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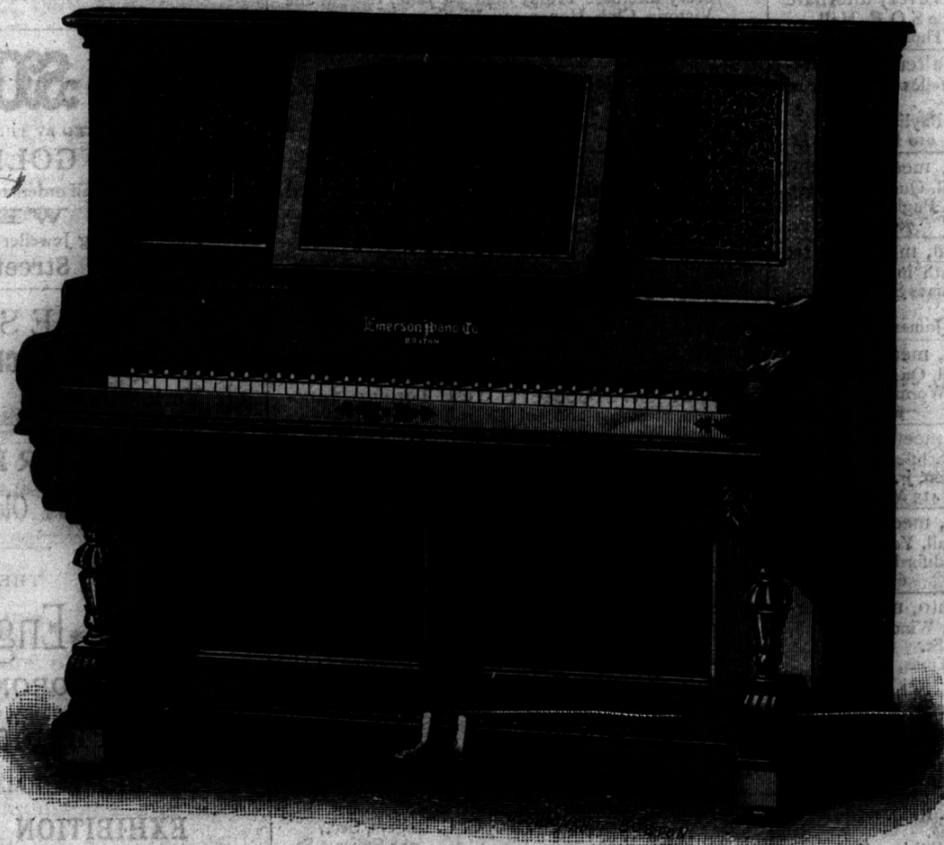
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PROSPERITY OF THE ORDER.—A REVIEW.

We experience sincere gratification in reviewing the history of the Sons of England Benevolent Society for the past year—as contained in the reports presented at the Grand Lodge meeting in Toronto in February last—and we are sure that it must be a source of pleasure to every individual member to note the rapid growth of the order, both numerically and financially, and also in the regard of those occupying the loftiest positions within the power of the government and the people to confer. It is now not merely a mutual benefit association of those seeking to insure themselves and their families against want by sickness or death, but partakes largely of a national and religious character, enrolling among its members only those possessing that sterling quality of love for home and its associations; men, in fact, who are the more loyal to Canada in being true to Great Britain and the Protestant faith. Although many of them are in no wise in need of pecuniary assistance at any time from their respective lodges, they do not for a moment lose sight of its fundamental principles, but their exertions are the most strenuous to extend its usefulness in a benevolent capacity, and their efforts are everywhere crowned with success.

As a clue to the secret of the vast strides made by this society, we here quote a sentence from the address of the Most Worthy President of the Grand Lodge, T. R. Skippon, of Toronto, delivered to that body while in session: "May our heavenly Father so guard, guide and govern your words and actions that they may redound to the honour and advantage of our beloved society." With such maxims for its guidance, what may not be expected of it in the future? Is it not well that by our Constitution all infidels and athe-

ists are refused admission into our ranks, for who can think that those who are false to their God to the extent of repudiating every proof of His existence will ever be true to themselves and their brethren, or regard their pledges when it is politic to ignore them? Therefore we admit no one into our lodges who does not believe in an almighty and beneficent Father of the universe; who does not recognize the command of our Saviour, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also unto them."

Is an inquiry made as to what are the aims and objects of this association? We answer, the furnishing of bread to the hungry and the cup of cold water to the thirsty, watching by the sick bed, comforting the afflicted, cherishing the stranger, succouring the enfeebled; how sadly are those duties neglected by a large portion of the human race. Englishmen need a closer bond of friendship with their fellow-countrymen all the world over, and it was to attain this object that the order was first founded, and its course has been cheered by smiles of gratitude from those who have been benefited, the consciousness of duty performed, and the blessing of God.

We do not claim this to be a charitable institution; we only attempt to do our duty to one another, in the performance of which, however, no one in need of our assistance appeals in vain. A brother of our order can never become a pauper; he will never suffer honest poverty without alleviation; his wife and children are not obliged to ask charity when he is sick; in old age he is never forced to seek an asylum in an alms house, and he is never left to die alone. Brothers stand beside his bed in the final hour, and the pang of separation is mitigated by the thought that brothers will follow him to the grave; that his widow will be cared for and his orphans protected. He is a man to the last. This is not limited to the poor man, for who among us has so much wealth that he may not lack bread in the future; who of us has so many friends that he may not be deserted; while his children are sure at some time to be orphans. It is no mean praise of our organization to say that it multiplies a man's friends, and in such a world as this who ever had too many?

The growth of the Sons of England has been unprecedented during the past year, eighteen lodges having been instituted during 1887, as against four in 1886; while already this year ten flourishing lodges have been organized with bright prospects for many more—without the aid of any salaried agents or canvassers. By the Grand Lodge reports we see that 1,368 new members were initiated during the past year, being nearly one-third of the whole number, while the net gains of the society amounted to \$10,000 for the same period.

What a just cause for pride have that little band of true hearted Englishmen who, on the 12th day of December, 1874, met in a cottage on the banks of the Don, Toronto, and instituted Albion Lodge, No. 1, when they review the grand record of the past, or meet with their brothers in the elegant rooms of Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, one of the finest buildings in that city of magnificent structures, and now purchased as a Sons of England Hall by the enthusiastic members of that body. It will be a lasting monument to the memory of those earnest pioneers of friendship and fidelity when they have been laid to rest by the kindly hands they have so often grasped in life, and which they first caused to be employed in the brotherly labour of the fraternity.

Not in Toronto alone is the work progressing, however—although at present it can boast of eighteen lodges in fine working order—nor in the Province of Ontario, where our record is too well known to need much comment, but in our sister province, Quebec, the society now has a steady and healthy growth and is proving itself to be able to counteract the adverse surroundings, and can be relied upon to still further increase in strength and usefulness.

In British Columbia, to which our attention has been

directed by reason of its choice as a residence by a number of our members, preparations for immediate work in opening lodges among our English brethren there are going briskly forward, and our best wish for the venture is that it may be as fruitful of good results as it has been in the older provinces. More we will not ask.

Action has recently been taken by the Grand Lodge with regard to commencing the work of organization in England, and Bro. Dr. Girdwood, of Primrose Lodge, Montreal, who is now visiting his mother country, has authority vested in him by that body to institute lodges while there, and to plant the seeds of the order, and without doubt it will prove a fertile soil for the growth and development of anything so beneficial to mankind.

In South Africa the campaign is being briskly carried on by the zeal and energy of the Deputy Grand President, Bro. Spence, to whom the society at large owes much, and who can now point with pride to five flourishing lodges as the reward of his labour. When we remember also that there are many other parts of the British possessions where our organization is comparatively unknown, and where no doubt it will be eagerly welcomed, we cannot fail to recognize the fact that there is a glorious future to look forward to, when the English residents of five continents shall embrace this closer bond of union with the mother land and their brothers of every clime, and literally clasp each other's hands across the wave.

And now, should we not accord our heartiest thanks to the faithful officials to whom these results are due, and concur in the action of the Grand Lodge in voting an engrossed address to the four executive officers of last year, Bros. Skippon, Boswell, Carter and Hinchcliffe. One and all have conscientiously fulfilled their trust to the entire satisfaction of all members, and the prosperity of the order, while our Grand Secretary, Bro. Jno. W. Carter, has pushed the work steadily forward with the energy and ability that has characterized him from the first, never relaxing his vigilance but if possible becoming more steadfast and faithful in the performance of the manifold duties imposed upon him by the confidence of his brethren, becoming every year more onerous and exacting, but each succeeding year he proves more clearly his fidelity to the cause. May he long continue to occupy his present honourable office and enjoy the respect and consideration now freely accorded him, and which is only his just dues for his faithful services.

MISLEADING STATISTICS.

We have before us a publication of the early part of this year entitled, "Johnson's Graphic Statistics." In this work, according to the Preface, "an effort has been made to collect statistics suggestive of the change, and illustrative of the development, in Canada during the period of confederation." This last extracted sentence is somewhat obscure. The intention of the compiler, Mr. George Johnson, was to delineate on paper the increase or decrease of various trade and commercial agencies, and the production and consumption of various articles of trade and commerce, during the twenty years of the life of confederation in Canada. The plan adopted for delineation is the same so familiar to students of mortuary statistics, barometrical changes, or the gradients of railways.

This production cost the country, at least, \$3,110, so it is a fair subject for comment; and inasmuch as it has been supplied to the governments of England and foreign countries it is absolutely necessary to furnish a caution in using it.

We shall supply an N.B. only to two diagrams, viz., that showing the "total exports by provinces," and that giving the "imports for home consumption by the provinces of Canada."

The first named diagram makes out that the Province of Quebec exports \$11,000,000 worth of products more than Ontario does, and Mr. Johnson in his second plate

shows that the Province of Quebec imports for home consumption \$1,000,000 more than does Ontario. Now to any one acquainted with the Dominion these statements are ridiculous. He knows that Ontario has 750,000 more inhabitants, and has a much more wealthy and intelligent and luxurious population than has Quebec. He knows that Mr. Johnson has copied the returns correctly, and has told the truth—but not the whole truth. There is an error in favor of Quebec of more than one-half of the totals in each case. For political purposes this error remains uncorrected, and Ontario is robbed and Quebec magnified in this proportion. The explanation is this: the two largest sea-ports of the Dominion, Quebec and Montreal, are within the Province of Quebec, nearly all the entries inwards and outwards for Ontario and the west are made at these ports, and the values of the exports and the amount of duties collected are credited to the Province of Quebec. We have it on the statement of a Dominion M.P., virtually a French Canadian representing a French-Canadian constituency, and thoroughly acquainted with Montreal commercial matters, that more than one-half of the goods entered at Montreal and paying duty there is destined for Ontario and the West—this we know is assented to also by Mr. Johnson. So that the total imports for home consumption by provinces ought to be about as follows:—

Ontario.....	\$75,671,419
Quebec.....	20,765,740
Nova Scotia.....	6,854,287
New Brunswick.....	5,653,021
Prince Edward Island.....	604,218
Manitoba.....	2,012,183
British Columbia.....	3,626,139
Northwest Territories.....	452,421

The duties levied on these imports is the amount of capital each of the provinces puts into the Dominion partnership. On this scale the expenditure should be made in the favour of each. Namely, Ontario, 8 parts; Quebec, 2 parts, and the other provinces together 2 parts, or say Ontario 4-6; Quebec, 1-6, and the six other provinces 1-6. But will any sane man say that Quebec would be satisfied with one-sixth of the whole expenditure. The French Canadians demand and receive at least one-half of the patronage, honours, places, offices, and expenditure on public works, railways, loans, etc.

They insist on having the alternate speakers of the two houses, and would like Prince Bonaparte as a Governor. The half-sharing system goes on in all important portions such as Lieut.-Governors, Judges of Supreme Court, etc., but the French monopolize the greater part of the petty situations under the Dominion Government at Ottawa. This falsification of the census, and revenue statistics gives a result which enables the French to grab with some show of reason. Petty office-holding pleases Frenchmen, both here and in Europe. To do nothing and make the British pay their salaries is the French Canadians' mode of revenging the battle of the Plains of Abraham.

This outrageous condition of affairs where an inferior and poverty stricken partner is enabled to rob the Dominion company of three shares for every one it purchases is winked at by our Dominion politicians, as by this wholesale bribery the French are bought by the party sitting on the treasury benches and vote solid.

But our politicians are acting unwisely; their motto should be *Fac recte nil time*, "do what is right and fear nothing." Should there rise up an Englishman prepared to act upon this motto he will secure the entire British support in parliament, and the French will be happy to pick up the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

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 Bro. J. W. Kempling, R.W.G.V.P., Barrie—Muskoka and Parry Sound.
 Bro. W. Hover, Hamilton—Wentworth, Lincoln, Monk and Welland.
 Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, Woodstock—Oxford and Perth.
 Bro. Thos. Elliott, Brantford—Brant, Haldimand and Waterloo.
 Bro. P. R. Williams, St. Thomas—Elgin, Norfolk, Middlesex and Lambton.
 Bro. Geo. L. Prowse, Windsor—Essex and Kent.

That Day!

It is coming, Anglo-Saxons, it is coming, sure and fast,
 The birth-day of the future world—the death-day of the Past.
 The day when Orte, to judgment, the race of man shall beckon—
 How think you, Anglo-Saxons, are you prepared to reckon?

The day when every thought and deed, aye, every idle word
 Shall start up into life and light, and no excuse be heard;
 When conscience-stricken, stark, and wild, each frantic wretch shall call,
 "Fall down—fall down—ye mountains, and hide us in your fall!"

When fresh and vivid every deed—as when that deed was done—
 Shall burst its veil of dark disguise full in the scorching Sun;
 When the shriek that once struck horror, shall then be shrieked again,
 And the slighted prayer of orphans, and the want that cried in vain.

It is coming, fellow mortals, though we be doomed to die,
 Though hushed must be each cheery voice, and dimmed each glancing eye;
 Though earth be mixed in kindred earth, and dust in dust forgot,
 Yet death is but a journey's stage—the grave a resting spot.

Many may, and must, revive and rise—the spirit cannot die—
 Else reason is but folly—and all our faith a lie—
 And faith and reason tell alike there is a world to come,
 Where the evil shall be punished, and the good be welcomed home.

What shame then, Anglo-Saxons, or what glory may be yours,
 To whom so many noble gifts a bounteous mercy pours;
 To whom on every league of land beneath the blaze of heaven
 A name, a tongue, for right or wrong, is gloriously given!

Oh! ye so highly favoured among the sons of earth,
 Arouse, awake, while duty calls and show the world your worth;
 Retrieve the past, and speed the time, when myriads shall confess,
 "When many came for strife and gain—the English stayed to bless!"

USEFUL MEMBERS.

When a man becomes a member of any society he should be influenced as much by a desire to do good to others as by the selfish motive of securing for himself the benefits which the society has to offer. The most completely selfish are those who never attend after securing membership, except to claim the aid of the society, who never assist in promoting the fraternal and charitable work carried on, and who leave the entire work of conducting the business upon the shoulders of others.

But, of those who attend the meetings of the lodges, the extent of their usefulness is limited by what they do. It can be noted generally that the business done is conducted by half a dozen or so of the members, whose leadership is always accepted, even if directed in lines not wholly satisfactory to the others. Numerous members hardly ever arise to address the chair, and their diffidence is such that they will even allow propositions to become laws, or be placed on record, which they think unwise, or ill-timed. Their silence, in such conditions, is a tacit confession of incompetence, although often arising not so much from lack of ability as from a detrimental diffidence or bashfulness. Other members, radically different, speak too often, but between those who have too little to say and those who have too much, the value to a lodge of the latter is much greater, especially when their self-maintained prominence is caused by excess of enthusiasm and sincere interest, and not by any desire to thrust themselves forward or push themselves into leadership. Young or newly-initiated members should make it a point to acquire a knowledge of their lodge and society laws and customs, and with this attained, they should not hesitate to make their individuality felt in the affairs of their lodge.—*Ex.*

Comments and Criticisms.

[This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of general interest.]

UNION PIC-NIC.

To the Editor of the Anglo-Saxon:

SIR,—The question of a pic-nic has again this year been brought forward. It may not be out of place for me to make a suggestion or two through the ANGLO-SAXON relating to the matter. The pic-nic held by Derby and Bowood Lodges of this city last year was the first of the kind I had the pleasure of attending, and I must say myself and my family most heartily enjoyed ourselves upon that occasion, and I hope, sir, if the matter is pushed to completion as proposed, that the committee having it in hand will take the same means as was used last year, and arrange for a similar pic-nic at the same place, and at the same time.

While upon this question, I might say that I have held conversation with several of the brethren in the Order as to the advisability of having a divisional pic-nic arranged for after this year, which would take in Montreal, Almonte, and the city of Ottawa, which, in its present standing, would give a support from nine lodges. The pic-nic should take place at Alexandria, which is as near as possible midway between Ottawa and Montreal. Alexandria can be reached within two hours either from Ottawa or Montreal, and possesses one of the finest pic-nic grounds that can possibly be had anywhere. I will not dwell any longer upon the matter, but hope some other member, either in Ottawa or Montreal, will see as I do, and bring the matter up for discussion, either through the ANGLO-SAXON or in the lodge room.

BOWOOD.

ENGLISH INFLUENCE.

To the Editor of the Anglo-Saxon:

In the London *Times* of the 28th December, 1887, there appeared an article commenting on a communication from its Philadelphia correspondent, regarding the number of British (as opposed to those of Irish extraction) residents and voters in the United States. By this it was shown that in 1880 there were 1,500,000 persons of British birth in the adjoining republic, very few of whom had up to that time taken any part whatever in politics, 400,000 of the number being of voting age. Since that time the large majority of those have taken the necessary steps to obtain votes, and have used them on several occasions with decided effect. The first thing that an Irish emigrant does on going to the United States, after completing his statutory residence, is to get himself registered as an American citizen, the next to enroll himself as a member of a political party.

Hitherto the English emigrant has shown no desire to do the same. He has not crossed the ocean with any political aims. His ambition is not to become a post-master or a district attorney, and he is satisfied to have nothing to do with the government, if the government will have as little as possible to do with him. Thus it comes that partly by their own aptitude, their gift of speech, their love of secret organization, and partly by the indifference of men of other races, the Irish have secured a share in the political management of the United States quite disproportioned to their number.

A similar state of things is fast taking place—in fact, has taken place—in this country. Of course the Englishman and his descendants have votes here, and they use them for the most part, but not being born politicians and voting generally as individuals, their votes do not tell as do those who organize themselves under a head and vote as that head directs or recommends. We all know who are the directors and wire-pullers of the Irish vote in this country, and we have not to look far to see what that vote has accomplished in Ontario, and in the Dominion generally. And when we think that 1,500,000 Roman Catholics are represented by six ministers in the Cabinet, and 2,500,000 Protestants have only seven ministers; when we observe the influence exerted by the late chief of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the politics of Ontario, and by the Commissioner of Public Works in that province; when we see the province of Quebec under the thumb of the church of Rome, and the Protestant minority almost without a representative, it behoves the British and Protestant voter—he to whom the credit of the country, its great enterprises, and the attention it has of late years attracted in the mother country, is mainly due—it behoves him, I say, to pay more attention to political organization, to examine carefully and discuss thoroughly the measures to which he gives his support, and the men whom he sends forth as his representatives—whether in municipal, local, or general elections.

Ottawa, June 21st, 1888.

C. J. H. CHIPMAN.

To the Editor of the Anglo-Saxon:

Another Month's Grace.

"Another month's grace has been given to those civil servants who so far have failed to take the oath of allegiance as presented by the Civil Service Act. They will not get any more pay unless they swear."

The above paragraph, which is from one of our city dailies, only shows what a very free country this is—in which men enter the public service, obtain government salaries, occupy positions of trust, gain possession of secrets perhaps of importance to the country, and yet have failed to comply with the regulations of the Civil Service Act. In fact, we must infer from the above extract that there are even those who refuse to take the prescribed oath of allegiance and yet go on drawing their salaries and receiving just as much consideration as those who have fulfilled the law in this respect. Is the government of the neighbouring republic any freer than this—I wonder?

And yet another month's grace is given to these civil servants. How many months or years perhaps have these trusty servants already had. But perhaps these gentlemen do not call themselves servants and therefore when they have once got their names down on the departmental pay-lists decline to acknowledge any master, not to mention a sovereign. Or can it be that there are a preponderance of Quakers in the public service whose mode of bringing up has engendered a rooted objection to taking an oath of any kind. Or perhaps, acting on the scriptural injunction that no man can serve two masters, and having already sworn allegiance to one earthly potentate they cannot also agree to acknowledge the power of another. Whatever may be the reason, it is time it were seen to, that the provisions of the act are carried out in order that the government may at least have some guarantee that its affairs are not at the mercy of spies or traitors, for after all that is but the correct designation of the man who after scheming and fawning to obtain a berth under any government, yet refuses to acknowledge the constituted head of that government, while he is only too glad to get all the money he can out of the public chest.

Yours,

"Vir bonus est quis? Qui leges jura que servat."

Ottawa, June 26th June, 1888.

HORAT.

Personals.

Bro. R. J. Tanner, Bowood's Financial Secretary, will spend four weeks in Toronto.

Dr. R. W. Powell, surgeon of Bowood Lodge, is now enjoying a holiday down by the sea.

Bro. Constant, treasurer of Stanley Lodge, leaves this week for a four weeks holiday in Quebec and the lower provinces.

Owing to so many lodge meetings falling on the same night our correspondent in Toronto has not been able to visit all during June. The lodges omitted please take note.

Bro. J. B. Wright, of Derby, and Alex. Short, of Bowood, will be visiting Toronto about the middle of July, as representatives from Ottawa to the Grand Lodge of Masons, which opens in that city.

The Toronto Lodges are making healthy progress, the number of applications for membership during the last month being unprecedented; the prospect is that a greater increase than last year will be made, which was the largest since the formation of the society.

The pic-nic of Lodge Albion will take place on Monday, 23rd July, to Niagara Falls, tickets for the return trip will be issued—Adults, \$1.25; Children, 65 cts.—the boat to leave Yonge St. wharf at 7 a.m., arrive at 11 a.m. and return at 4.55 p.m., allowing nearly six hours at the Falls.

As there is an epidemic of pic-nics among the Toronto lodges, Lodge St. George will hold one on Saturday, 14th July. The place selected is Summer Hill Reservoir, North Toronto. Tickets 25c each, which includes tea and strawberries and cream *ad infinitum*. A good time is expected.

We are glad to learn from a letter bearing date of 22nd June, from S. S. La Minerve, Bais des Peres, Que., that Bro. Capt. W. Percy, President of Derby Lodge, is doing well. He expresses a hope that an opportunity will soon offer itself when he will try and arrange to visit his lodge.

Bro. Geo. Tyler, of Preston Lodge, Toronto, is desirous of raising an uniformed Naval Brigade Drill Corps, and is visiting the various city lodges, for the purpose of enrolling members who are in favour of the scheme. Should he receive sufficient support he proposes asking Grand Lodge to countenance the movement.

Bro. W. Barker, of Toronto, correspondent of the ANGLO-SAXON, arranged to give an oration before the members of Albion Lodge on Thursday, 5th July, entitled "A Senators Address to the People upon the Election of a President," but owing to pressure of business engagements which has interfered with the preparation of the same, he will deliver it at some future date.

The Colonies and India has reached us. This week it is fuller than usual of colonial news, especially matter of interest to Canada. Speaking of the Canadian loan lately placed upon the English market it says: "The improvement in the credit of the colonies in the last few years—particularly of Canada—is remarkable, for it is not so long ago—in 1868—that Canadian five per cents. were being quoted at under 90."

The illness of Bro. Richard Skill, of Primrose Lodge, Montreal, late of Kent Lodge, Toronto—which we noticed in a previous issue—we regret to say, has proved fatal. His remains were transferred to Hamilton for burial, accompanied by several of the members of his lodge at Montreal, and, upon arrival at Toronto, were joined by brethren of Kent Lodge in the sad task of paying their respects to the memory of a deceased brother.

Bro. Jas. Lomas, 371 Gerrard St., East Toronto, will esteem it a favour if the secretaries of the various country lodges who have received the engraving entitled: "The House the S. O. E. was founded in," will try and dispose of the same and make a return of the sales, as it is now some months since the same were sent out. It is desirable that they should be sold in order to save the carriage back. A reduction in the price will be allowed.

We draw the attention of the readers of the ANGLO-SAXON to the advertisement of the annual pic-nic of the combined Toronto lodges, which will be held on Saturday, 28th July, at the Exhibition Grounds, the committee have been engaged for some weeks past in making all necessary arrangements to ensure a successful and pleasant day. All kinds of games and sports have been provided, and valuable prizes will be contested for. For the lovers of music an excellent band has been engaged, which will play during the afternoon and evening.

The following letter speaks for itself. We give it publication without comment:

Los Angeles, June 24th, 1888.

Messrs. Mason & Reynolds:

GENTLEMEN,—It gives me great pleasure to pen a few lines to you, congratulating you upon the success of the ANGLO-SAXON as a S.O.E. paper. I receive it with delight, and it is with much pleasure I read of the success of the Society, of which I still have the honour of being a member. The columns of your paper carry me back to Lodge Windsor, where I have spent so many profitable evenings amongst loyal and patriotic brethren. Although residing in a land where our flag or Society does not flourish, your paper always strengthens me in the principles which govern the Order. Wishing the ANGLO-SAXON and the Order in general all the success that can attend it.

Fraternally, TOM JEWELL,

12 South Los Angeles street,
Los Angeles, California.

We heartily thank Canterbury Lodge, No. 34, Collingwood, for the unsolicited and generous support tendered to us by ordering 50 copies of the ANGLO-SAXON for the use of members of the lodge. Canterbury has shown a feeling that we hope will be emulated by the other lodges. We have probably a hundred letters in our possession phrased as follows: "Your paper, the ANGLO-SAXON, is well liked by all the members, but the feeling is that they (the members) are afraid to take hold of it, a large number having bitter recollections of the late *Englishmen's Journal*." We say to all such take courage and example by Canterbury Lodge, No. 34. The ANGLO-SAXON is as much in the hands of each individual member as it is in our own. We, for our part, are endeavouring to make it a business success; you, as Sons of England, must on your part endeavour to make it worthy of recognition by your lodge. We have full confidence in the Order, that it will eventually support a good paper, therefore we will continue to solicit your favour until that end is accomplished.

Official Notes for the "Anglo-Saxon."

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

The Beneficiary Board meets at Shaftesbury Hall on Wednesday, July 4th.

There should be at least 2,500 members in the Beneficiary department.

Bro. H. P. Hobson, Deputy Grand Chaplain, is on a visit to the old country.

The executive will open Birmingham Lodge, No. 69, the first week in July.

Out of seventeen deaths last year only four members belonged to the Beneficiary.

Some lodges have not a single member in the Beneficiary, let the secretaries enquire into this.

Union Jack Lodge, No. 68, South Africa, was organized in May by Deputy Grand President Spence.

Instead of asking the question "why more members do not join the Beneficiary," join it yourself and make one more.

Lodge secretaries who have not received their Constitutions or Grand Lodge reports should notify the Grand Secretary at once.

Lodge secretaries should read occasionally extracts from the statistics in the Grand Lodge reports, especially those referring to the Beneficiary.

Pages 69 to 82 in the Constitution gives all the particulars respecting the Beneficiary department. This special part of the society's work should be explained and examined by the officers and members at every lodge meeting.

It is a good thing for the friends and relatives of a deceased member to have \$75 at his death, how much greater the benefit if they could insure the sum of \$1,000, which would be the case if our members joined the Beneficiary.

JOHN W. CARTER, *Grand Secretary.*

Sons of England Society.

From our own Correspondents.

(Subscription and advertising rates of the ANGLO-SAXON for the city of Toronto can be had by addressing Wm. Barker, Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, who represents our interest in that city.—MASON & REYNOLDS.)

Toronto.—Lodge Albion, No. 1, held their usual meeting at Shaftesbury Hall on Thursday evening, June 7th, Bro. T. Down, Pres., in the chair; Bro. R. D. Clarke, V.P., in the vice chair. During the evening Bro. J. B. Vick, P.P., on behalf of the lodge presented Bros. W. Fox and B. Jones with a gold watch-chain pendant with a suitably engraved inscription upon the same, for the zeal they had displayed in having introduced into the lodge the largest number of members above all others during the past year. Bros. Fox and Jones responded in suitable terms. Two new members were instituted, and twelve propositions for membership handed in by various brethren. Among the visiting brethren we noticed Bro. Ed. Power, Jr., Rose of Couchiching Lodge, Orillia; Bro. Thos. Gunn, P.P., and Bro. Thos. Bridgewater, of Lansdowne Lodge, Peterborough. The Worthy President welcomed the brethren to the lodge, and expressed his pleasure at meeting members of sister lodges, and particularly those from the country. Bros. Gunn and Bridgewater, in response to the kind greeting given them, said they had passed a most agreeable and instructive evening and trusted they would be able to return the compliment should any of the members of Albion Lodge visit Peterborough. The Secretary reported receiving a cheque for \$70 from the Sons of England Hall Co., dividend for shares held by the lodge in the company.

Lodge Middlesex, No. 2, held their fortnightly meeting on Tuesday, June 12th, Bro. Thos. M. Buley, Pres., in the chair. Four propositions for membership were made, and five members were initiated. Bro. Wm. Hall, District Deputy for West Toronto, who has been on a visit of pleasure to British Columbia, made his first appearance at lodge since his return home and met with a hearty reception from his fellow-members. He purposes, on some subsequent evening, giving an account of his experiences during his travels. A sad case was reported of a member of the lodge having died and left a widow and eight children entirely unprovided for. The lodge voted \$25 for the widow, to be paid in fortnightly instalments. Why will brethren defer joining the beneficiary department? It is the duty of every married man to become a member.

Lodge Kent, No. 3, held a successful pic-nic at Long Branch on Saturday, June 30th. The steamer *Rupert* made several trips during the day, and conveyed a large number of pleasure seekers. The weather was all that could be desired. The younger members tripped the light fantastic toe to the strains of Heintzman's fine band. Various sports were provided for the sterner sex, and numerous prizes were given to the contestants. Amongst the many attractions was a baby show, which proved to be very popular. Great praise is due the committee

for the excellent manner in which all the arrangements were carried out.

Lodge York, No. 6, met on Thursday, June 21st, at Oddfellows' Hall, Queen St. West, cor. Spadina Ave., Bro. C. Tarling, Pres., in the chair. Two members made application to join the beneficiary department. Receipts for the evening, \$74.90. The application by your representative for their lodge advertisement in the columns of the ANGLO-SAXON was deferred until the next meeting. We should like to see more visitors at this lodge; the genial President, Bro. Tarling, always gives one a warm welcome. Lodge Albion should give a surprise party in that direction, and Lodge Middlesex might follow suit.

Brighton Lodge, No. 7, met on Friday evening, June 15th, Bro. S. Walker, Pres., in the chair. Bro. W. Miles, Pres. Norfolk Lodge, and Bro. W. Moull, P.P., Portsmouth Lodge, were among the visitors. Three propositions were handed in. Bro. W. Ring was elected to the position of third committee man, the office being vacant. Bro. F. Hayward, the Past President of the lodge, assumed his position for the first time since his return from England a day or two previously. He met with a warm welcome from his fellow-members, who hold him in great esteem. Bro. F. Sansom was acting Vice President for the evening.

Somerset Lodge, No. 10, held their usual meeting on Thursday evening, June 14th, in Somerset Hall, Queen St. West, Parkdale, Bro. L. H. Collins, Pres., in the chair; Bro. Thos. Burce, V.P., in the vice chair. Bro. J. Dickinson moved that the lodge hold a pic-nic on civic holiday, and that Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Worcester Lodges be asked to join them, which was carried unanimously. There is every prospect of a successful pic-nic. After a lively debate, in which your correspondent was allowed to participate, it was resolved that the lodge advertise the time and place of meeting in the columns of the ANGLO-SAXON.

Lodge Surrey, No. 11, held their usual meeting on Monday evening, June 18th, at Hinchcliffe's Hall, Bloor St. West, Bro. T. H. Johnstone, Pres., in the chair. Being quarterly night, there was a large attendance of members. The receipts of the evening were \$113. The lodge stands A 1 financially. It was resolved that the lodge hold a pic-nic on civic holiday. The lodge closed in due form.

Manchester Lodge, No. 14, met on Monday, June 11th, Bro. H. Langley, Pres., in the chair. Four propositions for membership were handed in. Bro. Jas. Poffley, President, and Bro. A. Riddiford, Sec. (District Deputy for East Toronto), of Warwick Lodge, were present, and addressed the members at length. The Gipsy Party committee reported that all the arrangements were complete and a successful day's pleasure is anticipated. Numerous prizes will be contested for, among which is the ANGLO-SAXON paper for one year, given by the proprietors, Mason & Reynolds, Ottawa.

Lodge St. George, No. 27, held their usual meeting on Monday, June 11th, Bro. H. W. Smallpiece, Pres., in the chair; Bro. W. Lewis, V.P., in the vice chair. There were three propositions for membership, and four members initiated. Bro. S. Walker, Pres. Brighton Lodge, was present as a visitor and addressed the members at some length, and urged upon the brethren the necessity of paying fraternal visits, as it had a tendency to benefit them individually in enlarging their experience and broadening their views, and as a natural consequence must be a great gain to the executive ability of the Order. The Worthy President, in his usual genial manner, thanked Bro. Walker for his excellent address.

Windsor Lodge, No. 35, met on Tuesday evening, June 12th, at their lodge room, Oddfellows' Hall, Queen St. West, Bro. Will T. James, Pres., in the chair; Bro. Jno. Amos, acting V. P. in the vice chair. The members of the lodge are showing great activity and are resolved to keep pace with the other city lodges. No less than twelve propositions for membership were received. Your correspondent could not stay until the conclusion of the business. There being five weeks in last month, it has thrown three lodge meetings on the same night in the present month of three different lodges, in consequence of which two lodges have to be reported on the same night.

Lodge Portsmouth, No. 45, met on Tuesday, June 26th, Bro. Fred J. Drewitt, Pres., in the chair. Five new members have been initiated during the month. The social and concert committee reported that the entertainment had proved a great success, both financially and otherwise, and would lead to an influx of new members. A deputation, consisting of members of Worcester, Norfolk and Somerset Lodges attended, in order to make arrangements for a combined pic-nic, to be held on civic holiday.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 57, met on Friday evening, June 8th, Bro. W. Miles, Pres., in the chair; Bro. A. E. Portch, V.P., in the vice chair. Two members were initiated, and three propositions for membership were handed in. The Worthy President, in his usual urbane manner, requested Bro. J. Walker, Pres. of Brighton Lodge, and Bro. W. Moull, P.P., Portsmouth Lodge, to act in the initiation ceremony, which they performed in their usual able manner to the satisfaction of the lodge, each filling his respective position. Bro. Walker then addressed the lodge and congratulated the members upon the great progress they were making. Bro. Walker is visiting all the lodges getting pointers. We expect after his trip to see Brighton Lodge the liveliest in the city.

Lodge Richmond, No. 65, met on Wednesday evening, June 13th, Bro. H. J. Boswell, Pres., in the chair; Bro. R. Baker, V.P., in the vice chair. Bro. J. Dickinson, Somerset Lodge, and Bro. A. J. Payne, Excelsior Lodge, Montreal, were visitors, also Bro. F. H. Herbert, Kent Lodge. There were two propositions for membership, and one member joined by clearance from Oxford Lodge. Bro. Herbert made an interesting and telling speech in which he complimented Lodge Richmond on the great progress it had made, and advocated fraternal visits in a body to sister lodges, and particularly to weaker lodges, as it would in his opinion infuse more life into them. Bro. Payne, in his brief address, said the Order was in a healthy position in Montreal, and was making great progress.

Lodge Preston, No. 67, met on Wednesday, June 13th, at Jubilee Hall, College St. West, Bro. J. Aldridge, Pres., in the chair. Four propositions were handed in, and thirteen new members initiated during the month. Although so recently formed, the lodge is making satisfactory progress.

Port Perry.—Old England Lodge, No. 9, held their anniversary services on Wednesday, May 30th. The brethren assembled at the S.O.E. Hall at 7.30 p.m., and were marshalled to the Church of the Ascension by Bro. Jos. Cook, wearing red and white roses and white gloves as regalia. An eloquent and instructive sermon was well rendered by Deputy Grand Chaplain Bro. Hobson. After the close of the service, Bro. Hobson, D.G.C., visited the lodge room and made an excellent speech, confining his remarks to our noble society. Bro. Jno. Nott, seconded by Bro. Wm. Edmett, moved that a vote of thanks be and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Bro. H. P. Hobson, D.G.C., for the very able and instructive sermon delivered to the members of Old England Lodge, No. 9, S.O.E.B.S., this evening, and hope that he may be long spared, not only as a Son of England but as a minister of the church in which he officiates, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the ANGLO-SAXON. Carried unanimously by standing vote. We are talking up our anniversary picnic for August month, but have not yet decided on date or place; Peterboro and Barrie are the two points named, and Barrie seems to be the choice. We have four propositions to report on next meeting.

Uxbridge.—On Friday, 7th June, District Deputy Bro. Edmett visited Uxbridge with a view of reviving Buckingham Lodge, No. 40, and we are pleased to say his labours were not in vain. He found 12 more true and loyal Englishmen who were willing to go in with Buckingham Lodge, and interviewed the Wor. Pres., Bro. Stopps, handing him the names, and he will receive their propositions, etc., and name the night for re-opening. Old England Lodge, Port Perry, will turn out strong to assist them, and you can guarantee when we once get them started again they will make great headway. The town of Uxbridge has some first-class Englishmen who will become members as soon as they see the lodge in good working order.

Belleville.—Oxford Lodge, No. 17, Sons of England, have secured control of the rooms formerly occupied by the Workingman's Temperance Association, and have just completed extensive improvements, involving an expenditure of \$600. This, together with the furniture the lodge already possessed, gives them one of the handsomest lodge rooms in the Order. It is gratifying to know that the lodge, besides discharging its obligations of benevolence, is so prosperous as to afford this outlay. A handsome tapestry carpet has been put down by Mr. J. W. Dunnet, and Bro. Turner has shown excellent taste in papering the walls and ceiling, and frescoing mouldings and centre pieces. Handsome blue rep curtains have been ordered from the old country to canopy each of the four chairs. The Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Ancient Order of Foresters, the Canadian Order of Foresters, and the Royal Arcaneum have rented the rooms, so that Oxford Lodge will probably have a good investment in their hall. The work has been done under the direction of Bros. London, Twining and Tammadge, hall trustees. The entrance has been changed and is now made through the ante-room, which has also received the attention of the decorator. The annual excursion of Oxford Lodge takes place on Wednesday, July 18th, to Kingston and the Thousand Islands. This trip has proved such an attraction the past two years that the committee has decided to repeat it again. Bro. London is looking after the details of the trip, and if fine weather favours them the committee expects to further assist the hall trustees in beautifying the lodge rooms. We have initiations almost every night this term, and several propositions handed in last meeting. I must give the publishers of the ANGLO-SAXON credit for the fine typographical appearance of the Grand Lodge reports, and am glad to notice that the ANGLO-SAXON is filling out more as a S. O. E. journal.

J. W. L.

Orillia.—Rose of Couchiching Lodge, No. 23, is steadily pushing upwards. On account of holding their annual excursion on Monday, June 18th, the quarterly meeting was held on the following Wednesday evening. There were two propositions. One brother made application for the White Rose Degree, and another applied for beneficiary certificate.

Hampton Lodge, No. 58, held their usual meeting on Wednesday, June 13th. Four propositions for membership were handed in. A committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for an excursion to Jackson's Point on the 9th July. The energetic manner in which the brethren are working promises that the picnic will be a success.

Kingston.—Leicester Lodge, No. 33, held its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday evening, June 26th. The pot seems to boil over with enthusiasm. The Englishmen of this city seem to realize that a society of the Sons of England was greatly needed, and applications for membership are coming in very rapidly. We number over 90 members on our roll, with an increase nightly. There are eight waiting to take the Red Degree at our next meeting. Thanking you, gentlemen, for the space in your valuable journal, which I am sure will be a valuable assistance to the S. O. E.

Almonte.—Nelson Lodge, No. 43, on Friday evening, June 8th, celebrated the establishment of the order of the Sons of England in Almonte by holding a supper in their hall, which was largely attended by the members and their wives. The invitations were limited to Mayor Greig, J. J. Jamieson, M.P., and representatives of the press. About 50, all told, sat down to supper. Bro. Wm. Thoburn, president of Nelson, occupied the chair; the vice chair was filled by Past President Haydon. Bro. Thoburn gave a sketch of the Order and its aims, and dwelt upon the wonderful increase which had, during the past year, been made to it in numbers, etc. A most enjoyable evening was spent by Nelson and its members.

St. Thomas.—The members of Lodge Chester, No. 18, and Lodge Truro, No. 62, of St. Thomas, marched in procession on Sunday, May 20th, to the First Methodist Church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. W. Annis, A.M., from Proverbs xiv, 34: "Righteousness exalteth a nation." After the service the members marched to their hall, when a vote of thanks was tendered to the rev. gentleman for the very able and eloquent sermon preached to the society. Several brethren from Aylmer were also in attendance.

Ottawa.—Bowood Lodge, No. 44, met at their rooms on Wednesday, the 18th, quarterly night; it was of more than ordinary importance to the members, Bowood Lodge being now one year old, and full of life and prosperity. As usual, the orators of the lodge were in splendid trim, notwithstanding the severe warm weather. Several very warm speeches were made, and a large amount of important business transacted. A committee was struck to assist in getting up a union picnic of the lodges in this city. Bro. R. J. Tanner, the efficient and never-tiring Financial Secretary, applied for, and received, six weeks' leave of absence. Bro. W. T. Mason, 2nd Guide, will act (pro. tem.) as Fin. Sec. The question of moving into more suitable and commodious quarters was received with a good spirit and a great deal of vim, and carried that Bowood do move from the building they now occupy. A resolution of condolence was passed to our worthy Vice-President, Bro. James Goodall. The following is the resolution:

"That, Whereas the hand of Divine Providence has removed Annie Louisa Goodall, eldest daughter of James Goodall of this city, and wife of Arthur Thornton, from this earthly stage, and whereas we, the members of Bowood Lodge, No. 44, S.O.E., are desirous of testifying our respect for her memory, and expressing our earnest and affectionate sympathy with her household, and more especially with her father, James Goodall, Vice-President of the Lodge, therefore be it

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the father and family of the deceased on the deprivation with which it has pleased God to afflict them, and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best, and whose chastisements are meant in mercy."

Bro. R. W. Crouch neatly engrossed the address.

Derby Lodge, No. 30, held their regular quarterly meeting on June 26th, which was largely attended. The secretary was kept busy attending to the financial business of the lodge. Derby Lodge is rapidly growing, and holds a good front place, the discipline of the lodge being excellent. The committee appointed at its previous meeting to confer with the other lodges reported favourably, and that all would join together and have a union picnic. The committee was discharged and a new one appointed with power to make the best arrangements possible and to report at next meeting the results of its labours. A brother from Nelson Lodge, No. 43, Almonte, was also present and made a few appropriate remarks. The treasurer of the lodge, Bro. W. R. Stroud, received a warm greeting from the members on his entrance, it being his first appearance for three months, he having been confined to his home by rheumatic fever.

Oshawa.—At a meeting of Essex Lodge, No. 4, your circular was read to the members, and an order was made that Essex do advertise its lodge card in the lodge directory of the ANGLO-SAXON.

Galt.—Royal Oak Lodge, No. 26, have much pleasure in sending their lodge card for insertion in your lodge directory. All who are subscribers to the ANGLO-SAXON are more than pleased with it, and believe it will do a great deal to build up the Order. I send you a few more subscribers. There is getting a general feeling among the members that they will take hold of the ANGLO-SAXON as a S.O.E. journal.

Little York.—Your correspondent has much pleasure in sending the names of five subscribers and hopes to send you some more soon. As you are aware, Cambridge Lodge, No. 54, is a very young lodge, but we are making good progress, and now number forty members. We wish the ANGLO-SAXON every success.

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THE CROWN OF ENGLAND.

It may be of interest to some of our readers to know of what Her Most Gracious Majesty's crown is composed, and also its actual value. There are twenty diamonds round the circle, worth \$7,500 each, making \$150,000; two large centre diamonds at \$10,000 each, making \$20,000; fifty-four smaller diamonds placed at the angle of the former, each \$500; four crosses, each composed of twenty-five diamonds, \$60,000; four large diamonds on the top of the crosses, \$20,000; twelve diamonds contained in the Fleur-de-lis, \$50,000; eighteen smaller diamonds contained in the same, \$10,000; pearls, diamonds, etc., upon the arches and crosses, \$50,000; also 141 small diamonds, \$25,000; twenty-six diamonds in the upper cross, \$15,500; two circles of pearls about the rim, \$15,000. The cost of the stones in the crown, exclusive of the metal, is therefore nearly half a million dollars.

THE FLAG OF ENGLAND.

On the 12th of April, 1606, the Union Jack—that famous ensign—first made its appearance. From Rymer's *Fœdera* and the Scottish annuals of Sir James Balfour we learn that some differences having arisen between ships of the two countries at sea, the King ordained that a new flag be adopted, with the crosses of St. Andrew and St. George interlaced by placing the latter fimbriated on the blue flag of Scotland, as the ground thereof. This flag all ships were to carry at the main-top. But English ships were to display St. George's red cross at their stern, and the Scottish the white saltire of St. Andrew.

"I see a buttonless shirt advertised here John," said a wife looking up from a paper. "What kind of a shirt is that?" "Just like mine," was the reply. And the wife resumed her reading.

Difference Between the English Poets.

Chaucer describes men and things as they are.
Shakespeare as they would be under the circumstances supposed.
Spencer as we would wish them to be.
Milton as they ought to be.
Byron as they ought not to be.
Shelley as they never can be.

Loose Paragraphs.

Jack Blunt once loved a maid-whose hair
With terra cotta might compare.
"My heart beats but for you," he said;
"No matter if your hair is red,
With me the colour has no heft"—
And he got left.

George Smoothly later came to woo,
Said he, with passion tender, true,
"I love you and all that is you;
Those locks of dainty, golden hair
The sunlight kissed and lingered there—
I'd give my all for one wee curl."
He got the girl.

—[*Washington Critic.*]

Her love he was a baker's lad,
And in his parting cry,
Mixed shop and sorrow; ah, 'twas sad;
"Good pie, sweet tart, good pie!"

"The last link is broken," the fellow said, when he kissed his girl good-bye forever, at her request, because her parents wished a dissolution. A few days after he received a note, saying, "Dear George, there are plenty more links, come and break them."

Captain: "A brave soldier will always be found in battle where the bullets are the thickest. You understand me, Meyer?" Recruit: "Yes, to command, captain." Captain: "Then where will you be found in a battle?" Recruit: "In the ammunition waggon, captain; that's where the bullets are the thickest."—*Der Floh.*

A lease of 999 years, made in the days of King Alfred, has just expired in England. The land was leased by the Church to the Crown, and reverts now to the Church of England after a millenium year—a striking illustration of the stability of the law in that little isle.

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Objects, Aims and Benefits of the Order.

ORGANIZED IN TORONTO, DECEMBER, 1874.

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 a 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, Alnonte, 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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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