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## POST CARD LODGE NOTES.

**GUELPH:** The members of Progress Lodge Degree team and several others, together with a few from Reliance Lodge, paid a fraternal visit to Georgetown Monday evening. They were warmly received by the brethren of Georgetown, who entertained the visitors to an excellent supper at the conclusion of the session. The team initiated two candidates and conferred the First and Second Degrees, the work being exceedingly well done, for which they were highly complimented.

**TORONTO:** The next regular meeting of Rehoboth Encampment will be held on Thursday evening, 26th inst., when matters of the utmost importance to the entire membership will be before the meeting. The report of the Paraphernalia Committee will be submitted for adoption. Also the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Needless to say a word about refreshments, as Rehoboth always has them on hand at every meeting, whether regular or special. Every member should attend. The first degree will be conferred. R.

**WINNIPEG:** The Minnehaha Lodge elected their officers last night. There was a good attendance of members, who manifested great interest in the proceedings. The election of Vice-Grand brought out the keenest competition, and there was also a good deal of excitement over the election of hall trustees. The results were as follows: J. Dagg, N.G.; C. Garbutt, V.G.; F. L. Kenney, B.S.; Van Vleet, P.S.; Johnston Douglas, P.G., Treas. Hall trustees for three years—Harper Wilson, P.G., S. B. Ritchie, P.G., A. B. Stovel, P.G.

**TORONTO:** About twenty members of the Toronto Lodge, No. 71, assembled at the lodge room last Monday night to promote the good work of Oddfellowship. One brother's application for the three degrees was balloted on and the brother declared entitled thereto. It being the first night of nominations, quite a number of the brothers were put in nomination for the various offices. The following brothers addressed the lodge: W. R. Flagg, of Atlantis Lodge, Atlantis, Iowa; W. Pearce, of Covenant; — Oberndorfer and A. McCutcheon, of Kingeton Lodge; W. W. Castains, Riverside Lodge, Iroquois; and A. C. Paul, of Toronto Lodge. L. H. P.

**TORONTO:** The attendance at Covenant Lodge, Tuesday evening, was good, Bro. Dake, N.G., presiding. Bro. Carter was reported as holding his own fairly well, although not showing the marked signs of improvement his many friends could wish. Nominations were made for elective officers. The committee on revision of By-laws reported numerous amendments and the subject will come up for discussion two weeks hence. It was agreed to make a Christmas presentation to certain widow's of deceased brethren; and the matter was placed in the hands of a small committee. Several members were suspended for N. P. D. At the meeting Tuesday week, there was an initiation which was well

done considering how little work the lodge has been doing for several months. There are several propositions in sight. Bro. Johnston, of Pontypool Lodge, gave a short, breezy address. R. B. C.

**PRESCOTT:** The funeral of the late Bro. Dr. McPherson and John Francis, at Prescott Sunday, were both conducted by Amity Lodge. Bros. C. C. Lyman and R. B. Easton attended as representatives of Brock Lodge, Brockville; and a large delegation of members of the lodge at Iroquois were also present. When the funeral cortege left the residence of the late Dr. McPherson there were about one hundred and fifty members of the Order in line, and a large number of citizens followed the remains to the Methodist church where very impressive services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hughes, assisted by Rev. Mr. Stuart, of the Presbyterian church, and Dr. Mark, of Ottawa. The funeral of the late Bro. Francis was held in the English church immediately after the return of the members of the Order from the cemetery. Both churches were filled with citizens who came to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

**TORONTO:** Queen City Lodge met as usual last Monday evening; there was a large attendance. It was the first call for nominations, the following being placed in the field: Bros. Geo. A. Kingston, N.G.; Jno. A. Wilson, W. W. Brown, E. W. Owens, V.G.; W. J. Foster, R. S. Crocker, R.S.; Geo. C. Mortimore, P.S.; Jas. Robertson, Treas. It was regretted on all sides that Bro. Maccomb would not stand for reelection as secretary, circumstances being such as to preclude him from doing so. An amount was voted Metropolitan Degree Lodge to assist them in defraying the expenses re entertainment of Oshawa and Buffalo Lodges. The Concert Committee held a short session, after which the representatives of Queen City Lodge met and selected Monday, Jan. 27th, as the date for the holding of their annual At-Home. Additional members were placed on this committee, and matters will soon be in full swing. There will, in all probability, be an initiation next Monday evening; the team should all be present. L. Q. C.

**TORONTO:** Toronto Encampment, No. 8, met on Thursday evening last. There was a good turnout of members, it being the night of our annual election. One Patriarch was admitted by card. The result of the elections is as follows: W. H. Blight, C.P.; H. E. Terry, S.W.; Chas. Holmes, J.W.; R. S. Grundy, H.P.; W. B. Dack, R.S.; Thos. Colby, P.C.P., F.S.; Jno. Donogh, P.G.P., Treas.; Thos. Colby, P.C.P., W. B. Dack, representatives to Relief Board; Jno. A. Mills, P.C.P., representative to Hall Association. Our genial Treasurer, P.G.P. Donogh, gave us a short address, which was listened to with pleasure by the Patriarchs present, and which, I am sure, cannot help but bring forth good fruit. At our next meeting we are going to use the pruning knife on some dead wood. We intend lopping off the dead branches in or-

der to make room for new ones. If this should catch the eye of any of our delinquent Patriarchs, we hope that they will make an effort to save us the painful duty of suspending them. The installation of the new officers will take place on Thursday, Jan. 9th. PILGRIM.

**TORONTO:** Canada Lodge's meeting last Friday was well attended, the anticipated initiation having attracted quite a number. One brother was started upon the tortuous path which leads to primary Truth. The work was exceedingly well presented. Bro. Menzies delivered the Past Grand's charge, and, with the exception of an occasional hesitancy, did so as well as we have ever heard it done before. It is a pity that Bro. Menzies is not heard more often in this part. What is termed Bro. Dack's "awkward squid"—ironically so, we suppose—proved quite proficient, their marching being a feature of the evening. Bro. Terry and Bro. Lumsden acted as Noble Grand and Vice-Grand respectively. Bro. Smith was in his old rôle of Conductor, while Bro. Richardson and Bro. Harding gave adequate support. The committee who have in hand the At-Home of January 17th is thus sub-divided: Decoration—Frank Smith, George Craig, D. Pike; Music—A. E. Harding, B. Taylor, John Carruthers; Dancing—Bro. Burnside Robinson, B. Taylor, D. Stewart, Walter Boyce, W. B. Dack; Refreshments—W. Smith, John Carruthers, W. B. Dack; Printing—John Anderson, E. G. Richardson; Games—Harry Taylor, George Craig, W. H. Emery. Bro. John Anderson is Chairman, and Bro. E. G. Richardson, Secretary, of the general committee. OLD 49.

**CHATHAM:** Chatham Lodge met in their lodge room on Tuesday evening last, Bro. Fife, N.G., in the chair. The usual routine business was disposed of, and Bro. Arnold, of Chatham, was instructed in the mysteries of the Order. For the good of the Order, Capt. Inches, of the steam barge *Wyoming*, and belonging to Algona Lodge, was pleased to visit Chatham Lodge. Although born within two miles of the town, had not been here before for thirty-five years, and would welcome any brother who would visit their lodge in Algona, Mich. Brother Walter James, of Woodstock Lodge, also gave a few words for the good of the Order. Bros. Blackburn, Williams, and White, were reported improving, after which the lodge closed. Western City Lodge held its regular meeting last Monday night, Bro. H. Winegarden, N.G., in the chair, a great deal of important business being transacted. Western City is booming, propositions coming in every meeting night. Keep up the good work, brothers, but be careful of your selections. There will be another initiation next Monday night, when the Degree staff, accompanied by their orchestra, will be in full attendance. Chatham Encampment held its regular session last Thursday night, a large number of Patriarchs being present. One Patriarch was exalted to the Royal Purple Degree. The additional supplies have arrived, and will be used at next rehearsal.

## AT THE GATE.

In the warm, health giving weather  
My poor pale wife and I  
Drive up and down the little town  
And the pleasant roads thereby :  
Out in the wholesome country  
We wind, from the main highway,  
In through the wood's green solitudes—  
Fair as the Lord's own day.

We have lived so long together,  
And joyed and mourned as one,  
That each with each, with a look for speech,  
Or a touch, may talk as none  
But love's elect may comprehend—  
Why, the touch of her hand on mine  
Speaks volume-wise, and the smile of her eyes,  
To me, is a song divine.

There are many places that lure us :—  
"The old wood bridge" just west  
Of town we know—and the creek below,  
And the banks the boys love best :  
And "Beech Grove," too, on the hill-top ;  
And "The Haunted House" beyond,  
With its roof half off, and its old pump-trough  
Adrift in the roadside pond.

We find our way to "The Marshes"—  
At least where they used to be ;  
And "The Old Camp Grounds" ; and "The  
Indian Mounds,"  
And the trunk of "The Council-Tree" ;  
We have crunched and spashed through  
"Flint-Bed Ford" ;  
And at "Old Big Bee Gum Spring"  
We have stayed the cup, half lifted up,  
Hearing the redbird sing.

Then there is "Wesley Chapel,"  
With its little graveyard, lone  
At the crossroads there, though the sun sets  
fair  
On wild-rose, mound and stone....  
A wee bed under the willows—  
My wife's hand on my own—  
And our horse stops, too,....and we hear the  
coo  
Of a dove in undertone.

The dust, the dew and the silence !  
"Old Charley" turns his head  
Homeward then by the pike again,  
Though never a word is said—  
One more stop, and a lingering one—  
After the fields and farms,—  
At the old toll gate, with the woman await  
With a little girl in her arms.—  
—James Whitcomb Riley, in December  
Ladies' Home Journal.

## IS LOVE ENOUGH ?

'It was sad,' said the girl, Monica ;  
'broken engagements are very sad break-  
ings.'

'A kept engagement might have been  
more sad,' replied the woman, Barbara.  
'I had no one to tell me what girls should  
know.'

'That is what I wanted to talk about,'  
exclaimed Monica, in the tone of one find-  
ing a treasure. 'I used to think that a  
girl's heart should tell her, and anything  
outside, from anybody else, was interfer-  
ence.'

'Blessed interference!' ejaculated Bar-  
bara.

'Once a lady came to mamma,' Moni-  
ca ran on in her rippling voice, 'and I  
was in the next room with the door be-  
tween, and could not but overhear—to  
ask her advice about marrying, and I  
burned up with indignation. How could  
she let any one but herself decide such a  
question? If she loved him, she knew  
that herself, and was not that enough?  
How could mamma decide that? But

mamma advised her not to. I went away  
so as not to hear it all, and she did as she  
was advised.'

'Two years ago a girl wrote to me,  
asking me what to do. I told her the  
best I knew. She wrote that I had saved  
her lifelong sorrow.'

'Oh, dear!' cried Monica. 'I thought  
love was secret and sacred.'

'Sacred always, but not secret. Lovely  
things seek the light. Girls are not wise  
enough to hold such secrets. Can you  
imagine yourself loving a generous man,  
handsome, educated, even brilliant, who  
was devoted to you?'

'Yes.'

'But he might be a drunkard.'

'Oh, I couldn't! That would spoil all,'  
Monica shivered.

'But you might marry him to save  
him.'

'I wouldn't dare,' Monica insisted.

'Then love wouldn't be all. You must  
honor, respect, trust.'

'Especially trust,' said Monica.

He might be an unbeliever, with no  
reverence for the God and Father of Jesus  
Christ, to whom you have given your life.'

'Then I couldn't. I could not be  
happy with him one day. We would go  
separate ways in one day.'

'He might be idle, pleasure loving ;  
he might be selfish, always placing him-  
self first.'

'Then I wouldn't no matter how I  
loved him,' said Monica, positively.

'He might be mercenary, and love you  
for your father's money.'

'I should despise him then as much as  
I loved him before.'

'You might be fascinated upon a half  
acquaintance (girls are emotional), you  
might think him your ideal ; then you  
might overhear him speak roughly to his  
mother.'

'I wouldn't stand that,' said Monica,  
with indignation.

'Then love is not enough. He might  
tell you a lie, he might be habitually de-  
ceitful.'

'I couldn't live with any one who de-  
ceived me.'

'You might love him and he might  
not care half as much for you. Would  
your love carry you through?'

'No,' said the girl, proudly.

'You might both love each with un-  
selfish devotion, and he might have an in-  
curable disease that would be a sorrow as  
long as you both lived, would marriage be  
wise? Your love might fail under the  
steady strain. I know a girl-widow who  
had a life like that.'

'I would be afraid. I couldn't do it.'

'There might be insanity in the family.  
I know a girl who gave up her lover for  
such a reason. He did become insane,  
and when she married some one else he  
was in the asylum.'

'How hard that was. Did he suspect  
it before he became engaged to her?'

'He more than suspected, and tried to  
rush ahead in spite of it, to the heart-ache  
of both.'

'Was there no one to tell her?'

'She would not listen at first. Girls  
will not always listen.'

'Love will not listen, I suppose,' said  
Monica.

'Common sense will listen,' replied  
Barbara.

'Then it is love and common sense to-  
gether. Your own common sense and the  
advice of some one else's common sense.  
That would save girls,' said this girl,  
thoughtfully.

'Often the girl herself has not the op-  
portunity that her friends have of know-  
ing and judging. A girl will recklessly  
throw herself away, and her friends are  
powerless. A girl I know who married  
against her father's wishes is to-day the  
widow of a suicide.'

'But some girls will listen,' Monica  
interposed.

'A girl will ask advice about making  
a dress, about a music teacher, about tak-  
ing a journey, but in life's long journey,  
with her eyes dazzled, her inexperience of  
men, she must be left to her foolishness,  
her romantic impulses, her own ideal of  
love, she must run all the risk with a  
judgment of her own. If she be in love  
that settles it. But I love him, is her  
plea, in the face of everything.'

'Perhaps she doesn't know what love  
is,' reasoned Monica.

'They are in an ecstasy of something,  
and they name it love. It always rests  
me about girls—girls who are at once my  
despair and my hope, to know that the  
father and mother are satisfied with the girl's  
choice. "With a little hoard of maxims  
preaching down a daughter's heart." Per-  
haps (most likely) it is the best thing in  
the world for the daughter's heart to be  
preached down. The "maxims" may be  
God's truth. Mothers know. It is not  
selfish to seek the best in marriage. Don't  
think marriage is your missionary work,  
and marry low down to raise somebody  
up to your level, as did a Sunday school  
teacher I know. Marriage is union—the  
union of two who are walking in the same  
way, with the same purpose—communion,  
companionship—mutual helpfulness, mutu-  
al burden bearing, and only love enough  
is enough love for that. When you re-  
member what such a union demands of  
both, what "God, the best maker of mar-  
riages," demands in it, and because of it,  
think of the sin of marrying one with  
whom your best is not possible. You  
place yourself in a position to lower your  
ideal, and God's ideal of marriage, to dis-  
obey God's positive commands. Don't soil  
and spoil a pure and beautiful thing by  
following an impulse that deceives you  
with love's being enough.'

Monica listened too interested to ask sent or ask a question.

'Marriage is a long look ahead. Two people who would walk a long way in harmony should learn to know the road as well as to know each other. There will come rainy days and busy days, discouraged days and monotonous days, which are about as hard to bear as any other days; a living in another life, taking another life upon one's self with its shame, its honor, its weakness, even its sins.'

'You make me afraid,' murmured Monica.

'What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee.' Girls so naturally find the bright side that they will not see the less bright side unless compelled. Older people take away the "romance," with their serious views of life. But do not be afraid of the expected or the unexpected, if you love each other, and are fitted for each other. "Oh, do you think I am growing like Harry?" a young wife asked me, anxiously. Be fitted to each other, and fitted for your work together, and love with all the love you can, then your life together will be a blessed giving and growing, then love and everything else will be exactly enough.'  
—Jennie M. Drinkwater, in *Forward*.

**THE LATE CZAR OF RUSSIA.**

The following story about the late Czar is by an English friend of considerable prominence, who was a member of the deputation who went to Russia to plead in behalf of the persecuted Stundists:

"The day before Alexander III. was born, an English nurse entered the service of the Imperial family. I forget her full name, but in the Palace she was always known as "Kitty." A God fearing woman, she exercised a powerful influence on the children under her care, and they returned that care with unbounded love and respect. In her old age the Czar allotted her apartments in what answers in Russia to the English Hampton Court—the winter palace—for since the death of Alexander II. it is no longer used as an Imperial residence, though it still serves for some of the State ceremonies. Here rooms, a carriage, servants and everything that thought could devise, made the old nurse's declining days easy. The walls of her room were crowded with birthday and other presents from every member of the great family she had so faithfully served; and in these surroundings, rather less than two years ago, the time came for Kitty to die. Again and again the Emperor would come and sit by her bedside to read her a chapter out of the English Bible that she had so often read from to him when he was a little child; for to her early endeavors he had owed the strengthening of whatever was good and gentle in him; and he repaid her with almost the affection of

a son to his mother. The last time he came to see her, the old nurse was passed consciousness, and failed to give him her usual smile of recognition. Alexander bent down over the dying face, and asked tenderly, if she did not know him, but Kitty never spoke again; her life's work was done.

"The morning of the funeral found the Emperor and some other members of the family in the room, with the British chaplain of Petersburg, and the undertakers. As the moment came for putting the body into the coffin, the men stepped forward to do so; but the Czar motioned them back. 'No; no one shall touch her but ourselves,' he said; and then, beckoning to his brother, Grand Duke Sergius took the feet, and he lifted the head, and they gently laid the remains in the coffin.

"It was a miserable winter day; but Alexander the Third followed that coffin for two miles from the winter palace, through the streets of Petersburg to the cemetery beyond the Neva, to see his old English nurse laid in the grave. Who will not feel that such a man had a true and noble heart? and who will refuse him now that it is

'The darkened heart that beats no more.'  
a tear of sympathy?"

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### THE BOY WHO MINDS HIS MOTHER.

Boys, just listen for a moment to a word I have to say,  
Manhoods gates are just before you, drawing nearer every day.  
Bear in mind while you are passing o'er the intervening span  
That the boy who minds his mother seldom makes a wicked man.

There are many slips and failures in the world we're living in;  
Those who start with prospects fairest oft are overcome by sin;  
But I'm certain that you will notice, if the facts you closely scan,  
That the boy who minds his mother seldom makes a wicked man.

Then be guided by her counsel, it will never lead astray,  
Rest assured she has your welfare in her thoughts by night and day;  
Don't forget that she has loved you since the day your life began,  
Ah, the boy who minds his mother seldom makes a wicked man.

—Selected.

### "A CENTRAL INSURANCE FUND."

BROTHER EDITOR,—The interesting paper on this question by Bro. A. H. Blackeby, in your issue of the 28th November, is a most timely one, and one which contains many valuable suggestions. It is useless to deny that such of our members as have given the question of lodge finances careful consideration see "danger ahead" for many of our lodges if not for their own.

It does not require much examination to discover that the Independent Order of Oddfellows, in undertaking to provide (1) medical attendance for its members, (2) relief in case of illness on a liberal scale, (3) a respectable sum for funeral expenses on the death of a brother, and (4) benefits for the widow and children of deceased members, over and above the necessary expenses of running a lodge out of a comparatively small annual payment of dues, has undertaken a most serious responsibility. Has any other society undertaken to do as much with so small a revenue? If so with what success?

This is a responsibility which must be promptly met or the standing of the Order will be endangered. It is one which can only be met by the greatest care and economy in the management of each lodge's finances. "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom" from embarrassment and failure.

Is it not the case that the large amounts which some lodges have accumulated is in part due to the fact that many of their members who were well to do or in comfortable circumstances have for the purpose of accumulating a reserve fund declined to accept from their lodges, in case of illness, the moneys to which they were entitled, and, in part, to the fact that these lodges were fortunate for a long time in having but few deaths or cases of long-continued illness?

As a lodge advances in age there is of necessity a constantly and ever increasing liability to illness and disability of its members. Are we making provision for this? If not, is there not "danger ahead"?

The valuable tables which our most efficient Grand Secretary, "may his name live long," has prepared upon these subjects are well worth careful study. During this winter every lodge should "go into committee of the whole thereon" two or three times before the dust flies. "Suggestions in this direction will be in order." Right you are Bro. Blackeby, Brother Vale, of the Ontario Government Insurance Department, has given the question of benevolent societies a great amount of careful study. He has a complete library of the literature of these societies. He loves the work, lies awake nights thinking about it in fact. Can you not induce him to give us some idea of what the experience of other societies has been in the matter of promising to do much for their members and their families upon a small annual revenue. The writer must admit that while satisfied that something must be done in this matter he has not been able to propound a scheme that is satisfactory to himself.

The brotherhood needs just now the best advice of our most level-headed and brainy men. If I am not mistaken Past Grand Sire Campbell published in *The Popular Science Monthly* a very clever article bearing on the question to some extent, some ten or fifteen years ago. Perhaps he will favor us with his views. If he does so, they will receive, I am sure, the most careful consideration.

J. E. FAREWELL.

### CONCERNING A CENTRAL FUND.

BRO. EDITOR,—In your issue of November 28th last, I notice a timely letter from our Bro. A. H. Blackeby, re "A Central Benefit Fund."

It has long appeared evident to me that the one weak spot in the beneficial branch of our Order lies in the fact that there is not that unity of resources which there should be to meet the ever-recurring excessive drains upon the individual lodge. True, we have lodges, as Bro. Blackeby says, which, by careful management, and perhaps after all by fortunate circumstances, are well able to stand alone; but we know that this is not the case with many of our lodges. I have in my mind a lodge in a railway town in this district which found itself with so many brothers disabled that they had to repudiate their obligations, and throw up their charter and start afresh. Was that Oddfellowship? With tens of thousands

of dollars in more fortunate lodges, that poor lodge had to go to the wall, and thus a blot came upon the whole Order. But how are we to educate the brethren in this great matter? What plan can we propose to meet the needs of our Order in this direction? How can we best provide a fund to meet drains on the individual lodge, and still leave with the local lodge the funds which they may have so carefully husbanded? It seems to me it can be done without altering the funds now held by the local lodges, without even changing the rate of dues, nor yet the benefits of any lodge up to a certain point. What we want is a guarantee fund, that after a certain time, say six months, if a brother is still on the sick or disabled list he shall be transferred to the central fund, receiving therefrom just such sum as may be agreed upon, and being in all cases a like amount per week. I am not so much concerned about the funeral benefits and the amount paid to the relatives at the death of a brother; that is a matter which each lodge can deal with as at present, for if they find they have promised too much, they can change their by-laws. But not so in sick benefits; they must go on, and should be so secure that every brother when he joins the Order would know that he had the whole Order at his back should his sickness or disability prove to be long-standing. I am aware of a case in a neighboring district where a brother became insane, and was sent to an insane asylum, thus leaving the poor wife and small family without the bread-winner. The lodge to which the brother belonged, fearing no doubt that the case might be a long one, refused the appeal of the poor woman for benefits, on the ground that drink caused the insanity. I was at the trial, and I felt, and all having a heart must have felt, as the evidence came out that insult was being added to injury in this case. No doubt had there been such a fund as I am proposing, no such case would have come up for the public to form their opinion of Oddfellowship from. But how often such like cases happen, lodges shirking their duty for fear that their resources will not carry them out. Now, I don't know what amount per capita would be required to build up such a central fund; but we should have in our records with the Grand Secretary enough information to base a fair calculation as to what the needs would be. The change, it appears to me, could be made as simple as the capita tax now is for the support of the Grand Lodge, and the payments out of the fund just as simple as the payments of sick benefits are now made out of the subordinate lodge. I trust some action will be taken in this matter, and that out of Bro. Blackeby's letter much good to the Order may result.

JOHN HILLHOUSE, P.G.

CLIFFORD, Dec. 10th, 1894.

WHITBY.

The town lodge of Odd Fellows was "At Home" on Friday last, and invited about one hundred other men to stay "at home" with them. They have a home to be proud of; and we very much doubt if any lodge in the Dominion of Canada has its equal. The guests felt honoured in receiving invitations to spend a night with the Odd Fellows, and the Odd Fellows felt honored in being the entertainers of such a gathering of leading men of the town and surrounding villages. Bros. Major Farewell and R. L. Huggard did the courtesies of the receiving, and were so busy hand-shaking and locating guests that the veteran major had to shed his coat, and walk into the job in his shirt-sleeves. By 10 o'clock the spacious lodge-room, the ante-room and the restaurant were transformed into a hive of jolly fellows, each vying with the other in the extent of his enjoyment. Provision had been made for popular games with which men are wont to make a pastime, whilst at the same time a programme of speeches, orchestra music, songs, dances, and dear knows what all was conducted, with Major Farewell presiding. Bros. Smith, Campbell, D. K. Vickers and Ber Madill presided in the restaurant in a manner which secured them the honor of repeated visits from many of the guests.

The Odd Fellows deserve the highest commendation for affording such an occasion for pleasant intercourse and revival of good feeling among the men of the town and neighborhood. Men learn on such occasions to forgive and forget. We find in personal association those social and genial qualities with which every man is largely endowed, and which minimize failings resulting from infelicities of the avocations and doings of everyday life. We trust, says the *Whitby Chronicle*, that other societies may emulate the splendid example of the Odd Fellows and take advantage of such means as they possess of promoting the universal love and brotherhood of man.

BRANTFORD.

Harmony lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening of last week. A good attendance, with quite a large number of visitors, present. Bro. W. Watson, who has been on the sick list for some time, was reported as improving. Several visitors, including one from Cheboygan, Mich., made short speeches. The new hall will be ready for dedication about February 1. Harmony is looking for a hall to meet in during the month of January, owing to sub-letting their present quarters to the A. O. F., who take possession January 1.

A good big audience greeted Noble Grand Jennings at Gore Lodge, on Mon-

day night of last week, but only routine business was transacted. Those on the sick list were reported doing well. Thomas Woodyatt, G.M., was present and entertained the brothers, at some length, with one of his happy speeches. He visited Hamilton the following evening.

Brant Encampment, No. 4, had a large turnout on Friday night last. The report of the paraphernalia committee was presented and adopted. It was decided to continue the Thursday night rehearsals, and a good many signified their intention of taking part. The rehearsal last Thursday night was well attended, and, under the direction of Instructor Muirhead, Brant Encampment expects to rank among the foremost before very long. HARMONY.

GLEANED FROM EXCHANGES.

The chaplain is now eligible as a candidate for the V.G.'s office.

The Order of Odd Fellows own about \$20,000,000 worth of real estate.

The lodges at Watertown have decided to erect a temple at a cost of \$100,000 at an early day.

Minnesota per capita tax for the ensuing year is 40 cents, double of that of Pennsylvania.

There are only nine lodges in Sweden, yet five of them own their own elegant halls. A fine showing, indeed.

The per capita tax for the Odd Fellows' Home in Iowa is fifty cents a year; in New Hampshire it is twenty cents.

There is a French lodge in New York city and it is said that 90 per cent. of its membership are or were Roman Catholics.

The Odd Fellows of Hoboken, N.J., are to have a \$38,000 building, to take the place of the one destroyed by fire some months ago.

It is said that the Grand Lodge of Australia was the first to favour the admission of all ladies of good moral character into Rebekah lodges.

To-day there are some thirty to forty Odd Fellows' Homes in successful operation in the United States, possessing a million dollars' worth of property. They constitute one of the proudest monuments of the Order.

TORONTO: Prospect Lodge, No. 314, had a red letter time at their meeting last Friday evening. There were many visitors present, among whom were: Bros. Oberndorfer and McCutcheon, of Kingston; Carstair, of Iroquois; Martin, of Excelsior, Hamilton; Flagg, of Atlantic City, Iowa; Johnston, of Chicago; Munro, of Phoenix, Oshawa, and a large number from The Toronto, city, some of whom favored the lodge with short addresses, telling of the good work in their respective cities. Routine work was hastened through, and various games, songs and music was the order. The feature of the evening was a pedro party, composed of members of Prospect Lodge and The Toronto Lodge, resulting in a tie. In carpet balls, Prospect members won by 8 to 0, with The Toronto. Bro. Collins, with his banjo, and others on the piano, discoursed sweet music during the games. After the games, refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable evening ended with a song by Bro. Keachie, cheers and a tiger. M.

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## SUNDAY READING.

## A LAUGH IN CHURCH.

She sat on the sliding cushion,  
The dear wee woman of four;  
Her feet in their shiny slippers,  
Hung dangling over the floor.  
She meant to be good—she had promised—  
And so with her big brown eyes,  
She stared at the meeting-house windows,  
And counted the crawling flies.

She looked far up at the preacher;  
But she thought of the honey bees  
Droning away in the blossoms  
That whitened the cherry trees.  
She thought of the broken basket,  
Where, curled in a dusky heap,  
Three sleek, round puppies, with fringing ears,  
Lay snuggled and fast asleep.

Such soft, warm bodies to cuddle,  
Such queer little hearts to beat,  
Such swift, round tongues to kiss,  
Such sprawling cushiony feet!  
She could feel in her clasping fingers  
The touch of the satiny skin,  
And a cold, wet nose exploring  
The dimples under her chin.

Then a sudden ripple of laughter  
Ran over the parted lips,  
So quick that she could not reach it  
With her rosy finger tips.  
The people whispered, "Bless the child,"  
As each one waked from a nap;  
But the dear wee woman hid her face  
For shame in her mother's lap.

—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

## PULPIT, PRESS AND PLATFORM.

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New York Observer: All preaching is vain until God's Spirit touches it into life and power. The Spirit's School-house is the closet, and it is here, on benched knee, listening to his still, small voice, that the preacher of the Word can learn his profoundest lessons that best fit him for his pulpit ministrations.

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Rev. Father Cleary: The saloon defies the will of the people and scoffingly makes a mockery of universal suffering. It desecrates the sanctity of our Sunday, and attempts to defend its insolent outrage upon the American people by appealing to the customs of other times and other lands; the sound judgment of the American public is amply competent to regulate its own customs, in accordance with the best interests of our common country.

Rev. Mr. Grubb: While the destroying angel was passing through the land of Egypt in one blood-besprinkled Israelites house all was found peaceful and happy. In another house were fear and dismay. Both had the blood sprinkled and both were equally safe; only one feared and was unhappy, while the other trusted and was at peace. This was the way with many. They want to feel they are safe, but feeling cannot save any man. They are saved only by the blood of the Lamb. Remember, the blood was on the outside; the feasting was within. You must first be saved, and then feast afterwards.

## HEALTH AND HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

To clean a kettle, fill it with potato paring and then boil fast till clean.

A drop of oil and a feather will do away with the creaking in a door or creaking chair.

When milk is used in tumblers wash them first in cold water, afterwards rinse in hot water.

Sick headache can often be alleviated, and even cured, by a cup of strong coffee, without sugar, to which the juice of half a lemon has been added.

Breadcakes are excellent. Soak a pint of dry bread crumbs over night in three cups of sweet milk. In the morning sift a teaspoonful of salt, an even teaspoonful of cream tartar, and half an even teaspoonful of soda, through a heaping cup of pastry flour, or use a heaping teaspoonful of baking powder in place of the soda and cream tartar. Add the milk and bread crumbs to the flour, and add, also, two well-beaten eggs and two teaspoonfuls of butter melted. Beat the batter vigorously and fry quickly.

Bouillon Soup.—Six pounds of beef and bone. Cut the meat and break the bones; add two quarts of cold water and simmer slowly five hours. Strain through a fine sieve, removing every particle of fat. Season only with pepper and salt.

Browning for Gravies.—Put one pound of lump sugar into an iron pan with a small cupful of water, place on a hot stove and allow it to boil until it burns; then add one pint of boiling water. Pour off the liquid, which, when cold, bottle for use. A few drops of this added to gravies, etc., will make them a beautiful rich brown.

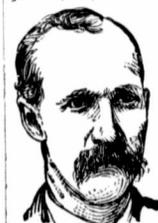
## THE STUDY

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## INDIGESTION; SEVERE PAIN IN STOMACH.

THOMAS FLETCHER, of Clifton Station, Fairfax Co., Va., writes:



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Lamb Chops Saute.—Put a piece of butter into a frying-pan, and when hot lay in the chops, rather highly seasoned with pepper and salt. Fry them until thoroughly done, but not too brown. Should gravy be required pour off the greater part of the fat, and then stir in half a tablespoonful of flour; stir until the flour browns, then add a gill of broth or water, an ounce of fresh butter and the juice of half a lemon. Stir until the sauce becomes rather thick, pour over the chops and serve.

Swiss Penny Cakes.—These appetizing morsels are so named from their size, which is that of a Swiss penny. Into the whites of five eggs beat one-quarter of a pound of powdered sugar half an hour, so that it is a thick white cream, beyond the stage at which cake is ordinarily made. Then mix in a heaping half-pint of sifted flour, stirring it lightly and gradually with the grated yellow peel of a lemon and half its juice. If vanilla is preferred, use half a teaspoonful in place of lemon. Let the dough rest fifteen minutes. Then brush a large tin or sheet with butter and drop on the dough with a teaspoon, making each round no larger than a quarter of a dollar. Bake in a moderate oven from five to ten minutes. In a close tin they will keep some time.

How to Boil Potatoes.—New potatoes are made watery by being laid in cold water, but in the winter and spring they should be peeled and laid in cold water an hour or two before they are cooked. Put them into boiling water with salt in it, and allow thirty to forty minutes for boiling, according to size. Have the potatoes of uniform size, otherwise the small ones will be done before the larger ones are cooked. When they are done through, pour off every drop of water and take the kettle to the door or window and shake them. Shaking them in the open air makes them mealy. Set the kettle on the back of the stove, cover them up with a clean towel, and let them stand while you are dishing the dinner. Take them up with a spoon and serve smoking hot. There is no vegetable that gains more by being prepared with due attention than the potato. The difference between a soggy, water-soaked potato and one that is properly cooked is greater than many cooks realize.

## VALUE OF THE SUNFLOWER.

It is predicted that before many years the sunflower will come into general cultivation in this country. As a plant it has no superior for vigor, rapid growth and prolific yield of seed, leaves and stalk, all of which can be utilized. The seeds are especially good as feed for fowls, and when mixed with grains they are relished by all farm animals. Fifty bushels of seed to the acre is a fair yield, and this will produce fifty gallons of oil, worth \$1 a gallon. In China a valuable fibre, used in silk weaving, is obtained from the stalks, and they are of service as fuel and a sort of potash. The Orientals mix their tobacco with cured sunflower leaves, which are also rich in honey and wax. The sunflower grows riotously in the United States, and stands all extremes of weather well. Plainly, it is one of nature's great gifts, but as yet unappreciated.

A teacher in a city school received the following note from the mother of a boy who had been absent for a day or two: "Dear mam: please excuse Willy. He didn't have but one pair of pants an I kep him home to wash and mend them an I Mrs. O'tool's goat come and et them up of the line and that awt to be eggcuse enuff, goodness nose. Yours with respect, Mrs. B."

## TOO WEAK TO WALK.

FRIENDS HAD GIVEN UP HOPE OF RECOVERY.

The Trouble Began With a Cough Which Settled on the Lungs—Subject to Fainting Spells, and at Last Forced to Make to Bed—Restored by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills When All Other Medicine Had Failed.

From L'Impartial, Tignish, P. E. I.

Mr. Dominick P. Chasson, who lives on the Harper Road, about two miles from the town of Tignish, P. E. I., personally took the trouble to bring before the notice of the editor of L'Impartial, the particulars of the cure of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. D. Chiasson, through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The case is certainly a remarkable one and we cannot do better than give it in Mr. Chiasson's own words. "My son's wife," said he, "has been sick for some seven years past, but previous to that time was a strong, healthy person. Just about seven years ago she took a severe cold, which attacked her lungs, and from that time up to the beginning of the past summer her health has been feeble, and at times we despaired to save her life. It was not her disposition to give up easily, and on some occasions while engaged in household work she would be seized with a fainting spell, which would leave her so weak that she would be confined to her bed for several days in a semi-unconscious state. More than once we thought she was dying. There was a continual feeling of numbness in her limbs, and almost constant severe pains in her chest



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which were only eased by a stooping position. Added to this she was troubled with a hacking cough, sometimes so severe at night that she did not obtain more than a few hours sleep. About the end of 1894 we had given up all hopes of her recovery, and the neighbors were of the same opinion. She was reduced to almost a skeleton, and could scarcely take any nourishment. She had grown so weak that she could not walk across the bedroom floor without help. We had often heard and read of the great cures effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and at this stage, when all else had failed, I urged that they be given a trial, and procured a half dozen boxes. After using them for about three weeks she could walk across her bedroom floor without aid, and from that time on she continued improving in health from day to day. She continued taking the Pink Pills for about four months, with the result that she is now a healthy woman, and it is now no trouble for her to walk to church, a distance of two miles, and the grateful praises of herself and friends will always be given Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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Some of those Odd Fellows who are always talking about not getting justice in the lodge would not be in the lodge long if they received their full measure of that article.

Kansas Odd Fellows have tried for one year the plan of electing Grand Officers by votes of Past Grands taken in the subordinate lodges, and some of them have come to the conclusion that the method is expensive, cumbersome and unsatisfactory, and an effort is to be made to repeal the law at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

District Deputy Grand Master Bro. Ball, accompanied by the members of District No. 19, will pay an official visit to Lake View Lodge, Toronto Junction, on Friday (to-morrow) evening. Brothers are requested to meet in the ante-room (Campbell's Hall) at 8 p.m. sharp. Those who can make it convenient to attend are sure of an enjoyable evening, as well as a profitable one.

The Christmas season is with us once again. It brings thoughts of peace and good will; happy reunions of separated relatives; and many tokens of love and friendship. We sincerely trust that no shadow may mar the full enjoyment of the season to any reader of THE DOMINION ODD FELLOW; and, to one and all, our thoughts go out with hearty wishes for a MERRIE CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Bro. Samuel Wilcox, who has been laid up for nearly three months, from the effects of a broken leg, is getting on nicely. He expects to be around in the course of ten days. Grand Secretary King is now able to be up, although still too weak to leave the house. An "open letter" from Bro. King, which appears in another column, will be read with interest by many of our subscribers, not only in Ontario but throughout the Dominion. Our good brother is respected and loved wherever he goes.

When one becomes a member of a half dozen good lodges, strange to say real fraternity gradually loses ground. Take the man or woman who attaches him or herself to a single fraternal Order true fraternity is usually practiced, but when they reach out after more, and become associated with so many different organizations, the charm is shorn of its sweetness to a great extent. To the uninitiated this argument may sound peculiar, and yet it is a fact. The man or woman who is known to belong to this and that Order receives less needed attention than those who are members of but one society. The joiner is too in evidence. The time finally arrives when he is tired of them all; when if he had remained content with one good substantial Order his activity and fraternity would have continued intact.

We are accused by our good brother "A. W. C., of giving a 'twist' to his remarks anent the unaffiliated. We certainly had no intention to misrepresent our correspondent in the slightest degree. We quoted accurately from his letter. Bro. "A. W. C.," with his usual directness, touched the salient point in our previous article, and we endeavoured to show that the weakness was only apparent and easily met by regulations as to detail. A more accurate impression of the stand taken by "A. W. C." would have been given by quoting in addition the statement he repeats in this issue, but we did not think it necessary to do so because we did not raise, or wish to raise, any question with regard thereto. On some future occasion we may take up the question of "dual membership." Serious difficulties present themselves in considering the question, among which is this very one of a voice without responsibility.

Bro. Thomas Sherlock, of Ohio, who was the eighth Grand Sire and filled the chair in 1845-47, departed this life at Cincinnati on Tuesday, the 15th of October, 1895. He was the oldest Past Grand Sire living. Now, Past Grand Sire Nicholson, who was the seventeenth Grand Sire, occupying the chair in 1862-64, ranks as the oldest living Past Grand Sire, so that the sixteen Grand Sires who preceded him, have all passed away, and seven who followed Bro. Nicholson are deceased. Bro. Sherlock rarely attended the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge after he retired from the chair. He was at the session at San Francisco in 1869 and at the session at Chicago in 1871. He was largely connected in steam-boating on the Ohio and Mississippi, and built a large steam-boat which was named after him. He was a genial associate and had many friends who all esteemed and honored him for his moral worth.

## A CENTRAL FUND.—II.

The question of providing some measure of relief for the over-burdened lodges in the payment of "mortuary benefits" and "extended sick benefits" is one that is demanding the attention of the brothers. A solution of the difficulties it presents must be sought and found, or it may soon be too late for some of them.

Bro. A. H. Blackeby again contributes an able article on this question, which appeared in our last issue. In order that the question may be fully considered and that the results of the discussion may in the end assume some definite shape, we present the following plan as a basis of discussion, and hope our readers, who are alive to the interests of the Order, will criticise the same in these columns and suggest such amendments as they may severally deem wise and for the best interests of the Order.

As pointed out in our first article on this subject (see issue of Dec. 5th), it is essential that the ratio between the payments by the member and the benefits he receives be uniform in all the lodges. It is also essential that the relations between each lodge and any such central fund should be based upon a uniform ratio of solvency: that is, that each lodge should contribute to such fund in uniform proportion to the aggregate risk carried by such lodge, and that each lodge should be required to maintain a reserve or accumulated fund, *immediately available in cash*, also of a uniform proportion to such aggregate risk.

The principle of the maintenance of such a reserve or minimum accumulated fund was approved by our Grand Lodge in 1890, when the McGregor valuation tables were accepted and ordered to be printed and sent to each lodge. These tables, it is true, only apply to one amount of benefits, viz.: \$4 per week and \$140 mortuary; but there would be no difficulty in preparing valuation tables that would be applicable to any and all amounts of benefits. It is only necessary to separate the reserve required for sick benefits from that required for mortuary benefits, giving the amount required at each age for one dollar per week in the one case, and the amount required for each \$100 in the other.

These two essentials having been complied with, every lodge in the jurisdiction would be upon the same footing, and would meet upon an equality in establishing a central fund from which to pay mortuary and extended benefits. Our plan, then, is simply this: Let each lodge contribute to the central fund a fixed percentage (the same percentage for each lodge, of course) of the reserve it is required to maintain, as above explained. Thus each lodge would contribute to the central fund an amount in proportion to the risk such lodge under-

takes to carry. Such proportion would be the same in all cases, and thus be equitable and just.

To arrive at the percentage of this reserve fund that would be required in the central fund, it would be only necessary to ascertain the ratio that the mortuary and extended benefits bear to the whole amount of benefits paid.

A maximum and minimum limit should be fixed with respect to the central fund, and the contribution percentage reduced when such maximum be reached, or augmented by special assessment upon the reserve should such central fund fall below the minimum mark.

This plan would not interfere with our lodge system in any way. It would work no injustice to the careful and provident lodge that husbands its resources, while the reckless and improvident lodge would at once be brought face to face with the consequences thereof. In a future article we will endeavor to show how, by a few regulations as to detail, most, if not all, of the advantages that consolidationists aim for their scheme could be achieved under our plan.

#### AN OPEN LETTER.

The undersigned desires to express to the many lodges of Ontario, and to very many members of Ontario and from far beyond it, his appreciation of the numerous kindly letters of sympathy he has received during the past ten weeks of his serious illness.

Thanks to an all-wise, overruling Providence, skilful medical treatment and the very best of home nursing, he has now so far recovered as to be able to be up and around the house the greater part of each day; and his medical adviser, Dr. Edmund E. King, predicts that he will be able to resume his accustomed duties in a week or ten days.

While all the routine work of the office has been carefully attended to by his assistant, H. J. King, kindly advised by Bros. Jno. Donogh, P.G.M., and Wm. Badenach, Grand Treasurer, yet it is possible that some letters may not have had as prompt a reply as might have been desired. Should there have been such, his sickness is his apology; and experience says that it will be accepted.

In this imperfect way, the writer desires to again express his gratitude to God for mercies vouchsafed; to his brethren for kindnesses extended through the many years (nearly thirty) of his incumbency of the office of Grand Secretary, and to wish Odd Fellows, here and everywhere, a Most Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year! Fraternally and faithfully,

J. B. KING,

Grand Secretary.

#### ANCIENT HISTORY.

One of the most interesting journals issued by any Grand Body is that of the Grand Encampment of Illinois. This is due to the Grand Scribe, Gen. J. C. Smith, who always has something extra added on to the ordinary record, which makes the book far more readable than a mere transcript of proceedings could be. The feature of the last journal is an account of the General's trip round the world last year, written in good style and abundantly illustrated. There will be a great demand for this journal, not only in Illinois, but elsewhere.

But there is one feature in Bro. Smith's brochure which is possibly more interesting than correct. He thinks he has made a discovery in the early history of Oddfellowship, which he announced on at least two occasions. Talking with the Odd Fellows of San Francisco, he said:

"In regard to whether American Oddfellowship actually derived its fraternity from England, it was a well-established fact that a lodge had existed in New York before the Manchester Unity was formed, old Shakespeare Lodge in 1806, and without going into an argument on the matter, it was an open question in his mind whether it was not just the other way."

By the time Bro. Smith had reached Japan he seems to have made up his mind on the subject. Addressing an audience in Yokohama, he is thus reported in the press:

"It was a belief generally entertained that Oddfellowship originated in England, but he had found after diligent research, that Oddfellowship existed in New York several years before the Manchester Unity was known in England. It was on the records that a few actors had organized a Shakespeare Lodge of Oddfellows in New York, in 1806. Now the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows in England did not take its rise till 1812."

It is not stated in what quarter Bro. Smith made the "diligent research," above mentioned; but so far as is known all the facts in regard to the early lodges in New York were gathered up by Past Grand Sire Kennedy, of that State; and his manuscript, purchased from his widow by the S.G.L., was utilized by Bro. Ridgley in his History of the First Decade of Oddfellowship; since the publication of which, in 1878, the facts have been public property.

Shakespeare Lodge was organized December 23, 1806, not by "a few actors," but by Solomon Chambers and his son John, who had been members of Loyal Westminster Lodge, meeting in the tavern called The Westminster Arms, near Westminster Abbey, London, England; and the lodge was named Shakespeare because it met in the Shakespeare

Tavern, in the locality now known as 135 Fulton St., New York. After a few years the lodge was discontinued; but was re-opened Dec. 23, 1818, by an old member P.G. Wm. Moore, assisted by a number of *attachés* of the Park Theatre, and this is when Bro. Smith's actors came in. The lodge finally became defunct in 1821. At this latter date another lodge, Franklin, No. 2, was organized. So the first lodge in New York, and so far as known, the first lodge on this Continent, was organized by Odd Fellows from old London; and as no one has so far questioned the fact that Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Baltimore, the pioneer lodge of American Oddfellowship, was organized by Thos. Wildey, also an old London Odd Fellow, it would seem as though the English paternity of the Order is pretty well established.

It is quite true that at the time of the institution of Shakespeare Lodge in New York, the Manchester Unity was not in existence. But there were a large number of lodges of various Orders of Odd Fellows in the English cities, especially in London. Wildey himself did not belong to a Manchester Unity Lodge. He was initiated in Lodge No. 17, in London, in 1804; and three years later helped to institute Lodge No. 38 in the same city. He left London for America in 1817; and it is quite possible at that time he had not heard of the Manchester Unity, which was the result of a reform movement among some of the Odd Fellows in the City of Manchester. Washington Lodge started out with the work of the London Lodges as understood by Wildey; but shortly after was visited by Henry M. Jackson, who brought the new work of the Manchester Unity, which was accepted by Wildey and his associates. The lodge had been "self-instituted," and none of the orders in England had authorized it. Subsequently (in 1820) application for a charter was made to the Duke of York Lodge, of Preston, England, which was granted; and Washington Lodge was thus adopted by the Manchester Unity.

So far as known, the facts in regard to the first lodges in America are briefly these: Shakespeare Lodge, New York, in 1808; Royal Wellington Lodge, Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1815; and Washington Lodge, Baltimore, in 1819—the earliest lodges of which we have record, were all "self-instituted" by Oddfellows from London, England. The two first became defunct; and Washington Lodge was adopted into the Manchester Unity, and became the pioneer lodge of American Oddfellowship.

Our brethren in the neighboring republic will have to submit to a British parentage; and no one will think any the worse of them on that account.

CL. T. CAMPBELL, P.G.S.

## VICTURI SALUTAMUS

Behold the young men, Canada,  
In thy arena throng,  
They turn to thee their dawn-lit eyes,  
How brave they are and strong!

They bear no blades with lethal power:  
The swishing so the they swing,  
The rustling, fragrant hay in mounds  
With tangled spears they fling

With hew and hack among the pines  
Their battle-axes sound,  
Till dark Goliath topples o'er  
Crash-crashing to the ground.

The plough's bright javelin they thrust  
Through brown sweet-smelling earth,  
War arrows make their harrow-paths,  
And bent bows have no worth.

The stealthy daggers they have crossed,  
Vine clusters thus to clip;  
Their tridents search the streams, their nets  
No more with man's blood drip.

Hear them salute thee, Canada,  
The air is rent with cheers;  
No slaughterers of men are these,  
But true-heart pioneers!

—William P. McKenna, in *The Week*.

## ALEXANDRE DUMAS, FILS.

The intimate friends of Alexandre Dumas, fils, were not ignorant of his failing brain-health, but were not prepared for his relatively sudden death. He was a natural child that his father legally recognized, so was legitimized. His mother was a sempstress and had a work-room attached to her residence, known to-day as No. 1, Place Boieldieu. That is the house where he was born and the municipality is preparing the customary mural slab, in black marble and gilt letters to record the birthplace of the deceased celebrity—"29th July, 1824." Dumas was sent to the ordinary preparatory schools and passed his holiday Thursdays with his mother; his father did not take any marked interest in him as a lad; after quitting college he shared the Bohemian life of his father. In 1845 he published his first volume of boyish poetry; "forty copies were struck off, and were sold." In 1865 he married the Russian princess Narischkine, who adored his genius, as did the Russian Madame Hauska that of Balzac. By this marriage he had two daughters, both married, but one is a *divorcée*. His wife died in April last. Six months later Dumas wed the daughter—a *divorcée*—of Régnier, the actor. She has been left a widow—her experiences of married life must be sad—very early.

Although he had a splendid town house, crowded like a museum—and so lacking taste—with *objets d'art*, he preferred his Villa Champflour, at Marly, contiguous to the palatial residence of Sardou. It is an old, two-storey house, but has a splendid park overlooking Bongirard, that Baden-Baden of France, and close to Paris. Some very old trees are in the park; there is a bench of some historical interest in the garden, that on which Madame de Staël stood and made a solemn oath to eternally love the assassin of Gustavus III. One day M. de Leuren, the director of Opéra Comique, a post he obtained through the influence of Dumas pere, wrote to the latter's son to call on him. Complied with, M. de Leuren, handed him a bunch of keys, requested him to open a drawer, and to read his will. The document legated to him the Villa Champflour, and 10,000 frs. a year to keep it up. Dumas fils protested against the generosity, but like the lady, vowing he would ne'er consent, consented. The death chamber is plainly furnished, with family portraits and busts of his daughters. The bed, in citron wood, and the same used by his father, and on which he died also, is very small. Thereupon reposed the body of the great dramatist; arms folded across his heart, his favourite attitude in life; naked feet, and his working costume—a wide pair of pantaloons and a white smock. And so he was interred. According to his will, no honours or orations will be delivered over his bier; no religious ceremony celebrated; he wants no crypt in the Panthéon, only a simple tomb in the cemetery of Père Lachaise or Montmartre.

He has left his wealth to his widow and two daughters, share and share alike; his splendid portrait by Meissonier, he bequeaths to the Louvre; but though reported to be

charitable he has forgotten the, "Pray remember the poor." In the midst of eulogiums at boiling point, it is difficult to handle the personal character of Dumas; but as nothing should be extenuated, or ought set down in malice, outside his set, he was not a popular man. He had a jealous disposition and a hardness of character that displeased. His quarrels with all his play-collaborators are historical. He claimed to be the only man who understood the nature of woman; he alone could tame her. Yet, it was well known that if a favour was to be won from Dumas, the applicant should be prepared to secure the good opinion of Madame at first. Dumas was a passionate believer in chiromancy, and was the patron of the daughter of Desbarolles the great authority on palmistry. Recently Dumas called on the, now professional, lady; he claimed that the central of the three large lines of his hand "did not go well"; that was "the line of the head," as it is called; "I feel some misfortune will arrive at the indicated side of my head." This was two months ago. Now, the eleven doctors called into consultation, have not been able to precise the malady Dumas died of, save that something was wrong with the brain. His valet is down with typhoid fever since several days. Dumas said he would like to catch that disease in order to experience the pleasure of convalescence.

As a playwright, Dumas fils will live—his romances do not count—just as will his father, that he always alluded to as the "Grand Dumas," also go down to posterity as a novelist; generations unborn will devour *Monte Cristo* and the *Trois Mousquetaires*. In point of work Dumas fils points a moral; he laboured as a galley slave over his productions; never did he "scamp" a line. His words, like his thoughts, were *accomplissements*. For a twelvemonth he would write in his head the drama he would transcribe in three weeks, and if not satisfied with an act, or the entire work, would coolly set about rewriting all. Managers had to snatch his plays to stop that Penelope industry. *Denise* was the piece that caused him most thought. This labour was exhausting, for the social types created by Dumas were the result of profound observation and drafts on his inner consciousness. He was justly styled the father of contemporary drama; he revolutionized the stage; he fabricated new and original moulds for it, and showed how "casts" were to be made.

Like Byron, Dumas fils went to bed and awoke in the morning to find himself famous. After the first representation, February 2, 1852, *Dame aux Camélias*, he was a celebrity. He never surpassed that *chef d'œuvre*. His last piece was *Francillon*, produced in January, 1887. He has left three incomplete dramas, with directions never to be represented. Indeed Dumas was conscious of the setting of his genius and feared to risk a failure. For Dumas the character of woman was his specialty; she was either a fallen angel or a devil. For "Marguerite Gauthier" (*Dame aux Camélias*) he claimed a Magdalene pity—for "she loved much"; for the wife whose chastity had been ruined by a profligate tempter, he demanded the pardon of "the woman taken in adultery;" for the spouse with angel mask and demoniac temperament—"kill her." From around these types, Dumas extracted his characters. He claimed to be a psychologist, a "soul doctor," the director of the consciences of both sexes—for man, as well as woman, came under his lash; or, rather, formed the subject of his theme, for the dramatist only composed those that provoked and forced attention solely among the middle and upper classes. He was unknown to the populace—but not so his father.

Was Dumas fils a moralist? Whether intentionally or not, he has exercised a deleterious influence on society. His first aim undoubtedly was to secure a good subject for the stage; to be dashed off in three acts, in sparkling dialogue and rapid action; and if a moral result flows from his sanguinary logic, well and good. And his philosophy? He simply had none. He scourged the brutal elements in the characters of both sexes like a confessor of the Middle Ages.

No man is a better Odd Fellow because he has a large share of this world's goods than his less fortunate brother. The richest man is not always the richest Odd Fellow. Therefore give the humble brother his proper recognition of all the honors that come to faithful attendance and right conduct.

## IN FOREST DEPTHS.

And nature's verdant charms recall  
The mildness of the soul.

*Leigh Hunt*

How calm the soul! Where far from human sound,  
Lonely and still—with silent trees around,  
Whose leafy boughs exclude the sun's hot rays  
Save when the wind a jealous care displays  
For some sweet nook, with wild flow'rs thickly spread,  
And waves aside the verdant arms o'erhead—  
Letting the warm light tint the blossoms fair,  
That fill with fragrance all the moving air,—  
Oblivious all! the cares our lives possess—  
Charm'd by the spirit of the forests loneliness.

R. W. G.

## CANADIAN BOOKS.

A considerable amount of attention in the literary circles of Great Britain and the United States is being bestowed at present upon our land. The question of Canadian copyright and the visit of Mr. Hall Caine to this country have brought into prominence the fact that we have authors and publishers of our own, producing work that is worthy the name of literature and putting it before the public in attractive form—a fact of which many educated Anglo-Saxons appear to have been deeply ignorant. A very pretty number of novels and short stories have lately had the great Dominion for their scenes of action. In illustration of this we need only mention the work of such distinguished Canadian authors as Gilbert Parker, Robert Barr, Miss Douglass, and John Mackie. Their books, however, have, for the most part, been published in England. Still, our own publishing houses have been gradually winning more recognition. We have received from the publisher, William Briggs, a copy of "Old Man Savarin, and Other Stories," which has been printed and bound in a style quite equal to the best London and New York publishing houses. Mr. Thomson's now widely-known collection of stories was reviewed in THE WEEK by Mr. Archibald Lampman immediately on its publication. The author's gifts are many. His style is excellent and his work racy of the soil. The best of the stories have Canada for their setting, and the pictures of the "Waterloo Veteran," of "Old Man Savarin" and of "Great Godfrey's Lament," leave a clear-cut impression on the mind. Such books flatter our national pride, and, like Oliver Twist, we ask for more. Amongst other books which deserve special mention and which have been published recently in Toronto, are "Etchings from a Parsonage Verandah," "Forest, Lake, and Prairie" and "Pearls and Pebbles." "Kim Biler" comes to us from British Columbia—a notable novel which we reviewed the other day. Dr. Bourinot's last book is a very marked success from every point of view. Indeed, the literary activity of the Dominion is becoming conspicuous. In theology, history, poetry, science, and in contributions to periodicals, Canadians are winning a coveted position. There are many chapters in our national history and many features in our national life which appeal to the imagination and make of the Dominion a happy hunting ground for the writer of fiction. It is fitting that these characteristics should be presented to the world by Canadian authors and through the medium of Canadian publishers.

## LORD SALISBURY MISREPRESENTED.

It will be remembered that the newspapers of November 28th contained a cable despatch giving a brief résumé of Lord Salisbury's speech to the important deputation from the Wesleyan Conference which waited upon the Prime Minister the previous day on the subject of national primary education. This despatch made it appear that Lord Salisbury received the deputation in a cold and haughty way, and spake roughly to its members, after the manner of Joseph to his brethren, but from distinctly other motives. We can find no trace of all this in the full reports of the proceedings which appear in The Times of November 29th. On the contrary, we find, as we expected to find, every consideration displayed for the opinions and wishes of the deputation. Lord Salisbury said that he agreed almost entirely with those who had spoken as to the grievance which exists—that where there is a considerable number of Nonconformist children, they may be in such a position that they must have either a religious teaching which they do not believe or no religious teaching

at all. He had always considered it "a very serious one," and would be glad to see any means adopted to remedy "this most lamentable state of things." As a possible and alternative remedy Lord Salisbury would encourage the establishment of voluntary denominational schools by Nonconformists, and would give them a full measure of public assistance. But the proposal of the Bishop of Bath and Wells is to be preferred. He suggests that where no other school accommodation exists except the Church school, Nonconformist ministers or teachers, duly qualified, should be granted admission, under proper regulation, to the Church school and be allowed to give religious instruction in a separate class room or other available building to the pupils entered as belonging to their own denomination. Lord Salisbury is right in saying that this question of religious instruction in schools is one of the most difficult problems which ever beset any community.

## OUR PUBLIC MEN.

Public men have a great deal to contend against. They are flattered and magnified by the press of their own party and abused and depreciated by the press of the other party. Men who read the papers of one side only—and their number is large—get such crooked views of public men and affairs that he who attempts to make them see straight attempts a task as impossible as it is thankless. On the other hand those who determine to read both Government and Opposition journals are apt to wax cynical and to believe the statements of neither side. In any event the public man suffers, and nothing he does or says is estimated at its real worth or significance. We believe that the majority of our public men desire nothing more than fairplay. They suffer from misrepresentation to a greater extent than any other class in the community. Especially is this the case with men in office. Their position is difficult enough without the base interpretation which is too often placed upon their words and deeds. Nothing can be more cruel, nothing can be more harmful to the people, than the incessant implication of unworthy or interested motives on the part of those to whose care is committed the governance of the country. For this reason THE WEEK makes it its especial aim to consider impartially acts of Ministers of State, be they Federal or Provincial, Liberal or Conservative and not to take for granted that any charge is necessarily true because it is made. It is only fair to take for granted that the different Governments are doing the best they can for the welfare of the country. We may think they are not devoting enough attention to some matters of national importance, to which we refer elsewhere, but there ought to be the least possible display of mere partisan fault finding.

## BRITAIN IN THE EAST.

The latest speech of Lord Roberts, as reported to the New York Sun, ought, to wake up the English people and all and sundry who are connected with them if they can be waked up. General Roberts is not an alarmist and he never plays to the gallery. What he says is this: "If England intends to maintain her commercial supremacy in the East she must be prepared for events even more startling and unexpected than those which have occurred during the past twelve months." He pointed his remarks by urging the English people not only to look after their navy but to keep their army ready for action. He believes, as all far-seeing watchers of current events believe, that India is threatened. The readers of a Canadian journal may ask: "Well, what then? What have we got to do with that?" The answer is, when India is threatened Canada is threatened. When England stands solitary and at bay Canada, Australia, The Cape, New Zealand must all look out for trouble. What then is Canada's duty? In these columns we have struck no uncertain note. What we have written has been set forth under a deep sense of responsibility and was based upon reliable information. We repeat what we have said already. The times are more than critical, and Canadians cannot prepare too soon for any emergency.

When a member of a lodge withdraws his membership because he fails to carry one of his favourite schemes, it is very good evidence that the lodge loses nothing by his withdrawal.

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**A PLEASANT EVENING.**

Hebron Lodge, No. 31, D. of R., East Toronto, held a very successful meeting on Monday evening, the 9th inst. A large number of brothers and sisters were present, owing partly to it being nomination night and also to a rumour that the D.D.G.M. intended to visit us. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been gone through, the lodge was called off for an hour, and the members were invited to partake of refreshments that had been provided by the committee, which as usual were gotten up in their best style, and consisted of tea, coffee, cake and oysters, and all the other necessaries.

Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves, at the same time regretting the absence of our D.D.G.M., Sister E. Seels. I must not forget to add that the pleasures of the table were greatly enhanced by the presence of Bro. J. E. Jones, of this lodge, who resides in the city, and who had come out specially for this meeting. His witty sallies and powers of repartee kept the members in roars of laughter, and it was more in sorrow than in anger that we heard him announce that he had another engagement, and was compelled to retire early. Come again, Bro. Jones, and bring that proposition with you.

After full justice had been done to the good things provided, the members returned to the lodge-room, where an enjoyable time was spent. Our old reliable, Bro. F. Nettleton, gave some comic songs in his usual style. Bro. Moor gave some excellent recitations; Bro. Givens favoured us with several selections on the violin, and also accompanied the quartette in their singing; while Sister Moor sang some songs of "ye olden time," also some good old Scotch songs, to the delight of all present. The company separated a little after midnight, all well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

RUTH.

Washington has fifteen Rebekah lodges. Not a single member was suspended for non-payment of dues during the last year.

**WHY ARE WE ODD FELLOWS?**

Man is a social, though independent, being. The mind acting upon the organization of the material body prompts him to fellowship with his kind—mutual relations from necessities and interests—and sympathies arise to fix and perpetuate a bond of union of separate individual natures. The world's history is full of examples of this influence established among the members of the human family. Mutual friendship is the practice of that precept, "Do unto others what you would that they should do unto you." Fraternal love is the basis of this maxim and friendship is the result of its appreciation. The truth of which is illustrated in the moral and legal codes of Oddfellowship.

Friendship teaches us to feel an interest in the pleasures and pains, the happiness and misery, the prosperity or adversity, of our fellow beings—to contribute all we can to advance the former or alleviate the latter. It prompts us to appreciate the good qualities and extenuate the faults and errors of our brothers. It encourages us to confide in those we deem worthy of confidence. It is the genuine feeling of interest in the welfare of the object of our attachment, separated from any personal interest of our own.

The aim of Oddfellowship is to encourage this noble sympathy, and to cultivate and improve the finer feelings of nature of man which characterize his supremacy over the brute creation. In friendship we find numerous causes for its exercise, aside from the excellence of its enjoyments. Every great object is the better accomplished by concert of action among individuals, or combined influence of members. Men usually take more interest in any work where his exertions are appreciated, and when he feels that others are inclined to support him in his undertaking, his individual labors are increased, and the disposition to effect his object is greatly stimulated. When we take a reciprocal interest in each other, we thus establish that community of dependence which is the ground-work of friendship. Good-will and brotherly love are the offsprings of mutual sympathy. When such a feeling has been established, frequent association renders it an habitual custom, from which may be derived permanent and lasting social connection in society.

When we meet within the sacred walls of the lodge room, it should be in accordance with our obligations, not to look with suspicion and illwill on the acts and dispositions of our brethren, nor should we assemble weekly to devise schemes and measures to counteract the efforts of those whose scrupulous devotion to the interests of the Order may render them conspicuous in a noble and just

cause. We should come together for good; to labor in the interests of benevolence and brotherly love; to emulate the highest in the great work of advancing and promulgating the principles of the Order. Success is the assured reward for earnest exertion.

To alleviate the sufferings of our sick or distressed brothers; to afford consolation to the widowed heart, or to provide sustenance for the body and mental nourishment to the mind of the desolate and fatherless, are not the only objects of the Order. These are its regular and necessary commands, and our obligated duties, and should be performed as though coming from love and not from laws. It is eminently calculated to sooth the wounded feelings and heal the branches or differences which arise from misconception of motives or misapprehension; to make us better acquainted with each other, and to give to each the confidence and reliance worthy of its principles. By its moral influence it induces brethren to cultivate a spirit of forbearance and kindly feeling toward each other and deprecates the existence of animosity and unfriendly strife within or without its walls, that the public interests of the Order may be advanced, while the individual members are benefited.

We are Odd Fellows because we are taught, by the laws and principles of the Order, to live a better and more useful life; to live for others as well as for ourselves; to discharge with fidelity and integrity all obligations, whether of a moral, social, or legal nature. It creates an incentive to exhibit by acts that we are worthy of respect of our neighbors, and deserving of public confidence. By adhering rigidly to all the rules laid down for our guidance and protection, we shall never fall into disrepute nor bring discredit upon the Order.

We are Odd Fellows because the Order teaches us to be faithful and true to our country; to avoid cruel and turbulent measures, and render submission to the decisions of legislative power; to be friends to humanity, and promoters of friendship and moral order. Odd Fellowship is the hand maid of religion, for it recommends universal benevolence and every virtue which can bind men together. The practical religion of the Order is freedom of worship according to the conscience, loyalty to God, to truth, to love, justice and humanity. It is especially adapted to give to the mind the most disinterested notions—the most generous impulses; it strengthens virtue, promotes love and esteem, and makes men *friends* and *brothers* in the fullest sense of these terms.

We are Odd Fellows because it provides for the better protection and comfort to its worthy brethren when journeying from home and friends. With a visiting card, or other evidence of good standing

in the Order, he can find friends where, without such testimonial, all would be strangers. In case of sickness or accident, he can summon brothers who will do all in their power for his relief and comfort.

In fine, we are Odd Fellows for what of good there is in the Order; for what, through its medium, we can do for others, and what they can do for us; for the liberality of its laws; its universal tolerance; its examples of unselfishness; its spread and practice of divine principles, and for the utility of its unwritten language.—*Pacific Odd Fellow.*

#### A BOY SAMARITAN—LESSON FOR ODD FELLOWS.

A reporter called to a little bootblack near the City Hall to give him a shine. The little fellow came rather slowly for ore of that lively guild, and placed his box down under the reporter's foot. Before he could get his brushes out another larger boy ran up and, calmly pushing the little one aside, said: "Here, you sit down, Jimmy."

The reporter at once became indignant at what he took to be a piece of outrageous bullying, and sharply told the new comer to "clear out."

"O, dat's all right, boss," was the reply, "I'm only going to do it fur him; you see he's been sick in the hospital for mor'n a month, and can't do much work yet, so us boys all turn in and give him a lift when we can—savy?"

"Is that so Jimmie?" asked the reporter, turning to the smaller boy.

"Yes, sir," wearily replied the boy, and as he looked up the pallid, pinched face could be discerned even through the grime that covered it. "He does it for me, if you'll let him."

"Certainly, go ahead;" and as the bootblack plied the brush the reporter plied him with questions. "You say all the boys help him in this way?"

"Yes, sir. When they ain't got no job themselves, and Jimmy gets one, they turn in and helps him, 'cause he ain't very strong yet, you see?"

"What percentage do you charge him on the job?"

"Hey?" queried the youngster. "I don't know what you mean."

"I mean, what part of the money do you give Jimmy, and how much money do you keep out of it?"

"You bet your life I don't keep none; I ain't no such sneak as that."

"So you give it all to him, do you?"

"Yes, I do. All the boys give up what they get on his job. I'd like to catch any feller sneaking it on a sick boy, I would."

The shine being completed, the reporter handed the urchin a quarter, saying, "I guess you're a pretty good fellow

so you keep ten cents, and give the rest to Jimmy, there."

"Can't do it, sir; its his customer. Here Jim."

He threw him the coin and was off like a shot after a customer for himself, a veritable rough diamond. In all large cities there are a good many such lads with warm and generous hearts under their ragged coats.

Brother Odd Fellow: Having read the foregoing story of the "Boy Samaritan," go and practice more faithfully than ever the sublime teachings of your ritual. The traveler from Jerusalem to Jericho is always your brother.

#### TOO MUCH NEGLECTED.

The duty of a committee on investigation is not only to call on the person making application for membership but to make diligent inquiry of those to whom he may refer, and of any others the committee may wish. We believe that of all committees appointed in a lodge the committees on investigation of candidates for membership are the most careless. They seem to think because the person is recommended by Brother A., or Brother B., that he is worthy and should be admitted, and are willing to report favorable on the application at once, but this is not accord-

ing to law. The law requires that at least two of the committee see and talk to the applicant. If the law was enforced in this matter it would be almost impossible for any one to be admitted who is unworthy, and lodges would not be compelled afterward to perform an unpleasant duty by expelling a member. It is not only the loss (?) of the member expelled, but in but few if any cases has there been a member expelled who has not had some friends in the lodge who felt hurt, and a coolness would spring up among the members. Some would stay away and finally drop out, while if the committee on investigation had done their duty this member would have been rejected and all this trouble avoided. We believe it is better for a lodge to reject ten good men than to admit one who will, after receiving the degrees, want to run the lodge after his own idea or ruin it, which he is sure to do if he is not promptly set down on. To the committee on investigation of candidates: Do your duty thoroughly, investigate the character and standing of every candidate of whom you may be appointed on, and report unfavorable on the application of every one, who after you have investigated you think will be a detriment to the lodge, and who you would not be willing to take into your family.—*Odd Fellow Register.*

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PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

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MARITIME PROVINCES.

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LACHUTE. Laurentian Lodge, No. 14, Tuesday p.m., Olivet Hall. Officers - Robt. McArthur, N.G.; Geo. McGregor, V.G.; Robt. Law, R.S.; Alex. Riddell, Treas.

MONTREAL. Mount Royal, No. 1, Monday at 8 p.m., Odd Fellows' Hall, 251 St. James St. Officers - Chas. Griffith, P.G.; N.G.; J. Goodfellow, P.G.; V.G. - Chas. Lane, R.S.; S. Roman, P.G.; S.P.; L. Silverman, P.G.M., Treas.

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MONTREAL. Duke of Edinburgh, No. 4, Tuesday, 8 p.m., 224 St. Catharine St. Officers - W. Kennedy, J.P.G.; J. Stevenson, N.G.; J. A. McWattie, V.G.; N. Wood, R.S.; J. S. McCallum, P.S.; A. W. Childs, T.

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PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

BRAMPTON. Golden Star, No. 101, Thursday evening, Crawford Building. Officers - E. J. Martin, N.G.; Geo. Fuller, V.G.; J. J. Manning, R.S.; J. Perry, P.S.; J. Reynolds, Treas.

BRANTFORD. Harmony Lodge, No. 115, Tuesday, 8 p.m., in hall corner Dalhousie and George Sts., opposite the Post Office. Officers - F. J. Calbeck, N.G.; E. Burt, V.G.; G. McIntosh, R.S.; Jas. W. Tait, P.S.; S. M. Thomson, T. H5

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BROCKVILLE. St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 137, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Officers - John W. Pask, N.G.; S. W. Bell, V.G.; W. H. Kute, P.G.; Box 961, R.S.; H. B. Coates, P.G.; P.S. - W. W. Wood, P.G., T.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

CARLETON PLACE. Stella Lodge, No. 125, Friday evening in their hall, Taylors Block. Officers - J. D. Armstrong, N.G.; Alex. Weeks, V.G.; N. B. McCallum, R.S.; Dr. McIntosh, P.S.; A. H. Edwards, Treas.

CHAPLEAU. Mississauga Lodge, No. 135, Tuesday, 8 p.m., in Odd Fellows' Hall. Officers - Archie McLaren, N.G.; J. Dohls, V.G.; J. M. Austin, P.G.; R.S. - Chas. Murphy, P.G.; P.S. - J. B. Dexter, P.G., Treas.

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FERGUS. Fergus Lodge, No. 73, Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock, Odd Fellows' Hall, Commercial Buildings. Officers - Robt. J. Corbett, N.G.; Fred. Young, V.G.; Geo. W. Featherstone, R.S.; R. H. Perry, P.S.; John Craig, Treas.

FLORENCE. Florence Lodge, No. 196, Monday, at 7:30 p.m., in Oddfellows Hall. Officers - Rev. J. F. Holmes, N.G.; J. J. McGuire, V.G.; D. McDonald, R.S.; Eugene Walker, P.S.; Isaac Unsworth, T.

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GALT. Waterloo Lodge, No. 107, Monday, 8 p.m., in P.O. Box 433, R.S.; W. A. Dennis, P.G.; P.S. - F. Hugg, Treas.

GANANOQUE. Gananoque Lodge, No. 114, Monday, 8 p.m., Odd Fellows' Hall. Officers - J. H. Karr, N.G.; C. R. Cotton, V.G.; Fred Arthur, R.S.; John Munden, P.G.; P.S. - A. E. Meggs, P.G., Treas.

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NORTH BAY. North Bay Lodge, No. 271, Tuesday evening, in Oddfellows' Hall, Ferguson's Block. Officers - Geo. E. Fay, N.G.; L. Shaw, V.G.; J. A. Ross, R.S.; E. W. Ross, P.S.; Dr. Carruthers, Treas.

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**OTTAWA.** Carlton, No. 240, Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, in Odd Fellows Hall, corner Bank and Sparks Sts. Officers—J. B. Manson, N.G.; J. Carruthers, V.G.; A. T. McKinnon, R.S.; A. E. Mattice, P.G.; P. N. John Smith, Treas. H5

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**PARRY SOUND.** Parry Sound, No. 189, Monday 8 p.m., Odd Fellows Hall, James St. Officers—Jos. Bregg, N.G.; Geo. Molyneux, V.G.; S. Montion, P.S.; Jno. Clark, R.S.; John Galan, T. A5

**PERTH.** Fraternity Lodge, No. 264, Monday evening. Officers—J. D. Bower, N.G.; W. A. Morris, V.G.; F. W. Hall, R.S.; T. A. Wright, P.S.; R. S. Meighen, P.G. T. A5

**PETERBOROUGH.** Peterborough Lodge, No. 111, Thursday, 8 p.m., Odd Fellows Hall, corner George and Hunter Sts. Officers—T. Hooper, N.G.; James McClelland, V.G.; A. McFarlane, R.S.; W. J. Green, P.S.; S. Clegg, T. J4

**PETROLEW.** Friendship Lodge, No. 65, Friday evening. Officers—W. J. Clark, N.G.; D. Rosford, V.G.; J. J. Matthews, R.S.; Geo. Watson, P.S.; John Sinclair, Treas. C5

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**SMITH'S FALLS.** Rideau Lodge, No. 241, Monday evening. Odd Fellows Hall, Gilroy's new Block. Officers—R. Mc Gillivray, N.G.; E. A. Anderson, V.G.; H. Sutton, R.S.; G. S. Secher, P.S.; D. P. Hamilton, P.G. M., Treas. G5

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**THORONTO.** Queen City of Ontario Lodge, No. 56, Monday evening, Odd Fellows Hall, cor. Yonge and College Sts. Officers—Chris. B. Robinson, N.G.; Geo. A. Kingston, V.G.; A. Macomb, 10 Oxford avenue, R.S.; Geo. C. Mortimore, 4 North street, P.S.; Jas. Robertson, T. G5

**THORONTO.** The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, Monday, 8 p.m., Odd Fellows Hall, cor. Brunswick and College Aves. Officers—E. E. Saunders, N.G.; R. S. Anderson, V.G.; D. B. Cockburn, R.S.; 30 Division St.; E. S. Dayman, P.S.; L. H. Pense, Treas. L5

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**THORONTO.** Albert Lodge, No. 194, Friday, 8 p.m., Odd Fellows Hall, Queen St. and Denison Ave. Officers—A. C. McLachlan, N.G.; Robt. MacLean, V.G.; R. N. Sheppard, R.S.; B. C. Morrison, P.S.; Harry Sherris, T. H5

**PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.**

**TORONTO.** Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 230, Tuesday night 7 p.m., in Odd Fellows Hall, corner Queen and Lisgar Sts. Officers—J. Jamieson, N.G.; F. L. Craig, V.G.; F. Hawke, 150 Macdonell Ave., R.S.; R. Gray, P.S.; E. Johnston, T. D5

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**TORONTO.** Floral Lodge, No. 252, Monday, 8 p.m., Weeks Hall, cor. Dunn Ave. and Queen st. West. Officers—R. E. Griffith, J.P.G.; Geo. McLean, N.G.; W. C. Ogilvy, V.G.; J. J. Ramsay, R.S.; A. W. Finkle, P.S.; J. W. Isaacs, P.G., Treas. G5

**WATERLOO.** Germania Lodge, No. 184, Thursday evening. Officers—D. McKay Bernis, N.G.; Hy. W. Roos, V.G.; Charles Mough, Secy.; C. A. Hachnel, Treas. G4

**WAUBAUSHENE.** Georgian Bay Lodge, No. 219, Thursday evening, Odd Fellows Hall, Officers—Rev. J. H. Sheppard, N.G.; A. M. Macdonald, V.G.; C. P. Stocking, R.S.; J. C. Elac, P.G.; Treas.; D. M. Grant, Warden; Hugh Carson, Con.; G. H. Currie, Chaplain. F5

**WINDSOR.** Frontier Lodge, No. 45, Thursday evening, Odd Fellows Hall, Sandwich St. Officers—Theo. Onellette, N.G.; William Phillips, V.G.; J. R. Thomson, T.; J. Rowden, P.S.; Geo. Latchem, R.S.; Dr. Cruickshanks, M.D. D5

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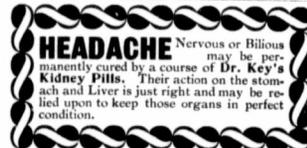
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