

CORNISH GATHERING IN AKRON

Akron, Jan. 11, 1916.

At last the Cornish folks in Akron are awake, and assembled at the Howe Hotel on Jan. 8th to a banquet and afterwards to a dance in the Woodman Hall, in the hopes of bringing all the Cousin Jacks and Jinnies together and forming an association for this City, of which at present it is in need. The committee responsible for the occasion were Messrs. J. Curnow, G Hollow, senr., N Hitchens, R. H. Mann, R. Woolcock, C. Hambly, J Richards, senr. and J. Richards, jun., having the arrangements carried out most satisfactorily. Dinner was served at seven in Cornish style and done ample justice to. Mr. H. Stinton proposed Mr. C. Worsnop toast master for the occasion, and it was unanimously agreed to. This being the first attempt at such a function only eighty attended out of the 270 Cornish people who are in this city, but it was hoped with all present with unity an association could be formed in the near future. After brief speeches by Messrs. J. Richards and C. Hambly, outlining the intentions of the committee in inaugurating the gathering, they touched upon the relationship of all present, and the European war, also bearing out statement of money subscribed and sent to the different funds at home. Mr. J. Curnow seconded all that was said, adding that we must not forget the City where so many boys have made their homes and are earning their living. With a few minor remarks and a word of praise for the management in supplying such an excellent repast, all flocked to the Dance Hall across the street where Mr. N. Harvey, of Mousehole, who came from Cleveland for the occasion, was at the piano, assisted by Miss L Richards. After all the appropriate dances had been gone through, Mr. J Richards, sen., came on with the song "Asleep on the deep," followed by a duet by Messrs, R. M. Richards and N. Hitchens "When I think of Cornwall sometimes." The special feature of the evening was a step dance by Mrs. Jack Richards, sen., which was loudly applauded. Then came a duet by Miss Lamb and Mr. P. Welsh "I am coming back to you." Sire Sloman, after singing "Berry Bobs," responded with "Who papered the parlour?" The last item on the programme was "Song of my heart," which was well rendered by Mr. J. Richards, and though it was getting late he was obliged to respond with "Anchored." After the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" the most pleasant evening in the history of the Cornish folks of Akron was brought to a close, and all trouped out with high praise for the committee.

The following were present at the banquet and dance:- Messers. C. and A. Worsnop, H. Stinton, W. Hoare, P. Hoare, R. Hoare, P. Welsh, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mann, Miss Elisie Mann, Miss Ruby Mann, Mr. N. Hitchens, Mr. W. Crocker, Mr. W. Williams, Misses F. and M. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. W. Richards and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. Woolcock and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Roberts and family, L. and H. Roberts, Mr. R. Mann, jun., Mr. and Mrs. J. Curnow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richards, Miss L. Richards, Mr. C. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richards, junr., Mr. and Mrs Wells, H. and W. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cattran, H. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Hollow. Mr. P. Hollow, Misses L. and P. Curley, Mr. and Mrs. Hambley. Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallis, A. Trevaskis, F. Tresidder, Mr. and Mrs. M. Blewett. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Richards, S. Sloman. John Stone, Mrs. M. Uren. J. Pezzack, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carter, J. Oates, C. Rich, S. P. Warren, P. Andrews, N. Harvey, W. Dennis, R. Fastland, J. Green, G. Olds.

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