was chairman. The debating ability displayed was so uniform that the chairman was compelled to defer his decision until the next meeting. A large number of visiting brethren were present from sister lodges, and contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the evening with their fine singing. Bro. R. Ivens, P.P. of Manchester Lodge, was present and let loose his buzzing bee, which he eventually captured on the head of Bro. J. B. Vick. Bros. Miles, Stark, Jones, Davis and others contributed to the enjoyment of the large number assembled, and were heartily applauded for their efforts. Coffee and crackers and cheese were served in the ante-room.

Our Anglo-Saxon Tongue.

BY DAVID TUCKER, M.D., B.A.

There is a little isle afar,
Whose iron heart and rim of rock
Long time have spurned the strokes of war,
Long time have spurned the ocean's shock.

It is the cradle of a race;
It is the cradle of a tongue,
Not dissonant, or void of grace,
But plain, expressive, clear and strong.

And with the tongue the race accords,
Like Vikings of the olden time;
Fearless and great in deeds and words,
It ranges every sea and clime.

Yet softer tongues there be for those
Whose flatteries lisp in gilded bowers;
In luxury, or dull repose,
Or dalliance, wasting noble powers.

But thou, O Saxon tongue! art made
For men of toil and men of might,
Who by no dastard thoughts are swayed,
Nor fear to battle for the right.

By snowy hills and frozen streams,
From the dark forests of the north,
The old familiar glory gleams,
The old familiar sounds come forth.

By Ganges' and by Plata's flood,
By Tartar fort and Arab tent,
Far south—far east—by stream and wood
On island and on continent.

Where sunbeams dazzle all the year,
And shadows from the palms are flung,
Still ring thy numbers, broad and clear,
O grand and conquering Saxon tongue!

Young nations springing into birth,
The scions of a mighty line,
Have spread thy music through the earth,
The east, west, north and south are thine.

Go forth, thou noble Saxon tongue!
Where'er thy nervous accents fall
Tyrants shall yet to earth be flung,
And fetters from the bondsman fall!

Thou art the tongue that Freedom loves,
To shape her creed, to frame her laws;
Thou art the tongue that Truth approves,
To champion her eternal cause.

In thee, as wont, O Saxon tongues!
By isles and rivers far away,
May heavenly songs be ever sung,
Thou herald of a brighter day.

The above verses appeared in *The British American*, a magazine published in Toronto in 1863-4.

The abolition of all tax exemptions is going to be the question in Ontario before very long. Public opinion is fast being driven in this direction by the increasing annual demands for exemptions and the growing inability of our cities and towns to make revenue meet expenditure in consequence. It is gratifying to note that one religious denomination at least has declared in favour of the abolition of exemptions.

S. O. E. B. S.

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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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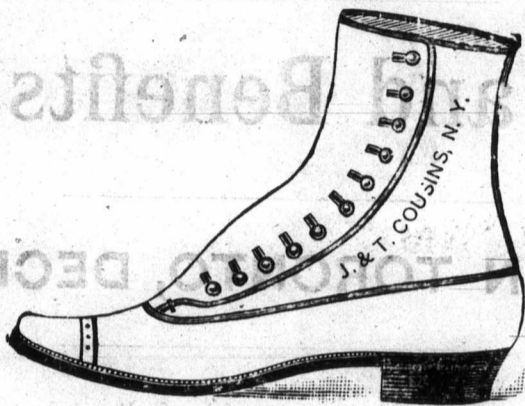
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To Englishmen and Sons of Englishmen:

Gentlemen and Fellow Countrymen,—

As the question is being so often asked: "What are the objects of the Sons of England Society?" we have been led to present this circular with the view of giving the desired information.

The objects are to unite all honorable and true Englishmen, who are in good bodily health and between the ages 18 and 60 years, in an association for mutual aid; to educate our members in the true principles of manhood, whereby they learn to be charitable, to practice true benevolence, and to keep alive those dear old memories of our native land; to care for each other in sickness and adversity, and when death strikes down one of our number, to follow his remains to their last resting place.

The government of the Order is vested in a Grand Lodge, and Subordinate Lodges. The Grand Lodge is composed of delegates elected by Subordinate Lodges to represent them. The Grand Lodge is supported financially by a per capita tax of ten cents per member per quarter. The Grand Lodge officers are elected annually.

Subordinate Lodges are supported by initiation fees, and weekly dues; they have control of their own monies, elect their own officers, make their own by-laws (subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge) and in every way conduct their business to suit the majority of their members. We meet in our lodge rooms at stated times in fraternal intercourse, learning each other's wants, giving words of encouragement, and good cheer, and to those in trouble or distress, substantial assistance. The moment we enter the lodge room all distinctions are lost sight of and we meet on one common level, and by this constant association and intercourse an amount of love and interest is felt for each other, which is made manifest by the good work accomplished.

The rapid growth of the Order has far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its founders, and is steadily extending itself in the hearts of our countrymen, and we are confident that when the Objects and Aims are more generally understood it will become one of the

grandest and most useful of Benevolent Societies.

The Order has branches as follows:—One in Cornwall, Belleville, Kingston, Oshawa, Whitby, Bowmanville, Port Hope, Port Perry, Lindsay, Barrie, Collingwood, Galt, Woodstock, Bracebridge, Uxbridge, Almonte, Newcastle, Brantford, Dovercourt, West Toronto Junction, Windsor, Little York, Aylmer, Ont.; Weston, Exeter, two in St. Thomas, Peterborough, Orillia and Hamilton; four in Montreal, Ottawa and London, five in South Africa, and fifteen in Toronto, and we hope by bringing this circular to the notice of our fellow-countrymen, to imbue them with our enthusiasm and to swell our thousands into tens of thousands.

Though our Society is a secret society, there is nothing in that secrecy except to enable us to protect each other and to prevent imposition; our language of signs and grips enables our members to travel to places where we have lodges, make themselves known as members of the Order, when they will find brotherly influence surrounding them, receive advice, and if needed, pecuniary assistance.

In our initiatory ceremony and conferring of degrees, there is nothing but what will raise a man's self respect and kindle his patriotism and inspire him with benevolence; and the Order only requires you to live up to its teachings, honour your obligations, be true to the country and its laws, faithful to your families, and true to the Brotherhood and to God.

We recognize the teachings of the Holy Bible.

No political discussions are allowed in the lodge room.

The Sons of England Society offers advantages peculiarly suited to your nationality, and is second to none, and whatever benefits you receive and are not charity but your right, and paid to you by the proper officers without explanations or apologies, and all that is required of you is a small initiation fee, and prompt payment of your dues. Nearly thirty thousand dollars have been paid out for benefits.

The Beneficiary Department enables us to insure their life for 500 or 1000 dollars, and has already proved a great source of strength to the Order. By the payment of a small graded as-

essment, at the death of a member substantial aid is secured to the surviving relatives, which will assist them in being independent of the cold charity of the world. Members becoming totally disabled and unable to follow any occupation, receive half the amount insured for, if required; the other half is paid at the time of death.

The benefits and medical attendance and medicine, on joining, and sick benefits after being 12 months a member; in case of sickness the benefits are \$3.00 per week for 13 weeks, and \$1.50 for the next 26 weeks, \$30.00 on the death of a member's wife, \$7.00 on the death of any of his children between the ages of 5 and 15 years, and \$75.00 on the death of a member. If the deceased member has no family nor nominee, the lodge undertakes the funeral.

The initiation Fees are, 18 to 30.....	\$ 3 00
30 to 45.....	4 00
45 to 50.....	7 00
50 to 55.....	10 00
55 to 60.....	15 00

The subscriptions are	
weekly, from 18 to 30.....	10c
30 to 45.....	13c
45 to 50.....	15c
50 to 55.....	20c
55 to 60.....	25c

On the formation of a Lodge, charter members are received on the first scale of payments, as regards initiation fees.

In conclusion we ask you to take this matter into your earnest consideration, and if there is not a lodge near you, agitate among your fellow countrymen, and soon as you can get 12 good men together, notify the undersigned, and all the assistance required will be given to organize you into a lodge; you will then be astonished how your membership will increase, and will wonder how it was so many Englishmen were living all around you without being known. Any information will be cheerfully given by the undersigned.

JOHN W. CARTER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto,
March 1st, 1888.