

MASONIC BRETHREN HONORED MEMBER ON 90TH BIRTHDAY

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same class at the Toronto Dental College, the only class in the history of the college that still held an annual gathering and kept in touch with each other by these yearly events.

Presentation to Bro. Burt

Though the visit of the D.D.G.M. was of course the important part of the evening's programme, from the standpoint of the Masonic fraternity as a whole, we feel that can say with truth that the big thing of the evening in many minds was the fact that this was the evening on which, Durham Lodge was to tender signal honor to possibly its most esteemed member. It is now 52 years since Mr. James Burt was received into the mysteries of the craft, and since that time there has never been a more enthusiastic or loyal member. His every thought seems to have been "for the good of the order"; he has been a most regular attendant at all meetings, and no undertaking of the local lodge in the past fifty years could have been called complete without his advice and co-operation being sought.

And not only in Masonry has Mr. Burt proved useful. Although well past the age when most people retire and seek the comfort of the arm chair and the fireside, this active old gentleman has consistently refused to quit, and there are few affairs, even of community interest, in which he does not take more than a passing interest and very active part. If the I. O. D. E., the Red Cross, or any other of the local societies need any help, it is to "Jim Burt" that they turn. And they never turn in vain. There may be some of our readers who may say that this is all "appreciation," that no man of 90 years can be of any such assistance. There is only one answer we can give to this accusation. They do not know Mr. Burt. Up bright and early each morning, this fine old gentleman is on the move all day, here, there and everywhere. We do not think there is anyone in town, ministers included, who is any more faithful in visiting the sick or doing what he can for those in need.

Birthday Cake Cut

There was repeated handclapping when the big birthday cake was placed on the table. And it was a big one—it had to be to go round the large number gathered at the festive board. To Rt. Wor. Bro. Price fell the duty of making the first cut. The cake was a magnificent one, decorated with the various insignias of the craft, and in the centre stood a fine White Wyandotte rooster, the latter referring to the fact that the Grand Master, the Hon. G. S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, is the well-known White Wyandotte King of the poultry world.

It fell to Rev. W. H. Smith of Durham Lodge to propose the toast to Bro. Burt, who was visibly affected as he rose to reply to the kind words, said of him and the extended applause of the brethren present.

Other Toasts Proposed

During the evening there were other toasts proposed among them being that to the visiting brethren. The toast of the Junior Warden brought a most pleasant evening to a close. It is the first instance in the history of Durham Lodge that it has had the privilege of honoring a 90-year-old member, who was also presented with a suitable and tangible gift, and it will in all likelihood be many more before a similar occasion occurs.

With the brethren of the Masonic Order, and with the citizens of the town, The Chronicle joins in wishing for this grand old man many happy returns and it may be that on the anniversary of his one-hundredth birthday ten years hence, it will take the form of a Masonic-Community affair in which the whole populace may join in honoring a centenarian who has for a long number of years enjoyed and held the respect of all.

Mr. Burt was born in Glasgow, Scotland, but spent the first nine years of his life in Liverpool, coming to Canada in 1852. After a short residence in Toronto he moved to Brampton where he worked for five or six years, and where he learned his trade as a moulder in the Haggard plant, the foreman of which was the late Adam Cochrane. Shortly after the Cochrane foundry was built in Durham he moved here and has been a resident of this vicinity ever since. In connection with his life as a moulder, Mr. Burt also engaged in farming as a sideline.

The subject of this sketch was with the Cochrane people for about 40 years, when he retired to his farm south of town which he disposed of some fifteen years ago to Mr. James Nichol, the present owner. Shortly after coming to Durham he was bereaved by the death of his life partner and since then makes a trip almost annually to Bagot, Manitoba, where he spends the summer with a nephew. For a man of his years we doubt if there is in the whole of Canada one so active. Blessed with good health still, Mr. Burt gives evidence of years of activity and it is the wish

SLAVERY EXISTS IN MANY COUNTRIES

No great nation has so fine a record as regards slavery as Great Britain and it seems ironical that in the twentieth century it should be Great Britain's bad luck to appear before the world as one of the powers countenancing the bondage of human beings. The case in point arose in Sierra Leone where there is a British colony as well as a British protectorate extending far into the hinterland. In the colony, of course, there is no slavery, and in the hinterland there is a law which will automatically put an end to the practice in another generation, but at present it exists. In the protectorate the real authority has been exercised by native chieftains, and the British Government has interfered with them as little as possible. These chieftains claim a right over slaves which is comparable to the old rights of seigneurs in feudal times, and unwisely, as it now appears, the British Government has acquiesced in these claims, as she usually acquiesces in the native customs of the backward peoples whom she has been trying to lead into the light of civilization.

The Fugitive Slave

There are probably 400,000 of these slaves in the protectorate. Last year an ordinance was passed which provided that all persons brought into the protectorate are to be free, and every person born is likewise free. Moreover, when the owner of a slave dies, that slave becomes a free man. Another provision is that no claim for or in respect of any slaves shall be entertained by any of the courts in the protectorate. This means that no compensation can be paid to any chieftain who loses possession of any slave, and the whole ordinance means that slavery is confined to the present generation of slaves and slave owners. Encouraged by this ordinance many of the slaves escaped and reached the colony of Sierra Leone where they were declared to be free. Some of them did not get clear of the protectorate, but fell into the hands of other chieftains. These chieftains might have been within their rights in declaring the slaves free, but being slave owners themselves they have chosen to take the part of the owner of the runaway slave and have returned the victim to his master. One of these recaptured slaves is responsible for having brought the whole practice into the open.

A Curious Decision

He accused his master of assault and in the lower courts won his case. But it came finally to the Supreme Court of Sierra Leone, and two judges out of the three who heard the case, decided that "reasonable force" might be used to retake a runaway slave. The other judge dissented in strong words, saying, "Slavery is repugnant to natural judgment, equity and good conscience and they should not support the institution in any shape or form, whether the Legislature expressly forbids it or not." The matter will not be permitted to remain where the decision of the two judges has left it and it will be brought up in Parliament if the Government does not forestall criticism by having the law altered, or by finding some means to self-aside the majority opinion. The League of Nations has done good work in the crusade to wipe out slavery from those parts of the earth where it continues to exist. But for the opposition of France, Italy and Portugal a British proposal giving any warship the right to search any vessel suspected of being in the slave traffic would have been accepted last year when Sir Austen Chamberlain and Viscount Cecil denounced the traffic as a crime against the human race.

Five Million Slaves

It is estimated that there are probably 5,000,000 human beings in bondage to-day, a greater number, as P. W. Wilson points out in the New York Times, than were set free by Lincoln's proclamation. The

of every citizen that he may long be spared and that his familiar figure may grace the streets of Durham for many years to come.

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chief slave holding nations are China and Abyssinia, the latter admitted to be the most enlightened of native African states, and the only one which has survived into modern times as an independent sovereignty. In Abyssinia one person in every five is a slave, while in China the ratio is only one in 150. Slavery is in China, therefore, a much smaller thing than in Abyssinia despite the fact that each has about the same number of slaves, namely 2,000,000. In the African state the slave markets are still open and the slave traders capture natives of other African states and sell them into bondage. The little colony of Kenya is said to spend \$200,000 a year in protecting its natives from bandits who have their headquarters in Abyssinia. Ras Tafari, the Regent, is personally opposed to the traffic, but is in much the same position as a Prime Minister of Great Britain who happened to be a prohibitionist. He has to deal with an ancient custom which is also a very profitable one to many of his most important subjects.

Great Britain's Influence

In China the women and children sold into slavery, most of them because their natural protectors cannot afford to support them, are called "adopted children". The survival of this institution is largely due to the fact that China lacks a strong central government and that local tyrants are a law unto themselves. Within the last few years the Maharajah of Lepal was persuaded by Britain to set free 53,000 of his subjects held in servitude. In Burma, 5,000 slaves were freed at an expenditure of \$15 each paid by the British Government. When the territory around Lake Tanganyika, formerly held by Germany, came under a British mandate, slaves to the number of 185,000 were set free. In Turkey, Morocco, Tunis and Algiers there is slavery and tens of thousands of the Armenians who survived massacre are still held by their captors and dealt in as though they were domestic animals.

CRISP COMMENT

At 40 a woman stops patting herself on the back and begins under the chin.—Life.

As long as she can fascinate men, no woman worries about her age.—Kitchener Record.

Poverty is often just a state of mind created by a neighbor's new car.—Atchison Globe.

Most parents object to the state looking after their children. They prefer to leave it to chance.—Brandon Sun.

Mexico is making a big mistake trying to put a revolution over during the world series week.—New York Sun.

An old-fashioned girl is one who still cherishes a secret ambition to swim the English Channel.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Clay Centre Dispatch-Republican quotes a sophomore to the effect that love at first sight is a great saving of time.—Kansas City Star.

Not long ago they were cutting down the forests for lumber. Now they are cutting them down to make parking spaces.—Syracuse Herald.

Three candidates were after the Presidency of Mexico, and the attitude of each one toward the other was "I'll shoot you for it."—New York Sun.

THE FARM

It has been as much too dry in Western Ontario this fall as it was too wet last fall. At time of writing pasture is very short and wheat is making slow progress.

With the hundred and one jobs waiting to be done before winter sets in, the outlets to drains should not be neglected. A clogged outlet renders the drain useless.

The more protection new seeds have the better their chance of withstanding unfavorable climatic conditions during the winter and spring. Avoid pasturing new seeds too close. A top dressing of manure in the fall or early winter is beneficial.

The results of not cutting the burdocks growing along fences and waste places is seen in burrs sticking in horses' manes and tails at this time of year. It would really take less time to cut the burdocks at the right time than to clean the burrs out of the animals' tails.

When plowing the corn land take extra precaution to see that all stalks, leaves or refuse are turned completely under. The law requires it in borer-infested regions, as it is a practical method of controlling the pest. It is also good farming to turn a clean furrow.

Subsoiling is practiced to a very limited extent. It consists of loosening a few inches of soil below the regular plow depth but not bringing it to the surface. Will some of our readers who have tried it furnish us with particulars as to doing the subsoiling and its effect on subsequent crops?

The use of jointer or skimmer on the plow may increase the draft, but is certainly makes a better job of the plowing. The benefit will be noted next spring, especially if the season is wet. Where the jointer is used grass does not show up nearly so quickly between the furrows.

How many readers of "The Farmer's Advocate" have tried topping mangels with a hoe and harrowing them out? We tried it at Weldwood last fall and found it much easier than pulling a topping them by hand. Mangels keep just as well, and it was June before the last of them were fed. There was much less breaking of the mangels by the harrows than we had anticipated.

After Sunset

After sunset comes the thought of the deed you left undone, of the word you did not say, of the beggar turned away, these return at set of sun. After sunset, when the light is a glory in the west and its rare reflected glow, gilding fields of endless snow, lingers on the mountain's crest, walk the ranks of splendid things, words and acts that might have been, friendly hands you might have clasped, chance for good you might have grasped, love you did not pause to win. Never, through the busy day, do they come to vex your peace; but when twilight shadows fall creeping slowly over all, sunset gives these ghosts release. Why not change this sombre train to a pageant of delight, where shapes gay and gracious move? Why not let faith, kindness, love, after sunset lend lift light?

Silent Rejoicing

A little girl came home from school because her teacher was ill and could not be there. The child's mother said: "You must have been very sorry to hear that your teacher was ill." "Oh, yes, mother," the child answered, "but I couldn't help clapping my hands under my breath."

SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS FOR PAST MONTH

S. S. No. 7, Proton IV—Isla Richardson 77, Ross Irving 76, Pearl Harrison 73, Ethel Richardson 63.

Sr. III—Verlet McNalty and Robert Plester 75, Ray Richardson 52.

Jr. II—Jessie Lane and Carlotta Plester 75, Adalaide McNalty 73, Myrtle Corbett 61, Douglas Clark 60.

Jr. I—Mary Lane 83, Ivan Porter 78, Goldie Wilson 67.

Sr. Pr.—Cecil Lane and Wilfred McNalty (equal), Stella Corbett, Kathryn Thompson, Emerson Plester, Clifford McLean.

Jr. Pr.—Gertie Wilson, Jean Knox and Billie Lane (equal), Marguerite McLean, Elroy Harrison, Helen Irving.

No. on roll—31; average at ce 27. M. Dell Macintyre, teacher.

S. S. No. 5, Glenelg Asterick denotes those present and punctual every day.

Sr. III—Willie Pearl, Violet Banks, Mary McNab.

Jr. III—Clara Jack, Daisy Street, Elvie Hastie, Ada Banks.

Sr. I—Walter Street, Esther White.

Jr. I—Bruce Clark, Victor Street. Average attendance 10.89.

—Reta L. Barbour, teacher.

S. S. No. 3, Bentinax Sr. IV—Gordon Couts, Gladys Alexander, Borden Brown.

Jr. IV—Jean Couts, Joe McCulloch, Russell Bartman, Lillian Park.

Sr. III—George Bailey, Charles Mighon, Claren Reay.

Sr. II—Myrtle Bartman, Grace Reay, Clifford Brown, Albert Reay, Herbert Wells.

Jr. II—Jean Reay, Pearl Bartman.

Jr. I—Bernice Wise, Ruth Bartman. Pr.—Howard Bailey, Irvin Sharpe, teacher

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD, 10 13 2 J. S. B. Dufield, Secretary

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