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GRAND LODGE OF TASMANIA.

ANOTHER of the Australian colonies has formed for itself an independent Grand Lodge, and its members have withdrawn from the allegiance they formerly acknowledged to the Masonic authorities of England, Ireland and Scotland. Tasmania is the fifth of the great divisions of Australasia which has taken this step, South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and New Zealand having already established Grand Lodges of their own, all of which are now progressing as satisfactorily as could be desired, with the exception, perhaps, of that of New Zealand, where some differences of opinion exist, which, it is hoped, will speedily be set right.

The new Grand Lodge of Tasmania was formally inaugurated on the 26th June, the whole of the twenty-two Lodges in the colony being unanimous in giving their approval and support to the new Constitution. England, which was formerly represented by a District Grand Lodge—established 30th December 1875—had eight Lodges working in the colony at the time of the change; Scotland, with a Provincial Grand Lodge, established 14th October 1884, had nine; and Ireland, whose District Grand Lodge was inaugurated in August 1885, had five. Before proceeding further with details of the new movement, we may justifiably extract from our contemporary, the *Mercury*, of Hobart, the following:—

The history of Freemasonry in Tasmania, so far as traceable, for the records are not of an entirely unbroken character, show that it owes its parentage to Military Lodges. First to that attached to the 21st Regiment, and which was held under charter from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, granted in 1763, and known as the Royal Fusiliers Lodge, No. 33. There was also attached to the regiment a Chapter H.R.A., and a Tent Knights Templar and Malta, but it is not necessary in an article like the present to deal with other than the Craft Lodges' history. There was also a Lodge, No. 404 E.C., attached to the 51st Regiment during its stay in this colony. From these, in 1828, there grew up a Civilian Lodge, and a charter was obtained from the Grand Lodge of Ireland during that year for the establishment of the Tasmanian Lodge, No. 313. The names of the first W.M. and chief Officers are not known, but in 1833 the W.M. was Bro. T. J. Lampriere, who had as S.W. Bro. W. T. Macmichael; and as J.W. Bro. J. H. Westbrook. In the interim also there had been established another Civilian Lodge, known as Union Lodge, No. 326, but the exact date of its erection is not traceable, its W.M. in the year in question being Bro. R. L. Murray, with S.W. Brother James Lyon, and J.W. Bro. W. Hanse. The Military Lodges, of course, met in the Barracks, and the Tasmanian occupied a Lodge-room at the Macquarie Hotel, the Union meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, Harrington Street. In 1834 a further development took place, and what is now the oldest existent Lodge in the Colony was established, this being Tasmanian Operative Lodge, 345 I.C., and of which Brother Thomas Horne (late Judge Horne) was the first W.M., and Brothers J. Edington and Frederick Paterson, S.W. and J.W. respectively. Its place of meeting was in what was then known as "Mezger's room," attached to the Bird-in-Hand Hotel, Argyle-street, kept by Jno. Mezger. In 1835 we find the three W.M.'s in office were—Bro. J. L. Archer, Tasmanian; Bro. R. L. Murray, Union; and Bro. Edington, Tasmanian Operative. In 1836 Bro. Wilkinson was elected W.M. of Tasmanian Lodge, and the Union Lodge changed quarters to Mezger's room. The removal of the 21st Regiment occasioned the establishment of another Civilian Lodge, for the W.M. and S.W. having retired, and settled in the colony, applied to the Grand Lodge of Ireland for a stationary warrant, which was granted in 1842, the old title and number being allowed to be retained. This Lodge took up quarters at the Macquarie

Hotel, its first Master being Bro. McGregor. Union Lodge during this period appears to have given signs of waning, and no meetings were held for some time—the Lodge ultimately lapsing. On 26th October of this year the first step in the direction of establishing a Lodge in Launceston was taken. A meeting of M.M.'s was held in the Kangaroo Inn, and Bro. Jas. Henry appointed Secretary, it being decided to apply for dispensation to work under charter No. 404, (M.L., the Regiment having left Tasmania), but this being found to be contrary to the Constitution, application was made for the warrant of 326 Union Lodge, but could not be granted by 345 I.C., to whom it was made, as the direct sanction of the Grand Lodge was necessary in relation to any transference from one town to another. The difficulty and delay were obviated by the obtaining of a dispensation from 345 I.C., to work pending the arrival of the warrant. The Lodge was named the St. John's, and received Warrant No. 346. The first Officers included the following:—Bros. Randin (a P.M. of No. 281 E.C.) W.M., Neale (a P.M. of No. 71 E.C.) S.W., Roberts J.W. and Henry Secretary and Treasurer (both members of 345 I.C.) The Lodge was formally opened on 19th January 1843, the Lodge room being at the Caledonian Hotel, Launceston. During this year the Masonic Benevolent Fund was started, its first President being Bro. Lempriere A.C.G., with Bro. W. A. McKay Vice-president and Bro. Toby Secretary. In 1844 a portion of the brethren of 345 I.C., considering there was room for the revivifying of the fourth Lodge in Hobart, applied for a Warrant under the English Constitution, and called this the Tasmanian Union, working under dispensation from Bro. G. R. Nicols, D.P.G.M. of Australasia, and receiving Charter No. 781. The Lodge elected to meet in the Freemasons' Hotel. This formed the introduction of English Freemasonry. During the years 1845 and '46 the Tasmanian Lodge gave evidence of weakening, and it finally passed out of existence in 1847, during which year it may be noted Chapter H.R.A. was added to No. 345. In 1849 the Tasmanian Union changed its location to the Waterloo Hotel, and the following year occupied the upstairs rooms in the building which subsequently became the Oddfellows' Hall, in Collins Street. 1852 witnessed a secession from St. John's, Launceston, a portion of the brethren forming a Lodge under the English Constitution, called Hope, which was erected on the 7th September, Bro. G. S. Swan being the first elected to the W.M.'s chair. This Lodge also had to act under dispensation from the P.G.M. of Australasia. 1854 brought with it the demise of the mother Lodge of Tasmanian Freemasonry—Royal Fusilier Lodge, No. 33. The last Principal Officers inscribed on its roll were Bros. J. A. Thomson W.M., D. Oscroft S.W., W. Edwards J.W. 1855 saw the establishment of a H.R.A. Chapter attached to the Hope Lodge in Launceston, but in 1856 the ambition of the Hope Lodge brought about the separation of its members, with three Lodges, Faith, No. 992 E.C., erected in March, and whose first W.M. was Bro. J. Cohen, and Charity, No. 989 E.C. In November of the same year these three Lodges petitioned for and obtained a Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Rev. R. K. Ewing being elected its first and only Provincial Grand Master. Differences with the Tasmanian Union arose, and were continued. In 1857 the Peace Lodge, No. 1021, was established at Longford, and in 1859 the Tasmanian Union Lodge at Hobart returned its Warrant to England, but was subsequently reinstated, whilst 1860 saw the demise of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In the same year a second English Lodge was formed in Hobart—Pacific, No. 1103. The Peace Lodge was removed to Circular Head in 1862, its first W.M. in the new district being Bro. H. Dunnaim. 1863 saw a re-numbering of the English Lodges, occasioned by the removal from the roll of the Grand Lodge of all Lodges which had ceased working, and from this date the Tasmanian Lodges bore the following numbers:—Tasmanian Union 536, Hope 618, Faith 691. The Benevolent Fund waned during 1865. Three years later St. John's Lodge, Launceston, ceased working, its then W.M. being Bro. H. Conway. Faith also lapsed, Bro. W. Ling being the last W.M. From this date to 1873 there is nothing to record, but in this year was erected a third Irish Lodge, the Midland Pastoral, No. 347 I.C., at Oatlands, its first W.M., Bro. S. Smith, being installed on 9th December, and having as his immediate supporters in government Bros. A. Burbury as S.W., and E. Currie as J.W. In 1875 Bro. H. Conway successfully revived Lodge St. John in Launceston, which had been dormant for a number of years. The two Southern Lodges under the E.C. petitioned for and obtained D.G. Lodge. The Northern Lodge under the Constitution having entered a formal protest against not having been consulted cordially gave its adherence. Bro. Hammond was installed first Grand Master. 1887 brought with it the establishment of representation of the third Constitution, a portion of St. John's Lodge, numbering fourteen members, obtaining

a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland and opening Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 59-12 in November. In 1878 Pembroke Lodge, No. 1517 was opened at George Town, meeting at the Parsonage-house, under W.M. Bro. L. Johnson. The warrant of Peace Lodge was also revived at Hamilton-on-Forth. In 1880 the death of the Worshipful Deputy Grand Master took place, and Brother Rev. Poulett-Harris, a prominent member of the Pacific Lodge, was appointed to fill the vacancy. 1881 saw the warrant of Faith Lodge utilised at Campbell Town, Bro. H. Conway being the W.M. appointed. The S.C. followed suit by establishing a second Lodge in Launceston. In 1882 the Tasmanian Freemasons' Hall was erected and opened, and another Scotch Lodge created—Concord, No. 687 S.C., Latrobe. During 1884 the South Esk Lodge, 800 E.C., was erected at Evandale, with Bro. H. B. Davies as its first W.M. A petition for a Provincial Grand Lodge by the Irish Lodges resulted in its being granted, and on 14th October Bro. Harry Conway was installed first Provincial G.M., whilst towards the end of the year the St. George's Lodge, 353, was established at Beaconsfield. Next year was a busy one for Irish Masonry, and three new Lodges sprang into existence, the Meander, No. 354, at Deloraine, the Lord Wolsley (Temperance) No. 358, at Launceston, and the Mersey, No. 360, at Formby. Scotch Masons made a move in the direction of a District Grand Lodge in 1885, and this being successful, in August, Bro. P. Barrett was installed first R.W.D.G.M. This year also saw the erection of the Dorset Lodge, No. 736 S.C., at Scottsdale, and the Lake, No. 361 I.C., at Longford; 1886 witnessed the erection of the Robert Burns S.C., and Eastern Star (at Ringarooma), and Rechab (at Hobart) I.C. In 1887 the Powlett Lodge was erected at Circular Head, and in 1888 the last Lodge to be erected was the United Service Lodge, in Launceston, the members of which must belong to the Defence Force.

The movement for the formation of an Independent Grand Lodge in Tasmania first received public notice in May 1885, at the banquet following the Annual Communication of the English District Grand Lodge, held that year in Launceston. The suggestion was received with a cordiality that was surprising, as well as gratifying to the proposer (Bro. P. Barrett), but no practical move was made in the matter until, in January 1888, the Lodge of Perfect Unanimity passed a resolution inviting the sister Lodges to appoint delegates to discuss the advisability of forming a Grand Lodge. A representative meeting was held on the 29th February following, when the whole matter was discussed, the motto adopted being "unity and unanimity or nothing." This motto has been faithfully adhered to throughout the proceedings. A meeting of delegates was held at Launceston, on the 6th March of the present year, for the purpose of taking the preliminary steps for the inauguration of the Grand Lodge, and we have already recorded the satisfactory result of that gathering. The unanimous choice of the delegates at the March Meeting, for the G. Mastership of the new Constitution, fell upon Bro. the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris, M.A., then District Grand Master under the English Constitution, an office to which he was appointed in 1880.

The proceedings of the inauguration day commenced at 9.30 a.m., when a meeting of all Past Masters, Masters and Wardens of the three Constitutions was held, for the purpose of settling all preliminaries, so far as the appointment of Grand Officers and other matters was concerned. At this meeting a resolution was passed, directing a request to be conveyed to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, asking him to become the Patron of the new Grand Lodge, a request we have no doubt our Most Worshipful Grand Master will readily accord.

The ceremony of the day took place in the Town Hall, at Hobart, there being about 350 brethren present, including numerous visitors, among them the Grand Master (Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart.) and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Victoria; the Grand Master (the Earl of Kintore) and Officers of the Grand Lodge of South Australia; the Grand Master (Lord Carrington) and Officers of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. His Excellency Lord Carrington acted as Installing Officer, and having formally hailed Bro. Rev. Poulett-Harris as Grand Master, Chief Justice Way, the Pro Grand Master of South Australia, addressed the new chief.

The Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M. of South Australia, also addressed the newly installed Master, and he was followed by Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., who presented to Bro. Poulett-Harris a jewel, the fac simile of one presented to himself in Melbourne when

he was elected to the Grand Mastership of Victoria. The jewel contained the distinctive colours of the three Constitutions of England, Scotland and Ireland, blended into one design.

In acknowledgement of the various addresses, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Tasmania said:—

Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Officers, and Brethren,—I should like very much to give expression to my feelings on this occasion, but in adequately conveying to you those feelings I shall be brief, as I should be sorry to dispel from your minds by any utterances of mine the impression created by the magnificent and exhaustive oration we have had from the Past Grand Master of South Australia, Bro. Way, and by the very kindly utterances we have heard from the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of South Australia and Victoria. I will, therefore, only say, I am most grateful to these and all other distinguished Masons who have honoured us with their presence, and I feel that when I convey those thanks to them I am expressing the gratitude of every Tasmanian Mason. I thank you, Sir, (addressing the Installing Master) very warmly, for having left for the while your very important and responsible duties in New South Wales to do me the very great honour of acting as Installing Grand Master. I thank individually each of the Grand Masters for their presence this day. I shall have another opportunity in the course of the evening of expressing more freely my feelings on a variety of subjects in connection with Masonry. I will not detain you, for as I have already said, I desire you to carry away with you the impressions created by the addresses you have already heard. Therefore, I shall simply thank those illustrious Masons, and all other distinguished visitors, for their presence this day. I thank them most cordially, in the name of the newly-established Grand Lodge.

Bro. P. Barrett was appointed Pro Grand Master, and Dr. E. O. Giblin Deputy Grand Master, while the other Officers for the year were invested, and rank of Past Pro G.M. conferred on four distinguished Craftsmen. The Grand Lodge was subsequently closed, a banquet following in the evening, at which most interesting speeches were delivered.

TWO KINDS OF MASONS.

GEORGE Lippard, in one of his novels, "The Quaker City," describes two kinds of Quakers: One, he says, are scrupulously exact about the shade of their cloth, anxious to have the coat the exact length and of the right cut, and are very particular as to the brim of the regulation hat; these, he says, are the orthodox Quakers, and in dealing with them they need watching, their faith is in their clothes, and they wear the Quaker garb to serve the devil in, their regulation hat covers their wicked selfishness; do not trust them, though they appear to be demure and endeavour to keep up the ways and styles of the Friends. The other kind are not so particular as to the cut of their coat, they may even go so far as to discard the regulation drab or wear a high hat instead of the low crown, wide brim order style, but their faith is within them, their faith is in their heart; they are proud to belong to the ancient society of Friends, and their conduct is in keeping with the faith that is within them; they are upright, honest, honourable and truthful, and always keep the fact in view that they are in part responsible for the good name of the Quakers.

This description tallies exactly with some of our Brethren; we have those who are particular, anxious and always ready to parade their calling, their membership in the Fraternity; they are covered with Masonic jewels, wear the Square and Compasses engraved on their rings and are for ever talking "on the Square." Their actions belie their conduct, their faith is not within them, is not in their heart, it is in their jewels; in their outward appearance they are Masons in name only and for mercenary motives; their obligation is to themselves alone, they care not for the good of the Craft or for the good of anybody but themselves, and when Masonry ceases to be profitable to them they have no further use for the Fraternity; these Masons need watching, and though they wear the emblems of our ancient Craft, they are not truly with us; their selfishness will not allow them to be of service to their fellow men, hence they can never be really good Brothers. The other kind of Masons, like the other kind of Quakers, are not particular to parade their Masonic jewels or tokens; they seldom talk "upon the Square," but they rather act upon it, and, by it, they are Masons in real earnest, they have faith in the Institution, and live by it every day; their faith is within them in the very bottom of their heart of hearts, and they feel that they too are in part responsible

for the good name of the ancient Craft, and act accordingly. These are the Brethren who form the bulwark of our Fraternity; it is upon these that we must always rely for the best results in our good works, and to these Brethren we must always turn when there is work to do, and they will never fail us; these are the Masons that can be trusted with the good name of the Fraternity and they will never betray their trust, they are the Masons of the Masons. They do not aspire to offices, but will take and fill them, and fill them creditably, too, and whether in office or out of it, they are always ready to serve the Craft, "without the hope of fee or reward." They stand shoulder to shoulder, ready to do, ready to work, ready to uphold the dignity, the honour and the good name of the ancient Institution.—*Hebrew Standard.*

ROYAL ARCH.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., Grand Superintendent Oxon, presided; Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay, Grand Superintendent of Malta, as H.; and the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G. Sojourner as J. Owing to the death of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Z., Grand Chapter furniture was draped, and the Companions appeared in Masonic mourning. Grand Chapter having been formally opened, the minutes of the May Convocation were read by the Grand Scribe E., and confirmed. Comp. Clerke next said that at the last meeting of Grand Chapter Viscount Valentia, who had been appointed by the Most Excellent Z. as Scribe N., was unavoidably prevented from being present, but his Lordship was now in attendance, and ready to be invested with the insignia of his office. Viscount Valentia was then introduced, and invested by the acting M.E.Z. with his collar and robe of office, the acting M.E.Z. stating that there was no one better deserving of that great honour. The Acting M.E.Z. next said: Companions,—Before we proceed to the business on the agenda paper, I am reminded that I ought to make a few remarks on the mournful event which has occurred since our last meeting, and which has caused the Companions throughout the world so much grief and sorrow. The emblems of mourning which you see around you will remind you of whom I am speaking—the late Pro Grand First Principal, the Earl of Carnarvon. You have often heard his voice in this Hall; you know how excellently he discharged the duties of his office, whether in the Craft or the Royal Arch, and that anything he had to do was done well. It is therefore right that some one should propose that there be recorded on the minutes the great grief Grand Chapter feels at the loss we have sustained. It occurs to me, as I am occupying the chair to-night, that it is for me to have to say these few words. Perhaps I am also tolerably well qualified to speak of our late Companion, because he was just leaving Oxford when I went to it. His splendid abilities had been accompanied with the highest honours the University could bestow, and we looked forward to him as one likely to make a name in the world. He has left behind him a great reputation. It is also right that I should make these remarks, because he was also a member of the Apollo University Lodge, and also of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge. I need not say much because you all know what I feel, and you all feel the same. I move that there be recorded in the archives of this Grand Chapter a vote expressing the deep sense we feel of the great loss that this Grand Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry has sustained by the death of the Pro Grand First Principal the Earl of Carnarvon. Comp. Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay concurred in the remarks of the Acting Grand Principal, and seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The report of the Committee of General Purposes, as published by us last week, was, on the motion of Comp. Robert Grey, seconded by Comp. Frank Richardson, taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The different recommendations were moved by Comp. Robert Grey, seconded by Comp. Frank Richardson, and carried. In moving the recommendation that £250 be voted for the

electric lighting, Comp. Robert Grey said he was sure that on such a hot night as that was the Companions would feel the benefit of the electric light, and they could not do better than show their appreciation of it by carrying the motion. This was done. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said there was a vacancy on the Committee of General Purposes by the death of Comp. W. H. Perryman, which occurred a few days ago. It was therefore necessary that the Companions should elect another in his place. Comp. Robert Grey said that at the last meeting Comp. J. S. Cumberland was proposed and seconded, but he gracefully retired in order that there should not be a contest. He therefore now moved that Comp. J. S. Cumberland be elected. This was seconded by the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and carried. Grand Chapter was then closed in form.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Sittingbourne, on the 6th inst., at which a large number of brethren from various parts of the county were present. The official business was performed at the Masonic Hall, the list of Officers appointed being as follows:—

Comp. J. S. Eastes	...	...	H.
W. J. Harris	...	...	J.
T. S. Warne	...	...	S.E.
R. S. Davey	...	...	S.N.
W. Russell	...	...	Treasurer
W. Watson	...	...	Registrar
Henry Mason	...	...	P.S.
H. H. Green	...	...	1st Assist. S.
W. J. Smith	...	...	2nd Assist. S.
J. W. T. Chapman	...	...	Sword Bearer
C. Eltham	...	...	Standard Bearer
W. J. Lane	...	...	Dir. of Cors.
W. Cessford	...	...	A. D. of C.
E. B. Hobson	...	...	Organist
J. E. Wiltshire	...	...	Assist. S.E.
J. Cook	...	...	Janitor

At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a sumptuous banquet was partaken of, served by Bro. Host Vinnicombe, of the Bull Hotel. Earl Amherst, the Provincial Grand Master of Kent, was in the chair, and the company numbered about 100. There were present from Faversham Companions F. F. Giraud P.Z., C. Eltham P.Z., and J. M. Goldfinch P.Z.

At the meeting of the Brunswick Chapter, on the 31st ult., at the Ebrington Hall, Stonehouse, the following were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. Radmore Z., Marshall H., Price J., Aitken-Davies S.E., Stoner S.N., Rook P.S., Selleck and Harvey Assistants. Comps. C. A. Nicholson and J. Bartlett were re-elected Treasurer and Janitor respectively.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

THE Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, has conferred the position of Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, rendered vacant by the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, upon Viscount Dungarvan, eldest son of the Earl of Cork, Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset. The selection of Lord Dungarvan has occasioned something more than surprise amongst the brethren of the Craft. His lordship has had little or no Masonic experience, and the Provincial Grand Officers and Officers of Craft Lodges throughout the Province much regret that before the vacancy was filled up they were not consulted in any way whatever, or invited to make any recommendation. It is probable, we learn, that the Provincial Grand Lodge, fixed to take place at Clevedon, on the 20th inst., will be postponed, probably until the installation of the newly-appointed Prov. G.M.

—*Bridgwater Mercury.*

What was very appropriately described as a "Masonic Combination" Picnic took place on the 30th ult., at Hawkstone, Salop, the Lodges represented being the Wavertree, No. 2294, (Bro. Eli Brooke W.M.); the Cycling and Athletic Lodge, No. 2335, (Bro. R. Foote W.M.); and the Prince Arthur, No. 1570, (Bro. W. M'Ganley W.M.) The indefatigable Secretary had made arrangements which proved most satisfactory to the numerous brethren and ladies who were present. The Masonic "outing" was voted one of the most enjoyable of the year.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

ON Wednesday, 30th ult., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Essex Freemasons was held at Walton-on-Naze, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Lord Brooke, M.P. His Lordship, accompanied by Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar (Recorder of Colchester), and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, left Liverpool Street Station by the ordinary noon train in a special saloon carriage, kindly placed at his Lordship's disposal by the Great Eastern Railway Company. On reaching the station at Walton-on-Naze, soon after two o'clock, the party were met by Bros. J. M. Scarlett I.P.M. 1799, E. Dorling P.M. 1799 P.P.G. Secretary Suffolk, and W. E. Sutton J.W. 1799, and at once conducted to the Clifton Hotel, where Grand Lodge was opened at 2.45. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge last year, at Easton Lodge, having been read and confirmed, letters expressing their inability to attend were read from Bros. Lord Henniker P.G.M. Suffolk, Col. Sir Francis Bardett P.G.M. Middlesex, Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, James Round, M.P., Geo. Cooper P.M. 214 P.G.D., Richard Clowes P.M. 650 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, R. Hedges Secretary R.M.I.G., J. M. McLeod Secretary R.M.I.B., Revs. W. Morgan Jones and H. J. Hatch, &c. The roll was then called over, and it was found that all of the thirty-one Lodges in the Province were duly represented. The Provincial Grand Secretary then read an abstract of the Lodge returns for 1890, which showed that there were 1440 subscribing members, as against 1300 last year, an increase of 140. The report of the Auditors showed a balance in the hands of the Provincial Grand Treasurer on the General Fund of £84 0s 1d, and on the Charity Fund of £24 3s 3d. The report of the Charity Committee gave a *résumé* of the work done at the elections for Boys and Girls in April, and the Old People in May last, and thanked the brethren for the support given to the Committee, which had enabled them to secure the election of one aged brother on the funds of the Benevolent Institution, and considerably help forward two widows for the same institution. The report also congratulated the Province on being entirely out of debt, and the representatives held I.O.U.'s for 136 Girls' and 200 Benevolent votes. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that the Calendar had been more successful this year, a portrait of his Lordship therein having proved very popular, and he trusted that there would be a good balance in hand after paying expenses of publication. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master said he was glad that this little venture, of which some of them had been guarantors, now seemed to be gaining in popularity, and he made a suggestion, which he thought would add to its usefulness.

The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren. He was, he said, very pleased to meet the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and also gratified at the large attendance. Time went by so quickly that it seemed only the other day that they so kindly came to Easton Lodge and took part in their annual festival; and the meeting which they had there would not soon fade from his memory, because nothing could have given more pleasure to him, as Provincial Grand Master, than the able and excellent support he received on that occasion. He thought it would be only right for him to allude to a matter which had caused them very deep regret, namely, the death of Lord Carnarvon, whose removal from amongst them he feared was almost irreparable, because he was a man who gave his heart to the Craft, and devoted a very considerable amount of his time towards furthering its interests. He paid a warm tribute to the kindness, courtesy, and skill with which the late Earl had conducted the business of the Grand Lodge. This loss would be felt throughout the country, but most deeply in the Province of Somersetshire, with which he (Lord Brooke) was at one time connected, and where he knew that the late Earl, both as a citizen and a Mason, was regarded with the deepest veneration. It must be a source of satisfaction to them all, as it was a pleasure to himself, to notice the prosperity of their Craft in the Province of Essex. The report just given by their Secretary, showing an increase in their strength of 140 members, was most pleasing, as he was quite sure that all those brethren were good Masons, and would be true to the Craft. During the year two new Lodges had been added to their roll—viz., the Mistley and Easterford—both of which he felt sure would add strength to the Province,

and he had only a few days since recommended to the favourable consideration of the Most Worshipful Grand Master another Lodge—the William Shurmur Lodge—which would commence its Masonic life with a strength of about 80 members. With regard to the Mistley and Easterford Lodges, his Lordship said it was a matter of great regret to himself that in consequence, partly of ill-health and partly the pressure of business, he had been unable to attend the consecrations; but those who were there, he was sure, had a Masonic treat in witnessing the excellent working of his esteemed Deputy, Bro. Philbrick. Another source of gratification to them all was the assistance that had been given in the cause of charity, for he found that since they last met the handsome sum of £977 10s had been contributed to the three great Charities of the Craft, against £650 last year. One important matter of business they would have to deal with to-day was the revised by-laws, which the Committee, appointed last year, had—under the guidance of the Grand Registrar—evidently bestowed great pains upon. In conclusion, his Lordship repeated the pleasure he felt at once more meeting the brethren in Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master then announced that Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick had kindly consented to act as his Deputy for another year; and his Lordship thanked Bro. Philbrick for the assistance he had been to himself in carrying on the work of the Province. His Lordship having called upon the brethren to elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer, drew attention to the fact that notice had been given that Bros. E. J. Acworth and William Shurmur would be nominated. The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that just before the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, a letter was put into his hands from Bro. Acworth, to the effect that he was anxious to promote Masonic harmony in the Province, and with that view would prefer his name to be withdrawn rather than divide the brethren on the question. Bro. William Shurmur and Bro. Mark Gentry were then nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer, and on a show of hands Bro. Shurmur was elected by an overwhelming majority. The Provincial Grand Master then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Bro. John J. C. Turner	...	...	Senior Warden
J. M. Scarlett	...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. T. S. Raffles	...	...	Chaplain
W. Shurmur	...	...	Treasurer
W. B. Heagerty	...	...	Registrar
Thomas J. Ralling	...	...	Secretary
T. Rymer Jarvis	...	...	} Senior Deacons
T. Scoresby Jackson	...	...
H. St. G. Boswell	...	...	} Junior Deacons
R. C. Lyle	...	...
Mark Gentry	...	...	Supt. of Works
A. Lucking	...	...	Dir. of Cers.
W. W. Barber	...	...	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
H. J. Skingley	...	...	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
W. E. Bridgeland	...	...	Sword Bearer
J. H. Sharp	...	...	} Standard Bearers
M. W. Meade	...	...
C. J. Dale	...	...	Organist
E. T. Moore	...	...	Assistant Secretary
F. C. Lake	...	...	Pursuivant
E. C. Sparrow	...	...	Assistant Pursuivant
A. W. Martin	...	...	Tyler
W. Finer	...	...	} Stewards
G. Canler	...	...
F. C. Dixie	...	...
J. H. Vaux	...	...
F. J. Nunn	...	...
M. H. Page	...	...

On the motion of the Provincial Junior Grand Warden, Bro. W. B. Heagerty Provincial Grand Registrar was elected a member of the Charity Committee, in the place of Bro. James Salmou P.P.G.R., who retires by rotation.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then brought forward the revised bye-laws. He said the Committee had taken a great deal of trouble over the matter, and had spent many hours in looking through the laws in force in neighbouring Provinces, and in preparing the revised code which would be put before them that day. He specially mentioned the assistance which Bro. Lucking had been to the Committee. Bro. Philbrick then went through the laws *seriatim*, mentioning the salient points in each, and they were eventually, with a few verbal amendments, adopted, subject to the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Bro. the Rev. W. Quennell Past Provincial Grand Chaplain (for Bro. G. Cooper) proposed, "That the sum of £13 be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to place a Memorial in one of the lights of the windows, or on the wall framing of the new Centenary

Hall of the Girls' School, the arrangements to be left to a Committee consisting of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. G. Cooper." Seconded, and carried unanimously.

The following grants were made:—£10 10s to the Walton-on-Naze National Schools, £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £15 to the Arnold Lodge towards the expenses of the day.

The Provincial Grand Master then, in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge, presented to Bro. Andrew Durrant a handsome 18-carat gold oval Past Provincial Grand Treasurer's jewel, remarking that Bro. Durrant had occupied the position of Provincial Grand Treasurer for the long period of ten years, and would carry with him into his retirement the good wishes of them all. Bro. Andrew Durrant, who spoke with much feeling, said he had endeavoured to do his duty in the position the brethren had placed him; but he never anticipated that he should be in the position he was to-day, as the recipient of this handsome jewel, the value of which was greatly enhanced from the fact that he had received it direct from the hands of their beloved Provincial Grand Master. In the course of some further remarks, Bro. Durrant said that he was the originator of the Charity Fund of the Province, which had been of great assistance in supporting their three Institutions. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, in recognition of his services as Provincial Grand Treasurer, 1879-1889.—Walton-on-the-Naze, 30th July 1890."

Bro. G. J. Westfield P.P.G. Sword Bearer then asked his Lordship to accept a water-colour drawing of flowers, surmounting an oval containing a portrait of his Lordship in full Masonic regalia, our veteran brother (who is now in his 76th year) with pardonable pride remarking that the drawing was his own work. The Provincial Grand Master had much pleasure in accepting the picture (for which his Lordship expressed much admiration); he was most gratified at the kind and Masonic feeling that had prompted the gift.

A vote of thanks to the Directors of the Great Eastern Railway for the facilities they had given, and to the Arnold Lodge for the ample and elaborate arrangements they had made for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge having been passed, the proceedings closed, and nearly 150 brethren afterwards dined together at the Clifton Hotel, the catering of Bro. Dorling calling forth the highest encomiums.

The Provincial Grand Master presided, supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and other distinguished Masons. In proposing the health of the M.W. the G.M., Lord Brooke reminded the brethren that His Royal Highness had lately paid a visit to Essex, and though he had not come Masonically, still the visit of His Royal Highness had been of much benefit to the county. The Grand Secretary of England (Col. Shadwell H. Clerke) responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, remarking that the brethren could not do better than follow the Masonic zeal of the Grand Officers belonging to their Province—the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Secretary, and Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. F. A. Philbrick Deputy Provincial Grand Master then, amidst great cheering, gave the toast of the Prov. Grand Master Lord Brooke, remarking that that Province was one which he ventured to think even Lord Brooke was proud to preside over. They were a united body of Masons, standing on a platform as broad and as comprehensive as any platform in the world. They were members of a great brotherhood, whose interests were as wide as humanity, and whose principles were co-extensive with its interests. He concluded with an eulogium on the position of the Masonic body in the Province, whose prosperity he knew would continue under the wise and genial rule of their respected chief, Lord Brooke. The Provincial Grand Master, who was enthusiastically received, said he attributed the position of the Masonic body in his Province entirely to the fact that he had in his Officers men of great tact, great judgment, and great experience in Masonic affairs, and those brethren who had not yet enjoyed the sweets of office, but who he trusted looked forward to them some day, looked up to their leaders, and showed a devotion to that great cause which they all had at heart.

It being nearly time for the majority of the brethren to leave, to catch the special train, the health of the Deputy

Provincial Grand Master was briefly proposed by Lord Brooke, and as briefly acknowledged; and there being no time for another toast, Lord Brooke said he should not like to leave without thanking the brethren of the Arnold Lodge for the admirable arrangements they had made for the meeting, and also for their liberal hospitality. His Lordship then asked the Provincial Senior Warden to take the chair, and under the presidency of Bro. Turner the toast list was continued. During the evening a musical entertainment was provided, under the superintendence of Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins. He was supported by Mr. John Bartlett and Miss Foxcroft, of London (now on a visit to Clacton-on-Sea), who gave some charming selections of vocal music. It only remains to add that the brethren of the Arnold Lodge did their best to make the meeting a success. The noble assembly room at the Clifton was handsomely decorated with flags and plants, while on the walls were hung the banners of the various Lodges, from the age-stained banner of the Angel, No. 51, to the more elaborate ones of the recently consecrated Lodges. Liberal provision was also made for the entertainment of their guests. Miss Philbrick, of Colne, kindly, as on many previous occasions, sent a large supply of "button-holes," which were much appreciated by the brethren.

—Essex Standard.

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Ryde, on Monday, the 28th ult. The Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master presided. There was an unusually large attendance of representatives of the various Lodges in the Province, including many Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Earl of Carnarvon was passed. The accounts of the P.G. Treasurer (Bro. J. W. Gieve) showed that, after paying the ordinary expenses of the Province and contributing the sum of 150 guineas, as usual, to the Masonic Charities, in addition to £117 10s to the fund for Brother Binckes, the late Secretary of the Boys' School, there remained a cash balance in hand of £442. This brought the total assets to £1439. The votes to the three central Masonic Charities were increased by 50 guineas, and that to the Hampshire Educational Institution by 20 guineas. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Colonel Crease, C.B.	...	Senior Warden
Rev. E. W. Watts	...	Junior Warden
Rev. J. H. Anderson	...	} Chaplains
Rev. J. Scott Ramsay	...	
J. W. Gieve	...		Treasurer
A. Dashwood	...	Registrar
Edgar Goble	...	Secretary
F. H. King	...	} Senior Deacons
J. Harvey	...	
G. Aylward	...	} Junior Deacons
J. Shemmonds	...	
H. H. Wheeler	...	Supt. of Works
G. B. Irons	...	Dir. of Cirs.
Tanison Smith	...	Deputy Dir. of Cirs.
E. O. Longlaud	...	Assist. Dir. of Cirs.
W. T. Du Free	...	Sword Bearer
A. J. Brown	...	} Standard Bearers
R. H. Brannon	...	
H. Gee	...	Organist
G. Felton Lancaster	...	Assistant Secretary
W. H. Smith-Parsons	...	Pursuivant
T. Tufnell	...	Assistant Pursuivant
W. Bates	...	} Stewards
J. Slater	...	
J. Doidge	...	
A. F. Swayne	...	
H. T. Dodd	...	
J. Bunt	...	

The Provincial Grand Master highly complimented the Ryde Lodges on the excellent arrangements made for the meeting. A banquet was subsequently served, at the Town Hall, at which there was a large attendance.

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CONTRAST BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW KNIGHT TEMPLARS.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

THAT our modern Masonry descended from the secret Masonic Lodges of the Middle Ages, may be proved in various ways. Thus, Dr. Plott informs us that the Masons of his day used to wear white gloves in their Lodges, where they were also "entertained with collations." It cannot be denied that our Masons have kept up the old landmarks of white gloves, and *collations too*, ever since 1717. There is no reason to doubt that white aprons were worn by the pre-1717 Masons in their Lodges, and modern Masons do the same. In short, the outfit of the pre-1717 Masons, while in their Lodges, strongly resembled that of our modern Masons. The modern Mason is decorated with trinkets called jewels, and his apron is trimmed with blue ribbon. Exactly when these innovations were introduced I know not, but, any how, I very much doubt whether Grand Master Anthony Sayer, or his immediate successors, wore blue trimmed aprons, or any jewels. But be that as it may, no one can deny a strong family resemblance, as it were, in the Lodge accoutrement of the old Masons and of the new.

Now, our modern Knight Templars claim direct descent from the old Templars, that is, from the days of De Molay. But our Boston Knight Templars bear no resemblance whatever to the pictures preserved of the Knight Templars of olden times. For instance, the old Templars in their Priory used to wear white mantles, and when on a war tramp, they were mounted on horseback, and were covered from head to foot in armour, having an iron shield on the left arm, and a spear in the right hand, with a sword hanging on the left side. But our *new* Templar, when at home, wears an ordinary suit of clothes, and when on a tramp, or parade, he wears a black tail coat and black trousers, a small three cornered black apron; he holds a naked sword in his right hand, with a cocked hat upon his head. Hence, with the exception of a cross on one side of his cocked hat, there is nothing about him to remind one of an old Templar.

But that is not all. The old Templar believed in the Trinity, and in the Viceregency or infallibility of the Pope, he believed in the dogma of the "Real Presence," he made frequent confessions of his sins, and prayed to the Virgin and to Saints. But Boston Knight Templars need not believe in the Trinity, or in any Catholic dogma. And as to praying to the Virgin and holy Saints, such a prayer was never offered in a Boston Knight Templar Commandery. Indeed, I firmly believe that if a Boston K.T. Chaplain had dared to pray to the Virgin in a Boston Commandery that it would have been the last of his K.T. Chaplainship. We see now that whether we compare the old Templars with the *new*, from their respective outfits, or their respective religious dogmas, *there is not the slightest resemblance between them.*

Now, Frater Wm. J. B. Macleod Moore, "Supreme Grand Master [of the] Great Priory of Canada," claims to be *more of a Knight Templar* than the so-called Knight Templars in the United States are. He does not indeed pretend to believe in the Pope's infallibility, nor would he suffer his Chaplain to pray to the Virgin and Saints in his Priory, and has no objection to Canadian Knight Templars having wives, but he insists that every disbeliever in the Trinity is disqualified from becoming a Knight Templar. He also calls his place of the Templars' meeting "Priory" instead of "Commandery." And as I have never seen a Canadian Knight Templar, I cannot say whether his outfit for the performance in the Priory resemble more that of the old genuine *fighting* Templars, or of our United States *talking* Templars. But one thing I must say in behalf of Grand Frater Moore, viz., he either knows more about the actual history of Masonic Templarism than our United States Grand Masters of Templars do, or he is more fearless in writing the truth about the origin of Masonic Templarism, as the following extracts from Bro. Moore's last published "Allocution of 1889" will show, viz. :—

"To me large military organisations are no new sight, and I can not now feel the same interest in those of an imitative character, more particularly as I have long abandoned the idea that Masonic Military Templary represents 'the true Order,' or that there is any connection between Templary and Masonry, which at one time I may have supposed.

"Various theories were advanced to prove that Templary was a component part of 'Free and Accepted Masonry' of the 1717 revival, but all have failed to convince, before historic truth and modern criticism, however carefully perversion of truth may be arranged. At this time, in 1873, a most searching investigation was instituted as to its alleged derivation and connection with 'Freemasonry,' as well as to its direct descent from the old orders of chivalry. It was then clearly ascertained and declared that Modern Templary was in *no way* a part of Speculative Freemasonry, but merely allied to it.

"The argument brought forward, that the Templar degrees formed a part of the original plan of Speculative Freemasonry of the revival, is a mistake based upon 'Anachronisms,' as they all refer to periods *long after* the invention of additional degrees of the Templar System. The error of adopting these degrees at all has been distinctly pointed out by modern Masonic investigation of the most reliable authority.

"As a purely Christian society allied to Freemasonry, military evolutions and displays are quite out of place, of no benefit, and questionable both in policy and utility.

"The reformed degree 'Kadosh,' [or] Holy—which gave rise to the modern Templar degrees, was originally one of vengeance and hatred against the oppressors of the Templar Order, viz., the Papacy and the Royal House of France, now changed to preserve the recollection of the persecution and dispersion of the Templars and the suffering of its members: but it must be recollected that all those Templar degrees, under the mask of Freemasonry, are but fabrications of the last century.

"The comments so frequently indulged in by Masonic writers on the great antiquity of 'Freemasonry,' has led to the common mistake and belief that it alludes to the symbolic system of the present day, whereas it refers only to the ancient operative stone Masons—speculative Freemasonry being comparatively modern.

"After the dispersion of the Members [or Templars] an unsupported tradition relates that many of them joined the Masonic Lodge at 'Sterling,' which gave rise to the Knightly Order becoming incorporated with Masonry; the present Scottish ritual is very similar to that of Canada, derived from the ancient Templars, founded upon the Benedictine canons.

"In its present form, United States Templary can have no pretension to be considered as representing the old Order, hence the mistake of associating the degrees of the two countries as meaning one and the same.

"The purely Masonic Templar system can be compared to little else than what might be called 'a frantic effort after the real thing, with a sort of photograph of it to start upon,' but which in many instances has degenerated into a burlesque of the original idea, however well 'got up' and enjoyable a public dramatic military spectacle, but it is not Templary.

"To speak of Templary as an order of Freemasonry, is simply ridiculous. The order of the Temple existed for centuries apart from Freemasonry, without any known connection, further than that the old Knight Templars employed craft workmen. [Yes, they also employed craft tailors, shoemakers, carpenters, blacksmiths, &c., &c., and what of it?] and our Grand Lodges of Freemasonry consider the Templar dogmas as glaring innovations upon Symbolic Masonry. This is clearly shown in a pamphlet printed in London so far back as 1796, called 'Freemasonry, or a word to the wise, being a vindication of the science as practised by the Grand Lodge of England.' Templary therefore in the Empire is only recognised as 'quasi Masonic,' from being allied to it as an additional degree for about a century past."

I must here add that our Masonic Templars may be divided into three classes. First are the *very pious ones*. These believe that it is a virtue to deceive and lie for the purpose of propping up religion. Hence, they zealously defend every lying legend which serves their purpose, and fiercely abuse every honest man who opposes their Jesuitical scheme. Second are the *indifferent ones*. These are totally ignorant of Masonic history, and they care not whether the legends are true or false; they like the title of "Sir Knight;" they are proud of parading in the streets with their cocked hats on; and they like to have a jolly good time. From that class all the new humbugging associations called Masonic receive their recruits. The third class is not large. These know very well that Templarism is a *fraud*, and privately they will admit the fact, but, *politician like*, they lack either conscience or courage, or both, to make known their ideas publicly. Here, however, for the first time in the history of Masonic Templarism, I found a truly *pious* Grand Master of Knight Templars, who not only knows the true history of Masonic Templarism, but who is also conscientious enough to tell the truth. And I sincerely believe that Bro. Moore has rendered great service to the Craft thereby, for he gave a lesson to pious zealots that *lying*, even for the purpose of bolstering up religion, *is wrong*, and if they should continue to persist in lying, it must eventually bring them and their religion, too, into contempt. But still I am sorry to say that Bro. Moore did not go far enough. It seems that old prejudices still cling to his imagination, for while he was outspoken and candid when treating of United States Templarism, he, in a certain

measure, praised up Canadian Templarism, and the sum and substance of the difference amounts to this: The U.S. Templars need not believe in the Trinity, and can call their place of meeting Encampment or Commandery; while the Canadian Templars must be Trinitarians, and name their place of meeting "Priory." He also claims that the Canadians have the old Templar ritual, and the United States Templars have a ritual manufactured by Thomas Smith Webb. Now, with all due respect to Bro. Moore, I beg to state that, in the first place, he knows no more what the old Templars' ritual was like than he knows about the ritual of the old pagan mysteries, or of the man in the moon. And, second, he should bear in mind that the old Order of Templars was not constituted to accord with a previous made ritual, but the ritual was made to accord with the notions of the Templars. Now, it is true the Canadian Templars name their place of meeting "Priory," but the priory of the old Templars was not merely a place of meeting, but it was their *monastery*, wherein all the Knight Templars lived in common, the same as other Orders of Monks did in those days, and do now. To be sure, the old Templars believed in the Trinity, but they also had to believe in the infallibility of the Pope, in the necessity of making frequent confession for their sins, the necessity of Templars' celibacy, the necessity of praying to the Virgin and holy saints, and, above all, the necessity of going to Jerusalem to kill the Infidel. Now, I venture to say that the Canadian Knight Templars believe in no such notions, and have no such aspirations; but, on the contrary, they, including their Grand Master Frater Moore, despise the beliefs and notions of the old Templars as "Papal superstition." We now see the contrast between the old Templars and the new. The old Templars were soldiers, the new Templars are mere street paraders. The old Templars were strict Roman Catholics, but the new Templars hate and despise Catholicism.

And now I will go a step further, and suppose that a body of men dressed in the Canadian Knight Templar custom had entered the precincts of the old Knights Templars, and had called themselves Knights Templars. The first impulse on the part of the old Knights Templars, I think, would have been a hearty laugh at the funnily dressed pretenders. Suppose, however, the new Templars had told the old Templars about their theological beliefs and disbeliefs, then the unanimous opinion of the old Templars would have been that every one of the Canadian Templars deserved to die for heresy. Yes, the new Templars would have been doomed to death in spite of their swearing up and down that they were *Trinitarians*, and in spite of their calling their meeting place "*Priory*," instead of "*Encampment*" or "*Commandery*."

We see now, quite clear, that if any of our modern Templars had come into contact with Grand Master De Molay, that our new Knights Templars would have laughed at Grand Master De Molay for his "Papal superstition," and Grand Master De Molay would have mercilessly burnt the Masonic Templars for being heretics.

But after all, notwithstanding Bro. Moore's shortcoming, it cannot be denied that he deserves the thanks of the Craft at large, for frankly informing the deluded, *pious*, so-called, Masonic Templars, that Masonic Templarism at best is but a *fraud*, and I hope that the next step in the right direction Bro. Moore will take, will be to cut himself loose from Knight Templarism altogether.

BOSTON, U.S., 18th July 1890.

We learn from the August number of the Quarterly Life-boat Journal that the Royal National Life-boat Institution has now 296 life-boats under its charge, and last year it granted rewards for saving 627 lives from shipwrecks on our coast. At the present time pecuniary aid is peculiarly needed, on account of the special outlay that is being incurred by the Committee in replacing a considerable number of their life-boats by boats of the newest type and possessing the latest improvements. Subscriptions will be gratefully acknowledged by the Secretary, Mr. Charles Dibdin, at the office of the Institution, 14 John Street, Adelphi, W.C.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Adelphi Theatre.—That the services of Mr. Geo. R. Sims, the popular playwright and littérateur, and of Mr. Robert Bachmann, the equally successful dramatist and poet, should have been secured by Messrs. A. and S. Gatti for the purpose of constructing an Adelphi drama, is decidedly a new departure in the right direction; and the result of their collaboration is an admirable story, healthy in tone and vigorous in principle. The play is in four acts, and is entitled "*The English Rose*." It deals with the adventures of a spirited young Irishman named Harry O'Mailley, who, following out the Adelphi traditions, is falsely accused of an agrarian murder; but considerable interest is evoked by the fact that his elder brother, a priest, is aware of the real culprit, the secret having been confided to him under the seal of the confessional. This incident recalls a similar episode in "*A Village Priest*," recently played at the Haymarket, and is highly effective, leading as it does to some really fine acting. Of course Harry's sweetheart, Ethel Kingston—the *English Rose*—repudiates the calumny, and sets to work to clear his honour and secure his freedom. The web surrounding the innocent man is so closely woven that there appears no hope of escape, but at the last moment Randal O'Mara confesses his guilt, and the lovers are united. The success of the piece was never for a moment in question, though there are a few weak places that future performances will strengthen, and the management are once again to be congratulated on their enterprising venture. Mr. Leonard Boyne enters heartily into the character of Harry O'Mailley, playing with dash and abandon in the earlier scenes, and with considerable pathos where requisite. He is admirably assisted by Miss Olga Brandon, fresh from her triumphant rendering of Vashti Dethic at the Shaftesbury Theatre, and who quickly enlisted the sympathies of the audience, as Ethel Kingston. Great credit is due to Mr. J. D. Beveridge for his splendid acting as the old Knight of Ballyveaney, while Mr. Charles Dalton as O'Mara, Messrs. Abingdon, J. L. Shine and Lionel Rignold infuse great talent into their impersonations. Miss Mary Rorke does her best with the small part of Bridget O'Mara, but Mr. Thalberg should make a more careful study of the Irish priest. Miss Clara Jecks revels in one of those light-hearted characters which are her speciality at this theatre, and Miss Kate James, Mr. Bassett Roe, Messrs. Northcote and Mr. East undertake the minor characters with much spirit. The scenic artists, Messrs. Bruce Smith, Goatcher and Perkins, have surpassed themselves with their beautiful pictures and intricate mechanical changes, and Mr. William Sydney is entitled to great praise for his stage supervision.

The following ladies and gentlemen will appear in the sporting and military drama, entitled "*A Million of Money*," which will be produced at Drury Lane early in the autumn:—Messrs. Charles Warner, Mark Quinton, Harry Nicholls, Fred Sheppard, Herbert Standing and Fred Dobell; Mesdames Jessie Millward, Fanny Brough, and Alice Lingard.

To-night (Saturday) will be produced at the Gaiety, Mr. J. W. Pigott's comedy, "*The Bookmaker*," which was successfully tried at Terry's some time ago. Mr. Nat Goodwin will play the part created by Mr. E. Terry, and he will be supported by Messrs. William Farren, Charles Glenny, Reeves Smith, George Dalziel, Eric Thorne, Fred Wood, and Walker. Misses Jenny M'Nulty, Christine Mayne, Adelaide Gunn, and Carlotta Leclercq.

Mohawk Minstrels.—The holiday programme given nightly by this popular troupe of entertainers has, during the past week, proved most attractive. This is not to be wondered at when we look at the many clever and attractive items offered. To put the audience in a good humour Walter Howard sings the first song, "*Oh! what a world we are living in*," in that peculiar style well known to this clever comedian. This is followed by sentimental songs, by Frank Elsworth, F. Russon, A. Fowles, W. Lawson, R. Oliver, and Master F. Bentley, interspersed with comic effusions from G. D'Albert, Johnny Schofield, Little Thomas and Johnny Danvers. The game is sustained throughout the first part by Mr. Harry Hunter, the popular interlocutor, keeping the singers well up to the mark. The new comicality, "*Sewing Machine Agents*," brings this section to a close. The characters are admirably sustained by Messrs. Thomas, Howard, Sutton, Schofield, and Danvers. In the second portion of the programme the Mohawks' Band of Banjos thoroughly interest the audience, after which Mr. Walter Howard sings a new song, entitled "*My darling Clementine*," with banjo accompaniment. Messrs. Drew and Alders make their reappearance in an eccentric acrobatic performance, while the new duett, "*Mr. and Mrs. Mulligan*," causes roars of laughter, by the clever way in which it is rendered by the "*Mohawk Johnnies*"—Messrs. Danvers and Schofield. Mr. George D'Albert follows, with a cleverly executed song, after which Little Thomas delights the audience with a pathos, entitled "*She was true to somebody else*." The choir then sang the glee "*Soldier's Love*," which is followed by a cornet solo by Celia Kottaun. The programme is brought to a satisfactory conclusion with a new plantation sketch entitled "*Poor Joe, the Orphan Slave*." In this the troupe keep up their reputation, and cause endless fun. We would, however offer them a word of advice. When they are amusing themselves with the sleeping nigger it would be as well if they left that portion of the fun out which follows the tickling of the feet. We refer to what goes on when the nigger turns his back to the tormentors. It is not quite correct, and may cause offence to some. We may safely say that the present programme ought, and doubtless will, draw crowds to the Agricultural Hall for some time to come.

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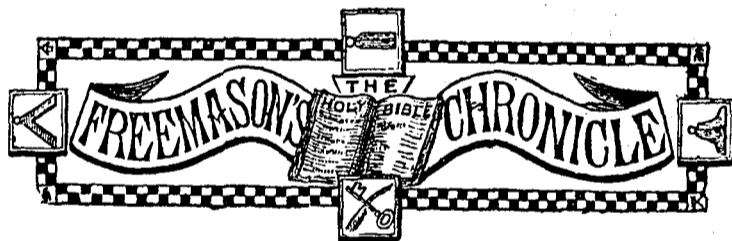
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GARDEN PARTY AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS, MANCHESTER.

SATURDAY, the 26th ult., will long be remembered as the date of a very successful Masonic garden party in the interest of the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent and Educational Institution. The treacherous weather of the present month gave no sort of promise of a fine afternoon, rather to the contrary, but, with the exception of a few very slight showers, the weather was warm and fine, and on the whole was a favourable factor in the day's proceedings. The result was the largest gathering that has this year been brought together at the Royal Botanical Gardens. The event had been announced for some weeks past, and strenuous efforts had been made by Masters of Lodges in the Province to secure success, independent of the weather, and so far as the weather might have affected the gathering, it would not have caused any loss on the part of the promoters. Happily the result will be of the most gratifying character, inasmuch as independent of the extra charges made for the several special attractions, which must have amounted to a considerable sum, between 8000 and 9000 persons entered the Gardens during the day. The party was under the patronage of Bro. the Right Worshipful Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie P.G.M. East Lancashire, Bro. Geo. Mellor P.P.G.M. East Lancashire, the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past, and the Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province. The Executive Committee, who are to be congratulated on the result of the undertaking, consisted of Bros. E. G. Harwood P.P.G.W., J. H. Sillitoe P.G.S.B. of England and P.P.G.W. of East Lancashire, T. Black W.M., W. Jaffrey P.M. 152 P.P.G.D., T. Shorrocks P.M., J. Tiller W.M., W. C. Royle S.D., J. Pitt Hardacre, J. E. Lees P.M. P.P.G.T., R. Dottie P.M., W. Brookes P.M., G. B. Kershaw W.M., T. H. Black I.G., and Bruce Findlay. The members of the Craft responded with right good will to this extra claim upon their charity, and during the afternoon the numbers in attendance gradually increased, until by five o'clock the success of the gathering was well assured. Among others, the

following Provincial Grand Officers were present:—E. G. Harwood P.P.G.J.W., John Chadwick P.G. Secretary, Jas. Newton P.G. Assistant Secretary, Nathaniel Nicholson P.P.G.S.D., William Jaffrey P.P.G.S.D., J. E. Lees P.P.G. Treasurer, W. H. Vaughan P.P.G. Registrar, John Roberts P.P.G.D.C., Arthur H. Jafferis P.P.G.D.C., Godfrey Higham P.P.G.D.C., Abraham Pemberton P.P.G.D.C., James Cookson P.P.G. Steward, and John Bladon P.P.G.D. The gardens were in admirable order, the greenhouses, fernery, and palm house, with their varied forms of natural beauty, were a source of delight to many. Two of the most distinguished local bands had been engaged to play on the lawn, viz. the band of the Manchester Artillery (Conductor, Mr. T. Reynolds), and the Droylsden Reed Band, the latter being conducted by Mr. Wadsworth. From 2:30 to 5:30 the Artillery Band played a capital selection. Shortly after three and five o'clock the Excelsior troupe of trained children, in their quaint morris dancers' costume, gave Maypole dances on the green-sward between the two kiosks, each dance being preceded by the ever-amusing performances of Punch, Judy, and Toby, the figures being manipulated by Mr. A. Le Mare, assisted by Mr. Worsley. A convenient site was found for the paraphernalia in the eastern kiosk. From 5:30 to 9:45, with a short interval, the Droylsden Reed Band cleverly executed a varied programme of music. In the music hall there was a series of performances. At four o'clock the Court Amateurs held a social gathering. Sir Roger de Coverley, the host, was personated by Mr. Ed. Lytton, and his particular friends were Sir Brian O'Lynn (Mr. H. C. Whittle), Major Owen Scandal (Mr. H. B. Thornton), Glendower (Mr. Hen Owen). There were a dozen other members of his party, besides a competent orchestra. At half-past five o'clock the farce "Hercules, King of Clubs," was played by the following: Larkspur (a sculptor), Mr. Leonard Yorke; Trotter (his servant), Mr. Whit Rogerson; Dr. Stonecrop, Mr. C. Morgan; Mrs. Piper (a landlady), Miss Polly Marshall; Kate, Miss Belle Cecil. At seven o'clock the Court Amateurs, assisted by Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Murphy and Mr. R. Dottie, gave a variety entertainment, the Murphys with guitar, mandoline, and banjo, and Brother R. Dottie a reading, "Lubbers Afloat." Mr. Ben. Murray sang, "An Evening Song" (Blumenthal); Captain W. W. Farquharson played a solo from "Falka" on the English concertina; and Mr. W. H. Clement gave his ventriloquial entertainment, "Old Folks at Home." This entertainment, excellent though it was, occupied too much time. The major attraction was the drama, "Robert Macaire," fixed for eight o'clock, with the following caste: Dumont, Mr. T. R. Young; Germeuil, Mr. C. Derward; Charles, Mr. W. Riley; Robert Macaire, Mr. J. Pitt Hardacre; Jacques Strop, Mr. James Bradley; Sergeant Loupy, Mr. H. Williams; Pierre, Mr. R. Dottie; Marie, Miss Marshall; Clementine, Miss Wynter. Long before the seven o'clock programme had been completed, an ever-increasing throng assembled in front of the main entrances to the concert hall, and as it was nearly half-past eight o'clock before the doors were opened, great impatience was manifested by those in waiting. This impatience found vent in much grumbling, some hissing, and whistling, and cries of "Open the doors." Before the doors were unlocked a coin had been thrown at the window, which cracked one of the panes, and the crush was so irresistible that a gentleman near was forced half-way through one of the lower sheets of glass. No sooner were the doors opened than ladies and gentlemen in front were hustled into the hall pell-mell, and a scene of considerable disorder resulted. The attendants were utterly unable to stem the torrent of human beings, which poured in like a flood, and taking tickets was a process altogether out of the question. In a few seconds the building was filled from end to end. The performance on the stage, taking it all in all, was meritorious, Mr. Pitt Hardacre and Mr. Bradley distinguishing themselves in their apparently congenial rôles. The two leading ladies were also *sans reproché*. The music for the dramatic performances was under the conductorship of Bro. Clarence C. Corri, musical director of the Queen's Theatre. The band and scenery was lent by Bro. Pitt Hardacre, under whose direction the dramas were produced. Of the performance of the two bands in the grounds we cannot speak too highly. Indeed, everything went well, and satisfaction was universal. In order to cope with the natural inner cravings of so large a number of persons, we were informed by Mr. H. Hall, the capable manager of Brother W. Wood, the caterer of the gardens, that luncheons and teas had been provided for 2000 persons, and there can be no doubt that fully that number enjoyed the ample provision made for them. A staff of no fewer than 120 persons were under Mr. Hall's direction in the Palmhouse, the east end pavilion, and the other refreshment buffets. Beyond the crush at the later theatrical performance, which might have been better managed, we heard of no complaints from any quarter. The members of the committee, at the close of the day, pronounced the garden party to have been a great success, and in that view we entirely concur. We are informed there will be a sum of about £120 to hand over to the East Lancashire Systematic Educational Institution.

DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

THE tenth annual meeting of the General Committee of this Charity was held at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, on Thursday, the 31st ult. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. D. Dugdale, the Chairman, the chair was taken by Bro. Zillwood Milledge, the Vice-Chairman, who was supported by Bros. R. Case 417 Treasurer, S. R. Baskett 1367 Hon. Sec., R. Smith W.M. 137, C. J. Woodford P.M. 137, D. Hitching S.W. 137, W. Smith W.M. 170, A. Graham P.M. 170, B. A. Hogg P.M. 417, M. C. Preston P.M. 665, T. Giles P.M. 707, C. J. Freeman W.M. 1037, E. Mills P.M. 1037, T. Eveleigh P.M. 1037, T. S. Biggs P.M. 1146, T. Farrall P.M. 1168, and J. M. Luff P.M. 1266. Telegrams and letters regretting inability to be present were received from Bros. Montague J. Guest P.G.M., W. D.

Dugdale, and others. The Hon. Sec. announced that the Right Honourable the Earl of Eldon, a Vice-President and one of the original Trustees of the Charity, now wished to be relieved from the Trusteeship, but had kindly sent a further donation of £25 towards the funds. The Committee in accepting, with very great regret, his Lordship's resignation, unanimously passed a hearty vote of thanks to his Lordship for the great services he had rendered as Trustee, from the foundation of the Charity, and also for his exceedingly handsome further donation. Bro. W. E. Brymer, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was unanimously elected as Trustee in Lord Eldon's place. The annual report for 1889, showing very satisfactory progress, was drawn up and ordered to be printed for distribution. On the recommendation of the Relief Sub-Committee grants, amounting to £50, were made to three petitioners. It was agreed that the midwinter meeting should be held at Dorchester. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and to Bro. Smith, the Worshipful Master of All Souls Lodge, No. 170, who had most hospitably provided luncheon for the refreshment of the brethren.

GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was held at Freemasons' Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, on 16th June last. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.W. Grand Master, presided, supported by Bro. George Baker P.G.M. R.W. Deputy Grand Master, with Bros. T. Aitkin P.G.S.W. as G.S.W., and H. A. Nevett G.J.W. The M.W. Grand Master announced that the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729, English Constitution, Melbourne, had decided to join the local Grand Lodge. This leaves the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, the only Lodge now remaining in the three Southern Colonies of Australia which preserves its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. W. F. Lamonby P.G.S.W. moved, Bro. J. S. Batters, M.L.C., P.P.B.G.P. seconded, and it was resolved unanimously, "That the United Grand Lodge of Victoria join the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, and that all the back printed *Transactions* be procured for the use of the Grand Lodge Library."

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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In my reply to Bro. Gould's letter of 21st June, in your issue of 19th July, your *printers' devil* reversed my arrangements. A paragraph I designed for a foot-note he placed in the middle of the column, and what I intended for the middle he turned into a foot-note. Bro. Gould is too cute to suppose that the fault is mine, and he is too fair minded to take advantage thereof in order to disparage my reasoning. We have, however, pious editors of Masonic publications in America, who lack the necessary outeness to impute an error to the right parties, hence they will at once ridicule my arguments, and make a great splurge about them. In order, therefore, to shorten their period of *agony and delusion*, I hope that you will at once publish this letter.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

BOSTON, U.S., 29th July 1890.

Obituary.

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BRO. THOMAS VINCENT.

A NUMBER of members of the Craft and private friends assembled at St. Peters, Broadstairs, on the 6th inst., to pay the last sad tribute of respect to Bro. Thomas Vincent P.M. Our deceased brother had been suffering from a most painful disease for many months, which had been aggravated by an unfortunate accident. Death, however, relieved him from severe suffering, on the 1st instant. Bro. Vincent was initiated in the Capper Lodge; he was one of the Founders and first W.M. of the Claremont Lodge, No. 1861, and was made Grand Sword Bearer of the Province of Surrey, by the late General Brownrigg. He was Treasurer of the Claremont Lodge; he was also a P.Z. of more than one Chapter. Bro. Vincent had earned the love and respect of all who knew him; his genial and generous nature will long be remembered, and his memory cherished. The impressive funeral service was well rendered by the Rector of St. Magnus, who came specially to Broadstairs for that purpose.

CONSECRATION OF THE MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE.

COLONEL LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, P.G.M. of East Lancashire, on the 30th ult., consecrated this Lodge, No. 2363 on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, the ceremony taking place at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester. There was a large gathering of brethren, among whom were Bros. the Hon. S'r Henry Burford-Hancock District Grand Master of Gibraltar, George Mellor D.P.G.M. East Lancashire, J. O. S. Thursby, Captain Lingard, Rev. E. B. Bigoe-Bagot, J. H. Sillitoe, C. E. Collingwood, J. J. Lambert, W. H. Vaughan, J. Chadwick, R. Newhouse, W. Goodacre, G. Hunt, J. W. Abbott, A. H. Williams, and other Provincial Grand Officers from this and the adjoining Provinces. The Provincial Grand Master, after opening in the three degrees, said the brethren had assembled to consecrate a Lodge under circumstances which, while very peculiar, were most advantageous to the Order and most creditable to the Province. They had had in East Lancashire consecrations of Lodges with various special objects, but it was with the greatest pleasure that he found that a large number of highly educated men, who were diffusing as they went along knowledge and pleasure and intellectual entertainment, not for their own advantage, but for the advantage of persons who needed the benefits of charity, desired to extend the benefits of their association to the old and illustrious Order of Freemasonry. He felt that the founders of this new Lodge had paid a high compliment to the Fraternity in this large and influential Province. A pamphlet he had received spoke volumes for what the Minnehaha Minstrels had done for charitable Institutions by the exercise of their talents in behalf of their poor, afflicted, indigent, and oppressed fellow-creatures, and he felt sure that in a Lodge formed from among them the ceremonies of Masonry would be performed in the most ornate manner possible, and that Masonic principles would be upheld in a way which would set an admirable example to all Lodges having in view the great objects of disseminating charity. He thanked the founders more than he could express, and he had confidence that their Lodge would be an ornament to the Fraternity. The Acting Prov. Grand Chaplain (Bro. Bigoe Bagot), delivering a subsequent oration, endorsed the remarks of the Prov. Grand Master with regard to the Minnehaha minstrels. In these days, when the rural life of our country was suffering great depletion, and large centres of population grew on every hand, there was, he said, a greater attention to Freemasonry than had been the case in past years. Masons' Lodges in large towns were calculated to unite young men together, and to find them pleasant and profitable means of spending their time, and what was of more importance, they helped to diffuse the principles of charity and goodwill among all mankind. There were, as the P.G.M. had intimated, various special Lodges in the Province. For instance, the Arthur Sullivan was musical, and the East Lancashire Centurion was military. Now they were about to have a Lodge founded and supported by a body of men whose efforts in the cause of charity had made their name a household word in Manchester and district, and under such auspices no Mason could doubt that the principles of the Order would be nobly maintained in that Lodge. The elaborate ritual was then proceeded with, in its various sections of consecration, dedication and constitution, Bro. Collingwood directing the ceremonies, and Bro. Williams, with a capable choir, dealing with the anthems and musical responses. The Prov. Grand J.W. (Captain Lingard) afterwards installed Bro. Martin Thomas P.M. 204 and 350 first W.M. of the new Lodge, and Bro. Thomas, after being duly proclaimed and saluted, invested as his Officers the following brethren, who with him are the founders:—Bros. Seth Wrigley S.W., F. W. Wollaston J.W., F. Hilton Secretary, Charles Harrop Treasurer, W. A. Brabner S.D., Cyril H. Beaver J.D., Henry Null D.C., E. A. Smith Organist, G. R. Ward I.G., Charles Mercer Steward. Bro. J. B. Kirk was appointed Tyler. Each of the founders presented the collar and silver jewel of his office to the Lodge, and there were numerous other gifts from them. Before the Lodge was closed six joining members and two candidates were proposed. Colonel Starkie was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and expressed his warm appreciation of the compliment paid to him.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT DORE.

ON Wednesday, the 30th ult., the ceremony of consecration of the Chantry Lodge, No. 2355, was performed by Bro. Okeover D.P.G.M. Derbyshire, P.G.J.W. England, and his Officers. There was a very large gathering of Freemasons from all parts, the ceremony taking place in the large hall of the Licensed Victuallers' Institute. A very impressive oration was given by Bro. E. E. Morris P.G. Chaplain, pointing out the advantages of Brotherhood, peace and goodwill towards men, after which Bro. Wm. Boden P.M. P.P.G.J.W. was installed as first Master by Bro. H. Marsden P.M. P.P.G.S.W., ably assisted by Bro. Percy Wallis P.M. P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. A. Styring P.M. S.W., J. F. Atkinson J.W., A. A. Jowitt Treasurer, G. Slater Secretary, Walter Tyzack S.D., J. Faulkner J.D., E. Atkinson D.C., C. A. Thorne I.G., and M. N. Temperley S.S. The business being concluded the brethren left Dore, and proceeded to Sheffield, where a banquet was held in the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, served in Bro. Turner's usual good style.

ALAN LODGE, No. 2368.

ON the 6th inst., the Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, the Lord Egerton of Tatton, consecrated the above Lodge, at the Queen's Hotel, Alderley. He was assisted by Bros. Thomas Marwood,

Colonel Wilkinson, Captain Gilbody, Rev. J. Grant Bird, R. Newhouse, and G. H. Brown. Lord Egerton said it gave him very great pleasure to see fresh evidence of the spread of Masonry in that portion of the Province. An eloquent oration was delivered by the Rev. J. Grant Bird. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. Maxwell P.G.O., and the vocalists were Brs. S. E. Jupp, H. Miller, and A. S. Kinnell.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE, No. 1379.

ON Saturday, the 23rd ult., a party of about thirty members and friends of this Lodge held their annual excursion, proceeding by the 8.30 train from Darlington to Malton, where they arrived at 10.40. Conveyances were in waiting to take the party to Castle Howard and Kirkham Abbey, and all greatly enjoyed the drive round this really lovely district, which now looks its best. On the return to Malton in the afternoon a first class dinner was served by Bro. Davison, of the George Hotel (to whom had been left the local arrangements of the excursion); and the party left Malton for home perfectly delighted with the day's outing, and the treatment they had received throughout. Bro. Dr. C. H. Hill Drewry, the W.M. of the Lodge, with Bros. Baron, Waldy, and Wilson, were the committee of management.

DEE LODGE, No. 1576.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., in the Town-hall, Neston, the W.M. Brother Joseph Clarke being supported by the following brethren:—R. G. Hawkins S.W. W.M. Elect, G. Forrester Secretary, J. W. Evans S.D., F. M. Gibbs J.D., J. Mayers I.G., G. B. Richmond I.P.M., the Hon. H. Holbrook P.M., S. W. Ramsden P.M. P.S.G.D., W. Jones P.M., J. Morris P.M. Treasurer, J. Barnes P.M. P.P.G.S.B., W. Johnson P.M. 721 P.P.G.J.D., H. A. Ellis P.M. 721, R. De Board 605, W. J. Joyce 117 and 2311, E. Robinson 721, J. R. Carnow 721, T. M. Atkinson 721, A. J. Phipps, Mus. Bac. The Lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock, and the W.M. Elect, having been presented by Brothers the Hon. H. Holbrook P.M. and W. Jones P.M., was duly installed by Brother J. Morris. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Brothers Joseph Clarke I.P.M., J. Shaw S.W. (by proxy), G. Forrester J.W., J. Morris P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Evans Secretary, J. M. Gibbs S.D., J. Mayers J.D., John J. White I.G., W. Jones P.M. D.C., A. J. Phipps Organist. The charges to the Officers on investiture were delivered most effectively by Past Master Ramsden. At the close of the proceedings the brethren adjourned to the Lodge-room, Union Hotel, Parkgate, where a banquet was served by Mrs. Aoton, in her most efficient manner. The cloth being removed, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair. The Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution and all other Masonic Charities was proposed by P.M. Richmond, and responded to ably by P.M. Morris. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and expressed the opinion that Brother Hawkins would prove one of the most popular Masters the Lodge had possessed, and would receive the hearty support of the brethren, to which the W.M. heartily responded. The health of the Installing Master was proposed by P.M. Ramsden, and responded to by Brother Morris Treasurer. The other toasts were—the Visiting Brethren, and the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge. During the proceedings a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Brother Clarke for his services during the past year. The harmony of the meeting was well sustained by Brothers Robinson, Carnow, Ellis, and Phipps.

VICTORIA PARK LODGE, No. 1876.

A Lodge of emergency was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Tuesday, 29th ult., Bro. Wm. Sinclair W.M. presiding. After preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Ramsay Craigen and Mr. James Chrystal; it proved unanimous. Mr. James Craigen and Mr. J. McFarlane Kidd, who had been previously balloted for, were then initiated in the mysteries of the first degree. Bros. Chapman and Patchin were passed, and Bros. Lamb and Warne were raised. This completed the business of the evening, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

MOZART LODGE, No. 1929.

LET harmony prevail, *et pourquoi non?* Is it not a grand principle of Nature's laws, and every function full of it? In the murmuring brook, the sighing trees, the insects' hum, the shingle turning tide, the majestic rhythm of the mighty waves, the deep diapason of the thunder. Is it not the cohesive element of all social gatherings, and should ever be found in a Freemason's Lodge. Of all Lodges, one predominated by musicians should possess the spirit of harmony in an eminent degree. The Mozart Lodge, which has adopted the sentiment at the head of this notice as its motto, does not disappoint the visitor. A most harmonious gathering was that at the Grayhound, Croydon, on the 2nd inst. The purpose of the meeting was to install Bro. Arthur Briscoe, a ceremony ably performed by Bro. C. Y. Holligate P.P.G.D.C. P.M., Bro. H. E. Francis P.G.D. acting as D.C. The W.M. appointed as his Officers:—Bros. Jolly S.W., C. J. Burnett J.W., H. J. Lardner P.P.G. Standard Bearer Treasurer, E. Loti, Mus. Doc., P.G.O. (who was absent) was by proxy re-invested Secretary, F. Ford S.D., R. C. Taylor J.D., Wesche Organist. Among the members present were Bros. J. W. Jolly I.P.M. (who in the course of the evening was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel), T. T. Phillips P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, Chalk, Lovegrove, Fovey, Thomas, Stanley Smith, Howlet, Decker, Macfarlane. Bro. G. D. Kitson P.M. 518 was among the visitors. After the banquet the

usual toasts were given and heartily responded to, Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.S.D. replying for the Provincial Grand Officers, and Bro. T. T. Phillips for the Past Masters. The great feature of this part of the evening was the musical portion, to which Bros. Stanley Smith, Sheldon and Macfarlane contributed. A peculiarity among those who follow the "concord of sweet sound" as an art is, that though they are sometimes severe in their criticism at a public entertainment, they thoroughly enjoy each others harmony at a social gathering. The evening was a most pleasant and instructive one, and all must have retired with the wish on their lips, "Let harmony prevail."

SCOTS LODGE, No. 2319.

THE installation meeting was held, on the 24th ult., at the Scots Corporation Hall, Crane Court, Fleet Street, and was another great success for the Scots Freemasons in London. Bro. John Whitehead was installed as Second Master of the Scots Lodge, in succession to Bro. the Earl of Easton Provincial Grand Master of North Hants. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. C. F. Matier P.G. Standard Bearer of Scotland and of England. The Grand Lodge of Scotland was represented by Bro. Major F. W. Allan, of Glasgow, P.G.D.M., who assisted at the installation, together with a large board of installing Masters from all parts of the Empire. The banquet which followed was of the usual Scottish national character, from Cheviot mutton, Arthur's Seat lamb, Grampian venison, and Spey trout to Orkney ices, while mountain due was equally enjoyed. The haggis was brought in with musical honours, old John Mackenzie, the Queen's piper, blowing wi' micht and main. Songs and recitations and Scottish stories, and a good reel, were interspersed between the toasts, and while all the entertainment was good, perhaps the biggest success was scored by Brother F. Faithfull Begg, who sang "The Wee Wee German Lairdie" wi' muckle bair and suitable action and accent. The Scots Lodge has not been inaugurated without many difficulties, but it has got a very energetic Secretary in Bro. James Thomson, and its success is now assured.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—At the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 24th ult., there were present Bros. F. W. Buxton W.M., G. H. Foan S.W., W. Hoggins J.W., James Greenway Deputy Preceptor, G. Reynolds Treasurer and Secretary, G. B. Grieves S.D., F. S. Jarvis J.D., G. A. Bergholz I.G., T. E. Weeks Tyler, F. M. Noakes, E. J. D. Bromley, and C. Lambert. After preliminaries, Bro. E. J. D. Bromley worked the first section of the first lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Bromley candidate. Bro. F. M. Noakes answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. On the 31st ult. there were present Bros. G. H. Foan W.M., W. Hoggins S.W., F. M. Noakes J.W., G. Reynolds Treasurer and Secretary, F. Cracknell S.D., L. Berry J.D., G. A. Bergholz I.G., Weeks Tyler, F. W. Buxton. The Lodge was opened. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Reynolds offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. W. Hoggins was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the first and second ceremonies will be rehearsed.

AN INTERESTING WORK ON THE ANTIQUITY AND PROGRESS OF THE ORDER.—In addition to the "Eulogium" of Freemasonry, for the symposium volume to be published next autumn in Boston, New York, and abroad, Dr. John H. Graham, of Richmond, Que., has written four brief chapters therefor, containing the outlines of the history of Freemasonry and Masonic government in the provinces of Nova Scotia for 134 years, Quebec for 130 years, New Brunswick for 104 years, and New South Wales, Australia, for 74 years, with briefer sketches of British Columbia, Manitoba, and Prince Edward Island. Of these, although Quebec is second as to the year of first known "Lodge work" done therein, it is *facile princeps* as to the two oldest Lodges on its registry; and because of its having been the grand jurisdiction concerning which a greater number of more important questions of Masonic jurisprudence and procedure has been considered and decided, probably for all time, than almost any other jurisdiction throughout the world during the present century. The "Antiquity" Lodge in the city of Montreal, and the "Albion" Lodge in the city of Quebec, were originally "Military" Lodges which spread the gospel of "Universal Brotherhood" wherever their regiments were stationed throughout the Empire. They were, strange to say, both chartered the same year, 1752, one hundred and thirty-eight years ago! "Antiquity" was warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland; and "Albion" by the Grand Lodge ("Ancients") of England. "Albion" is less than two months the junior of "Antiquity," and was originally "No. 9" on the registry of its mother Grand Lodge. It is now "No. 2," Quebec registry. It is also a noteworthy fact of which Quebec is justly proud, that the first "Masonic Lodge-work" certainly known to have been done in Quebec (Canada); Nova Scotia (Acadia), and in Australia, was done at Montreal, 1760; at Halifax, 1756; and at Sydney, New South Wales, 1816, by "Antiquity," Montreal Lodge, now "No. 1," on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; formerly "No. 227," R.I., named the Lodge of "Social and Military Virtues," and attached to the famous 46th Regiment of Light Infantry.

DEATH.

VINCENT.—On 1st August, at Broadstairs, Bro. THOMAS VINCENT (P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer Surrey), aged 56 years, of Castilla Villa, Lewisham, S.E., 1 Arthur Street East, E.C., and 2 Cambridge Place, Broadstairs, eldest son of the late THOMAS VINCENT, Calne, Wilts. Interred (by desire) at St. Peters, Broadstairs.

The construction of the Chicago Masonic Temple now being assured, it is natural that the plans of its projectors should receive much attention. All that has been written concerning the great structure that is to adorn the North-east corner of State and Randolph streets, and denominate that section of the business direct, is inadequate as expressing the real magnitude of the undertaking and importance of the project. It will be a true monument to Masonry, and the greatest of its kind in the world. While full descriptions of the building have already been published, repetition in this case can do no harm. The construction will be of steel, terra cotta, and brick. The height will be 18 stories, or 250 feet. Bay windows will break the surface of each wall, extending in from the second to the fifteenth story. Both of the State street corners will be finished as a tower, rounded or straight faced, to rise above the roof of the building proper. Entrance to the interior will be from two large doorways fronting on State and Randolph streets.—*Industrial World*.

I saw a statement the other day in a newspaper that is not usually so inaccurate, which said that Freemasonry was only forbidden "all over the world" by the Romish Church. Well, it is true that the Vatican taboos Freemasonry with other "secret societies," but the Vatican cannot be blamed for the fact that in 1823 all Lodges were closed in Russian Poland, and have remained closed ever since, or that the year before that Freemasonry was forbidden in Russia, and is still forbidden. But, in fact, except in Russia, where the military and church autocracy run on parallel lines, no "bulls," or "local pastorals" can the least hurt "the Craft," even in Rome.—*London*.

REGALIA AT A DISCOUNT.—At the Bradford Borough Court, on Friday, the 1st inst., Richard Parker, weaver, of no fixed residence, was charged with stealing a case of Masonic regalia, containing an apron, two jewels, &c., valued at £3 10s, the property of Mr. Lewis Crossley, commercial traveller, of 20 Athol Road, Manningham. From statements made it appeared that Mr. Crossley left home on the morning of the 28th ult., having the case in his possession, as he intended to visit his Lodge, at Halifax, in the evening. He took the tram-car in Oak Lane, and soon after arriving at Darley Street missed the case, which he had left behind him in the tram-car, and at once reported his loss to the company's servants. In the afternoon of the same day the prisoner offered the two jewels for sale at the Garibaldi Inn, Windhill, and sold them there for a penny each. The purchaser, however, thought there was something wrong in the transaction, and the case was reported to Police-constable Oddy, of Windhill, who took the prisoner into custody and handed him over to Detective King, of the Bradford police. The prisoner said he found the case in the road between Shipley and Bradford, but did not know the value of the contents, thinking the apron to be some girls' "sewing," and the jewels only trinkets. The articles having been recovered, Mr. Crossley said he did not wish to prosecute, as there appeared to have been no felonious intention on the part of the prisoner. The prisoner was therefore discharged.

The Freemasons of the country propose presenting two Canons' stalls to Peterborough Cathedral as a memento of the occasion when Lord Carnarvon laid the foundation stone at the re-building of the great central tower. Some £300 has been subscribed. It is probable, says a Peterborough correspondent, that one of the stalls will be assigned to the Rev. Canon Sanders, in recognition of the position he holds among the Freemasons, and the Vicar of Peterborough is mentioned in connection with the other.—*Northampton Herald*.

The Committee of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence has paid out during the last two months relief amounting to £140, which, added to £230 paid out in annuities, makes a total paid out of the two funds amounting to £370.

The total income and expenditure of the Grand Lodge, as shown in a *vidimus* by the Grand Cashier, amounts to—Income, £1244 17s 6d; expenditure, £665 11s 11d; balance in excess of expenditure, £579 5s 7d.

The Masonic writer of the *Glasgow Evening News* says, "The work of the Bazaar in the Glasgow Lodges goes cheerily on, and I understand from official information that there is a bright prospect ahead. Money and work are being freely contributed, and already the results are beginning to show. The Secretary of St. Mary's, Partick, handed the Bazaar Secretaries the other day a bank receipt for £40 as the Lodge's contribution to the Bazaar Fund; and other Lodges have intimated their intention to contribute similar or larger sums in cash, besides individual members' contributions in goods. Negotiations are being carried on with Mr. Lee Bapty for a Masonic night in the International Exhibition at Edinburgh. A large conversation will probably be the form of attraction, and the proceeds, of course, go to the Annuity Fund."

Lodge Dramatic and Arts, 757, Edinburgh, has undertaken the production of a book of sketches, artistic and literary, as a souvenir of the bazaar, the proceeds to be devoted to the bazaar fund. Some of the most prominent artists and authors have been approached for conditions, and it is expected the production will be one of the most artistic and best of its kind ever published.

Mr. J. L. Toole has been entertained at a Masonic luncheon in Sydney. In returning thanks he jocularly said he was able to attend Lodge but seldom, owing to his having to preach sermons every evening. The gripe was very prevalent when he left London. He had escaped it there, but had come in for a very warm grip when he met the Masons of Sydney. His health had been drunk so often since he came here that he ought to be the healthiest fellow in the land. He thought after he got home to London he would come back and see them every 20 years.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire will hold its annual meeting at Plymouth on Thursday, 11th of September, under the banner of Lodge St. John, No. 70.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

An Address by Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Gaul, Chaplain,
of the Cosmopolitan Lodge.

BRETHREN,—The customary congratulations offered to him who has been raised to the high privilege and responsibility of Worshipful Master of this Lodge have to me, this evening, a peculiar force. Our brother, whom your suffrages have placed in yon exalted chair, has been my immediate senior officer during the past year, I will only say that though undoubtedly he is honoured by his exaltation, yet he himself reflects, by his natural worth and his zeal for the highest and final objects of Masonry, almost equal honour upon the chair itself.

And this, at once, gives me the text for my address this evening, which necessarily must be short.

Masonry is often mistaken either as being a religion or as a mere Benefit Society, or even as a Social Club. Doubtless it has its highest sanction to draw its deepest truths from Natural and Revealed religion—undoubtedly a true Mason's heart is responsive to every cry for help, and every true Mason rejoices in sharing with his brethren those social joys which are based on the sacred duty of friendship and hospitality. But, for a man to put Masonry in the place of Religion, or to join it or use it simply for what he gets from it, or to resolve his Lodge into a mere club, is to turn the source into the stream, to put cause for effect, or, again, to turn back the end into the means. In that volume of the Sacred Law, which is open to all our meetings, is a witness to us that whether we be Jew or Christian we acknowledge and are bound to uphold the fundamental truth of Revealed Religion—a Personal God—and as a necessary consequence we implicitly acknowledge our responsibilities to those revealed laws of life and worship, which, whether as Jew or Christian, we have received. The posture of the daily supplication which Masonry takes for granted is to remind us of a brother's wants, and we acknowledge in Lodge that the law of love demands intervals of social recreation. We adjourn from labour to refreshment, not because recreation is an end, but in order that we may return with joy and vigour from refreshment to labour. And in the same way our signs, passwords, and illustrations are none of them mere mechanical forms, used to represent some mystery which is a myth, or some nostrum which is nothing, but each of them to a true Mason is as a wayside parable, instinct with some final truth meant to germinate and grow up into the life, and indeed become the life. The maxims and symbols of Masonry are witnesses to every true Mason of his daily privileges and responsibilities as a man, a friend, and a responsible moral being. They are not the duties themselves, but they claim from our intellects attention, from our will action, and from our hearts devotion to those duties we owe to God, our neighbours and ourselves. To illustrate exactly what I mean—the Psalms of the Great prophet King of Israel—can be to us if we choose only like the music which we can strike from a harp dropped from a dead man's hand, or they may be the eternal music itself, telling us day by day the same old story, with infinite pathos, of human aspiration, human sympathy and human responsibility. So our Ritual, our maxims of morality, and our symbols are to all true Masons mystic voices echoing through the ages and whispering through earth's daily din the Eternal claims of Religion, Brotherhood, and true Manhood. Put the symbol for the reality and Masonry deserves to die—must die. Illustrate the reality by the symbols in our Lodges, and to ourselves in daily life, and Masonry, claiming to be neither the Author nor Director of Religion or Morality, but being the Guardian or Exemplar of both, will prove itself worthy of its immemorial origin by its fruits.—*The South African Freemason.*

EXCITING SCENE AT TEIGNMOUTH.—A gentleman named Woodnut had good cause on Thursday, 31st ult., to be thankful that "Beecham's Pills" Advertising boat was exhibited off Teignmouth Pier, or he would in all probability have now been where the pills are not yet advertised. He had ventured out too far, become exhausted, and would have been drowned had not boatman George Hook, who always has his "Try Beecham's Pills" sails set, happened to be in the vicinity, and went to the rescue. Great excitement was caused among the visitors on the pier, as when the boat reached the drowning man he was just sinking. His weight almost pulled the boatman overboard, and the boat was in imminent danger of being knocked against the pillars of the pier, which was not a desirable contingency for the Peer of the Pillers.

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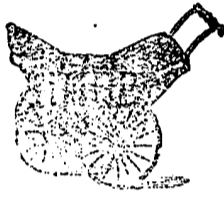


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