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### The Queen and the Craft.

EXPRESSIONS of regret at the death of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen are so general that it is really almost superfluous for us to say a word as to the feelings of the Craft. It has been proverbial during the long reign of our deceased Monarch that no body of men were more loyal towards her than the Freemasons of England, and now that we have to mourn her loss we may truly say that none are more sincere in their expressions of regret and sorrow. Throughout the empire of Freemasonry feelings of grief and melancholy are general, and many will be the expressions of regret that the long enjoyed and highly prized association of "the Queen and the Craft" has been severed by the relentless hand of death. Happily the memory of her long and glorious reign, and her great kindness and thought for her people, will in some measure lessen our sorrow at her demise. We understand that orders have been issued for the Craft to go into mourning, for a period of three months, from Monday next.

### THE KING AND THE CRAFT.

IF the loyalty of the Craft towards our deceased Monarch was so marked how shall we describe the enthusiasm of the Brotherhood in welcoming their Grand Master in the new position to which he has succeeded as ruler of the Empire? The Brethren of England have learned to love and respect the present KING EDWARD VII during the twenty-seven years he has been at the head of the English Craft, and no section of his people will be more sincere and hearty in their congratulations than the Freemasons over whom he has long held sway. We think we are but voicing the wish of our Brother Masons when we write:

"THE KING AND THE CRAFT,

God save the King for a long and prosperous reign."

### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE first meeting of the Board of Benevolence for the year 1901, and of the new century, was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. It was the first meeting also after the death of the Queen, and the fifth anniversary of the meeting which passed a vote of sympathy with Her Majesty and the Royal Family on the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg, and news of which sad event arrived the same afternoon. The motion was at that meeting made by the then President of the Board of Benevolence Bro. Robert Grey, Past Grand Warden.

Bro. J. H. Matthews presided on Wednesday, and was supported by the two Vice Presidents Bros. D. D. Mercer and Henry Garrod, the Grand Secretary, the Assistant Grand Secretary, and Bros. W. Dodd and G. S. Recknell, of the Secretarial Department of Grand Lodge, together with a large body of Brethren. No motion was made with respect to the death of the Queen, although Bro. Matthews referred to the mournful occurrence, trusting that although it was almost impossible to concentrate thoughts on any other subject the Brethren would be able to bring their minds to bear on the petitions for relief before them, which were those of poor Brethren, widows, and orphans.

The Brethren then dealt with the petitions and relieved twenty-seven out of a list of thirty-three with a total sum of £765, voting £100, £50, six sums of £40 each, seven of £30 each, six of £20 each, one of £15, two sums of £10, and two of £5.

### OXFORDSHIRE.

LORD VALENTIA is showing great zeal in carrying out the duties of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he having within the past few days installed the Worshipful Masters of the Alfred, the Bertie, and the Windrush Lodges. On Wednesday of last week he journeyed to Burford, in company with the Deputy Grand Master of England the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, who was the guest of Bro. the Rev. D. H. W. Horlock, who, it may not be out of place to mention, during a Masonic career of forty years, has occupied the chair on no less than twelve occasions, a record that will be hard to beat. Bro. F. Watts Lea was the latest W.M. to receive the ceremony of installation at the hands of the D.P.G.M., and he was decidedly lucky in having his year of office ushered in amid such auspicious surroundings. Under his regime the reputation of the Wychwood Lodge is not likely to suffer, for he is a most versatile and conscientious member of the Craft. At the subsequent banquet, in proposing the toast of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Horlock, in alluding to the presence of the Earl of Warwick there that evening, said it was somewhat appropriate, as in 1457, his great ancestor Richard Earl of Warwick, the king maker, by his liberality endowed a number of almshouses in the town, and so they were able to boast the possession of one of the two signatures of the great Earl which were known to exist. He alluded to the Earl's zeal as a Freemason, and remarked that during the twenty years he had presided over the Province of Essex no less than twenty-four Lodges had been consecrated there, a fact which spoke for itself. Burford, as most people probably knew, was at one time a town of considerable importance, and was once honoured by a visit from Queen Elizabeth, to whom was presented a richly-ornamented saddle, leather tanning and saddlery being then the staple industries.

### BRITISH MONARCHS AND MASONRY.

ARCHDEACON WILBERFORCE Past Provincial Grand Chaplain Hants and Isle of Wight, preaching before a large gathering of Masons, at a special service held in St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, on the 16th, to celebrate the commencement of the twentieth century, said many of the Sovereigns of England had held the office of Grand Master of the Order, from Alfred the Great to George II, and if the life of the then Heir-Apparent were preserved, we should once more witness a King of England in the Grand Master's chair. In view of subsequent events the remarks of our distinguished Brother have proved themselves to be most appropriate. We give a fuller account of the sermon and other proceedings of the day elsewhere in this issue.

It is among the things not generally known that Alfred the Great was Grand Master of the English Freemasons. Numberless are his claims to our wonder and respect, but certainly this is not the least of them. Upon less eminent authority than that of Archdeacon Wilberforce, persons slow of belief might even doubt the statement. But it was put forward, in a matter-of-fact way, at a great gathering of Masons in St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, on Wednesday. The patriotic gentlemen who are arranging a Millennial Festival at Winchester in memory of Alfred should make a

note. It cannot be said that their project has raised much enthusiasm as yet—the pressing interests of the day leave us small leisure to meditate upon events a thousand years old. But an appeal to the Freemasons of England would ensure the success of the Commemoration, if they could be persuaded that it was not only the best of Kings but also a Grand Master of their Craft whom they were summoned to honour. And it does not take much evidence to persuade Freemasons in a matter of this sort. The uninitiated, however, would almost incline to suspect that Archdeacon Wilberforce was perpetrating an elaborate joke.—“Evening Standard.”

#### OUR WAR ORPHANS.

On Thursday Audrey Rennett, the daughter of a Brother who died of enteric fever during service in South Africa, was admitted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at Battersea; while two lads—Harry Douglas Luck, son of a colour-sergeant of the Northamptonshire Regiment who was killed in the Tirah campaign; and Thomas Cecil Percy Davies, son of a sergeant in the Army Ordnance Corps, who also died of enteric fever during the present war in South Africa—have been this week admitted to private schools at Knowle, Warwickshire, and Blackheath, because there is no room in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green. They will, however, receive the maximum outdoor grant of £30 per annum each, and will be taken into the new Schools now in course of erection at Bushey, Herts, as soon as the buildings are there ready for occupation.

These three children have been patriotically provided for by the Freemasons of England, who have admitted them to the benefits of the two Educational Institutions of the Craft without the usual form of election.

#### NEW HALL AT MILLOM.

THE Millom Masonic Buildings Company, Limited, was registered on 28th December, by Jordan and Sons, Limited, 120 Chancery Lane, W.C., with a capital of £1,000 in £1 shares. Object, to provide a Masonic Hall or Temple, with a Club House and other conveniences, at Millom, Cumberland, for the Whitwell Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1390, or other Lodge, Chapter, or Association of Freemasons. The first directors (to number not less than five, nor more than seven) are to be appointed by the subscribers. Registered Office: Bank House, Market Square, Millom, Cumberland.

#### CHURCH SERVICE.

A MASONIC Service, arranged by Bro. Elliott Fletcher W.M. of the Priory Lodge, was held at St. Alban's Church, Southend, on the 10th inst. The Service was conducted by the Rev. E. E. Kimber, curate-in-charge of St. Alban's and Chaplain of the Priory Lodge, who was assisted by the Rev. T. W. Brown, vicar-designate of Walthamstow, the Rev. T. Varney P.P.G.Chap. and Chaplain of St. Andrew and Albert Lucking Lodges, and the Rev. F. C. St. John Methuen, rector of Vange, and cousin of Lord Methuen. There was a Masonic choir, and the service took the form of shortened evening prayer.

Our report of the Installation meeting of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, is unavoidably held over.

A monument erected in Brockley Cemetery in memory of the late Bro. Walter Martin P.G.A.P., &c., being one of the objects for which the Walter Martin Memorial Fund is being raised, was unveiled on Saturday. The President of the Fund Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. performed the ceremony. The Fund will close on 30th March.

The installation meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, will be held on Thursday next, 31st inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 3.30 p.m. Brother Albert Smith is the W.M.-elect, and in addition to his installation the business set down on the agenda includes two raisings, three passings, and the election and initiation of a candidate.

By the death of Mrs. Briscoe, of Walsall, which occurred through an accident early in the month, the Walsall Hospital will receive a legacy of £200, Wolverhampton Orphanage £100, and the School for the Blind

and the Masonic Charities £50 each. These and several other benefactions to Charitable Institutions were left by the late Bro. Briscoe, and were to be paid on the decease of his widow.

The annual meeting of the members of the Liverpool Masonic Club was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, on Friday of last week, when Bro. R. Ripley was re-elected Chairman, Bro. T. J. Jarman chosen Vice-Chairman, Bro. E. R. Latham Treasurer, in succession to Bro. G. Broadbridge, to whom hearty thanks were given after twenty-one years service, Bro. J. T. Callow Secretary (re-elected), Bro. Captain Macnab Librarian, and Bros. Samuel Armstrong, Sweetman, Broadbridge, and Morgan Members of the Committee.

I had Freemasonry on Thursday and Friday evenings last week flavoured with the brogue, and the experience was sweetened by the infusion. I have heard many a tale of how Freemasonry is conducted in the Sister Isle, some of them tall, and, on the whole, to the prejudice, by comparison, of the Craft in Scotland. It is not my intention, however, to say here whether these tales have been verified by my experience or not. I found Freemasonry, as it is conducted in the Lodges in Belfast, pretty much as we have it in Scotland, the essentials the same, the forms in which they are conveyed having, in some instances, faults, while others call forth praise. There is a greater rigidity to ceremonial in rule in Ireland than in most Lodges here, securing additional order in the Lodge Room, and increased respect to the chair. The fees of membership are collected at each meeting, and vary, according to the style of the Lodge, from one shilling upwards. The non-payment of these fees for twelve months subjects the member to be struck off the roll of membership, not only as a voting member, but as a visitor to his own or any other Lodge under the Constitution of Ireland until such dues are paid up. So strict is the rule on this point that any Lodge knowingly receiving a Brother who is in arrears is liable to his Lodge for the amount of his arrears at the time. The names of all Brethren in default are at once recorded in Grand Lodge.—“The Mallet,” in “Glasgow Evening News.”

A very beautiful and instructive oration was recently delivered by the Grand Orator (Idaho) Bro. Charles C. Stevenson. The following is quoted because it has so much of truth as well as much of beauty:—We are proud of our noble institution; we are proud of its intimate connection with the advancement and improvement of the world. We are proud of those armoured knights of old who battled so valiantly for the cause of light. We are proud of all the distinguished sons of light whose brilliant deeds and glorious achievements have brought honour to our noble Fraternity. But while we may become reminiscent, and indulge in the pleasant and agreeable privilege of revelling in the beauties and delights of a glorious history, we should never lose sight of the fact that Masonry is also a practical Institution, designed to perpetuate God's word, and to carry out in a great measure the injunctions contained in the great Book of Revelations. The Fraternity of Freemasons is to-day a great breathing, living entity. Its doctrines and principles, inspired of God, contain all that is essential for a perfect and upright life. The lessons of the lectures are calculated to improve and ennoble mankind, but the great aim of our noble Institution will be lost sight of if we fail to put into execution those excellent instructions with which we are all invested. We, the proud possessors of this noble production of the builders of old, have no easy task in maintaining in their fullest splendour the tenets and cardinal virtues of Masonry. “To soothe the unhappy, to sympathise with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the great aim we have in view. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections.” No gallant knight on prancing steed ever went forth to battle for a grander cause. We, in the character of plain and unostentatious Freemasons, girded with a simple and spotless vestment, have much to do in these latter days. While the operative tools have been laid aside the speculative implements of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth have been placed in our hands for use. Read that, Brethren of Australia, and, reading, profit thereby.—“Masonry.”

**A MASONIC JUBILEE.**

AN interesting feature of the Installation meeting of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, No. 376, Ipswich, on Wednesday, 16th inst., was a presentation to Bro. N. Tracy P.M. Prov.G. Sec. Suffolk, to commemorate the Jubilee of his membership of the Lodge. It was made on behalf of the members by Bro. S. R. Anness P.M. P.P.G.S.W., who said they all felt that such an occasion should be specially marked in some way. Bro. Tracy was initiated in that Lodge fifty years ago, and had continued a subscribing member ever since. He thought this was a record of which the Lodge might be proud, especially when they recollected the devotion with which Bro. Tracy had served the Lodge, and the very valuable help he had always rendered to it. It would, he was sure, be very gratifying to Bro. Tracy to know that practically all the members had contributed to the little present he had the pleasure to hand to Bro. Tracy—a handsome silver tobacco jar, suitably inscribed—and they trusted it would be a source of comfort to him for many years to come.

Bro. Tracy, on rising to acknowledge the gift, received a perfect ovation. He was, however, so overcome by his feelings that it was some minutes before he was able to reply. He said he could not find words in which adequately to thank the Brethren for the mark of their esteem, and he trusted under the circumstances they would excuse his addressing them at any length. He should value their gift most highly.

Amongst the large gathering of Brethren on the occasion were Bro. John E. Cheese W.M. 51 and Bro. Arthur Turner J.W. 51.

**CONCERT IN BELFAST.**

BRILLIANT as a social gathering, and eminently happy as a "musical evening" of the season, was the Masonic concert held on Wednesday evening, 16th inst., in the Ulster Hall, Belfast. That which was present was probably the most distinguished assembly which has come together in Belfast for a considerable period. While the auditory embraced the chief Officers of the Order in Ireland, with those of course of Lodge 88. The general public were largely represented by quite a number of ladies and gentlemen of note. Unfortunately illness prevented the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Provincial Grand Master-designate, from attending; the Duke of Abercorn M.W. Grand Master of Ireland was conducted to the chair by a procession.

The concert was in aid of the Masonic Orphan Boys School Century Fund.

The manner in which the events of the moment are occasionally crystallised in the names of newly-warranted Freemasons' Lodges has escaped the notice of the historian, but it is curiously interesting nevertheless. In the course of 1900, for instance, among the many fresh Lodges established under the Warrant of the Grand Lodge of England, one called after Lord Roberts was founded at Somerset, as well as the Alfred Milner Lodge at Muizenberg, both in South Africa; while the Cecil Rhodes Lodge at Bulawayo was a fruit of the previous year, as was the Lord Kitchener Lodge at Greenwich. Victorious generals have been recognised in this fashion, indeed, for a century and a half. The Marquis of Granby so distinguished himself at the battle of Minden, in 1759, that he was made Commander-in-Chief, and in 1763 a Marquis of Granby Lodge was founded at Durham, and still exists. Later in the eighteenth century a Nelson of the Nile Lodge attested, at Batley, the popular admiration for a naval hero; as a Wellington Lodge, warranted at Rye in 1814, did that for a military victor; while the Wolseley Lodge, at Manchester, in 1883 carried on the tradition, and honoured the late Commander-in-Chief very speedily after his success at Tel-el-Kebir. And not the least interesting of such crystallisations is the Prince Frederick William Lodge, founded in London, in 1858, and in its name commemorating the marriage of the late Emperor Frederick to our own Princess Royal—"The Westminster Gazette."

**"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."**

ON the 23rd ult. there passed away in his 62nd year Bro. J. J. Cantle, who died at his residence, 41 Holland Road, Kensington. Bro. Cantle attended an Audit meeting on

Wednesday, 19th ult., and was in his usual robust state of health, but no doubt caught a chill on his way home, which developed inflammation, and he passed peacefully away on the following Sunday, in the presence of his wife and family, also his old and highly esteemed friend Bro. R. H. Rogers P.M. 1791. Beneath an exterior that at times seemed a little brusque there beat a very kindly heart, and to know Brother Cantle was indeed a pleasure. He was initiated into the Craft many years ago; was P.M. of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, one of the founders and P.M. of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, also a founder of the Creaton Lodge, No. 1791 and its Secretary since its Consecration in 1878. In Royal Arch Masonry Companion Cantle was P.Z., and a most able worker in the Industry Chapter, No. 186. His brisk and cheery presence will be greatly missed in the large circle of his Masonic Brethren, but at no meetings more than those of the Creaton Lodge, for Bro. Cantle always looked after the comfort of the visitors and members. Music was one of his studies, and to its cultivation he devoted many leisure hours. Being possessed of a very fine voice he was always in a position to arrange with professional Brethren and artistes, and the excellent musical programmes at the Creaton Lodge meetings were carried out solely under his direction. Bro. Cantle was a most zealous and energetic Freemason, always active in the cause of charity, had served the office of Steward several times and was Life Governor of the three Institutions. He was a great supporter, both in votes and canvassing, of the West London Masonic Election Association since its foundation in 1893. The burial took place on Friday, 28th ult., at Acton Cemetery, and the coffin was covered with wreaths from those who respected and loved him. Many Brethren, in spite of the shocking weather, attended at the cemetery to pay a last sad token of respect to their departed Brother.

THE death occurred on the 16th inst., of Brother Alderman Thomas Walton, of Stockton, in his eightieth year. He was a member of the Stockton Town Council for twenty-four years, and was elected an alderman on the extension of the borough in 1889. He held the office of Mayor in 1895-6. For over thirty years he was an overseer of the poor, and he was one of the oldest Freemasons in the town, being a member of the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 940, of which he was Worshipful Master in 1873. Until 1897 he enjoyed good health, but then had a paralytic stroke, which left him infirm. On Friday, 11th inst., he was attacked in the same way, and he gradually sank. He was three times married, and leaves a widow, one son, and four daughters.

A PAINFUL sensation was caused in the Halifax district on Saturday, by the death of Bro. Alderman Gaukroger, which took place that morning at his residence, Fernside, after a few minutes illness. Ald. Gaukroger, who was in his sixty-fifth year, had been a member of the Halifax Town Council since 1890, and was elected an alderman in 1895. He was also a borough magistrate and an ex-President of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce. He was a P.M. of Probity Lodge, No. 61.

THE death recently occurred of Bro. C. L. Carson, proprietor and editor of "The Stage," Past Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, who succumbed after a long and terribly painful illness. Bro. Carson was born in 1847, was in early life engaged in the laboratory of the Liverpool public analyst. He afterwards made his appearance as a baritone vocalist in opera and oratorio, and had also long experience as an actor, manager, dramatist, and journalist.

**In Memoriam.**

QUEEN VICTORIA. OBIT, 22nd January 1901.

No mortal sorrow is akin to ours,  
Nor words, nor thoughts our feelings can portray;  
Grim Death, 'fore whom the mightiest shrinks and cowers  
Ne'er took a soul so much beloved away.  
Language is weak, the very sense is numb,  
We feel the awesomeness of Death's Abyss,  
We strive to speak—the fluent tongue is dumb  
For never grief was likened unto this.  
Well may we mourn a mighty monarch dead,  
A world in anguish is our world to-night,  
Yet comfort comes—her Queenly soul has fled  
Into a Lovelier Land of Life and Light.  
So dry the tears and hush the throbbing breast  
Peace now is hers—Peace and Eternal Rest!

Bradford, 22nd January 1901.

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

## Monday.

- 4 Rl. Somerset H. & Inverness, F.M.H.  
 26 Castle of Harmony, Savoy Hotel  
 28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall  
 79 Pythagorean, Ship, Greenwich  
 144 St. Luke, Holborn Restaurant  
 183 Unity, Ship and Turtle  
 222 St. Andrew, Albion  
 706 Florence Nightingale, Woolwich  
 902 Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel  
 905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall  
 1017 Montefiore, Trocadero  
 1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel  
 1615 Bayard, 33 Golden Square  
 1632 Stuart, Frascati  
 1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion Restaurant  
 1745 Farringdon Without, Holborn Via. H.  
 1828 Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel, W.  
 1910 Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall  
 2396 Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel  
 43 St. Paul, F.M.H., Birmingham  
 48 Industry, F.M.H., Gateshead  
 62 Social, Queen's, Manchester  
 148 Lights, Austin Cham., Warrington  
 491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
 1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds  
 1110 Tyrian, Gildredge, Eastbourne  
 1177 Tenby, F.M.H., Tenby  
 1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 1258 Kennard, F.M.H., Pontypool  
 1325 Stanley, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 1688 Buxton, Palace, Buxton  
 1752 Ogmore, F.M.H., Bridgend  
 1753 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton  
 1991 Agricola, F.M.H., York  
 2042 Apollo, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport  
 2229 Lathom, F.M.H., Southport  
 2257 Powell, F.M.H., Bristol  
 2279 Thornham, F.M.H., Oldham  
 2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, Manchester  
 2429 Research, F.M.H., Leicester  
 2502 Gatwick, Chequers, Horley  
 2547 Llangattock, F.M.H., Cardiff  
 2654 Arter, Moseley Institute, Moseley  
 2724 St. Lawrence, Church Sch., Northfield  
 2759 Rolle, F.M.H., Exmouth

## Tuesday.

- 141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel  
 299 Emulation, Bull Inn, Dartford  
 310 Union, F.M.H., Carlisle  
 321 Unity, Crewe Arms, Crewe  
 357 Apollo University, F.M.H., Oxford  
 597 St. Cybi, F.M.H., Holyhead  
 1358 Torbay, F.M.H., Paignton  
 1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1650 Rose of Raby, Scarth Hall, Staindrop  
 1779 Ivanhoe, F.M.H., Sheffield  
 1806 Audley, Town Hall, Newport, Salop  
 2351 Ermine, Assembly Rooms, Lincoln  
 2358 Mona, F.M.H., Castletown

## Wednesday.

- 822 Victoria Rifles, Cafe Royal  
 898 Temperance in East, Assy. R., Poplar  
 1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall  
 76 Economy, F.M.H., Winchester  
 163 Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester  
 187 Royal Sussex Hospitality, Bristol  
 304 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Leeds  
 439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley  
 461 Fortitude, Commercial, Newton Moor  
 540 Stuart, Swan, Bedford  
 651 Brecknock, Castle, Brecon  
 996 Sondes, F.M.H., East Dereham  
 1083 Townley Parker, Grand, Manchester  
 1119 St. Bede, F.M.H., Jarrow  
 1283 Ryburn, F.M.H., Sowerby Bridge  
 1714 Albert Edward, D. York, York Town  
 1775 Leopold, Comm., Church, Accrington  
 1793 Sir C. Bright, Clarence, Teddington  
 1868 Unity, F.M.H., Oldham  
 1953 Prudence and Industry, George, Chard  
 1980 Stirling, F.M.H., Cleator Moor  
 2064 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tunstall  
 2186 Striguil, F.M.H., Chepstow  
 2571 Holmes, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne

## Thursday.

- 22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern  
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's  
 2192 Highbury, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 2261 Chough, City Terminus Hotel  
 2780 Royal Warrant Holders, Cafe Royal  
 39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter  
 111 Restoration, F.M.H., Darlington  
 129 Union, St. George's Hall, Kendal  
 475 Bedfordshire of St. John Bap., Luton  
 636 De Ogle, F.M.H., Morpeth  
 772 Pilgrims, George, Glastonbury  
 807 Cabbell, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek  
 1032 Townley Parker, Mas. Rms., Chorley  
 1151 St. Andrew, F.M.H., Tywardreath  
 1166 Clarendon, Queen's, Hyde  
 1313 Fermor, F.M.H., Southport  
 1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-u-Ly.  
 1519 Albert Ed., Albion, Clavton-le-Moors  
 1578 Merlin, F.M.H., Pontypridd  
 1630 St. Michael, Queen's, Coventry  
 1884 Chine, F.M.H., Shanklin  
 1957 Grove, Cock Inn, Hazel Grove  
 2269 Peace, F.M.H., Wigan  
 2418 Hedworth, F.M.H., South Shields

## Friday.

- 90 St. John, Albion  
 142 St. Thomas, Hotel Cecil  
 554 Yarborough, London Tavern  
 890 Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel  
 1489 Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Rest.  
 1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall  
 2233 Old Westminster's, Cafe Royal  
 2467 Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel  
 2488 Eccentric, Cafe Royal  
 2511 St. John at Hackney, Finsbury  
 2772 Richard Eve, Freemasons' Hall  
 44 Friendship, Albion, Manchester

- 242 St. George, F.M.H., Doncaster  
 306 Alfred, F.M.H., Leeds  
 318 True and Faithful, F.M.H., Helston  
 401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn  
 426 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Spilsby  
 445 Fidelity, Pomfret, Towcester  
 460 Sutherland of Unity, Newcastle-u-Lyne  
 521 Truth, F.M.H., Huddersfield  
 566 St. Germain, F.M.H., Selby  
 574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, Newbury  
 601 St. John, Wellington, Salop  
 652 Holme Valley, Victoria, Holmfirth  
 608 Ryde, F.M.H., Ryde  
 709 Invicta of Ashford, Bank St, Ashford  
 712 Lindsey, F.M.H., Louth  
 837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 926 Adair, White Lion, Aldeburgh  
 951 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Stow-o-Wold  
 998 Welchpool, Board Rm., Welchpool  
 1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Manchester  
 1034 Eccleshill, F.M.H., Bradford  
 1074 Underley, Mas. R., Kirkby Lonsdale  
 1120 Rutland, George, Melton Mowbray  
 1224 Stour Valley, F.M.H., Sudbury  
 1230 Barnard, F.M.H., Barnard-Castle  
 1232 Hereward, Angel, Bourne  
 1363 Tyndall, Church Institute, Gloucester  
 1375 Architect, F.M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
 1405 Southwell, F.M.H., Nottingham  
 1547 Liverpool, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 1561 Morecambe, King's Arms, Morecambe  
 1648 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Bradford  
 1664 Gosforth, F.M.H., Gosforth  
 1739 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Swadlincote  
 1754 Windsor, F.M.H., Penarth  
 1838 Tudor of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton  
 1900 Hampshire of Emulation, Eastleigh  
 1993 Wolsley, Trevalyan, Manchester  
 2001 Narberth, Masonic Rooms, Narberth  
 2200 Fairfield, Alexandra, Liverpool  
 2491 White Rose of York, F.M.H., Sheffield  
 2494 Humber Installed Masters, Hull  
 2569 St. Trillo, Oxford Bds., Colwyn Bay  
 2605 Wyreside, Town Hall, Garstang  
 2680 Swinburne, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne

## Saturday.

- 1572 Carnarvon, Albion  
 1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall  
 1928 Callery, Anderton's Hotel  
 1949 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel  
 2466 Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall  
 2661 Mendelssohn, Holborn Restaurant  
 2728 Muswell Hill, Frascati Restaurant  
 2741 Cathedral, City Terminus Hotel  
 149 Peace, F.M.H., Meltham, Yorks.  
 308 Pr. George, Station House, Todmorden  
 336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor, Marple  
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 1466 Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship, Brighton  
 1458 Truth, Mitre, Manchester  
 1550 Prudence, F.M.H., Plymouth  
 2096 George Price, Public Hall, Croydon  
 2493 Vale of Eden, Tufton Arms, Appleby  
 2499 North Kent, F.M.H., Bexley Heath  
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 2723 Loyal Travellers, F.M.H., Birmingham

## BOOKS OF THE DAY.

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 Freemason's Chronicle, at Fleet Works, New Barnet.

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**General Wauchope.** By William Baird, F.S.A.Scot.  
 Second edition (2s 6d).—Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier.

AMONG the brave officers of the British army who perished during the first three months of the campaign still being fought out against the Boers, none were more greatly honoured in their day and generation than Generals Symons and Wauchope. It is therefore not surprising that a writer has been found who has supplied readers with a narrative of General Wauchope's military career, and some reminiscences of his private life. Mr. Baird's volume is, we are pleased to say, for the most part free from that extravagant laudation which too frequently disfigures contemporary biography. Upon the death of a man who has for many years filled any public office there is a pardonable tendency on the part of his biographer to represent him as the greatest genius who ever graced a similar position. Lord Macaulay has told us how critics praise the poorest poetry in terms which would require some qualification if used respecting Paradise Lost, and although Mr. Baird only at times forgets that abilities are measured by comparison, he occasionally speaks of his hero in language compared to which the language of Middleton about Cicero, or of Tacitus about Agricola, is modest and restrained. Not the least interesting chapter in this volume is that on the Midlothian Campaign; in which the writer describes how General Wauchope, by indomitable perseverance and careful organisation, came within measurable distance of defeating an

opponent whom Prof. Huxley had called the greatest master of persuasive rhetoric among English speaking peoples. The real explanation lay in the fact that, whilst the orator was absent, the soldier was present—a fact for which Mr. Baird makes due allowance. We thought highly of the General before reading this book; we think more highly of him now.

**Girls' Christian Names.** Their History, Meaning and Association. By Helena Swan (2s 6d net).—Swan Sonnenschein and Co., Limited.

LORD BYRON once wrote of his own age—"this is the patent age of new inventions." If the author of "Don Juan" were alive now he might certainly deem this the grand age of book-making. Whatever may be said for our creative faculties, it is impossible to doubt that our industry is untiring and our tastes discursive. The cook in one of Moliere's plays tells us that the clever cook is the one who can make a good dish out of nothing. Similarly, we suppose, the prize for ingenuity is due to those authors who can make a good book out of what is strictly speaking no material at all. "Helena Swan" has prepared what is ostensibly a small dictionary of the christian names of Girls; in reality it is an exceedingly interesting and instructive volume. To render it thus, the writer has studied much, and has searched out her allusions and illustrations from a wide range of literature. Her very evident, painstaking industry has been so uniformly exercised in the compilation of this volume that we have been reminded of Voltaire, who promised, if necessary, to write upon the word "comma" for the Encyclopædia. "Helena Swan" has wisely made free use of such works as Dr. Butler's "Lives of the Saints," and Rev. S. Baring Gould's "Curious Myths of the Middle Ages"; for it is impossible to ignore such trustworthy guides when venturing upon ground with which they are so



intimately acquainted. Some of the names in this volume are dismissed with commendable brevity, others treated with the fullness they deserve. The name "Mary" is perhaps one of the most satisfactory entries; its derivation is fully traced, and is followed by much interesting information concerning—in addition to the Marys of Holy Writ—St. Mary of Egypt, St. Mary of Oignies, Mary of the Incarnation, some queens who have borne the name, and many others. This is a very cheap book, and we should like to see a similar one dealing with the christian names of the sterner sex.

**The Herb-Moon.** A Fantasia. By John Oliver Hobbes (6d).—George Newnes, Limited.

WE cannot say that this book compares favourably with the many other excellent works reprinted by Messrs. Newnes in their sixpenny issues. Theologians are fond of making somewhat arbitrary distinctions between sins of "omission" and sins of "commission." It would ill become us to criticise unfairly a lady so eminent in the literary world as Mrs. Craigie; but having read the "Herb-Moon"—a feat which, as Mrs. Craigie is aware, critics seldom accomplish—we venture the opinion that shortcomings are more conspicuous in this book than errors, and we should therefore include it under the former of the two categories which we have named. As regards the constituents of a good novel opinions differ, as opinions differ about most matters; but if a novel cannot be commended for the fidelity of its characters, the briskness of its dialogue, the strength of its tragedy, the wit of its comedy, or the beauty of its descriptions, we fail to see that it can conscientiously be commended at all. We do not see that either Rose or Robsart differ in any essential quality from a score of characters to be found in the pages of Mrs. Gaskell, or Mrs. Henry Wood, or Charlotte Bronte, or Emma Jane Worboise—to name lady novelists only. The "Herb-Moon," however, contains several phrases very happily turned—a fact which we are careful to mention lest it should be thought that when we have a volume before us from the pen of "John Oliver Hobbes" we desire, like John Dennis of old, to assail all we read. We hope to make this lady the "amende honorable" at the earliest opportunity.

**Digby Grand.** An Autobiography. By G. J. Whyte-Melville. Illustrated by J. Ambrose Walton and Cuthbert Bradley (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

THIS fine issue of the novels of Whyte-Melville will, when completed, make a handsome addition to any library. Folks who make a point of getting plenty for their money should certainly buy "Digby Grand," and thereby acquire over four hundred pages of autobiography—in our humble judgment the most fascinating of all the many forms that literature assumes. True, this particular autobiography is but a fiction, but that, as Mr. Andrew Lang once wrote of a mistake of Keats, is of "no moment, except to school-masters." This book is well, even brilliantly written, and the surprising versatility of Whyte-Melville is perhaps nowhere so apparent as in its pages, unless it is in the pages of "Holmby House," a book which we had the pleasure of reviewing early last year. To such as have but little time for reading, and are therefore wont to sample authors rather than read them, we would commend the chapters entitled "The Morning of Life" and "The Fortunes of a Danseuse."

**The White Battalions.** By Fred. M. White (6s).—C. Arthur Pearson, Limited.

WARS and rumours of wars have the floor just now. Some novelists—like some christians—have a comfortable creed. Their creed is that the powers that be are presently to combine, and that shortly after that combination old England will receive her coup de grace. 'Tis as well to be warned beforehand. We are glad to say that Mr. Fred. M. White, while apparently anticipating the onslaught, holds more pleasant views as touching its probable issue. There are in this story of the white battalions some persons of consuming energy and some of surprising foresight; but when pitted against the energy and foresight of the Englishman they fare but ill. Mr. White can handle a story very cleverly, and we hope we shall have another opportunity of appreciating his gifts.

Messrs. Chatto and Windus announce a cheap edition of "The Death Ship," by W. Clark Russell, at 3s 6d; "The Lone Star Rush," by Edmund Mitchell, with eight illustrations by Norman H. Hardy, at 6s; "The Blue Diamond," by L. T. Meade, at 6s, and "Quality Corner, a study of remorse," by C. L. Antrobus, at 6s. Of special interest to young folk is the promise, by the same house, of a sixpenny edition of Stevenson's "New Arabian Nights."

Messrs. Macmillan and Co. have just published "William Shakespeare, Poet, Dramatist, and Man," by Hamilton W. Mabie. The book is enriched with nine photogravures and 100 illustrations in the text. The price is 21s net. This is in every way a work of exceptional beauty and interest, and the portraits include Spenser, Jonson, Chapman, Sidney, Raleigh, and Bacon.

Messrs. Greening and Co. will shortly publish "The Aftertaste," by Compton Reade; "Ballads of Ghostly Shires," by George Bertram; and "The Prettiness of Fools," by Edgar Hewitt.

"Wine on the Lees," the last novel by Mr. John A. Steuart, is to be issued in sixpenny form by Messrs. Hutchinson. 100,000 copies are to be printed.

Mr. John Murray is to publish Sir Edward Hertslet's "Recollections of the Old Foreign Office," and Messrs. J. M. Dent and Co. promise "The Working Constitution of the United Kingdom," by Mr. Leonard Courtney.

Messrs. Thomas Nelson and Sons have sent us their "Illustrated List of New Books" for 1900-1901. To glance through such a list is to wish for a long leisure and a bright fireside. We have

had the pleasure of reviewing several of the volumes advertised in its pages, and if the others are on the whole as good, Messrs. Nelson have assuredly made many readers happy.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

**Bones and I, or The Skeleton at Home.** By G. J. Whyte-Melville. Illustrated by A. Forestier (new edition, 3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

**Willing's Press Guide** and Advertisers' Directory and Handbook, 1901. Twenty-eighth year (1s).—James Willing, jun., Limited.

The last Indian mail contains some interesting particulars of the installation in Bombay of His Excellency Lord Northcote as Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. The ceremony took place at an annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and it was, of course, attended with all the importance and solemnity befitting the occasion. The Sandhurst Lodge Room was admirably prepared, the dais being reserved exclusively for Grand Officers, present and past, and for distinguished visitors. The Grand Master Depute Dr. John Pollen, accompanied by the Officers, having entered in procession, opened the Grand Lodge. Lord Northcote expressed pleasure at being accorded so cordial a reception from the Scottish Freemasons in India, and recognised the serious responsibility he had undertaken. The visitors present on the occasion included the Earl of Jersey Prov.G.M. Oxfordshire.

Last week, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., a most interesting dinner took place to celebrate the new century amongst members of the Craft who are engaged on the various newspapers in and around Fleet Street. The Chairman was Bro. Robinson Innes P.M. (Sportsman), Vice-Chairmen Bros. William Noble P.M. (Sporting Life), and John Buchanan P.M. (Daily Graphic). After disposing of an excellent menu, served in the best style, the remainder of the evening was devoted to toasts and songs. Bro. Blewett Faul proved himself to be a pianist of no mean order.

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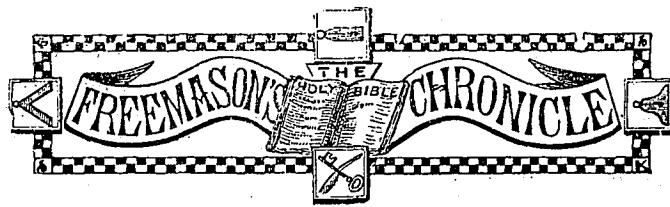
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SATURDAY, 26TH JANUARY 1901.

### THE NEW CENTURY.

A COMMITTEE, representing the three Bournemouth Lodges, Hengist, 195, Boscombe 2158, and Horsa 2208, was recently appointed to consider the best means of inaugurating the new century, and on Wednesday, 16th inst., there was an unusually large gathering of Brethren to carry out the various functions arranged. These included a special Masonic service at St. Peter's Church, in the afternoon, by permission of the Vicar (Canon Fisher), followed by an initiation ceremony at the Masonic Hall, and a banquet in the evening at the Prince's Hall of the Grand Hotel.

There was a crowded congregation at St. Peter's Church in the afternoon, and as invitations had been sent to neigh-

bouring Lodges to join, there was a very large muster of Freemasons present, including members of Cuthberga Lodge (Dorset), Amity Lodge (Poole), Unity Lodge (Ringwood), New Forest Lodge (Lymington), besides individual representatives of other Lodges, and Brethren visiting Bournemouth. The Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and several of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers were present. The Brethren donned their regalia in the school house of St. Peter's close by, and marched in procession to the church, entering by the west door. During the procession Bro. A. T. George, Organist of St. John's Church, Boscombe, who presided at the organ in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Duncan Hume, played an appropriate march. The processional hymn was "O God our help in ages past," after which Psalms 122, 133, and 150 were sung. The lessons were read, the first by the Rev. F. E. Toyne, vicar of St. Michael's Church, and the second by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Moore White, vicar of St. James's, Pokesdown. Haydn's anthem "The Heavens are telling," was beautifully rendered by the choir, and the hymn before the sermon was "All people that on earth do dwell." An eloquent and instructive sermon was preached by the Venerable Basil Wilberforce, D.D., Archdeacon of Westminster, Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Hants and the Isle of Wight. He took as his text Psalm lxxviii, 41, "They . . . limited the Holy One of Israel." He said:

Now, why have I chosen this thought as appropriate to such a gathering as this? This is my reply—If there be one characteristic which has, more than another, conspicuously illuminated the venerable Order of Free and Accepted Masons, and constituted them an elevating influence in the evolution of religion, it is the ceaseless protest of the principles of our Order against all attempts to limit the Holy One, the Universal Soul. Freemasons are not perfect—there was a Judas among the twelve. Freemasonry, in common with every religious or philosophical system, has had to endure the reproaches occasioned by the vices, the ignorance, the follies of those whom, from time to time, it has received into its mystic community—and thus have externs and cowans, through the faults of Masons themselves, been tempted to deride and deprecate the Ancient Order into the secrets of which they have been unable to penetrate. But, if it were necessary to place our Ancient Order on the defensive against the indiscriminating attack which baffled curiosity loves to make upon an institution recognising the principles of mystery and secrecy, the most effective reply is to be found in the well-known practical results of Masonry truly lived and practised.

In an ever changing world, the unchanging principles of our Order have stood firm as a perpetual protest against tyranny over mind and body, and as a school in which to learn the paramount duties of trust in God and love of the Brethren; as a rock over which the wild storms of political conflicts and the battle of creeds, which alter the destinies of whole nations, have swept, without shaking its foundations. It is of the essence of pure Masonry that it knows no creeds, recognises no politics, and can thus place itself in antagonism with no state, no religions. Purity, charity, Fraternity are the principles it instils into the hearts of its members, and it bids them go forth boldly from every Lodge, and in the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe practice these virtues faithfully. The religions of the world have varied, have undergone intervals of disruption, of disintegration. Masonry, in the midst of these storms has still faithfully repeated the watchword—purity, charity, Fraternity. Men have made these creeds their battlefields, and in the storm of malignant theological controversy and cruel denominational jealousy, the love of many has waxed cold, and morality has suffered.

But in spite of Bulls of Excommunication and ecclesiastical censures, the ennobling influence of Freemasonry has ever sustained a high standard of social virtue and a calm trust in the Ruler of the Universe, which has helped to keep religion alive in days of rebuke and blasphemy, and contributed to the common weal of the civilised world. And now, in the presence of this solemn gathering of our Ancient Order, I would venture to suggest that we should look back to the rock whence we are hewn, for decay in vital sincerity is the peculiar peril of long-established usage. What are we? Whence are we? You reply: "In days of old we were a school of practical architecture; in modern times we

have changed our constitution from the practical to the speculative, and, divorced from the science of geometry and the study of architecture, we are recognised as a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbol." The definition may suffice for the purposes of our Lodges of rudimentary instruction, but it is not exhaustive and is unsatisfactory.

There is more in our Order than dictionaries can define or propositions limit. It is unthinkable that a society such as ours, inculcating such world purifying precepts, exercising so notable an influence in human history, maintaining so courageous and effective a protest against all tyranny over mind or body, can owe its origin solely to builders, to architects, to practical geometers.

The principles of our Order bid us look higher for an adequate explanation of its existence. Water does not rise higher than its sources. The principles of the Order are divine, its origin must be divine. It is impossible not to recognise in it one of those out-breathings or self disclosures of the universal soul purposed to provide, down the ages, a reaction from and a protest against the ceaseless tendency of organised religions to enclose God within the limits of a proposition, and unchurch and curse all who do not accept the proposition. The antiquity of our noble Order is beyond controversy; the initiated can trace it in the very earliest records of human history. It was never a religion, but always existing side by side with the religions of the world as a confraternity of pure living, God-fearing men, in possession of divine mysteries which they were not permitted to disclose, and ceaselessly representing the noble plea that God shall never be limited by human thought into dogmatic finality. In, therefore, laying aside the practical, and re-assuming the speculative condition, our Order is but returning to its original constitution from which it had deviated in obedience to the call of the Almighty for the purpose of building the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

There are, of course, numerous points connected with the early history of our Order which can only be treated of within the precincts of a Lodge duly tyled. The secrecy which enshrouds our proceedings, and the adoption of symbols and hieroglyphics arise partly from our connection with the Ancient Chaldeans and Egyptians, and partly as a protection against persecution amongst nations overwhelmed with superstition. There were two prominent occasions in ancient history when the Brethren of our Order appeared before the world as artificers: the erection of the Tabernacle in the wilderness, and the building of Solomon's Temple. In the first instance Moses turned naturally to those versed in religious mystery, and eminent for purity and piety for aid in erecting the Tabernacle. Those whom he selected knew nothing of practical architecture, indeed so ignorant were they that it was necessary for them to be instructed by God for the purpose, as we read in 36th chapter of Exodus. Again, when our Grand Master, King Solomon, would build the first Temple at Jerusalem, he naturally selected for the work those enlightened with the knowledge of God and full of piety, and, therefore, he employed the Brethren of our Ancient Order. From these circumstances, and from the fact Freemasons devoted themselves in after years especially to improvements in architecture, the science of building has come to assume a name which appertains more properly to religious mystery. For whether the word Masonry be derived from the French word "maison," a house or family, or, as I believe, from the Greek word "musterion," mystery, it is certain that it has come to signify the trade of the builder from the fact that the first artificers were selected from amongst those primitive confraternities whose bond of union was religious mystery, or "speculative" Freemasonry.

It is not necessary to elaborate the influence exercised by Freemasonry in every age since the building of Solomon's Temple upon practical architecture. Suffice it to say that throughout the middle ages the inventions and improvements in architecture were due to the skill of Freemasons, and to them is due the invention and dissemination of the well-known Gothic architecture. From first to last, Freemasonry has represented an important element in English history. In the reign of Edward III we find a King's Freemason attached to the Royal household as naturally as any officer of the realm. In the childhood of Henry VI, at the instigation of the clergy, infuriated because the Freemasons inexorably refused to violate their secrets in the Confessional, an Act of Parliament was passed for their suppression; it was never

enforced, and the King, on arriving at man's estate, not only repealed it, but himself was initiated into the Order. Many of the Sovereigns of England have held the office of Grand Master of the Order, from Alfred the Great to George II, and if the life of the present Heir Apparent be preserved, we shall once more witness a King of England in the Grand Master's chair. And, further, I would ask you to suffer me, with deference but with directness, to suggest that an attitude of mind is possible in connection with modern Freemasonry which may violate the very principles of our age-long protest against narrowness, and limit the Holy One of Israel.

Freemasonry has represented a haven of rest from contentious sectarianism, not by excluding any, but by including all who acknowledge the Great Architect of the Universe. But the Grand Architect of the Universe is the one Eternal Substance Who is known by His self-revelations, and whose highest self-revelation is in the person of Jesus Christ, the Divine Humanity. And if modern Freemasonry remains stagnant upon the plane of the older rationalistic Deism, and fails to receive with ever growing consciousness the ever increasing self-revelation of God, it is untrue to the deeper sense which appertains to every word in that immortal literature which occupies a prominent place in every Lodge, and upon which we have every one of us sealed our obligations with our lips. Speaking from a Christian pulpit, I fearlessly claim the closest possible union between the mysteries, the esoteric teachings, and the watchwords of our Ancient Order, and the embodiment of the moral character of the Universal Soul in the person of Jesus Christ, which is called the Incarnation. True, our Order knows no creeds; acknowledgment of the one Supreme Being admits all within the consecrated precincts of our Lodges, our sacred bond of union knows no difference of clime, and exists in every quarter of the habitable globe.

True, the lives of English Freemasons have been as safe in the hands of the Mahdists of the Soudan as of the Boers in South Africa, where they have chosen to claim the protection of the Order, as Benhadad claimed it in that lesson from the Book of the Kings which has just been read. But it is of the essence of our Order that she should be drawn along with the ever increasing self-revelation of the Supreme Being she acknowledges, and the non-recognition of the Christian Orders in the Craft Lodges is not consistent with the traditions of the past. Why are our modern Lodges no longer dedicated to our Grand Master, King Solomon! Why do they always bear the names of saints of the Christian dispensation, and especially of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist? Why do all our ancient English Freemason documents commence in the name of the Blessed Trinity? Only because our Order has automatically obeyed the primary law of her being, and in fulfilment of the claims of evolution has received into her heart the aspect of the nature of the Great Architect of the Universe revealed in Jesus Christ.

Suffer me, in conclusion, to state this truth in the form of a proposition. The terminology of our Order addresses the Supreme Being as the Grand Architect of the Universe. An architect does not build, he designs, he thinks, his thought is transmuted into matter: it is woven into fabric, it becomes bricks and mortar and dwells among us; but this reality of what is built is not in the bricks and mortar, but in the Thought of the Architect. Freemasonry in addressing God as Architect, acknowledges that God is the Universal Thinker, that what he thinks is, and that things are thoughts. Freemasonry, therefore, teaches me to recognise one majestic elemental principle of life which is the all-originating causative spirit. It is of little consequence esoterically speaking, what name is applied to this all originating Spirit:

"A firemist and a planet,  
A crystal and a shell,  
A jelly-fish and a saurian,  
And caves where the cave-men dwell—  
Then a sense of law and beauty,  
And a face turned from the clod—  
Some call it evolution,  
And others call it God."

The life of this elemental causative spirit pulses through all things, and we and all that exist and move and have our being in it. It follows as a logical necessity that universal humanity is the outbirth of God, and therefore that, elementally, God and man are unseverable. Moreover, it follows also that the highest outbirth of God, the most perfect

specimen of universal humanity, will be the most conspicuous manifestation of the moral character of the elemental causative spirit that man is capable of apprehending, and this spells the sacred name of Jesus Christ. And he says: "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out," and the heart of man, wearied with pursuing an infinite abstraction through boundless space, bewildered by such phrases as "universality," "intensity," "thought," "generation," "Grand Architect," and the rest, believes Him, and replies: "Just as I am, without one plea, O Lamb of God, I come," a hand is, as it were, stretched out from the infinite to guide his weakness through the changes and chances of this mortal life until the day break and the shadows flee away, and he is safe within the portals of the Grand Lodge above.

Brother Freemasons think on these things. Take your Freemasonry seriously, let its principles be incorporated into your lives. And may the Great Architect of the Universe give us all the only true freedom—not a mere surface freedom of individual action, but freedom of the Spirit from religious torpor, freedom of the will from the fetters of sin, freedom of the intellect from the narrow slavery of unbelief. "Who, then, is free? The wise who well maintain an empire o'er himself." And pure Freemasonry, followed to its logical issue, will bring this freedom, for it will lead us to Jesus. And, "if the Son of God shall make you free," then shall you be "free" Masons indeed. "So mote it be."

After the sermon an offertory was taken in aid of the Royal Victoria Hospital, and the Royal Boscombe and West Hants Hospital, amounting to £27 8s. The Rev. S. C. Lowry's fine hymn, "O Thou before Whom open lies the roll of bygone ages," was sung during the offertory, and the processional hymn, "O, worship the King," was sung at the close of the service, the Brethren again forming into a procession to the schoolroom.

An emergency meeting of the Lodge of Hengist was held afterwards at the Masonic Hall, when the Right Hon. the Earl of Malmesbury was initiated into Freemasonry by the Prov.G.M.

A united banquet was held in the evening in the Princes Hall of the Grand Hotel, which was nicely and suitably decorated for the occasion. The Prov.G.M. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided, supported by Bros. W. W. Miller, J. A. Hosker, and G. W. Powell, the Worshipful Masters respectively of Lodges Hengist, Boscombe, and Horsa.

Bro. Miller W.M. 195 proposed the toast of the R.W. Prov.G.M. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, present and past.

The Prov.G.M., in responding, referred to his long connection with Masonry from the time he joined the Apollo Lodge at Oxford, of which he was the Worshipful Master for some years, down to the present time, and to the many distinguished men he had met in connection with the Craft during that long period. He said he counted it a great pleasure to rule over such a united and such a large Province, where the Lodges and the Brethren vied with each other in their endeavours to promote the best interests of Masonry. It had afforded him very much pleasure to visit Bournemouth again, and to take part in such a unique ceremony, the remembrance of which would remain with him as long as he lived.

He then proposed the toast of "Freemasonry in Bournemouth," and expressed his high regard for the Brethren there. He also referred with pleasure to the rapid growth of the town and its prosperity, and to the corresponding advance which the Craft had made in the district. He alluded with pride to the deep feeling of Fraternity that it was most evident existed between the three Bournemouth Lodges, and in conclusion appealed to the Brethren to maintain the principles inculcated in their Lodge rooms.

Bro. C. J. Whitting P.M. and Chaplain 195 P.Prov.G. S.D., also responded, and as historian of Lodge Hengist was able to give a number of interesting details in connection with its long career of nearly 130 years, the Lodge having been formed first in Christchurch and then transferred to Bournemouth.

Bro. J. A. Hosker, M.D., W.M. Boscombe Lodge, No. 2158, proposed the initiate, and said he felt sure that he would never have cause to regret the part he had taken in bringing forward the name of the Earl of Malmesbury as a candidate for Freemasonry, and he was also sure that the Earl on his part would never regret having become a member of the Craft.



The Earl of Malmesbury, in response, said that of course they could not expect him to say very much about the ceremony, having only just joined, but he would mention that when he was first at Oxford some years ago, he was almost on the point of becoming a candidate, but on consideration he decided to wait. In looking back now, he felt that he had acted wisely. At the same time, now that he had become a member he felt that he had joined not a day too soon and he would endeavour to maintain the principles of the Craft and become a worthy Brother.

The Tyler's toast concluded the speeches.

The collection at the banquet amounted to £4 7s 6d, making a total of £31 15s 6d for the hospitals during the day. —“Bournemouth Guardian.”

#### BANQUET AT PORTSMOUTH.

AT the Town Hall, Portsmouth, on Tuesday evening, 15th inst., there was an assembly of over two hundred Brethren of Portsmouth and the neighbourhood, under the presidency of the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, to commemorate the opening of the twentieth century. Satisfactory arrangements for the event were carried out by a Committee, of whom Bro. G. W. Edmonds was the Hon. Sec., but the attendance was not so large as might have been expected. An excellent repast (provided by Bro. Butler, of Southsea) was thoroughly enjoyed. The menu card will be prized as an interesting souvenir of the historic occasion. On the front was a statement of the object of the gathering, and on the back a representation of the Masonic Hall, Highbury Street, Portsmouth. Inside the covers, surrounding the toast list and the concert programme were the coats of arms of all the Lodges in the district, with the names of all the present W.Ms. underneath, printed in gold, the remaining portion being in blue. Enclosed in the covers was a twenty page book, containing the programme of music played during the banquet by the band of the R.M.A., under the conductorship of Bro. T. Holding; a historical sketch of “Freemasonry in Portsmouth in the XIX Century,” compiled by Bro. G. F. Lancaster P.M. 903; a roll of Craft Lodges working and constituted in Portsmouth and the neighbourhood during the Century, with list of Founders, &c. Long before the banquet was concluded the galleries were thrown open to ladies, and speedily became crowded by the wives and friends of the diners, who were able to enjoy the music discoursed by the band.

Shortly after seven o'clock the Prov. Grand Master, accompanied by a number of Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, entered the hall, and took their places at the top table. The banquet was followed by a short toast list and a concert. Craft collars and jewels were worn, the banners of various Lodges were hung in different parts of the Hall, and the scene was a very interesting one.

The first toast, the Prov.G.M. said, was at once Masonic and Loyal—none the less loyal because it was Masonic, and none the less Masonic because it was loyal—The Queen and the Craft. Might the Queen, in spite of the many trials she had had to undergo, and the many losses she had sustained, be spared to reign over the country for many a day. The toast was cordially drunk, followed by the singing of the National Anthem, with organ accompaniment by Bro. H. R. Pink, J.P. (ex-Mayor).

Bro. Edgar Goble Dep. Prov. Grand Master proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. That night their thoughts went back to the year 1800, and they wondered who was their Grand Master at that period; who was carrying out the duties of that high and important office. He was happy to say it was the Prince of Wales—Prince George of Wales. Thus they had two Princes both of the blood Royal, reigning over them when the centuries (1801 and 1901) commenced. From the year 1782 to 1844, without one exception, they had reigning over them one of the family of the Royal Sovereign. From 1844 until 1870 they had as Grand Master Earl Zetland, and from 1870 to 1874 they had the honour and pleasure of reigning over them the Marquis of Ripon. In 1874, to their great delight, the present Grand Master the Prince of Wales was elected, and he had been their ruler from that time to the present. Prince George of Wales ruled over them for twenty-three years, and their own Prince of Wales had been ruling over them for twenty-seven years. Might he long continue to be their ruler, because H.R.H. had added not only to the lustre, but to the power

which Masonry now possessed throughout the whole of the world, and he was respected and loved, not only by Masons, but by all who were under the Queen in our immense Empire. It was not for him to make a eulogistic speech on the Prince of Wales, he would simply mention the old adage, “Why praise? Who has ever blamed?” The toast was cordially drunk.

The Chairman then said they now came to the more immediate purport of their meeting together that night. They were there in the first place to celebrate the existence of their Order, and the progress it had made during the centuries past. The advent of a new century led them to think upon the great and remote antiquity of Freemasonry. No trace could be found of its first commencement, but they knew in many remote days the Order was handed down from generation to generation. In every country or land Freemasonry existed, and flourished, and its customs and secrets were handed down unimpaired. It was one of the most surprising characteristics of the Order how Masonry was transmitted in different parts of the world from one nation to another. It might have been more powerful at one time than another. They knew very well that in England it had existed for over eight centuries, during which period it had made great progress, thanks to the admirable way in which their ancestors transacted the business of the Order, and carried out its principles. It was not for him, at the present moment, to dilate upon the excellencies of their Institution, but he might remark that those who had carried out to the full the noble principles of benevolence and virtue, on which it was founded, would have done a great deal in their generation. That they had done all that could be expected of them it would be too much to say, but they might point to the grand Charitable Institutions of the Order to show Freemasons had not been unmindful of their duties. Those great Institutions, which were such noble examples of the benevolence of the Craft, showed the Charitable instincts which the Brothers exhibited. Not only were there homes and schools for boys and girls, but also an asylum for old Freemasons and Widows, should they be unavoidably driven to the necessity of seeking its shelter. Those Institutions were proofs that Freemasonry had done a great work in the country. They had every reason to congratulate themselves upon the progress of Freemasonry in that populous portion of the Province. There were no less than eighteen Lodges in that locality, and from the ample opportunities he had had of judging and gauging the merits of the various Brothers who had held office, they had done their best to sustain the credit of the Order, to add influence and lustre to the Craft in their locality, Province, and country. It was, therefore, with the greatest pleasure that he had been enabled to attend there, and preside over them. He hoped that for many a day and year to come, Freemasonry in Portsmouth might obtain the same credit in the Province and country which it had done in former years. In the advent of a new century they must be reminded of the efflux of time. Time runs its ceaseless course. Freemasons come and go. Many warm Freemasons had passed away. They mourned their loss, but they welcomed those who were coming on, and hoped they would emulate their example, and do their best to act as worthy members of the Craft. He had much pleasure in proposing the toast.

Bro. T. A. Bramsdon, who was called upon to respond, said they in Portsmouth heartily appreciated the manner in which the Prov.G.M. had proposed the toast. They were entering upon a new century, and they could not help casting their minds back upon the great impetus given to Masonry during the past century. The Chairman had referred to the great antiquity of Freemasonry. They had in Portsmouth an unique instance in connection with its antiquity. In his Lodge Room there were four bodies meeting—the Phoenix, the oldest Lodge in the Province, the Chapter of Friendship, the Mark Lodge, and the Knights Templar—all over a century old. In no other part of the world did there exist four such institutions, meeting together under one roof. In Portsmouth they had a large number of Lodges, which were attended by naval and military men, who went abroad, carried with them the tenets and principles of Freemasonry, and promulgated them throughout different parts of the universe. Under the happy regime of their Prov.G.M. the number of Lodges in the Province had exactly doubled. There were applications for an increase even of those numbers, but Bro. Beach held the view that it was not numbers they wanted, but quality. That view had always been held

by him, and he trusted it would always be in the future. Was it likely an Order like theirs would be able to exist so long, successfully, and satisfactorily if it were not for the principles which underlie it? A guiding principle of the Order was Charity. They were proud to be able from time to time to put their hands in their pockets to assist the widow and orphan, and support them in the hour of trial. He next made allusion to the social part of Freemasonry, and spoke of the improvements made during the past century. To wish Freemasonry to be more successful than at present was almost impossible; he thought they had arrived at the zenith of their success. He hoped the Order might remain in the successful condition it was at the present time.

The loving cup was then passed round, together with the Charity box, a collection being taken in behalf of the Hampshire Benevolent Fund.

Bro. H. R. Pink, J.P., proposed the Right Hon. the Prov. G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Bro. Beach was selected for the Office in 1869, and had reigned over them, therefore, for the last thirty-one years. They were now celebrating the beginning of a new century, and the position in which they found themselves at the present moment was entirely owing to the work of Freemasons in the past century. No one worked so hard as their Prov. Grand Master. At a time when most would think they ought to retire, Bro. Beach still did very considerably more work than anyone else in the Province. He was not only connected with ordinary Craft Masonry, but he held high Offices in other degrees as well. They all knew he was the father of the House of Commons. They trusted he would be spared for many years to hold that position, and to reign over them in the Province. The toast was enthusiastically drunk, with musical honours.

On rising to reply, the Chairman was warmly applauded. He said it gave him great pleasure to come amongst them, on that auspicious occasion. Allusion had been made to his ruling over the Province a little over thirty years. It was a longish time, and if during that period he had done anything to merit the approbation they had been good enough to accord him, it had been owing in a great degree to those who kindly assisted him in transacting the business of the Province. The Prov. G. Master had important functions to discharge. He had to make himself acquainted with the manner in which the Brethren under him transacted the business in different Lodges, and to do his best to promote them as seemed consistent with the welfare of the Province. That he had done so to the full extent he could not believe, but he could assure them he had striven to do his best. He acknowledged the assistance he had received from various Brothers, and said he could only hope he might retain their confidence in trying to carry out the duties of his high position in the best possible way he could. If he could only enlist their support, and retain their confidence, it would be ample recompense, and a pleasure to him for any little trouble he might undergo. He wished all the Lodges of Portsmouth and neighbourhood prosperity and success.

The Chairman then said he was grieved to say Bro. Capt. Giles Prov. G. Sec. was not able to come, in consequence of the illness of a child, and Bro. LeFeuvre Past Dep. Prov. G. M. was also absent owing to indisposition.

Dep. Prov. G. M. Goble proposed the Committee, to whom they were indebted for the manner in which they managed the arrangements for that evening's proceedings.

Bro. Edmonds suitably replied, and said it was a labour of love to the Committee to get up the entertainment, the only regret being that more Brothers were not present.

The Chairman now left, and his place for the remainder of the evening was filled by Bro. H. R. Pink, J.P.

A most enjoyable concert was arranged by Bro. Fryer W. M. of Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487. The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.—"Portsmouth Times."

#### LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

THE fifty-second annual ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Tuesday, 15th, at the Town Hall, Liverpool. The function was, as usual, of a most enjoyable description, and was honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom. The arrangements of the ball were carried out by a Committee, of which Bro. T. E. Withington Prov. G. S. W. was Chairman, Bro. Alfred Shawfield 2837 Vice-Chairman, Bro. Douglas Greame 1380 Secretary, and Bro. J. Plumptre P. M. 1570 Treasurer.

The guests, who numbered close upon 500, were received by the Lord Mayor (Mr. A. Crosthwaite), Bro. Lord Lathom, Bro. R. Wylie D. P. G. M., Mrs. Withington, and Mrs. Shawfield.

The Patrons numbered 120, and a staff of 70 Stewards was captained by Bro. Thos. Bush P. M., and Bro. T. W. Gornall as Sub-Captain. The duties of Master of Ceremonies were discharged by Bro. E. R. Latham P. P. G. T., and Bro. W. B. Sweetman P. P. G. D., and a capital programme of music was provided by Bro. George Eyton's band. The supper was admirably catered by Bro. W. J. Holmes, of the Metropole, Church Street.

In their last report of the work of the Institution the Secretaries mention that 211 children were participants of its benefits at a cost of £395 11s 1d to the Educational Fund, £891 0s 8d to the Combined Fund, £110 to the Advancement Fund, and £120 16s 8d written off cost of presentations to various London orphanages, making a grand total of £1,517 8s 5d. With regard to the expense of administration the Committee felt a certain amount of pride in directing attention to the only item of expenditure in the Treasurer's balance sheet, namely, £70 9s 10d for stationery, printing, and postage, which was £15 12s 10d less than that which appeared under the same heading in the previous year. During the year under review the Institution lost by death no fewer than seventeen Brethren who were either Vice-Presidents or Life Governors.

The thirteenth annual ball of the Newcastle Brethren proved as enjoyable as any of its predecessors, attracting a more numerous attendance to the Westgate Assembly Rooms, on Thursday night, 10th inst., than in previous years. There was an excellent band, a pleasing programme, and more than 160 dancers footed the floor until the small hours of the morning. The guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Newcastle. The M. C. s included Bros. J. G. Cole P. M. P. P. G. Std. Bearer, who was Chairman of the Committee; and J. Tate I. P. M. Vice-Chairman. Bro. W. F. Sykes, as Secretary, was responsible for the admirable arrangements.

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The ball in connection with the Anchor Lodge, No. 1337, has been fixed to be held in Northallerton Town Hall on Thursday, 14th February, in aid of the Masonic Charities. The ball will be under the patronage of the Worshipful Master of the Anchor Lodge Brother James Naylor, and its Past Masters and Brethren, who are requested to appear in full Masonic dress, while the wives, daughters, and sons of Masons are desired to wear a Masonic blue scarf. Officers of the Army, Navy, and Volunteer Services are also requested to wear full dress uniform. It is over sixteen years since a Masonic ball was last held at Northallerton.

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On Thursday of last week, in the St. Helens Town Hall, the annual Masonic ball was held, under the auspices of the St. Helens Lodge of Loyalty, No. 897; the Ionic Lodge, No. 2405; the Prince of Wales Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 446; the Royal Arch Chapter of Loyalty, No. 897; and the William de la More Preceptory of Knights Templar, No. 49. The ball was in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Charities, and was under the patronage of the leading Masons of the town and district. There was a good attendance.

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Under the auspices of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 345, Blackburn, a Masonic dance was held in the Exchange Assembly Rooms on Thursday, 10th inst., between seventy and eighty being present. Brother J. T. Shield was an energetic Honorary Secretary. The proceeds of the ball will be devoted to Masonic Charities.

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The annual ball for the benefit of the Masonic Charities, promoted by the two local Lodges, the Three Grand Principles and the St. John, took place in the Dewsbury Town Hall, on the 11th inst.

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On the 11th inst. the members of the Wakefield Lodge, No. 495, held their annual dance in the Music Saloon, and very enjoyable did the event prove to be.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held on Wednesday, 6th February next, at Freemasons' Hall, London, at six o'clock in the evening, punctually.

## BUSINESS.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

## THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 17th October 1900, to the 15th January 1901, both inclusive, which they find to be as follow:

To Balance Grand Chapter	£ 40 16 6	
„ „ Unappropriated Account	255 4 0	
Subsequent Receipts	485 4 1	
		£781 4 7
By Disbursements during the Quarter	£386 2 2	
„ Balance	158 7 5	
„ „ Unappropriated Account	236 15 0	
		£781 4 7

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petition:

From Companions James Berry as Z., Robert Ford as H., John Tyndall as J., and sixteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Andrew Lodge, No. 1817, Shoeburyness, to be called "The St. Andrew Chapter," and to meet at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness, Essex.

The foregoing Petition being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also received Memorials, with Extracts of Minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:

The Chapter of Brotherly Love, No. 320, from the Chough Hotel, to the Masonic Hall, Yeovil.

The Chapter of Rectitude, No. 581, from the Wheatsheaf Hotel, to the Exchange Hotel, Manchester.

The Albion Chapter, No. 9, from the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall Street, to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, London.

The Stone of Friendship Ezel Chapter, No. 287, from the White Lion Hotel, to the Brookfield Hotel, Stockport.

The West Kent Chapter, No. 1297, from the Crystal Palace, to the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London.

The Highgate Chapter, No. 1366, from Beale's Restaurant, Holloway, to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, London.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee beg further to report that they have received from the Past First Principals and Companions of The Western Australian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1033, formerly attached to the Fremantle Lodge, No. 1033, a Petition, in which is stated, that in consequence of the action taken by the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia, in declaring itself a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the Chapter having consequently been severed from the Lodge to which it was attached, the Petitioners had taken active steps with a view to the formation of a Supreme Grand Chapter for Western Australia; and that at a meeting of the Chapter resolutions were carried, declaring such Chapter to be the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and declaring who should be the several Grand Principals; and resolving that a Petition praying for recognition be adopted and forwarded through the First Principal of The Western Australian Royal Arch Chapter, to the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England; and praying the Supreme Grand Chapter of England to recognise the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia as a regular and Independent Sovereign Body, having jurisdiction throughout the Colony of Western Australia, and that the Principals of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England would be pleased to will and signify that it is not its intention to grant for the future any Warrant for a new Royal Arch Chapter in that jurisdiction.

The Committee of General Purposes having very fully considered the Petition, recommend that the prayer be not granted.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS,

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
16th January 1901.

A Masonic ball was held on Wednesday night last week, at the Beaufort Arms Hotel, Monmouth, when about ninety Brethren and friends, including visitors, were present. Dancing commenced shortly after 9 o'clock, Bros. Lewis, Powell, Tucker, and Hoare being Masters of Ceremonies. An excellent supper was served at midnight, and the company separated about 4 a.m., after a most enjoyable night.

## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative, to report Lodge or other proceedings. We do not sanction anyone attending Lodge meetings, as our representative without a specific invitation.

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## Lodge of Israel, No. 205.

## INSTALLATION OF BRO. HERMANN LICHTENFELD.

By an unfortunate and much regretted oversight we omitted to mention, in the report of the Joppa Lodge in our last issue, the name of the Lodge of Israel among the Jewish Lodges of the metropolis, and we trust the members will pardon our inadvertence. Leaving out of consideration the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, which was not established as a Lodge for Hebrews, the Lodge of Israel is really the second oldest Jewish Lodge under the English Constitution, having been instituted in 1793, while its flourishing position entitles it to take equal rank with its elder sister, the Joppa.

The Installation Festival of this year, which took place on Tuesday, at the Holborn Restaurant, W.C., will doubtless be the most memorable in the history of the Lodge, since it happened on the day when it pleased the Great Architect to call our beloved Queen to immortal life and everlasting bliss. It was not, however, until after the termination of the business that the sad intelligence was received, so the ceremonial was in no way abbreviated.

Bro. Joseph Trenner W.M. opened the Lodge in the handsome Temple, at five o'clock, and after the preliminary business the Lodge was advanced to the second degree. Having declared all the Offices vacant, the W.M. appointed Bro. George Everett as S.W., S. V. Abrahams P.G.P. as J.W. and Henry M. Harris P.M. as D.C., to assist him in the ceremony. Having addressed the Brethren upon the qualifications of Master, Bro. Trenner inquired whether they had selected a Brother for that position, and Bro. Hermann Lichtenfeld W.M.-elect was presented, and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. The ceremony followed the usual lines, and Bro. Lichtenfeld was formally installed in the chair of the Lodge, in accordance with Masonic tradition.

The following Officers for the year were then invested: Bros. Israel Richmond S.W., M. M. Friedlander J.W., Barnett Marcus P.M. Treasurer, Humphrey J. Phillips P.M. Secretary, David Greenberg S.D., Reuben Marcus J.D., Albert L. London I.G., Rev. Emanuel Spero Chaplain, H. M. Harris P.M. D.C., W. Wright P.P.G.O. Middx. Organist, M. Rudolph, J. M. Libgott and Amos Shaw Stewards, J. W. Harding P.M. Tyler.

The Addresses were delivered by Bro. Trenner in a very admirable manner, and evoked the commendation of those present. He was further rewarded by the presentation of a Past Master's jewel, to which was added a diamond of great beauty, subscribed for by the Brethren as a mark of their appreciation and regard.

Bro. Trenner thanked the Brethren for this very gratifying testimony of their approval. He had endeavoured to do his duty in Freemasonry, as in other walks of life, but during the past year he had been sorely tried by his multifarious work, which made great demands upon his time, so if he had any shortcomings they must attribute them to that cause.

Bro. Humphrey Phillips proposed that the sum of ten guineas be given to each of the Masonic Institutions, thirty guineas in all; and hoped that Stewards would be found to represent the Lodge at each Festival.

Bro. Marcus Treasurer stated that he had invested another hundred pounds in consols, so they had now £1,100 standing to the credit of the Benevolent Fund.

One initiate and two joining members were proposed for acceptance at the next meeting.

The Lodge was closed and the Master had just announced that the Brethren would dine in Masonic clothing, and the Brethren were leaving, when the message was received that the Queen had passed peacefully away. Then followed a most touching and impressive scene. Bro. Lichtenfeld called the Brethren together and all stood to order while the Rev. Bro. Spero read the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want," and afterwards delivered the Jewish prayer for the repose of the souls of the dead, making a special interpolation with reference to the Queen. The effect was most solemn, tears stood in the eyes of all, while some of the Brethren gave vent to their sorrow in loud sobs. Brother Wright played the Dead March in "Saul," after which the meeting slowly dispersed. A meeting of the Past Masters was quietly held, when it was decided to have the dinner, but without music or speeches. It was also agreed not to send any message of condolence to the Royal Family, as it was considered that at such a time respectful silence would be the more appreciated. At the termination of the dinner the Master rose and said he would submit one toast, which would be drank in silence. It was "to the pious memory of our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria." Everybody appeared to feel most keenly the solemnity of the occasion, and soon after the Brethren withdrew.

Among those present in addition to those already mentioned were Bros. E. C. Mulvey P.G.P., J. W. Knight P.P.G.D., Harry Jones P.P.G.D. Kent, S. H. Heilbron W.M. 1668, W. Digby Owens W.M. 1017, David Shuter P.M. 1349, J. W. Matthews W.M. 1319, Humphrey Cohen P.M. 1658, W. H. Royle W.M. 144, R. V. Davies P.M. 1288, J. H. Craig W.M. 188, W. Littaul P.M., H.

J. Emanuel P.M., George Lichtenfeld P.M., J. Marcus P.M., S. Dancyzer P.M., F. Leo Wood 2492, Samuel Levene 429, F. H. Bingham 1669, W. Goldman 1349, G. Tuld 917, J. W. Elam 1288, P. H. Boggis 1609, C. Jonas, B. E. Israel, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, &c.

#### Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

THERE was a large attendance on Wednesday at the Hercules, Leadenhall Street, E.C., those present including Bros. Metcalfe Baillie W.M., J. A. Hobday P.M. S.W., G. Bushell J.W., George Spice P.M. 193 Preceptor, C. Goovearts Treasurer, J. K. Pitt P.M., &c. Secretary, A. E. Green S.D., G. Carr J.D., J. Done I.G., J. W. Simeons I.P.M. 193, W. Latham W.M. 1962, W. H. Johnson, J. Coombs, W. Chittock, H. Rowland, J. Wynman, and others.

The minutes being confirmed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree.

Bro. G. Spice Preceptor said that before the W.M. proceeded he wished to say a few words concerning the late most Gracious Queen, and he accordingly addressed the Brethren in reverent and impressive terms.

Bro. Simeons I.P.M. 193 with deep emotion said it was with the greatest melancholy he supported Bro. Spice. What he had said was perfectly true and he could only endorse the observations.

The W.M. afterwards proceeded with the working, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. S. W. Fells W.M. 193 as the candidate. This was followed by the second ceremony, Bro. Latham as the candidate.

Bro. W. H. Johnson 193 was elected a member and Bro. Hobday W.M. for the next meeting.

The yearly balance sheet was presented, the Secretary being complimented on the way in which he had kept the books and accounts.

The W.M. said before the Lodge was closed he had the pleasure to inform the Brethren that fifty-eight years ago that day, he had the felicity to enter the world, and he hoped the Brethren would join him in a Masonic loving cup. Bro. Hobday congratulated the W.M. on the way in which the work in Lodge had been conducted. He also most heartily congratulated him on his birthday, and wished him many happy returns of the day—in which sentiment the Brethren joined.

#### Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.

ON Friday, 11th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, as usual on Section nights this Lodge of Instruction was very numerously attended, although the weather was most unfavourable. The chair was taken by Bro. W. Hillier P.M., assisted by Bro. J. Knight P.M. S.W., Robert Reid P.M. J.W., A. Williams P.M. Prec., W. Hinds P.M. Treasurer, F. Craggs P.M. Sec., H. J. Cousens P.M. S.D., W. Hide P.M. J.D., J. Hallam I.G., H. Stiles P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., and a large number of visitors and members.

Promptly at 8 the sections were began, and were worked as follows: 1st Lecture, Bros. K. M. Ross, M. F. Wilkins, W. Hide, J. Knight, R. Reid, R. Reid, and W. T. Ridgway.

The Brethren who undertook the answering of the questions at a moment's notice are to be complimented, for several of those whose names were on the card were detained in London by the dense fog that prevailed.

#### Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.

KNOWING by repute and experience the excellent working of the Mother Lodge, we paid a visit to the Instruction Lodge on Monday, at the Globe Restaurant, Finsbury Pavement (Moorgate Street), when we had the pleasure of witnessing some faultless working of Bro. Richard Hunt (acting W.M.), who received the able support of Bros. J. W. Doubtfire S.W., G. A. Collins J.W., J. F. Saunders Dep. Preceptor, Charles Johnson Sec., A. J. Pidduck S.D., H. A. Badman J.D., J. Webster I.G., C. G. Zander, J. Wynman, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Pidduck acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Zander candidate. This and the former ceremony, including the charge, was perfectly and impressively rendered. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Zander, who invested the Officers in excellent form. The W.M. having resumed the chair rose the usual times and Bro. Doubtfire was elected W.M. for Monday next.

We cannot let the opportunity pass without complimenting the W.M. on the able manner in which he officiated. The members may also be proud of having Bro. J. F. Saunders as Deputy to the widely respected Bro. W. M. Stiles P.G.T., who is Preceptor of the Lodge.

Brethren seeking Masonic knowledge can hardly do better than pay this Lodge a visit.

#### Woodrow Lodge, No. 1708.

THERE were about thirty members and visitors present on Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, 24 Panton Street, Haymarket, to witness the working of Bro. S. Firminger W.M.-elect of the New Cross Lodge. Those present also included Bros. G. W. Lacy S.W., T. Burgess J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, W. Rudderforth P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Simeons 193 Sec., R. Cawley P.M. S.D., A. Elliott J.D., T. G. Lobb I.G., T. Detrez, A. Grille, G. Coop P.M., A. Willington,

G. Yeowell, J. Ollington, J. Sealett S.W. 141, T. Grummant P.M. Secretary New Cross Lodge, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees and resumed to the first, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Grille being the candidate. Afterwards the W.M. rehearsed the investiture of Officers. Bros. Grummant P.M. and James Sealett S.W. 141 were elected members, and Bro. Lacy chosen W.M. for Monday.

#### Earl's Court Lodge, No. 2765.

ON Thursday, 17th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington, Bros. Arthur Williams P.M. W.M., H. G. Cox S.W., S. W. Keene P.M. J.W., John Worth P.M. Prec., A. J. Taylor Sec., J. H. Cumming P.M. S.D., J. Blank J.D., J. G. Stovold I.G., F. Stovold and J. Gilbeart.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, the candidate being Bro. F. Stovold. After being called off and on, Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and resumed to the second, when Bro. Gilbeart having proved his efficiency was entrusted and the raising ceremony was rehearsed.

Bro. Cox was elected to the position of W.M. at the next meeting.

Next Thursday is the Ladies night of this Lodge of Instruction.

On the proposition of Bro. Worth, Bro. Cumming was elected an honorary member, and on being informed by the W.M., Bro. Cumming thanked the Brethren for their kindness.

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