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CO-OPERATION IN MASONIC CHARITY.

THE Provincial Charity Committee of Somersetshire has under consideration a proposal whereby, in lieu of an elaborate scheme for a local Benevolent Fund, they will establish a system of affording relief to candidates unable to obtain immediate admission to the various Masonic Charities, thereby co-operating with the Funds which already exist, rather than make a show of competing with them by the formation of one of those independent organisations which, if not actually in direct opposition are, at least, often regarded as nominally so, and are supposed to draw from the brethren of the district wherein they are established a large share of the sympathy which would probably be directed towards the Central Charities of the Order if no local fund existed to attract subscriptions. We are aware the principle involved in this matter is viewed with very different feelings in different quarters, and it would be unwise on our part to attempt to decide whether or no any particular local fund of benevolence is a source of loss to the Central Institutions of the Craft, or the reverse. It would certainly be most unwise to say that the money subscribed for local charity Funds is all collected at the expense of the larger Institutions, for it is well known that many of the Provincial Funds work in direct co-operation with the London Charities, and are anxious to support them, and thereby afford as it were special prizes for the most deserving of their local cases. On the other hand, are to be found Provincial brethren who view with jealous eye the payment of any subscription to the London Charities, and who argue that all contributions should be spent in the locality where they are raised, that is, where a Fund has been established for the purpose. But happily such brethren are in a small minority, and we believe the all but universal desire in such matters is, to live and let live, on the principle that there is room enough for all, and plenty of work available for those willing to undertake it.

Apart from the general principle involved in the matter, we think the Somersetshire Masons are to be commended on the suggestion they have put forward. It always seems somewhat of an anomaly for the Craftsmen of a district to decide that this or that candidate is worthy of their first consideration, and to reward that candidate by nomination to one or other of the great Institutions, to wait perhaps two or three years before any tangible aid can be secured; while another, not regarded as being in such dire need, is relieved at home by an immediate grant, and, in the long run, benefited to a much greater extent than the chosen one who, although ultimately elected to the benefits of the Central Charities, has in the meantime suffered irreparable injury, not from lack of sympathy on the part of the friends interested in

the case, but rather from a mistaken view of the surroundings. Beyond this there is the feeling that such Funds as the one suggested in Somersetshire are in direct communication with the London Institutions, and act as feeders to them, with a regularly organised system of support, which must, in the long run, be far more advantageous than spasmodic efforts at lengthy intervals, so that on the whole it is perhaps wiser to recognise that the plan under consideration in Somersetshire is the more desirable to be adopted, unless the Craftsmen of a district are fully prepared to support the two systems, and give to each its fair share of attention. In any case we hope the Somersetshire Craftsmen will have success in their efforts, and that the work on which they now propose to start will be inaugurated with enthusiasm, and will prosper, as it deserves to do.

THE JESUITS AND THE FREEMASONS OF GERMANY.

NINE hundred and eighty thousand and six hundred persons signed the petitions to the German Reichstag for the return of the Jesuits to the Empire. Against their return there were nine hundred and eighty-five thousand signatures.

The Catholic and Protestant populations of the Empire are respectively 16,785,000, and 29,369,000; so that it is evident that only a small proportion of the adult population signed on either side. The reason of this is, probably, that all efforts to bring the subject before the entire population were only partially successful. But, taking into consideration the respective figures representing population, the proportion of signers in favour of the Jesuits is considerably larger than that of the signers against them. We may infer the intensity of Lutheran and Calvinistic hatred of everything Catholic from the fact that those who have petitioned against the Jesuits are petitioners for persecution against a religious body who have done only good, against whom not a truthful word of reproach can be uttered.

The Catholic signers in favour of the Jesuits ask no more than that this religious order should receive the same measure of justice which others of their countrymen enjoy. It is easy to see who are the friends of Equal Rights in this case; yet the advocates of persecution are they who have always on their lips the pretence that they are the friends of liberty, civil and religious. Surely Satan puts on very often the appearance of an angel of light.

The German Freemasons took an especially active part in procuring signatures to the anti-Jesuit petition; so much so that they actually sent a deputation to Rome towards the close of the year 1890 to consult with the Grand Orient of Italy regarding the best measures to be adopted to prevent the return of the Order; and they co-operated everywhere with the fanatical parsons who preached the anti-Jesuit crusade in and out of their pulpits.

It may be very true, and we believe that it is the case, that the Freemasons of this country do not take the same pains as an organisation to oppose the Catholic Church in

all her operations, but this conduct of the society in Germany shows the inherent spirit of the association and proves the wisdom of the Church in prohibiting Catholics to encourage or to become members of it.

Many people consider Masonry as merely a convivial society, and others are attracted to it because of its provisions as a life assurance, or as a mutual benefit association; but though, possibly, it does not interfere much in other matters than these in this country it is essentially bound up with the Continental societies which are continually engaged in the prosecution of evil purposes, specially the overthrow of religion; and the societies on the side of the Atlantic are responsible for these evils inasmuch as they are united by oath with those of the Continent. We must add to this that even in America, by efforts to frustrate the course of justice, Freemasonry has proved itself, even in America, to be hostile to the best interests of society. But apart from all these considerations, the oaths which Freemasons take are such as to render the association essentially evil. Those oaths are destitute of the conditions which justify the taking of an oath—"judgment, justice and truth." They are rash oaths, because those who take them are not aware of the obligations they will be called upon to fulfil in obedience to them, when circumstances arise which will make compliance unlawful. They are unjust, because frequently cases arise when members of the society are called upon to do wrong in obedience to Masonic laws; and they are opposed to truth, because it is really known that the ultimate object of the association is the subversion of the revealed truths of the Christian religion.

These are some of the reasons why Freemasonry is totally and unequivocally condemned by the Church. This condemnation ought to be sufficient reason for all loyal Catholics to keep themselves apart from it. The Catholic Church was instituted by Christ to direct us in the way of salvation, and we are obliged in conscience to follow the course she points out that we may secure this most important of the objects for which we have been created. Every true Catholic will therefore yield a willing obedience to the laws of the Church on this matter; and if there are some Catholics who have unfortunately so forgotten themselves as to become Freemasons their duty is plain—to leave the society without hesitation.

Freemasonry is not merely a theoretical evil. Pope Pius IX., in his Bull condemning it, declares positively that he weighed well the character of the association before he issued that Bull, and that from sure information he knows it to be inimical to religion. The fact of prohibition should be sufficient with Catholics to keep them out of it, but when we have this positive assurance of so wise a Pope, and one so zealous for religion as the late Supreme Pontiff, the duty of Catholics becomes still more clear and the action of the German Lodges against the Jesuits is another proof added to many previous ones that Pope Pius knew the inner workings of the society, and that he condemned it with good reason.

As far as the petitions themselves are concerned, most of those which were sent in against the Jesuits are from localities where a Jesuit was never seen, and consequently nothing is known about them except such calumnies as the parsons and Freemasons circulated; whereas on those which are in their favour there are not only the names of the Catholic peasantry but also those of the most intellectual in the land, Protestant and Catholic, along with the most distinguished members of the aristocracy and magistracy. There appears to be little doubt that with the favourable sentiments entertained by the Emperor now towards the Catholic Church, the Jesuits will soon be put on a par with other citizens of the Empire.—*Catholic Record.*

Bro. James Stevens asks us to notify that he is arranging with Lodges in Norfolk and Suffolk for the delivery of his latest lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of Symbolic Freemasonry" during the ensuing few weeks, and that he would be pleased to correspond with the Worshipful Masters or Secretaries of other Lodges in those Provinces desirous of hearing him. His address is "Evelyn," Catford, S.E.

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MARK MASONRY.

PROV. G. LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of South Wales held its annual meeting on Wednesday, 23rd ult., under the banner of the Mansel Lodge, Carmarthen. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Mason of South Wales, Bro. Sir Pryse-Pryse, opened Grand Lodge in the usual form, supported by his Officers—Bros. the Rev. Jonathan Marsden P.D.G.M., John Sheridan P.G.S.W., J. Coleman P.G.S.O., Tyeth D. Bounsell P.G.R.M., N. D. Marks P.G. Sec., Jno. Prosser P.G.S.D., W. H. Williams P.G.J.D. The Province of South Wales was well represented, a large number of brethren assembling from the Langley Lodge, Cardiff; the Five Arches Lodge, Tenby; Picton Castle Lodge Haverfordwest; and the Mansel Lodge, Carmarthen. The usual business of Grand Lodge having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason Sir Pryse-Pryse proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—

Rev. J. Marsden	D.P.G.M.
John James	Senior Warden
Rev. C. J. Brown	Junior Warden
F. T. Rule	Treasurer
N. D. Marks	Secretary
James Coleman	M.O.
John Bancroft	S.O.
John Prosser	J.O.
Geo. D. Bowen	Chaplain
A. T. Lewis	Registrar
W. S. Phillips	Senior Deacon
Arthur W. Price	Junior Deacon
George Abraham	Supt. of Works
Col. W. T. Lewis	Dir. of Cers.
E. Morgan	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Benjamin D. Jenkins	Sword Bearer
T. B. Verman	G.T.A.M.R.
H. G. Smith	Organist
C. Dovey	I.G.
John Lewis	} Stewards
A. Hillier	
W. Page Wood	
Amos Jenkins	Tyler

The prosperous state of the Langley Lodge was the subject of congratulation to the Right Worshipful P.G.M. Sir Pryse-Pryse, who, in proposing the health of the Masters of the Province, alluded to the valuable services which had been rendered to Mark Masonry in general and the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales in particular by its indefatigable Secretary, Bro. N. D. Marks, to whom a large measure of the success of Mark Masonry in the Province was due. The following members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were also present:—Bros. W. Dobbs P.P.G.S.W., R. D. Gilbertson P.P.G.J.W., Robert Locke P.P.G.J.W., J. Jenkins P.P.G.S.O., S. Allen P.P.G.M.O., Rev. T. Walters P.P.G.C., Richards P.P.J.G.W. A *récherché* banquet was afterwards served by mine host of the Ivy Bush Hotel, Carmarthen, Bro. Sir Pryse-Pryse presiding and giving the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The remainder of the evening was enlivened by excellent songs and recitations, by Bros. Walters, Sheridan, &c.

We congratulate Bro. William Worrell, P.M. 766, on the success recently achieved by his eldest daughter. Miss May Worrell has won the Violin Scholarship for the year offered to pupils who attend the South London Institute of Music, and will at once enter upon the twelve months' course of study this prize provides for. Our dear young friend (she is but twelve years of age) may be complimented on the fact that she secured her position over 30 other students who competed. We will not enter upon a discussion of the question of heredity, but we are proud in being able to anticipate that Miss May will perpetuate the successes her mother has credited to her lot as a musical artiste in days gone by.

Brother James Stevens will lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic degrees in Freemasonry in the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Bro. Joseph Solomon W.M., at the Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Monday, the 19th inst. Lodge will be opened at 6.30 p.m.

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ROYAL ARCH.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
WILTSHIRE.

A MEETING was held on Friday, 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Trowbridge. There was a numerous and influential gathering. Amongst the business to be transacted, the several reports were to be submitted, the P.G. Treasurer to be elected, and the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year to be appointed and invested. The Registrar's report to the Most Excellent G.S. of Wilts shows that from the six Chapters in the Province the following summary has been received:—Exaltations, 11; joining members, 2; deaths, 2; resignations, 18; subscribing members, 138; hon. ditto, 7; serving companions, 6; total, 151. The accounts show a general balance in bank of £146 8s 8d. Business over, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, to a Grand banquet, admirably served up in Miss Wade's well-known style.

SOUTH SAXON CHAPTER, No. 311.

THE annual gathering took place at the Freemasons' Hall, High Street, Lewes, on the 23rd ult. Companion Smith Stone, of Newhaven, was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. J. W. Broad (Lewes) as H., and Comp. Wright (Shortbridge) as J. The other Officers were appointed as follow: Comps. Wilson S.E., Russell S.N., Adames Treasurer, Weston Principal Sojourner, Bull 1st Assistant Sojourner, Peters 2nd Assistant Sojourner Hall Janitor. Companion George Holman I.P.Z. was presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties during year of office. In the evening the usual banquet took place at the Bear Hotel, the three newly-chosen Principals occupying the chairs at the head of the table. The visitors included Comps. Lieutenant-Colonel Randolph Grand Superintendent, Freeman Prov. Scribe E., Turner (Dorking), and Higham (Yarborough Chapter), and the Comps. present were Lucas, Briscoe, Ellman, Tanner, Chapman, Holman, Stone, and Hunt (Uckfield). The Masonic programme of toasts was carried out, and the Lewes Orpheus Glee Union contributed a selection of songs and glees which added greatly to the enjoyable nature of the gathering.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

AT a meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held on the 24th ult., in Edinburgh—Brother Sir Charles Dalrymple in the chair—a letter was read from Sir Archibald Campbell intimating his desire not to be re-elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Brother the Earl of Haddington was unanimously nominated as Grand Master. Among the other nominations were the following:—Bros. Dalrymple Duncan Senior Warden Glasgow, Colonel Campbell Junior Warden Perth, White Chaplain Canongate Parish, Edinburgh, Colonel Stirling of Kippendavie Senior Deacon, Collin Gellatley, G. C. H. M'Naught. We understand that the brethren intend to place a bust of Sir Archibald Campbell in the headquarters of the Grand Lodge—an honour which is done to every Past Grand Master.

PROPOSED MASONIC TEMPLE FOR GLASGOW.—It is again rumoured that a Masonic Temple is to be erected in Glasgow. Bro. John Graham the Provincial Grand Master estimates that the cost of the scheme would amount to about £20,000. The present idea is to form a Limited Liability Company, and as there are some 10,000 members of the Craft in the West of Scotland, the required sum would be realised by each member taking two £1 shares. In the course of time, when the existing leases of Lodge-rooms expired, all the Lodges in Glasgow would be accommodated in the Masonic Temple, while in addition to several halls it is proposed that there should be reading and recreation rooms in the building. Although much in favour of the scheme, the Provincial Grand Master has decided that at least two-thirds of the money must be subscribed before any building operations should be undertaken.

The 350th performance of the successful comic opera, "La Cigale" was given on Wednesday, and, judging by the reception accorded it by a crowded audience, the interest in the piece is as great as ever. Encores were frequent, every item going without a hitch.

Obituary.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD METHUEN.

THE announcement of the death of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Methuen, Past Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire has been anticipated. The sad event occurred at his residence, Corsham Court, on Saturday, 26th ult., after a long and protracted illness. His lordship was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire in March 1853, his senior colleague being Bro. Lord Leigh, who was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire the preceding year. Lord Methuen was a R.A. Mason, and occupied the chair of Z. in the Wiltshire Chapter, No. 355, Swindon, in 1875, and also that of Past Provincial Grand H. Wiltshire. He had been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the system of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and was a supporter of our three Charitable Institutions, as well as a Trustee of the Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund of his Province.

BRO. M. S. LARLHAM.

WALWORTH has just lost one of its oldest inhabitants by the sudden death of Bro. Mark Samuel Larlham, aged 69 years. The deceased had resided in the district for a great number of years, and was respected and loved by all with whom he had connections either in business or in private life. He was very prominent in the Masonic circle, having been initiated in the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216; afterwards he passed through the chair to the credit of himself and the admiration of the brethren. He was also P.M. of the United Pilgrims Lodge, and P.Z. of that Chapter, and Preceptor to the Lodge of Instruction for many years. He was a supporter of the Charities, having been Steward to the R.M.B.I. 1880, and Steward Boys' 1884. He was also a Mark Master Mason, one of the original promoters of the Surrey Masonic Hall, and the first W.M. of the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539. He received a jewel in the year 1880 for serving as Treasurer, which position he held until the time of his decease. He was also P.M. of the Panmure Lodge and P.Z. of Chapter.

BRO. E. CHARLES ROSSINGTON.

THE remains of the late Brother E. Charles Rossington, proprietor of the Wing Tavern, were interred in the Newark Cemetery, on the 28th ult., with Masonic honours. The deceased gentleman was in the employ of Messrs. Chas. Seely and Co. in their offices, at Cinderhill, up to a few years ago. His father, Mr. E. Rossington, was cashier for Messrs. Seely and Co. for many years, and retired above three years ago. The deceased gentleman leaves a wife and small family. His funeral was attended by many sorrowing friends. He was a man highly honoured and respected in the town.

THE death of Bro. John Fox, of the firm of Messrs. Fox and Vergette, auctioneers of Peterborough, took place on Friday, 25th September. He was well known throughout the Eastern Midlands, and was considered the Father of the Freemasons in the district.

The Duke of Connaught is announced to visit Salisbury on 31st inst., to instal the Earl of Radnor as Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire.

At the last meeting of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, at the Cannon Street Hotel, on the 24th ultimo, Bro. Henri Heck was elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. W. J. Miller P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Reinhardt Tyler. The installation meeting will take place on the fourth Thursday in November.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

Wanted to Purchase.

ODD VOLUMES of the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE and MASONIC MIRROR. The Volumes for 1863 especially wanted. Address, stating price asked, W., Office of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

A NEW MASONIC HISTORY.*

WE now approach the second part of this valuable history, which is devoted to a consideration, in twelve divisions (numbered from IV. to XV. respectively), of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, Craft, Capitular and Cryptic ("Masonry without respect to Creed, Clime, or Colour"), prefaced by a brief introduction, by the Editor in Chief, on the American Rite of Freemasonry. We learn by this that American Freemasonry "properly dates from the Revolution, when all allegiance to the 'Mother Country' was thrown off. Like the British Colonies in civil affairs, prior to 1776-83, the Lodges owned an allegiance to Britain as the fountain-head of Government." The progress of the Fraternity, the ritual of which was made distinctively American by the blending of the "work" of the several Lodges, both "Ancient" and "Modern," of England and Scotland, has been so great and its Grand Lodges so numerous as now to suggest "Three Meridians" of four longitudinal departments in the United States, and a fifth comprising British America." In connection therewith this part of the work will be found full of "facts never before printed." The Grand Lodge history is narrated in the first six of the twelve divisions; and occupies no less than two hundred and eighty-nine closely printed pages. Division IV. is complete in three chapters, with an introduction by Brother John Lane, F.C.A., &c., a Past Senior Grand Warden of Iowa, a Past Provincial Grand Registrar of Devonshire (England), and the author of the well known "Masonic Records, 1717-1886." In this division are enumerated the Lodges warranted by the two Grand Lodges of England for the continent of America, together with valuable notes not heretofore published, and a fac simile copy of Hughan's engraved list of Lodges, A.D. 1734, which mentions the Lodge No. 126 at Boston, New England, warranted 30th July 1733; the whole forming a most valuable and interesting contribution. It should be noted that Brother Lane premises that although proofs exist of the constitution or authorisation of many other Lodges in America by English Provincial Grand Masters, yet inasmuch as they were never registered in the books of the Mother Grand Lodge they are not included in his list.

Division V. under the title or heading of "First Meridian," is a "History of the Colonial and Revolutionary Period and Atlantic Slope: the Grand Lodges of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, by Bro. Charles E. Meyer, a Past Master of the Melita Lodge, No. 295, of Pennsylvania, extending over 96 pages, in two Chapters. Whilst it would be almost, if not absolutely, impossible to do full justice to the abundance of research which characterises this contribution without greatly extended comments, it would be beyond our present purpose to deal with historical events having special connection with any given locality, and not embracing those which have a general or universal interest to Craftsmen of the present day. In America, no doubt, these pages will attract the students' attention, and prove profitable in conveying abundant information; but to the main body of the readers of Masonic literature—would that such body numbered more than experience compels us to believe it does—the subject matter may not be so acceptable. This should not, however, detract from the merits of Bro. Meyer's production; rather is it a slur upon such as neglect to make advancement in Masonic knowledge than a reflection upon a clever and distinguished writer on Masonic subjects. But there is no gainsaying the fact that, unfortunately, in the Masonic world such and such like erudition "pleases not the million; 'tis caviare to the general."

Division VI. is a continuation of the same subject, by the same author, under the title of "Second Meridian I.," and treating of the History of the Eastern Mississippi Valley and the Lakes: The Grand Lodges of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, in one chapter of 22 pages. To this Division the immediately

foregoing remarks equally apply. There is, however, one special feature of general interest connected with these and the two succeeding Divisions (VII. and VIII.) to which we desire to draw the attention of English Craftsmen. A series of full page illustrations of a large number of the splendid Masonic Temples and Homes of Masonry in the several cities and important towns referred to in the text, embellishes this portion of the work, and gives evidence of the energy and zeal of our American kinsmen in promoting the "dignity and high importance" of our Order. The handsome and appropriate structures presented to our view give rise to the reflection that the "Mother Country" must suffer by the contrast with the few notable Masonic buildings which English Freemasons possess. The illustrations are 17 in number, amongst the most attractive being those of the Temples of New York City, Philadelphia, Ohio, Louisville, Minnesota, Minneapolis, and Pennsylvania, the finest and largest Masonic building in the world devoted exclusively to Freemasonry, and the Egyptian Room in which must be "a sight to dream of, not to tell!" The particulars given of these edifices should be of prominent importance to all who are concerned in the progress of Freemasonry through the ensuing centuries, and we strongly urge them to make acquaintance therewith through the medium afforded by Bro. Meyer in his contribution to this History.

The second part of Division VI., under the title "Second Meridian II.," is the History of the Western Mississippi Valley: the Grand Lodges of Texas, Arkansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and the Indian Territory (occupying 36 pages), by Bro. C. E. Gillett, Grand Almoner Grand Lodge of California. This is of much the same character as the preceding papers, having more of local interest than of universal application to past or current events in the "body of Masonry." No more can be said of Division VI., Third Meridian: the History of the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountains to Mexico; the Grand Lodges of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico; and also treating of Freemasonry in the Hawaiian Islands, Alaska, Mexico and Central America, by Bro. Edwin A. Sherman, Vice-President of the respective Masonic Veteran Associations of the United States and Pacific Coast, &c., assisted by Brother C. E. Gillett, above mentioned; the "History" comprising 48 pages. There is nothing stated that can be controverted, or give cause for discussion beyond the districts referred to. All is essentially "true," but there is nothing "new" calculated to excite widespread interest. We notice, not particularly in these "histories," but generally throughout the whole work, frequent acknowledgments by our American authors of assistance and information received from their English *confrères* Bros. Gould, Lane and Hughan, and this leads us to think—whilst not by any means depreciating the valuable work of the former—that English Freemasons have not so fully and fairly appreciated the labours of the latter on their behalf as they might, could and should have done. At any rate we have no knowledge of any work by either of our English historians, and from which many reprints are made and acknowledged by American brethren, which has circulated at home by as many hundred copies as this history is said to circulate in America by thousands. And to this is added the fact that our English brethren have together provided the English Craft with an all-sufficient history of "Universal" Freemasonry and its progress in their country prior to the compilation now under review. Admirable as this compilation is it is not by any means so original as the works of our English authors, and it does reflect seriously upon English Masonry that much greater support has not been given to their individual and indefatigable labours. This may be considered, and probably is, a digression; but we feel strongly on the subject, and consider this the fitting opportunity and the proper place to direct attention thereto.

Division VIII., under the title of "The First Glimpses of Freemasonry in North America," is chapter VI. of the second part of the volume entitled "Early American Masonic History." It occupies 16 pages, and is the contribution of Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson P.G.M., and Recording Grand Secretary of Massachusetts. This is certainly a most interesting chapter, and affords information relating to the earliest trace of Masons on the Continent of America, dating back so far as A.D. 1606, a date inscribed on a presumed gravestone discovered in

* The History of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and Concordant Orders. Boston and New York, U.S.A.: The Fraternity Publishing Company. London, England: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen Street, European Publisher. 1891.

1827 upon the shore of Goat Island, in Annapolis Basin, and which stone had also rudely cut upon it, and "much worn by time and weather," the Masonic emblems of square and compass. The land on which this "finding" was made is stated to have been the first piece of ground cleared for cultivation in Nova Scotia by the French, and the inscription has been cut on the natural surface of the stone. There is, however, to our mind, nothing in the particulars given which can connect this relic with *Speculative* Freemasonry, the earliest date that appears reliable as accounting for the introduction of which into America being A.D. 1621, when Sir William Alexander, of Menstric, "received charters for the whole of Nova Scotia." From whom these charters were received is not stated. Bro. Nickerson traces the progress of the Order from that date with the assistance of records which are extant, and naively guarding himself against possible errors in some of those records quotes:—

"I cannot tell how the truth may be;
I say the tale as 'twas said to me."

A very proper reservation, and a most useful one in the midst of the present controversy on the antiquity of our speculative work. We have read this portion of the "history" with much gratification, and admiration for the moderation displayed in assertions and argument. And we quite agree with its author that "the manufacture of documentary evidence to supply missing links in Masonic history is a department of *belles lettres* in which it seems especially dangerous to venture."

We pause here to express regret that the publishers of this important work should have utilised an old illustration, which has done duty on many former occasions, as representing Freemasons' Hall, London, England. It is *not* the Temple of the past few years and present date. It is a reproduction, with slight alterations in panels and lighting arrangements, of Bartalozzi's drawing, A.D. 1786, and introduces a custom, long since very properly abandoned, of passing the pupils of one or other of our Educational Masonic Institutions in review before the brethren assembled at High Festival. In view of the grandeur and importance of the Egyptian Room in the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, to which we have already referred, our English brethren would have been better satisfied if some attempt had been made to portray the present glories of the Masonic Temple of the Mother Grand Lodge of the World. This illustration fronts page 457; that of Bartalozzi's "Genius of Masonry," "used as a frontispiece to the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, A.D. 1784," (it would appear by this that the engraving was made two years *before* the work itself was produced!!) will be found opposite page 686. These errors, one of judgment, the other of chronology, should be rectified in future editions of the "History" if general credence is to be placed in its contents.

Under the heading of "British America" we have, in Division IX., a chapter of 15 pages, an Outline History of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, by Bro. J. Ross Robinson G.M., author of several Masonic works on "The Cryptic Rite," "The Knights Templars of Canada," &c. Bro. Robinson considers the Craft history of Upper Canada in seven divisions or eras, and prefaces his essay by the observation "that if in the search for truth, concerning our brethren of the olden time, error should creep in," the fault should not be on the writer, but on those who "so illy preserved" their records. We cannot better inform our readers of the nature of our brother's work than by describing, in a condensed form, the periods which mark the divisions he refers to. The first period is from about 1780 to 1792, when a few Lodges in different parts of the Province worked without a local governing head; the second from 1792 to 1817, during which time the Provincial Grand Lodge, warranted by the Athol Grand Lodge, struggled for an existence at York (Toronto); the third from 1817 to 1822, when Craft work was revived and kept well in hand; the fourth from 1822 to 1830, during which time the second Provincial Grand Lodge, warranted by the United Grand Lodge of England, was organised and flourished; the fifth from 1830 to 1845, when the Provincial Grand Lodge became dormant, and the Lodges led rather quiet lives; the sixth from 1845 to 1855, when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada was revived; and the seventh, which includes the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855, the dissolution in 1857 of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada

under England, the creation in the same year of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada and the union of both the organisations under the style and title of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Each of these periods, and the last more fully and particularly, receives attention at the hands of Bro. Robinson, whose narrative will doubtless meet with high appreciation and acknowledgment as a meritorious result of his personal labours in "journeying over this vast Dominion to make up the history of the Masonic lives of our by-gone brethren." He who reads will readily realise not only what Craft life was, but what Craft life is. In the last paragraph of this Essay we find a sentiment with which all true Freemasons must concur: "Many may assert that our brethren of long ago needed not the guide-posts which marked the pathway, and that the pioneers who, in the early days, carried the Craft flag, made many mistakes. Yet all must admit—and especially we who have a direct knowledge of their work—that in their mission they were earnest and sincere and did the right as God gave them to see the right." That we may profit by their errors and make the present an example for the rising generation of Freemasons is the finally expressed hope of Bro. Robinson. To this we respond, with "the Mason's grand Amen: So mote it be!"

(To be continued.)

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA, IN SCOTLAND.

THE annual communication of the Grand Encampment of the Temple and Malta, in Scotland, was held on Saturday, the 19th ult., in the Star Lodge Hall, 12 Trongate, Glasgow, at which there was a very large attendance of representatives. In absence of the M.E. Grand Master, Colonel John Crombie, the throne was occupied by Sir Knight M. M'B. Thomson, Grand Representative. The following Sir Knights were duly elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—Sir Knights Major Peter Spence M.E. Grand Master, Colonel John Crombie P.G.M. and Premier Grand Cross; Matthew M'B. Thomson Grand Representative, Samuel Ross Depute Grand Master, Thomas Young Leitch Grand Marshal, Adam Nish Captain General, John Hunter Central Captain, Robert M'Kelvie Grand Recorder, William Young Grand Treasurer, Alexander H. Martin Prelate, John Hinds Captain of the Blue, Charles M'Andrew Captain of Red, John Gould Captain of Black; John Gibson Grand Sword Bearer, James Douglas Bearer of the Vexillum Belli, Andrew M'Clelland Grand Standard Bearer, Charles M'Farlane Conductor, William Kay Receiver, Philip Murray and George R. Jarvie Ushers, Archibald Irvine Herald, James Andrew Grand Jeweller, John Menzies Sentinel. The Grand Officers-elect having been accorded the customary honours, Grand Encampment took under consideration the application of certain Sir Knights in Hurlford for a Charter of Erection, they being at present working under dispensation from the M.E. Grand Master. The application was unanimously sustained, and Grand Recorder ordered to prepare said Charter, under the style and title of Hurlford Encampment, No. 17. A petition was then read from sixteen Sir Knights of the Aberdeen Military Encampment, No. 7 on the registry of Deuchar's self-created Grand Conclave, for a Charter of healing and confirmation. The M.E.G.M. had much pleasure in recommending that this petition be granted, which was unanimously agreed to, under the style and title of Aberdeen Military Encampment, No. 5½. In connection with the above a protest was read from the Saint George Abeyne Encampment, Aberdeen (Deuchar), against the granting of a charter of healing and confirmation to the Military Encampment. The protest was refused consideration, and the protestors recommended to profit by the example of the Military Encampment. The financial report was received and adopted, showing an increase in money and property of £149 3s 10d over the previous year. In view of the phenomenal revival of Templar Masonry within the last few years, it was resolved to divide the labour heretofore performed by the Grand Encampment by the erection of four Sub-Grand Priories, the districts to be appropriated and priors installed at the next meeting of Grand Encampment. In recognition of his services to Templar Masonry, Sir Knight F. N. Coulson, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S. America, was elected an honorary member of Grand Encampment, with the rank of Knight Grand Cross, which grade was also conferred upon Sir Knight J. Brown, Hurlford. The Grand Encampment having been closed in ample form, the Sir Knights spent an agreeable time in social intercourse and refreshment.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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MANCHESTER DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 387.

A REGULAR meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, on Thursday, 24th September, when there were present Bros. Birch W.M., Ramsay S.W., J. M. Simpson Secretary, Richardson P.M. 581 P.P.G.D. I.P.M., Fowell W.M. 2389 acting J.W., Swain S.D., Farrington I.G., E. G. Simpson P.M. P.P.G.D. Cheshire, Core, Paulsen, Linde, Courtney, and Schloss. Visitors—Brothers: Forrest P.M. 1633, Cooper P.M. 1055, Courtrige, and Le Hay (Nautch Girl Company). The brethren, as is customary, met in the afternoon, when the Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Core and Paulsen being ready and willing to take their third degree, were interrogated as to their proficiency in the second. Bro. Birch W.M. being detained on important business, his position as W.M. was taken by Bro. Richardson, who raised Bro. Core to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, in that painstaking and impressive manner, for which he is renowned. The brethren here adjourned for tea, after which business was resumed, and Brother Birch having meanwhile arrived, Bro. Paulsen was raised to the third degree. Prior to the Lodge being closed, several propositions were put in for joining members, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. At the social board the health of Bros. Core and Paulsen were proposed and responded to.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 935 (SALFORD).

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi Street, on Thursday, 24th September. Owing to the Agricultural Show being held at Altrincham, there was a sparse attendance of members; amongst those present were Bros. West W.M., Galloway S.W., Thomas J.W., Clarke P.M. Treas., Makin Secretary, Openshaw J.D., Richardson I.G., and John Smith. Visitor—Lisenden P.M. 317. The Lodge was opened soon after six o'clock, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Smith was then interrogated as to his proficiency in the first degree, and having satisfactorily answered, withdrew. He was subsequently passed to the second degree by the W.M., and after some other business had been discussed, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 8:30.

TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496 (MANCHESTER.)

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, on Monday, when Bro. Davies, supported by about 20 other brethren attended. The business transacted was the raising of Bro. Russell to the third degree, the unanimous election of Bro. Blears to the office of W.M. for the ensuing year, the re-election of Bro. Burslem P.M. as Treasurer, and re-appointment of Bro. Riddell as Tyler. Auditors were appointed to inspect the Treasurer's accounts, and also a Committee to make arrangements for the St. John's Festival at the next meeting.

CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Cannon Street Hotel, Brother G. J. Judge presiding. After the formal business had been disposed of, Bro. W. B. Marcus P.M. and Treasurer, at the request of the Worshipful Master, assumed the chair, and installed Bro. Charles Mussared, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master elect, as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Judge was invested as the Immediate Past Master, Piggott Senior Warden, Scott Miller Junior Warden, Marcus P.M. Treasurer, Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, Smith Senior Deacon, Percival Junior Deacon, Jull Inner Guard, Saqui Dir. of Cers., Tarle Loe Organist, Breeze and Haynes Stewards, Bowler Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered, the new Worshipful Master initiated Mr. Albert Bromet and Mr. Frederick Link into Freemasonry. A vote of thanks to Bro. Marcus for performing the ceremony of installation, moved by Bro. Judge and seconded by the Worshipful Master, was carried unanimously, and the Lodge was then closed, the brethren adjourning for an elegant banquet. In the course of the evening Bro. J. G. Judge was presented with a handsome jewel, "as a token of appreciation of his valuable services as W.M."

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

A REGULAR meeting took place at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on 28th September, when there were present—Bros. Thomas W.M. P.M. 204 and 350, Wood acting I.P.M., Wrigley P.M. 1952 S.W., Wollaston J.W., Nall P.M. 1337 Dir. of Cers., Harrop Treasurer, Hilton Secretary, Beaver J.D., Smith Organist, Ward I.G., Waddington, Schofield, Lilley, Duckworth W.M. 204, Lloyd, Lead S.W. 1367, Brockbank, and Armstrong. Visitors—Holdsworth P.M. 408 P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire, Royle J.W. 1170, Sawyer P.M. 204, Batty 2237, and Lisenden P.M. 317. It is pleasing to record the steady progress of this young Lodge, and the great interest every member takes in its welfare, by regular and punctual attendance, and by an earnestness of purpose to make the Lodge, what it will undoubtedly become eventually, second to none in the large Province of East Lancashire. The mainspring of this satisfactory condition of affairs is unquestionably that Bro. Thomas is a perfect tower of strength in Masonic working and Lodge management. Bro. Thomas has served the office of W.M. in the Charity Lodge, Stoneclough, and twice in the Caledonian Lodge, Manchester. He has also been

Secretary for the Minnehaha Amateur Minstrels for several years. The troupe from which the Lodge takes its name is generally admitted to be the finest in England, being formed of gentlemen who are gifted with rare vocal and instrumental talents, and whose sole object when giving performances is Charity. The good that has been done by this admirable society can be testified by several local Hospitals and Institutions, as well as by the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, in aid of whose funds a grand concert was given this year and a sum of £271 realised. This satisfactory result must necessarily make the members of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge (a great number of whom are members of the troupe) very proud, and especially Bro. Thomas, who was instrumental in causing the formation of the Lodge whose title will perpetuate the name of this philanthropic troupe of gentlemen minstrels. The brethren met at 5:30, when the Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Hamnett, and being declared favourable, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Schofield being present, and desirous of taking his second degree, he was interrogated as to his proficiency in the former, and having satisfactorily answered, withdrew. Subsequently Bro. Schofield was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft by Bro. Wrigley S.W. and P.M. 1052. This being the night for electing the W.M., the choice of the brethren unanimously fell upon Bro. Wrigley S.W., who was warmly congratulated by the W.M. Bro. Wrigley returned thanks in feeling terms for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Harrop was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Kirk re-appointed Tyler. Both brethren acknowledged the compliment in appropriate terms, Bros. Smith and Beaver were appointed auditors of the Treasurer's accounts, and Bro. Thomas W.M. was re-elected Charity representative. A Committee, consisting of the W.M. elect and Officers, was appointed to make arrangements for the St. John's Festival. It is pleasing to chronicle the admirable and workmanlike manner in which the ceremonies of initiation and passing were done, alike by the W.M., the S.W. and the Officers; and if a special meed of praise is awarded to Bro. Beaver for his almost faultless Deaconing, it is no more than he deserves, as all the visitors were much impressed by it. After some further business had been discussed, hearty good wishes were expressed, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 8:15. The brethren adjourned to supper, which was served in a most beautifully decorated room, lighted by electricity. The supper was a miniature banquet, and gave general satisfaction. After supper the brethren returned to the Lodge room, and assembled round the social board. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. Holdsworth P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, and expressing his sincere pleasure and satisfaction at the admirable manner in which the ceremonies had been performed, and the extremely cordial welcome and hospitality he had received. Bro. Lloyd proposed the initiate, in laudatory terms, and Bro. Hamnett's health was heartily drank, after which Bro. Thomas's clear musical voice was heard to advantage in the E.A. song. The initiate having responded, Bro. Wrigley W.M.-elect proposed the health of the newly passed Bro. Schofield, which was drunk by all present, and responded to. The W.M. next proposed the visitors, in that happy vein for which he is renowned, and the toast was responded to by Bros. Sawyer, Royle, Duckworth, and Lisenden. The health of the W.M.-elect Bro. Wrigley was proposed in flattering terms by the W.M., and drunk with enthusiasm. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with selections on the mandoline, guitar and zither, from Bros. Schofield and Wrigley. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

LENNOX BROWNE LODGE.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 19th September, at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. The following gentlemen were duly initiated:—Messrs. W. H. Gadsden, A. G. Wright, G. E. Egerton, C. T. Matthews, and A. Power; while Bro. C. Spurgeon was received as a joining member. There were present Bros. H. French Bromhead P.G.S.W. W.M., G. J. Westfield P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer S.W., Dr. W. E. Dring J.W., H. Drane S.D., A. Schneider J.D., W. Butcher I.G., W. Ashton Dir. of Cers., W. Jones, A. Love, J. Snowden Stewards, J. Piuder Treasurer, and S. Knighton Secretary; Bros. Gumprecht, Harris, Taylor, Dickinson, Beaumont, Gray, Barnes, Walker, Spurgeon, Ninekey, Jones, Hamblock, Schummer, Dr. Scoresby Jackson P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Among the Visitors present were Bro. A. Buck P.P.G.S.W., G. Martin P.P.G.D., W. Latta P.G. Organist, A. Allen (S.C.), W. Short, A. Bateman, J. Carral, A. Jay, Dr. Elmer, Dr. Müller, &c. The ceremony of initiation having been performed, the W.M. (Bro. Bromhead) proceeded to instal his successor, Dr. Dring. This he did with his accustomed ability, and in the most impressive manner, more particularly when delivering the closing addresses, which were declaimed most eloquently, and strongly appealed to the feelings of all present; it has rarely been our good fortune to hear this ceremony rehearsed as on this occasion. The newly-installed Master having appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, and the business of the evening having been concluded, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting table, where a sumptuous repast awaited them. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the evening was enlivened by several excellent songs, &c., by the brethren. The banquet was supplied by Bro. Smith, the proprietor of the hotel.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, 8th October 1891, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, and to elect eighteen girls into the School from a list of 25* approved candidates. The Election will commence at one o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
1st October 1891.

* The name of Mary Louisa Raggatt, No. 23 on the List of Candidates, has been withdrawn, and Mary Beatrice Woodroffe Scholes, No. 2 on the List, has been admitted into the Institution by presentation.

THE 104th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place in May 1892, under the most distinguished presidency of
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Brothers willing to act as Stewards on this very important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1891.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

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EDITH GRACE WILSON,

(AGED 8½ YEARS.)

Daughter of the late Brother Henry R. L. Wilson, who was initiated in April 1877, in the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169, and continued a member until his death, in October 1886, in the forty-second year of his age. He was a subscriber to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. Brother Wilson was in the employ of the Surrey Commercial Dock Company for twenty years, and left a widow and six children surviving entirely dependent upon her, the eldest being only twelve years of age. In consequence of the large family and much illness, Bro. Wilson was unable to make any provision for his family beyond a small amount of Life Insurance.

The undermentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case to your sympathy, and Brothers marked thus * have kindly consented to receive proxies. Votes for Widows and Boys will also be thankfully received for exchange.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 9th day of October 1891, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect nineteen Boys from an approved list of thirty-seven candidates.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will be open at 1 o'clock or so soon as the general business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at 3 o'clock precisely.

By Order,

J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary.

London, 26th September 1891.

N.B.—The Revised Laws are now in print, and may be had on application to the Secretary.

THE NINETY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on the 29th June 1892, under the distinguished presidency of the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS BEACH, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire. The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges or Provinces are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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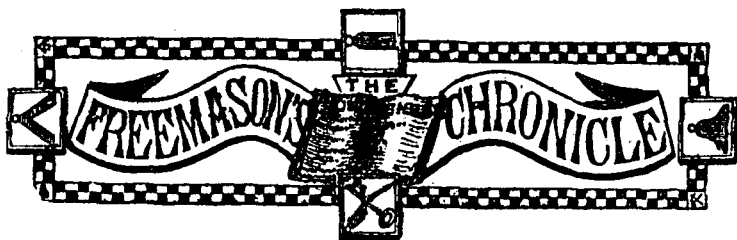
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SATURDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 1891.

PROV. G. LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the members of Grand Lodge for the Province of Devon was held on the 23rd ult., in the Guildhall, Tavistock, under the banner of Lodge Bedford, No. 282. Additional interest was attached to the meeting by reason of the fact that Lodge Bedford is celebrating its Centenary this year. The Lodge is now in a most flourishing condition, both financially and in point of membership. The present W.M. is Wor. Bro. John Squire, and the arrangements made under his direction for the reception of the P.G. Lodge at the meeting, and the banquet which followed, were excellent, and gave general satisfaction. The Committee of Petitions met in the Lodge-room at noon. All the representatives were present.

The reports of the Hon. Secretary (Bro. J. B. Gover) and the London representative (Bro. the Rev. Wm. Whittle) were read, and having been discussed, cordial votes of thanks were accorded to them for their past services. The committee voted £80 for relief to widows of distressed Masons, and 100 guineas to Masonic Charities.

The P.G. Lodge assembled in the Guildhall. The R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.M. 251, P.G.M., sat on the throne.

The P.G. Secretary reported on the returns received from the Lodges in the Province for the year ending 31st December last; there were on the books of the Lodges in the Province 3,062 Masons, being an increase of 132 over the previous year; that 219 brethren had been initiated into Masonry during the year, a decrease of 26. The number of brethren returned in arrears was 477, an increase of 85 over the preceding year. He had received the sum of £10 10s, being a moiety of the sum necessary to obtain a Life Governorship in the Royal Masonic Bene-

volent Institution for Aged Freemasons, together with an application for a similar grant from each of the following Lodges:—Friendship, 202, Devonport; Charity, 223, Plymouth; Bedford, 282, Tavistock; Union, 444, Starcross; and St. Maurice, 1855, Plympton; also the sum of £10 10s, being the moiety necessary to obtain a Life Governorship in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, together with an application for a similar grant from St. John the Baptist, 39, Exeter; St. John, 70, Plymouth; St. Peter, 1125, Tiverton; Semper Fidelis, 1254, Exeter; Brent, 1284, Topsham; and Jordan, 1402, Torquay; also the sum of £10 10s from St. John the Baptist, No. 39, Exeter, the moiety of the sum necessary to obtain a Life Governorship in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. This was the largest number of applications which had been received from Lodges. The report was received and adopted.

The P.G. Treasurer (Brother W. Powell) reported that the total receipts amounted to £632, including a balance in hand of £220, and dues from Lodges of £322. There was a balance in hand of £249. The report was adopted.

Brother. F. Pollard P.M. 1284, P.P.G.D.C., hon. sec. of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, read the annual report of the governors of that fund. There were, he said, six annuitants on the fund, viz., a brother of 156, elected in 1871; a brother of 106, elected in 1878; a brother of 710, elected in 1888; a brother of 248, elected in 1888; a brother of 39, elected in 1888; and a brother of 1205, elected in 1891. The Treasurer's audited report to June 24th last showed the total receipts to be £264 19s 9d, including £92 from P.G. Lodge, £5 5s from P.G. Chapter, and £57 in donations. The payments were £172 to annuitants, and after investing £30 in the bank there was a balance in hand of £43. The capital account ran: Exeter Market bonds, £500; Exeter Asylum bonds, £750; Consols, £1,114; and Devon and Exeter Savings Bank, £270. The report continued: Whenever a single vacancy arises there are always many duly qualified applicants for the annuity. An increase, therefore, in the number of annuitants is advisable, which is not practicable with the income at present available. As each Lodge has now a direct voting power pro rata with its contributions to the fund, it is hoped that in apportioning Lodge funds to charitable purposes more consideration will be given to the requirements of this local Charity. Bro. Stocker expressed a hope that extra efforts would be made to double the number of annuitants on the fund. The P.G.M., the Acting P.G.S.W., and Bro. Allsford concurred. The report was received.

Bro. J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G. Secretary presented the report of the Committee of Petitions, which stated that during the year five Devon candidates had been elected to the great London Charities. There were now forty Devon candidates supported by the great Charities. The Committee felt they owed a debt of gratitude to Bro. the Rev. W. Whittle for his admirable management of the votes of the Province. It could not be too often impressed upon the members and the Lodges that there should be a great effort to increase their donations and subscriptions, and at the same time to relieve the Secretary from some unnecessary labour, by sending their votes as early as possible after their receipt. At a meeting of the Committee in January they granted £5 to the widow of a deceased brother of Lodge 39, Exeter; £6 to the widow of a deceased brother of 112, Exeter; £5 to the widow of a deceased brother of 282, Tavistock; and £5 to the widow of a deceased brother of 251, Barnstaple. At their meeting that day they recommended the P.G. Lodge to grant £20 to the widow of a brother of 112, Exeter; £10 to the widow of a brother of 282, Tavistock; £5 to a distressed brother of 1550, Plymouth, and recommended a further sum of £20; £5 to the widow of a brother of 156, with a recommend for a further grant of £5; £5 to the widow of a brother of £954, and recommended a further grant of £5. They recommended that the Lodges 202, 282, 444, 1125, 70, 223, 1856, 39, 1284, and 1402, who, in accordance with the P.G. Lodge laws, had sent £10 10s each to the P.G. Secretary, have their amounts supplemented at a cost to the Province of £105. The Committee were pleased to receive from Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, an acknowledgment of the services rendered by Bros. Truscott 1254, John Taylor 1402, and F. B. Westlake 70. This report was also adopted.

Bro. J. Stocker proposed the election of Bro. J. B. Crabb

P.M. 1125 as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing, Bro. S. Jones seconded, and Bros. Allsford, Templeton and Jew supported the nomination, which was carried unanimously. Bros. Templeton and Stocker were appointed Auditors. The following were appointed and invested as Officers for the year ensuing :—

W. G. Rogers	D.P.G.M.
Rev. H. G. Morse	Senior Warden
J. R. Swann	Junior Warden
Rev. A. Newman	} Chaplains
Rev. A. M. Hare	
J. R. Crabb	Treasurer
J. W. Mathew	Registrar
Major G. C. Davie	Secretary
Dr. H. Edwards	} Senior Deacons
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J. Gaydon	} Junior Deacons
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J. Gidley	
F. Crowe	Organist
C. James	Assistant Secretary
H. S. Kitt	Pursuivant
S. Panter	Assistant Pursuivant
H. Shooter	Tyler
J. Parkhouse	} Stewards
R. Blight	
E. Appleton	
W. Berry	
W. Southwood	
T. J. Challice	

The Provincial Grand Master expressed the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the W.M. and members of Bedford Lodge, for their excellent arrangements, and the splendid accommodation provided. He also tendered them their hearty congratulations on the Lodge celebrating its Centenary this year. Bro. Squire acknowledged the vote of the Lodge.

Bro. Major Tracy, as D.P.G.M. *pro tem*, said he was sure every member of the P.G. Lodge felt pleased at the fact that the P.G.M. was sufficiently recovered to be enabled to preside over them that day, and he trusted that he would be long spared to reign over them.

The P.G.M. said it was his pleasure and duty to be with them that day.

The brethren afterwards sat down to the annual banquet, at Squire's Bedford Hotel. The P.G.M. Lord Ebrington, M.P., presided over a company of about 100. The loyal toast having been duly honoured.

The P.G.M., in giving the health of the G.M. of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, referred to the extraordinary strides Masonry had made under the genial rule of H.R.H. When he (Lord Ebrington) was first appointed P.G.M. the Junior Lodge numbered 1700; now the Junior Lodge was over 2200, and that not the Junior Lodge in the kingdom. The satisfaction with which the appointment of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as Deputy Grand Master of England was exemplified by the fact that whether as neighbour, land owner, Brigadier of the Auxiliary Forces, Lord Lieutenant and P.G.M. of Cornwall, he had won the respect and something like the affection of those with whom he had been brought in contact. He was sure they congratulated his lordship on the approaching union of his daughter with the son of a gentleman well known and highly esteemed, the chief fault in his character being that he had not yet become a Freemason.

Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, who replied for the Officers of the Grand Lodge, said the Grand Master had exercised wise discretion in his appointments of the Earl of Lathom and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master respectively, or by that means he united the north and west Provinces, and he trusted the union would long continue. He appealed to them to subscribe liberally to the Institution he represented, which next year would celebrate its Jubilee, and suggested that the P.G.M. should become one of the Stewards at the Jubilee.

Bro. John Squire, W.M. of Lodge Bedford, in proposing the health of the P.G.M., thanked him for selecting Tavistock this year for the P.G. Lodge. His Lordship was restored to comparatively good health, and they trusted he would be enabled to preside in the important office of P.G.M. of Devonshire for many years.

Lord Ebrington, in reply, said he was pleased to say he was better, but if he had consulted his doctor's wishes he would not have been present that day. He asked his Provincial Officers to keep up the high standard of Masonry in their respective offices. The P.G.M. then proposed the W.M.'s of the various Lodges in the Province. Bro. John Squire, in response, read a unique newspaper account of the consecration of Lodge Bedford, in 1791. Bro. Major Dick, who also responded, said he thought it was the duty of not only the brethren in the Three Towns, but in the southern part of the Province, to support the grand Masonic hall built for their convenience in the Three Towns. Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, in replying for the toast of the visitors, reported the satisfactory progress of the School. He said, under the tuition of a Devonshire Mason, Bro. Ebb P.G. Chap. of Devon, the boys were passing better examinations than ever known in the history of the School.

A pleasant evening was spent.

PROV. G. LODGE WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Wednesday, 16th September, at Tenbury. The brethren of the thirteen Lodges which comprise the Province attended in force, there being present about 170 Freemasons. Brethren from a distance were entertained at luncheon on their arrival by the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1097, Tenbury, at the Pump Room.

Prior to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a meeting of the Committee of the Western Provinces Charity Organisation was held at the residence of Brother G. R. Godson, the Most Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of the Province (Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P.) presiding, supported by the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P.) the Provincial Charity Secretary Brother E. J. Chambers, and others. It was reported that over 400 guineas had been subscribed in the Province during the past year in aid of the Masonic Charitable Institutions.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at noon in the Corn Exchange. The muster roll of the Lodges was called, and the Provincial Grand Master afterwards called upon the different Worshipful Masters to make their usual report on the state of their Lodges. In each case the reports were satisfactory. The Provincial Grand Secretary read a report on the state of Masonry in the Province, which showed that there was an increase of twelve subscribing brethren in the Province since last year, the total number now being 474. Bro. Joseland (Worcester) was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. A satisfactory report was presented by the Charity Committee, of which Bro. Chambers was afterwards re-elected Secretary, with Bro. Shedden as his Assistant. Various sums were voted to the widows of deceased brethren who were in distressed circumstances, pending their election as annuitants of the Benevolent Institution. Fifty guineas were voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose of forming the nucleus of a fund to commemorate the memory of the late Bro. Masefield P.D.P.G.M., by placing a tablet in St. John's Church, Dudley, and by the investment of a sufficient sum for the presentation of a prize annually to the Girls' and Boys' Masonic Schools, to be called the "Masefield Prize." The next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was fixed for Dudley, under the banner of the Harmonic Lodge, 252. The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the following to the duties of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the year :—

G. R. Godson	Senior Warden
Edwin Turner	Junior Warden
Rev. W. J. Dowd	Chaplain
Rev. A. C. L. McLaughlin	Assistant Chaplain
John Mossop	Registrar
J. Joseland	Treasurer
George Taylor	Secretary
Enoch Wood	Senior Deacon
D. McKay	Junior Deacon
Reginald Woodward	Supt. of Works
Joseph Fisher	Dir. of Cers.
J. Slade	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Alexander Orme Fraser	Sword Bearer
Joseph Bellingham	} Standard Bearers
H. Parry	
W. C. Box	Organist
B. Robinson	Pursuivant
James Warham	Assist. Pursuivant

The brethren afterwards marched in procession to the Parish Church of St. Mary, where divine service took place. The sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. J. Down, who took for his text St. Paul's words, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ," from the Epistle to the Galatians, chap. vi., verse 2. In opening his discourse, the reverend brother defined St. Paul as a practical Christian. The burdens that practical Christians had to bear were not merely those of the fallen or the erring. St. Paul must have had a wider field in view when he penned the words of the text. He must have been thinking of the burdens which sooner or later fall upon every shoulder; the burdens which came to them as men; those burdens which seemed to be a necessary part of man's present life of probation. Those, also, were the burdens which their own Brotherhood of Freemasonry sought in the measure of its capacity to remove. He quoted the words of a Masonic writer, who said "The love of the true Mason was ever ready to bestow, was by no means confined to his own Brotherhood. He delighted to whisper peace to the troubled mind wherever he found it; to mourn with those who mourned, as well as to rejoice with those who rejoiced was to him the highest of all possible enjoyments. When affliction needed his aid, and the oppressed his interference, then the best feelings of his life were called out." Those words, he said, were so true as to almost warrant them regarding them as the motto of their Craft.

After service the brethren returned to the Corn Exchange, where the duties of the Provincial Grand Lodge were resumed, and on the completion of the work the brethren dined at the Swan Hotel, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Adelphi.—It has been left to Messrs. G. R. Sims and Robert Buchanan to introduce an originality in the present day style of melodrama, and in their latest production, "The Trumpet Call," the theme of the piece is certainly different from the usual drama. When the curtain goes up we find the hero and heroine already married; it will thus be seen that the start is different from the ordinary run, while the most astonishing feature is, there is no villain; no man to wreck the happiness of the loving couple; no scoundrel to plot and scheme for the ruin of both hero and heroine; only a man who, with good motives, persuades the heroine to marry him while she loves her husband, from whom she is separated, and who she believes to be dead. This is a welcome change, and we are happy to say the drama is none the worse for the deviation from the stereotyped style. The authors have done their work in a painstaking and workmanlike fashion, raising themselves to the more exciting situations with skilful hands, and enlivening the piece with some amusing comedy. The first act is full of exciting incidents; it shows us how the hero has married again, believing his first wife to be dead, and how the latter turns up to be the dark shadow of the play. Of course a separation must follow between hero and heroine, and this leads up to the barrack yard scene, which is most interesting and pathetic. Later on we are shown the East End Doss House, in which excitement is worked up to the highest pitch. This scene is most realistic; there is not man better able to write a scene of this description than Mr. George R. Sims; his vast knowledge of how the poor of London manage to live stands him in good stead here. The finish of the play is strong, and the scene at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, is well worked up. Right through the piece bright sparkling comedy is supplied by a Professor Ginnifer and his daughter, aided by Tom Dutton; these three are most amusing. The drama is admirably staged. Mr. Leonard Boyne has a splendid part as the hero, but on the night of our visit this gentleman was too unwell to appear; so his understudy, Mr. Royston Keith, gave us opportunity of seeing how he could acquit himself. This he did in truly artistic style; Mr. J. D. Beveridge is admirably suited as Sergeant-Major Milligan, while Mr. Lionel Rignold scored heavily as the Professor. Mr. Charles Dalton makes an attractive lover in the wrong cause, and Mr. Richard H. Douglass, as Tom Dutton, is one of the successes of the piece. Messrs. Howard Russell, Arthur Leigh, and James East are careful in their respective parts. Miss Elizabeth Robins gives a most interesting and pathetic rendering of the heroine; she never falters, and scores at every possible opportunity. Mrs. Patrick Campbell, as the hero's first wife, certainly surprised us. This lady gave a striking interpretation of the part; indeed, nothing could be better. Miss Clara Jacks is amusing as Lavinia Ginnifer, while Mrs. H. Leigh is bright as Mrs. Wicklow, afterwards Mrs. Ginnifer. Little Daisy Stratton is a pretty child actress, and was soon a favourite. As usual, the scenery here is magnificent, and Messrs. Bruce Smith and W. Hann are to be congratulated. The incidental music has been composed by Mr. Henry Sprake. In conclusion, we feel sure it will be a long time before the Messrs. Gatti will need to look for another play to follow "The Trumpet Call."

Opera Comique.—Mr. Edward Compton, who is favourably known in the theatrical world as an earnest and talented young actor, has now undertaken the management of this theatre, and has commenced his season with a new play in four acts, entitled "The American." The author is Mr. Henry James, who has founded the piece upon his novel of the same name, which has enjoyed a considerable amount of public favour. The play is brilliantly written, though rather lacking in stage construction, especially in the final act. The young manager takes the burden of the piece upon his shoulders, and certainly presents a neat and finished performance as Christopher Newman, leaving nothing to be desired. Miss Elizabeth Robins also achieves success in the unsympathetic character of the Comtesse de Cintré, and Miss A. Dairrolles plays with much charm of manner the coquettish Noémie Nioche. Miss Bateman, of "Leah" fame, has few opportunities of showing her talent as the wicked Marquise de Bellegarde, but does that little well. Mr. O. Blakiston is good as the Count de Bellegarde, while Mr. Young Stewart, Mr. Sydney Paxton and Mr. C. M. Hallard sustain their respective characters with no little skill. The play is mounted in excellent taste, and the theatre itself looks bright and comfortable. Additional exits have been made, and the irritating "fee system" is relegated to the theatrical limbo. Good luck to Bro. Compton.

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 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
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 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
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 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
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 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
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 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8

1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
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 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
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 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
 1613 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Cove Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
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 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 9th October.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
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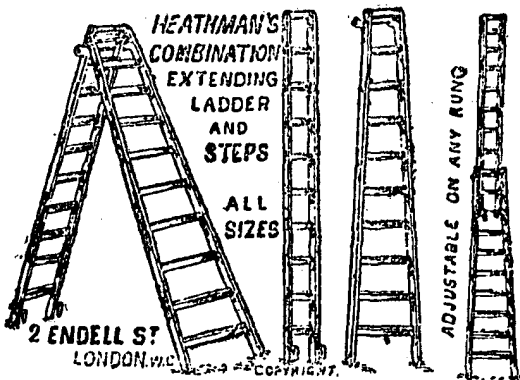
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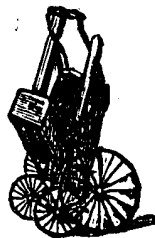
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