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GRAND FESTIVAL.

Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday, the last Wednesday in April, according to ancient custom. Grand Lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock in the evening, when about five hundred brethren were present. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided, having General Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, on his right as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China, on his left as Past Grand Master. Lord Henniker was in the Senior Grand Warden's chair, and Captain Platt, Past Junior Grand Warden, in the chair of Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were Bros. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Sir M. Costa, P.G.W.; E. J. McIntyre, G.R.; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G.D.; Erasmus Wilson, G.D.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec., German Correspondence; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.D.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Francis Robinson, P.G.A.D.C.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Charles W. C. Hutton, Past Grand Deacon; Henry Gustavus Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; J. Wright, P.G.P.; John Hervey, G.S.; Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. G.M. W. Yorkshire; James Lewis Thomas, A.G.D.C.; Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. W. A. Hill, G.C.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, G.C.; John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Raphael Costa, G.D.; William H. Lucia, G.S.B.; William T. Howe, G.P.; William Wilson, G.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Sir Edmund Lechmere, Prov. Grand Master of Worcester; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk; C. E. Willing, G. Org.; Wilhelm Kuhn, P.G. Org.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; Rev. Robert P. Bent, P.G.C.; Lt. Col. J. Creaton, G.T.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; Col. J. Whitwell, M.P., P.G.J.W.; J. M. Wike, P.G.P.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; and C. B. Payne, G. Tyler; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. Lee, Neville Green, James Willing, J. Clemow, John Allen, Herbert Dicketts, Colonel James E. Peters, William Stephens, Colonel Somerville Burney, George Kenning, H. Massey (Freemason), and John While.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, Bro. John Hervey, G.S., read the minutes of last Quarterly Communication so far as they related to the election of Most Worshipful Grand Master. These having been duly confirmed, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C., proclaimed his Royal Highness, by all his titles, Grand Master of the Order.

The Earl of Carnarvon then said it was his duty to announce the appointment again this year of himself as Pro Grand Master, and the announcement was received with several rounds of applause. When the applause had ceased, his Lordship said that though the office was not an elective one he felt deeply grateful for the proof the brethren had just given that he had the confidence of Grand Lodge.

Sir Albert Woods then proclaimed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro Grand Master, and the customary grand salute was given.

The Earl of Carnarvon next said that the Grand Master had again appointed Lord Skelmersdale as Deputy Grand Master, and he regretted that in consequence of indisposition his lordship was not present, with the brethren that day.

The following brethren were then announced as Grand Officers for the year, and those who were present were duly invested with the collars, badges, and jewels of their respective offices:—

- Lord Kensington, M.P. ... S.G.W.
Major-Gen. the Hon. Somerset G.
Calthorpe ... J.G.W.
Rev. W. A. Hill ... G. Chap.
Rev. Chas. Spencer Stanhope ... Asst. G. Chap.
Lieut.-Col. John Creaton ... G. Treas.
E. J. McIntyre, Q.C. ... G. Reg.
J. B. Monckton ... Pres. B.G.P.

- John Hervey ... G. Sec.
Ernst Emil Wendt ... G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
Reginald Bird ... S.G.D.
George Mellor ... S.G.D.
Horatio Lloyd ... J.G.D.
Matthew Clark ... J.G.D.
John Gibson ... G.S. of W.
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) ... G.D. of Cer.
Sheriff George Burt ... Asst. G.D. of Cer.
Samuel Mullens ... G.S.B.
Christopher Willing ... G. Org.
H. G. Buss ... Asst. G. Sec.
W. Wilson ... G. Purs.
James Kench ... Asst. G. Purs.
C. B. Payne ... G. Tyler.

The Earl of Carnarvon next said he had to declare that the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed Worshipful Bro. W. T. Howe, Past Grand Pursuivant, to take rank and wear the clothing of a Past Grand Pursuivant.

Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, at the request of the Earl of Carnarvon, read the following list of Grand Stewards for the year:—

- Alderman John Whitaker Ellis ... Lodge 1
John Batley ... 2
Horace James Browne ... 4
Henry James ... 5
Captain Wm. Robert G. Farmer ... 6
Edward John Beale ... 8
John N. Smith ... 14
Robert Paulson Spice ... 21
Edward Charles Davies ... 23
Wm. Coppard Beaumont ... 26
Hilton C. Barker ... 29
Thomas Birch Dyer (M.D.) ... 46
Thomas Reynolds ... 58
John Thornton Chancellor ... 60
Robert Winter Sprague ... 91
Arthur Steains ... 99
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The Earl of Carnarvon again rose, and said: There is only one piece of business that yet remains to be discharged, and it is that I should announce to you that Bro. William James Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, has compiled a numerical and numismatical register of lodges which form the Grand Lodge of England, and he states in the letter which accompanies this book that he desires to present it for the acceptance of Grand Lodge on this, the annual Grand Festival, and that it is the first work on English Masonic numismatics, and the first which has given the arms and bearings of Grand Lodge. I cannot say myself I have had the opportunity of examining it closely, but it seems to me to be very carefully drawn up and to be embellished by some very well executed drawings, particularly some of the medals and jewels of the Craft, and I have no doubt it will be the pleasure of Grand Lodge to give their thanks to Bro. Hughan for this presentation copy.

The brethren having signified their assent by applause, no other work remaining to be done, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The brethren then adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Alfred Best, the proprietor, to the order of the Grand Stewards. Between two or three hundred brethren sat down, the Earl of Carnarvon presiding. Most of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers who attended Grand Lodge were present, together with the Grand Stewards, Past Grand Stewards, and the Grand Stewards for the coming year, whose names were announced in Grand Lodge by Grand Secretary.

When dinner was over grace was sung, and the usual toasts given at Grand Festival were proposed.

The Earl of Carnarvon, in giving the toast of "The Queen," said: Brethren, on these occasions the old saying is perfectly true, that "brevity is the soul of wit;" but there is one toast which can never be omitted from the meeting of all loyal Englishmen, let alone Masons; it is the toast which comes first and foremost, which is most loyal, most ancient, most acceptable to us all, "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen."

The toast having been most cordially drunk, was followed by the National Anthem.

The Earl of Carnarvon next said: Brethren, in the old, and I suppose I may venture to say the unenlightened, days of Freemasonry, it was considered almost high treason in the Craft to admit the name of any woman. Since then we have mended our manners, and I rejoice to see so many bright eyes looking down upon us this evening. But there is the name of one lady, a very great lady in England, for whom we make still a great exception, and whom we always honour second on our list. May it always be so. It is many years in the life of this generation now since the Princess of Wales first landed on these shores. With every year that has rolled by we have learned to know her better, to admire her more, to accept her, if it is possible, more and more as the adopted daughter of this country (hear, hear); and though many years have rolled by she seems to us as fair, as beautiful now as the hour she landed; and, as our experience has taught us, infinitely more prized and deeply loved. Brethren, "The Health of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family."

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, the next toast that I have to propose is, I am sure, a very welcome one to you. There are, doubtless, many here who were present this time last year, and if so, they will remember His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master, presided on that occasion. The Craft gave him one of those hearty and cordial welcomes that the Craft alone can give. He is prevented this year from attending, but though absent from us, I doubt not that he carries us in his mind;

and of this at least we may be sure, that he is present in our minds this evening. Brethren, the period during which His Royal Highness has ruled over us has been one signalised in the history of English Freemasonry by a continual progress and prosperity. Lodges have been added, and perhaps in almost greater numbers than was desirable; members have flowed in upon us, which have been, as far as I know, no check, or stint, or limit to the prosperity of the Craft; and though prosperity teaches ever the lesson of caution, still we may truly and fairly connect that prosperity with the rule of our Grand Master. Brethren, let me give you "The Health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England."

Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire: My Lord, Ladies, and Brethren, it is with extreme diffidence I rise to propose the next toast, which I was not aware was going to be entrusted to me till the moment I came into this room. I am sorry I did not know it sooner, as I might have prepared some remarks to put it before you in all its bearings, and dilated upon the merits of our Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master. In Yorkshire and Lancashire there is no one living better known than he is, though he has not come among us very frequently; but the more we see of him, the more we like him; and I assure you that on the last grand occasion he visited us it was perfectly enchanting to see the whole of a vast room filled with people who came to meet him, and to hear it ringing with applause. I say this to his face—Lord Carnarvon, as Pro Grand Master, is the most popular Pro Grand Master we ever had. I think this is a case in which we may mention, without fear of contradiction, that in public, as well as in private life, Lord Carnarvon is well known. He has been well known from the time of his boyhood to the time when he was at a public school, to the time he left school, at the university where he distinguished himself, as we all know; and since then as a statesman and as a public man he has earned the respect of every man he came in contact with. I cannot help saying he has earned the respect of every man in the kingdom, as a politician and as a private gentleman. Now, my lord, it is a great gratification to me to have to stand up here to propose your health, and I hope that many years to come, in different parts of the country where we so often meet on these festive occasions, I may again have the great privilege—for privilege I count it in no small degree—of meeting you. We have amongst us, as the heads of our Order—I say nothing more now about our Grand Master, as we have already drunk his health, or Lord Skelmersdale, and others I could name—but I must say that it will be a pleasure, and a great pleasure, to all to respond to the toast, I am about to propose to you "The Health of Lord Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of English Freemasons," with all the honours.

The toast having been received most enthusiastically,

The Earl of Carnarvon, in reply, said—Brethren, I hardly know how to find adequate words in which to convey my feelings to all of you for the kind reception you have given my name. I have been now so familiarised by your kindness on a hundred occasions that I have almost to repeat the same formula each time we meet over and over again, and yet pray believe me that the words are not the words of mere idle compliment and form, but they flow from the inmost depths of my heart; and I assure you that I never come among brother Masons, not only without a sense of their deep kindness and their sympathy, but also without feeling how very little I have really done, how little I ever can do, to make an adequate and fitting return for that kindness. Brethren, the last time that I had the pleasure of listening to the genial eloquence of my kind friend, Sir Henry Edwards, it was in his own province, where, I will venture to say, no man ever won greater or more deserved popularity. He made me feel that Yorkshiremen were not only among the most noble but that they were among the most kindly men in England, and I can assure you that not only has it been a great pleasure to me, holding the office which I do, but that I have also conceived it to be my duty, as far as I could, whenever business or any other cause leads me to other parts of the country, to become known to my provincial brethren, and to communicate with them fairly face to face upon all those subjects which interest the Craft. Brethren, I will take this occasion of saying that which I have said often before, that the more London and country brethren can be brought together, the more they can understand the requirements each of the other, the more, above all, they learn, as they are certain to learn by communication, that the interests of the two are one and indivisible in the Craft, the better it is for them and for the Craft. Brethren, it has been my lot to be a Mason and to pass through various stages and degrees of Masonry now for many years—more years, perhaps, than I like quite to reckon; but I may say that, looking back on that period, whatever it is, I think I can trace many changes that have occurred in the Craft; and, I will venture to say, those changes have been all good. We had this evening in Grand Lodge, as you are aware, an interesting book presented to us, containing the register of many curious events in English Masonry running over many generations and years. How many lodges have since come into existence; how many lodges have passed away; and, again, how many lodges that seemed to have nearly died out have sprung into renewed existence, and sometimes into reinvigorated existence; and yet I venture to say that, taking all in all, the changes which have occurred since the events which that book chronicles, those changes have been all, on the whole, good and wholesome, and in the true direction of Masonry. Let me only say this, that we, as a body, must experience changes, and if we accept it in the right sense, those changes can do nothing but good to us. But let us always when accepting every change keep steadily in view the great landmarks of the Order, which the wisdom of those who went before laid down for us; so shall we

prosper; so shall we hand down the great heritage committed to us, not only in unimpaired honour and credit, but even in additional strength, vigour, and reputation to succeeding Masons. (Great cheering.)

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, I am sorry to trespass so frequently and so rapidly upon your patience, but there is another toast, and I cannot permit any one to take from me the privilege of proposing it to you; it is "The Health of my noble friend and brother, Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master." Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, I doubt not, would have been with us to-day, as he has been on so many occasions, but for indisposition. I regretted to hear that he was detained by illness, but I rejoiced afterwards to hear that illness had much passed away. I regretted, however, that it had not so far abated to allow of his being here to-night. Though he is absent we shall delight to honour him with this toast, and we shall remember him with every good wish and hearty hope that before long he may be entirely restored to health, and able to take part in all our entertainments.

Col. Whitwell, P.G.J.W.: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England, with your permission, and at your request, I rise to ask you and the brethren to join with me in drinking the next toast. Hitherto the toast has been purely personal. I ask the Grand Lodge of England now to expand their feelings, and extend them to the brother lodges of Scotland and Ireland. Within the territory of Her Majesty the Queen three independent nationalities of Masons exist; but the Pro Grand Master told us though there is divisibility, there is union (cheers); and in this case while there is a trinity of lodges, there is unity of brotherhood. (Cheers.) Situated, as my province is, close to the brethren of Scotland, we know the friendly feeling that exists between the Scotch and English Masons, and the interchange of international relations. For Auld Lang Syne we will remember Scotland for once. (Cheers.) And if with me you had gone to Ireland you would have experienced the cordiality of the brother Masons of that interesting island. (Hear, hear.) We feel the nationality of Masons is maintained with dignity, and yet through all there is, while separated, that identity, so that we cease to forget there is any difference in our localities, and when I meet a brother Mason in any part of the world he is our brother Mason. (Cheers.) If I go to Canada I meet a number of my Scotch brethren. On the plains of India, and in the battle fields of that country, many a Scotch Mason has grasped the hand of an English brother in the hour of danger. This is the principle that unites us one and all, and I am sure you will drink enthusiastically "Prosperity and Success to the brother Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland." (Cheers.)

Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, at the request and command of the Pro Grand Master I rise for the purpose of proposing the next toast, and I will say that it is a toast which will always be received among Masons with the greatest satisfaction, and with respect to the brother who is called upon, with great confidence; because we know the toast is well deserved, and, upon the principle of honour to whom honour is due, is always received with respect, especially by Freemasons in old England. The toast is that of the Provincial Grand Masters holding office under the Grand Master of England. As the Grand Master of England, as head of the Craft, receives the respect of all Masons throughout the whole country, so the Provincial Grand Masters in provinces and counties deserve and receive the respect of Masons who hold under their banner. In times gone by, and at the present time, the Worshipful Master has selected for office those brethren who have distinguished themselves in the Craft, and hold high positions in the provinces. We know a great number of the Provincial Grand Masters of England. I am glad to say on this occasion we have one among us who holds office in one of the most distinguished and important provinces in the country, namely, the West Riding of Yorkshire; and when I mention the name of Sir Henry Edwards (cheers), who proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master on this occasion, I have only to ask you to receive him as a sample of what the other Provincial Grand Masters are, and if they are all as good as he (and I trust they are) you will not find a better body of men throughout the whole of England. I beg to propose for your acceptance the toast of "The Provincial Grand Masters of the Provinces of England," coupling with it the name of Sir Henry Edwards, the Provincial Grand Master of the West Riding of York. (Cheers.)

Sir Henry Edwards: My Lord, Ladies, and Brethren, by your favours I rise again for the second time (though I ought to make an apology for so doing), to respond to the toast proposed just now. I have been for the last four years a Provincial Grand Master of England, under the favour of our noble chief, and I may say this, whatever the country may think of our Provincial Grand Masters in their separate counties they ought all to be under great obligations to those men who take the trouble, and who spend so much of their time in attending to the interests and the duties of Freemasons in their respective counties, and I say that without hesitation, for I am quite sure it will be accepted by the Masonic body generally as a truism. (Cheers.) Without a good chief what are you worth; without good officers how can a regiment work? The fact is that it is through good generals and good officers that the Masonic body throughout this great country of England, and also of Scotland, is worked in the manner it is at the present moment, and I trust it is done to the satisfaction of those over whom they preside. In the West Riding of Yorkshire I have authority over 3500 Masons, and a more loyal body of men never lived on the face of the earth. (Cheers.) I speak of the Masonic body in the West Riding of Yorkshire in every respect; their number is increasing year by year, and everything is done that is necessary in the interests of Masonry. I am very much obliged for the

honour you have done me and the Provincial Grand Masters in drinking our healths. (Cheers.)

The Pro Grand Master: When on these annual occasions we meet for the purpose of Grand Festival, it is not only to take stock of all that has happened in the year, but it is also to announce the appointment of those Grand Officers who discharge the executive duties of the Craft during the ensuing twelve months. The duties that devolve on those brethren are very weighty and great duties; they are the duties of administration; they are bound to support the Pro Grand Master (cheers); to help him in his work in Grand Lodge; they are bound to familiarise themselves with all the principles of Masonry, not only to practise them here in London, but to communicate them to their own provinces elsewhere. (Cheers.) If I can judge rightly from the marked approval which Grand Lodge gave to the appointments which were announced this evening, I may augur very satisfactorily indeed for the tenure of office of those brethren appointed to-day. (Cheers.) We wish them all success, and I am quite certain of this, that in the duty on which they now enter they will always receive the hearty and cordial support of Grand Lodge and of every loyal Mason and member of the Craft. I have to give you with this toast "The Health of the Newly-Appointed Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers, both Present and Past," remembering those who have done good service, as well as paying honour to those who are to do it in the future, and I beg to couple with it the name of the noble Lord Kensington, who has to-day accepted the great and important office of Senior Grand Warden in Grand Lodge. (Cheers.)

Lord Kensington: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and Brethren, in obedience to the commands of the Pro Grand Master I rise to return thanks for the toast which has just been proposed by him, and which you have just so kindly received, namely, the toast of the Grand Officers, Past and Present, of Grand Lodge. I venture to think that I labour under some disadvantage in rising on this occasion to return thanks for the toast. In the first place, this is the first time I have had the honour of being present in Grand Lodge; in the second place, I am afraid I must lay myself open to the charge of showing some disrespect to the Worshipful Pro Grand Master, by being compelled to turn my back on him while I address you (a laugh); but I assure you when I look round and see so many officers, Past and Present, in the lodge, who would have returned thanks in a much more able manner than I can, I almost begin to think I wish the Pro Grand Master might have made a better choice and selection in calling on some one else to return thanks for this toast; but I hope, when I return thanks for those whose spokesman I am on this occasion, as well as for myself, for the great honour conferred on me in placing me in the Senior Grand Warden's chair—I say I hope, in thanking you for that honour, I may also say the province to which I belong claim some honour to themselves as belonging to the Western Division of South Wales, on my being placed in the office of Senior Warden in Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) The Pro Grand Master has referred to the duties that devolve on the officers of Grand Lodge. I for one shall lay those words to heart, and those who hold office in conjunction with me I am sure will do the same, and the best assurance I can give you (and these are no idle words), is this, that my brother officers and myself will take our examples from those who preceded us in the offices we have the honour to hold (cheers), and we hope that when our year of office has expired we shall not be found wanting, but that we shall have discharged our duties to the satisfaction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Pro Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. I beg to express my cordial thanks to the Pro Grand Master for the terms in which he has proposed this toast, and to you, brethren, for the kind manner in which you have received it. (Cheers.)

The Rev. C. J. Martyn: In proposing the toast which it is a pleasure to me to propose I shall be very short; but I venture to think that the toast I have the honour to propose by command of the Pro Grand Master is emphatically the toast of the evening, because it is the toast of the Masonic Charities. (Cheers.) I will not detain you with statistics of the Girls, or Boys, or the Old Men and Women, but I hope in the coming year you will try and see if you can put your hands in your pockets and help to support the Masonic Charities. (Cheers.) With this toast I beg to couple the name of Bro. Hedges. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Hedges: My Lord and Brethren, in rising to respond to this toast, I cannot but be most deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon the Charities of our Order by this very kindly recognition on the part of the Grand Lodge of England, and while thanking you for the very cordial manner in which you have received this toast, I feel it a great privilege to be allowed this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the Craft at large for the very liberal support which they at all times have extended to our Charities. In view, my lord, of the approaching festival of the Girls' School, which takes place on the 14th of the coming month, on which occasion I have the honour to announce that our much esteemed newly-elected Grand Treasurer, Col. Creton, has kindly consented to preside, I can only express my confidence that it will, as in the past, but afford another proof of the interest at all times taken by the Craft in that institution, and that on the occasion of its first anniversary we shall have the honour and pleasure to record another great success for the Masonic charities. (Applause.)

The Rev. R. J. Simpson: My Lord and Brethren, I have been asked to propose a toast, which, however humble among the toasts of the evening, is a toast readily proposed, and inasmuch as the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master has proposed many toasts, and is almost physically incapable of proposing this, I beg to propose "The Health of the Grand Stewards, and Bro. Mackintosh, the

Treasurer of the Grand Stewards." I am sure that this is a toast that requires no speech, more particularly as you will prefer the duty we are going to perform, by joining the ladies at the concert in the Temple, to the speech from which you are likely to escape.

Bro. Dr. Mackintosh: My Lord and Brethren, at this late hour of the evening it would be unwise in me to detain you with any long speech in reply to the toast which has just been proposed. I trust that the number of the brethren who had appeared before us this evening is a sufficient guarantee that they are pleased with the trouble we have taken in order to provide them with a comfortable banquet; and, sir, we return you our most grateful thanks for the honour you have accorded us in having presided on this occasion. We are sure that on any future occasion, should that be our privilege, we shall spend as pleasant and happy an evening as we have to-night. (Cheers.)

The company then adjourned to the Temple, where a grand concert was given. The ladies and gentlemen who performed were Miss José Sherrington, Madame Antoinette Sterling, Mr. Vernon Rigby, Mr. Coates, Bro. A. Lester, Bro. H. Taylor, Bro. Chaplin Henry, Mr. Lewis Thomas, Mr. Fountain Meen, and Bro. Wilhelm Kube, under the direction of Bro. C. E. Willing, Grand Organist.

The whole of the arrangements for the evening reflected the greatest credit on the Board of Stewards, who were Bros. G. Findlay, 197, President; Charles T. Kingsford, 58, Sec.; Hugh R. Mackintosh, M.D., 4, Treas.; Edward Fenner, 1; Thomas Greatham, 2; Frederick Newton, 5; William T. Marriott, Q.C., 6; John T. C. Winkfield, 8; Charles H. Turner, 14; John Knight Stead, 21; Robert Douglas, 23; William Fickus, 26; Spencer John Herepath, 29; James H. Vaughan, 46; Thomas Stoward, 60; Thos. Robert Marshall, 91; Edward Caffin, 99; and John Aird, 259.

Bro. James Hayho was toast master.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

ROYAL ALBERT LODGE (No. 907).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Monday the 21st ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. F. A. White being the Installing Officer for the second time in succession. The lodge was opened by Bro. White, who has this year occupied the chair under peculiar circumstances, and was supported by the following officers and visitors: Bros. R. Jennings, S.W., and W.M. elect; G. T. Barr, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, Sec. and P.M.; J. A. Farnfield, Treas. and P.M.; T. Butt, S.D.; W. Wordley, J.D.; H. J. Lewis, D.C. and P.M.; S. P. Moore, J. Dennis, T. Griffiths, and T. Hastings Miller, Past Masters. Bro. F. Cozens presided at the organ, and among the visitors were Bros. F. Binckes, Secretary of Boys' School; E. P. Albert, P.M. 192, and P.G.P. Eng.; G. Anderson, S.W. 60, and G.S. Eng.; C. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; T. G. Day, P.M. 1076, and P.G. Sup. of Works Essex; T. Saunders, P.M. 912; C. S. S. Salmon, P.M. 173; J. W. George, P.M. 1309; F. Bartram, P.M. 754; E. Kent, P.M. 177; J. Lancaster, S.D. 534; J. Chinnery, S.W. 145; T. Bates, I.G. 1716; E. J. Marner, 1673; H. S. Harris 569; W. E. Ruddle, 1589; J. F. Puddon, 1608; J. H. Mance, 180; J. Judge, 1178; H. Good, 1874; J. S. Johnson, 174; F. W. Farnfield, 256; L. Potts, J.W. 1716; J. W. King, I.G. 905; F. Buffen, 28; C. S. Boardman, 212; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and Bro. Jennings was presented, in appropriate terms, by Bro. Dennis to the Installing Officer for the benefit of installation. The ancient charges having been assented to, Bro. Jennings was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and with the usual honours placed in the chair of K.S. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Barr, Senior Warden; Butt, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, Sec.; J. Farnfield, Treas.; Snelgrove, S.D.; Wordley, J.D.; Lewis, D.C.; Cozens, Org.; Panter, I.G.; and Harrison, Tyler. The charges were given by Bro. White magnificently, every word being clearly articulated and eloquently rendered; the applause greeting our brother at the conclusion was both warm and unanimous. A vote of thanks, to be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, was then voted him, and he returned thanks suitably. The lodge having been closed in due form, a move was then made to the banquet, which having been discussed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. To that of "Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," Bro. Albert, in response, said he rose with a great deal of pleasure to respond to the toast, but with a great deal of diffidence, because in speaking of the Grand Officers of England, and for them, he spoke of himself as one of them, and it was no easy task so to speak as not to appear egotistical. But he could say that the work of the Grand Officers was willingly done. They took a deep interest in the welfare of the Craft. He was especially proud to have been present that day, because it was a great pleasure and pride for him to see the prosperity of the lodge, and to be present at an installation ceremony so well and ably conducted. (Cheers.) On behalf of the Grand Officers, more especially Bros. Anderson, Binckes, and himself, he begged to thank them heartily for the toast. Bro. White proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that having had

the pleasure of installing him, there was yet another pleasure for him, and that was to propose his health. It was to him a very pleasing task, because Bro. Jennings was not only in name the W.M. of that lodge, but one whom they could look up to and honour as a ruler in the Craft. (Applause.) He had served every office in the lodge, and it was only through some private scruples and considerations of his own that he was not W.M. twelve months ago, and then he would have held the position that he (Bro. White) held that day as I.P.M. (Cheers.) In every position Bro. Jennings had held he had done them to the satisfaction of the lodge, and he felt sure that when their W.M. left that chair, he would leave it with the same honour and credit that he had gained in his progress through the other chairs. He asked them to drink the toast in a bumper. (Great cheering.) The W.M., in reply, said he was very much obliged to them for the honour they had paid him. He had not much to say for himself, but should do his very best to maintain the position they had placed him in with credit to himself and honour to the lodge. The toast of "The Visitors" brought Bro. Binckes to the front, and he said he should be very short in his remarks, not because he had not an abundance of words to say to them, but because there were many more present who would have something to say to the toast. He should simply content himself with saying how delighted he was at the invitation he had received to be present, and his reception was such that he trusted some day to repeat it. Bro. Anderson as well returned thanks. Bro. Coupland expressed the pleasure he had experienced in being present as the guest of their I.P.M., Bro. White, who was a neighbour of his. He had not been in a lodge for some time where the senses were more gratified than they had been that evening. In the first place the sense of pleasure derived from beholding good Masonic work had been highly gratified; and then there was the gratification of the intellectual senses of sight and sound—the sight of a goodly number of the brethren in peace and harmony—the delightful music that gratified the sense of hearing; and last, but not least, the splendid banquet gratified the sense of taste, and the combination was so pleasing that he should not forget it for some time to come. He wished the lodge and its Master every prosperity. (Cheers.) Bro. Dennis then in eloquent terms proposed "The Health of Bro. White, the Installing Officer." He said it was his proud privilege to have been for many years a Past Master of the lodge, and in that time he had seen a great many of the brethren initiated into the mysteries of the Craft; among them were the Present Master and the Installing Officer, whom he had had the pleasure of initiating and installing. How that brother had carried out the duties of the various offices in the lodge he would leave them to say. In the name of the brethren of the lodge he asked Bro. White to accept this handsome gold Albert chain, with Past Master's jewel attached, not only as a recognition of the esteem and respect in which he was held by them, but for services rendered in installing his successor for the second time, and concluded by wishing him long life to enjoy the good wishes and support of the lodge. Bro. White said that it was the second time his health had been drunk as the Installing Officer, and the second time he had received some mark of their regard, and he felt sure he had their regard and best wishes. He might not be worthy of all their approbation, but he had endeavoured to do his duty by the Royal Albert Lodge. (Cheers.) Their W.M. was one whom he had associated with from his first night in the lodge. Bro. Dennis had told them that he had the pleasure of initiating him into Freemasonry, and he felt sure that what he then learnt would never be eradicated from his heart. He could not sit down without returning them his heartfelt thanks for many favours he had received at their hands. He hoped that with health and strength he should long be able to do good service to the lodge, and continue to deserve their best wishes. (Applause.) Bro. W. Farnfield then proposed "The Charities of the Order," and Bros. Binckes and Nell replied in suitable terms, and the former saying that he was there at the special invitation of Bro. White, who was Steward for the forthcoming festival of the Boys, and he hoped the brethren would help him in getting a good list, as the Charity was in want of all the help it could get. The other toasts were "The Secretary and Treasurer," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast. The musical direction was under Bro. Cozens, and Bros. Chaplin Henry, Montem Smith, Carter, and Lester sang selections during the evening splendidly.

#### GATESHEAD.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).

—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, the 28th ult., in the temporary rooms in Denmark-street. Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. R. Whitfield, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. M. Corbitt, I.P.M.; John Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; W. Brewis Elsdon, Treas.; Edward Liddell, Sec.; E. W. Middlemast, S.D.; J. Moulton, J.D.; J. Boyett, I.G.; G. C. S. Liddell, S. R. Ferry, Org.; and J. Curry, Tyler; G. G. Davidson, J. W. A. Boyett, Wm. Baker, George Corbitt, A. Rhagg, Thos. Swan, R. T. Swallow, T. E. Bringham, T. Law, D. Sinclair, and others. Visitors: Bros. George Hardy, W.M. 1643; J. Cook, P.M. 481; J. Marchant, P.M., and W.M. 424; J. Prubert, P.M. 424; J. Goss, H. J. Weldon, A. D. Campbell, George B. Barber, R. Waugh, George S. Sims, John Beeby, M. C. Cowan, E. A. Gisson, A. Brodie, and F. A. Kelly, (Freemason). The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, and the Treasurer's report, Mr. Jacob Matthews was regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Wm. Baker and George Corbitt, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Whitfield proposed, and Bro. R. H. Cook seconded, that Bros. M. Corbitt, I.P.M.; John

Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; Edward Liddell, Sec.; and the W.M., should form a reception committee to act in conjunction with the Borough Lodge, No. 424, to make the necessary arrangements for receiving in proper form the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham in October. The motion was carried unanimously, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

**PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Anglesea Hill, Bro. Garbett's house, on Friday, the 18th ult., Bro. H. G. Picken, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers:—Bros. W. Weston, P.M.; H. Shaw, S.W.; D. Deeves, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Welding, S.D.; T. Holleyman, J.D.; H. Hardy, Org.; W. A. Watkins, Steward; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Warren, S.W. 700; G. Beaver, I.G. 700; R. Beaver, 700; A. Deans, I.G. 13; J. Hazard, 348; T. Hassell, 13; H. De Grey, 706; W. McCoy, J.D. 700; T. A. Dobson, St. David's, Edinburgh (S.C.); C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The business before the lodge consisted of the initiation of one candidate, and the raising of two brethren, which was happily fulfilled. The W.M. recited the A.E. charge, and worked the degree in excellent style. The case of a deceased brother's widow was then brought before the lodge by Bro. Weston, and supported by Bro. Jolly, and it was determined that one of her children should become a candidate for the Girls' School of the charity, and the contents of the broken column should be hers for her immediate wants. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, as were those of "The Master," "Past Masters," "Initiate," "Visitors," and "The Officers." Special toasts were drunk in honour of Bro. Fountain, who had just been gazetted to a commission, and who is universally respected in the lodge; to Bro. Stevens, on his return from India; and a most earnest and hearty one was drunk to the brethren in Zulu Land, Bros. Spinks, Brooks, Harris, Tims, Cook, and Field. The contents of the charity box yielded £2 2s. 6d., and it was placed in Bro. Jolly's hands for the widow's immediate wants, and, after a most enjoyable evening, the Tyler's toast finished the proceedings.

#### LEWISHAM.—Ravensbourne Lodge (No. 1601).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held yesterday week at the Board of Works, Catford Bridge, under the presidency of Bro. W. B. Roberts, W.M. The brethren present were Bros. Nelson Reed, S.W.; F. Burdett, J.W.; W. Taylor Jones, Chaplain and P.M.; W. G. Lemon, Treas.; Samuel Edwards, Sec.; Samuel J. Jerrard, J.D.; Edwin Howard, I.G.; C. W. Steel, D.C.; H. W. Jackson, Archibald Currie, E. Harlock, Thos. W. Willis, G. W. Murnane, H. D. Grazebrook, John Carline, R. L. Sindall, W. H. Young, A. G. Hennell, J. M. Collins, John Kimpton, L. Stiebel, B. Horton, T. W. Williams, H. M. Heal, Alfred Thompson, James Whitehead, Alfred Layton, D. W. Joyce, J. Terry (Hon.), F. E. Wilkinson, C. W. Thompson, P.M.; and visitors: Bros. F. Belcher, M.M. Zetland, 655; T. J. Hanley, M.M. Universal, 181; H. Keeble, W.M. Mount Lebanon, 73; G. Hartman, Pilgrim, 238; John Layton, P.M. Universal, 181; Albert J. Pearce, W.S. Carnarvon, 1572; F. H. Willcocks, M.M. Carnarvon, 1572; Thos. W. C. Bush, W.M. Temple Bar, 1728; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C. Westminster and Keystone, 10; C. T. Oxenham, M.M. Waveney, 929; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. and Sec. Carnarvon, 1572; J. J. Avery, P.M. St. John, 70, Treas. 1671; Sampson White, M.M. Great City, 1426; Bertram Noakes, M.M. Moria, 92; L. Hopkins, M.M. and Org. Carnarvon, 1572; J. Curtis, D.C. Prudent Brethren, 145; R. H. Morgan, S.D. Mizpah, 1671; W. Joyce, M.M. 1158; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). The work done was raising Bros. Thomas W. Willis, George Webster Murnane, Henry D. Grazebrook, and Archibald Currie, and passing Bro. Hannibal Murch Heal. Bro. Roberts then installed Bro. Nelson Reed as W.M., and the following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. W. B. Roberts, P.M. 181, I.P.M.; F. Burdett, S.W.; Magnus Ohren, P.P.G.J.W. Surrey, J.W.; W. T. Jones, P.P.G.C. Middlesex, Chaplain; W. G. Lemon, P.M. 165, Treasurer; S. Edwards, Secretary; S. J. Jerrard, S.D.; E. Howard, J.D.; J. Clarricoats, Treasurer 1572, I.G.; R. L. Sindall, S.W. 1293, D.C.; J. Carline, W.S.; H. Shaw, Tyler. The brethren after the lodge was closed went to the Albion, Aldersgate-street, where a choice banquet awaited them. The usual toasts followed. The Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers" after some introductory remarks, said, that Bro. Nelson Reed was one who adorned his Masonic position, and would be true to the spirit of him whose name he bore when he said "England expects every man to do his duty." He was one who would bring honour to the lodge. He thought it was a most happy circumstance in connection with Freemasonry that so many men who were pillars of the State, and who adorned every position in life, should be members of the Order, and he hoped that Masonry would always have such men as members. Referring to the position recently taken up by Grand Lodge with reference to the Grand Orient of France, he wished to relate an anecdote he had heard that day concerning a great minister of France who lately passed to his rest. After the great war with the Germans which terminated in the humiliation of France, that great minister, who professed his disbelief in any Supreme Power, when he heard that the people of France had made up more money than was necessary to fill the German coffers, and that the harvest of France was more plentiful than it had been in former years, burst into tears, and said, "God be praised; God I knew would remember dear France." So that though he was a professed disbeliever of the Great Architect of the Universe, he could not help, out of the abundance of his heart, praising God with his

mouth for sending help to his devoted country. He thought the anecdote pointed a moral and adorned a tale. Each of the brethren should learn to do likewise in their respective spheres, and consider, whoever might be the head of their Craft and the ruling officers in the same, the Grand Officer above was the officer they ought to serve. Bro. W. B. Roberts, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, was not an untried Mason, but one whose career was well and honourably known as that of a brother who had served the Order with zeal and fidelity. This was an assurance that his Mastership of the Ravensbourne Lodge would be all that could be desired and would bring lustre to it. As one of the founders of the lodge he (Bro. Roberts) felt as every one ought to feel who took the position of Master of a lodge, that a brother's interest in his lodge did not cease the moment he vacated the chair. The honour, reputation, and usefulness of a lodge depended, in a great measure, on the way a Master managed its concerns, and the future fortunes of the Ravensbourne Lodge were thoroughly safe in Bro. Nelson Reed's hands. He (Bro. Roberts) had done during his year of office what he could, but though he had been deprived of the pleasure and honour of occupying the chair during that year it had been a great comfort to him to know that his place was occupied by other Past Masters of the lodge who were quite competent, and he now left the chair in very good hands. He hoped he should appear for many years in the same position, and he was sure that as long as the Past Masters of the future followed the example of the brother just installed the lodge would be a great one, and do honour to the neighbourhood in which it was established and to the Craft in general. Bro. Nelson Reed, W.M., in responding, said Bro. Roberts had overrated his (the W.M.'s) abilities as a Mason, but he could tell the brethren that anything he undertook to do he strove to the utmost of his ability to carry out. Bro. Reed then proposed "The Installing Officer," and, after reminding the brethren of the efficiency with which he had performed his duties, invested Bro. Roberts with a Past Master's jewel, which the lodge had voted him as a mark of esteem and affection. Bro. W. B. Roberts, I.P.M., acknowledged the gift and toast. As to the jewel, he thought it had been scarcely earned by his exertions during the past year. At some meetings of the lodge he had been prevented filling his place, but he had been fortunate that evening, though under some difficulties, to show that when an opportunity presented itself he was prepared to perform the ceremonies. He could not help thanking Bro. James Terry for his assistance as D.C. in the installation ceremony. For the jewel presented to him he was deeply grateful, and though he had not sons to hand it down to, he hoped his daughters would value it and hand it down to others. Bros. Bush, W.M. Temple Bar Lodge; James Curtis, Prudent Brethren; and Hanley, University Lodge responded to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. Bush noticing that that day was the anniversary of Shakespeare's birthday, which was being celebrated in numerous places, said the Masonic Order was much indebted to the immortal bard, who, while writing "Julius Cæsar," found time to think of what would be the Ravensbourne Lodge and the visitors thereat, that "they are all welcome." The truth of the line had been amply verified that evening, for the visitors had received princely hospitality. He congratulated the lodge on the accession of Bro. Nelson Reed to the chair. He had watched that brother's career for some years, and it had never been his lot to meet with a brother who had the interests of the Craft more devoutly at heart, or more determined to promulgate the glorious tenets of the Order. He (Bro. Bush) was Master of a lodge of which Bro. Reed was Secretary, and he considered that a great deal of that lodge's prosperity was due to him. Bro. Reed had that night inaugurated his year of office in a way which bade fair for great success for the remainder of his term, and no doubt when he left the chair he would be crowned with honour, and the lodge would have made rapid strides towards great prosperity. Bro. James Curtis, in responding, observed that Macaulay, speaking of former times, said that "breakfast was the most social and enjoyable of meals," but our manners must have altered, or Macaulay was never at the Ravensbourne Lodge, because that evening they had had a most social and enjoyable evening, in which, as Shakespeare in Henry V. said "and friendship shall combine, and brotherhood." The brethren were happy in the name they had chosen for the lodge, because it carried our thoughts to a place where was a tree near which Wilberforce talked of Emancipation from Slavery. The Ravensbourne Lodge, he hoped, would ever serve in that interest, emancipate all wrong, and elucidate right. That was a free, just, perfect, and complete education, which taught man more justly, generously, and successfully to perform the great duties and offices of life, both in public and private, in peace and in war, looking up to the Great Architect of the Universe, the Grand Centre. So long as the lodge was under the presidency of Bro. Nelson Reed, these principles would be handed down to other Masters. Bros. the Rev. W. Taylor Jones and C. W. Thompson responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s." Bro. Jones said the lodge had before it a very honourable sphere of usefulness. They all felt that Masonry was not an "idea," but a reality. Taking the words of Shakespeare, so often referred to that evening, they knew their principle was, "God be with us, for our cause is just," for their motto was "Brotherly love, relief, and truth." It would be the anxiety of the brethren of the lodge, and the Past Masters, to carry out this in their several positions. Their duty was to be up and doing, to work while it was yet called to-day. They had already laid the foundation of a benevolent fund, which was an honour to the lodge, and when he said they had invested that day £100 in Consols, it showed the reality of the view they had. He trusted that example would be followed by other lodges. Bro. Thompson having also said a few words in reply, the W.M. proposed "The Charities." The

Sections said that charity was the best test and surest proof of the sincerity of their religion, and he was sure that was quite enough to recommend this toast to the brethren's notice. The Ravensbourne Lodge had already made itself a life subscriber of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, and they had still in hand for the Benevolent Fund over £100. Bro. James Terry, in reply, said the Institutions had grown extensively during the last six or seven years. Six or seven years ago the total income of the three Institutions did not reach above £16,000 or £17,000. Last year it totalled over £42,000. During the same period there had been an enormous increase in the number of lodges, in kindly feeling, and in the wealth of the members who had joined the Order. The advent of the Prince of Wales to the chair gave a great stimulus to the Order which he hoped would always be felt. The festival this year of the Benevolent Institution had been the most successful of any festival yet: £14,000 was brought in by a body of men who had no other desire but to do good and communicate happiness to others. He hoped that the Girls' and Boys' Festivals would be as successful, but as yet neither had any Chairman. The right man would, however, no doubt turn up at the right time. The Benevolent Institution had 290 annuitants on its books, the Girls' School 200 girls, and the Boys' School 210 boys. The Masonic Charities were different from other charities, because they had but a limited circle to appeal to. He hoped they might long be considered worthy of the support of the Order. They did a vast amount of good to those who could not help themselves; for evidence of which he invited the brethren to go and see for themselves. If they did he was sure they would be sorry they had not visited them before. Bro. Terry concluded by thanking the Ravensbourne Lodge for what it had done in the cause of charity. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening's proceedings, which were enlivened by numerous songs and recitations by Bros. Willcocks, Morgan, Hopkins, Pearce, Avery, and Whitaker.

**NEWCASTLE - ON - TYNE.** — Hotspur Lodge (No. 1626).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week, the 24th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street. The brethren present were Bros. Luke Armstrong, W.M.; W. S. Hughes, I.P.M.; T. J. Armstrong, acting S.W.; R. C. Symonds, J.W.; Robert L. Armstrong, P.M., Treas.; Seymour T. Bell, acting Sec.; Hugh T. Bowman, S.D.; R. A. Dodds, J.D.; R. Ferry, as Org.; J. B. Reid, jun., I.G.; George Nesbitt and B. J. Proctor, Stewards; George S. Sims, Tyler, and the following brethren: Bros. George T. Trewman, R. Waugh, Thomas Morgan, Thomas G. Wynship, W. T. Wilson, C. W. Wilson, J. A. Dixon, and R. W. Walton. The visiting brethren included Bros. Benj. J. Thompson, P.M., Prov. Grand Sec.; R. Whitfield, W.M. 48; Wm. Cooper, W.M. 1342; W. M. Bell, W.M. 1557; John Page, S.W. 406; S. G. Homfray, R. Terry, K. Willis, F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*), W. B. Bolland, W. H. Thomson, United Service Lodge, No. 1341, Hong Kong; W. T. Lowrey, C. B. Ford, and John Usher. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 7 o'clock by the W.M., assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bros. John Bell, S.W., and Wm. Smith, Secretary. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Charles Couper Cripps, proposed at the last meeting, and he was declared duly elected. Bro. Cripps being in attendance and properly prepared, was admitted in due form, and initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master: the working tools of this degree were explained by the J.W., Bro. Symonds. Bros. George White and C. W. Wilson, being examined as to their proficiency in this degree, received the test of merit and retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. White and Wilson were admitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. W. S. Hughes, P.M., who also explained the working tools. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, when Bro. Trewman proposed, and the W.M. seconded, a candidate for initiation at the next regular meeting. An application from the Masonic Hall Company, Limited, was brought before the lodge, but on the motion of Bro. W. Hughes, P.M., seconded by Bro. T. J. Armstrong, P.M., it was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report at the next meeting. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the usual toasts were proposed and duly responded to.

**MANCHESTER.**—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge, and the celebration of Shakespeare's anniversary, was held on the 23rd ult., at the Denmark Hotel, Moss Side. The brethren began to assemble towards six o'clock, soon after which they sat down to tea, provided in one of the rooms of the hotel. About 7.30 the lodge was opened by Bro. P.M. Bostock, who sat in the chair of K.S., in the absence of Bro. J. D. Brickles, W.M. of the Avon Lodge for the present year. Bro. Painter occupied the chair of S.W., and Bro. Whittaker, J.W. There were present, in addition to the members of the Avon Lodge, several visitors from neighbouring lodges. There being no special business, the formal routine of opening and closing in the Three Degrees was gone through, after which the members and visiting brethren assembled round the festive board. The customary loyal and preliminary Masonic toasts having been drunk, Bro. P.M. Bostock rose and drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that this being the anniversary of the birthday of William Shakespeare, he should ask the members sitting round the Avon Lodge board to drink one toast to his memory. When some few years ago the officers of the new lodge agreed upon the name Avon, they little anticipated the peculiar circumstance that might arise that one of the meetings must necessarily be held on the poet's birthday. He, therefore, in proposing this toast,

hoped those brethren who were about to favour them in the course of the evening would bear in mind that "Shakespeare" was the password, and act accordingly. The toast was then drunk in solemn silence. Bro. C. H. Stephenson, stage manager of the Theatre Royal, Manchester, a member of the Avon Lodge, then read a paper, entitled, "Was Shakespeare ever a Soldier?" He commenced by assuming, from certain historical facts, that Shakespeare at some period of his existence must have followed the armies of the Earl of Leicester into the Low Countries. That he must have had the most intimate knowledge of military service in all its surroundings, Bro. Stephenson ably proved by the technical phrases and quotations used by Shakespeare throughout his various plays. The short extracts read by the essayist from the poet's works in support of his theory gave the paper an unusual interest, and being delivered with the force and emphasis of a veteran actor and scholar, were heartily enjoyed. At the conclusion Bro. Stephenson received a unanimous vote of thanks for the pleasure he had afforded the members. Bro. W. Brown subsequently gave the scene from King John, "Hubert and Arthur," the stirring story being most pathetically rendered, the contrast from the boyish pleadings of the one to the gruff responses of the other being cleverly marked. Other Shaksperian recitations were "Fall of Wolsey," Bro. A. T. Forrest; "Queen Mab," Bro. T. Cavanah; "Othello's Apology," Bro. D. Donbovan; in addition to which were some capital duets for piano and violin by Bros. Stanislaus and Vetter, songs by Bro. Whittaker, and a recitation from Bret Harte's writings, by Bro. Braccwell, the whole forming a most delightful and instructive meeting.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**STABILITY LODGE (No. 217).**—The last meeting of the season of the above lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern. Present: Bros. Henry Mugeridge, E. M. Hubbuck, H. Birdseye, E. F. Storr, Hewitt, Jones, Birdseye, Crossfield, Gale, Myers, Ashwell, Cosens, F. D. R. Copestick, Charles Arkell, George Kenning, Townend, and others. Bro. Henry Birdseye was presented with a jewel for his services as Secretary. Bro. Mugeridge informed the brethren that in consequence of the great exertion necessary for the carrying out of the usual festival at the Cannon-street Hotel, he had decided not to continue it.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—In continuation of the sections noticed in our last reference to this lodge of instruction, during the present month the remainder of the series of fifteen have been worked, Bro. Sidney Myer presiding this month. Bros. H. Lashmore, R. Sharpe, P.M., Carl, J. Adams, P.M., and T. Lashmore, P.M., gave the five of the second lecture at the first meeting, and at the closing meeting of the session on Monday last Bros. Tilling, P.M., J. Adams, P.M., and T. Lashmore, P.M., the three of the third. At the conclusion Bro. J. Blount Thomas, P.M., the Mayor of Southampton, in the name of the brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. R. Sharpe, P.M., its Honorary Secretary and Treasurer since its commencement eight years ago, with a gold centenary jewel of the mother lodge, as a slight recognition of his indefatigable services and his unflinching courtesy—a compliment whose value was enhanced from the secret of its intended presentation having been well kept. Nearly forty brethren, including several visitors, were present to take part in the presentation of this mark of respect and esteem.

#### Royal Arch.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Sacred Delta Chapter (No. 216).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 24th ult. Comp. J. McKune, P.Z., was the installing chief, assisted by Comp. J. R. Goepel, P.Z. The following Principals were chaired:—Comps. D. S. Davies, M.E.Z.; the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, M.E.H.; and R. P. Gill, M.E.J. The officers invested were Comps. Dr. D. D. Costine, P.S.; Wm. Thomas, S.E.; A. McFarbert, S.N.; J. Skeaf, Org.; and T. Armstrong, Treas. Bros. Dr. Chauncey Puzey and Banner were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, and the companions afterwards adjourned to banquet.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Chapter (No. 523).—The usual monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. There were present Comps. J. W. Ballard, Z.; T. Shaw, P.Z.; Jesse Banning, P.Z., acting H.; H. Ashmore, J.; W. Brassey, S.E.; H. Trevitt, S.N.; J. M. King, P.S.; and Peter Ball, Janitor. There were also present Comps. W. Russell, W. Hindhaugh, J. G. Hussell, E. Morgan, J. Jacobs, J. D. Griffiths, T. Delamere, D. Callow, J. Sharples, J. Pendleton, E. Kelly, R. S. Milne, A. Pennell, A. Hart, J. Coming, and J. Harding. The visitors included Comps. Thos. Chesworth, P.P.G.R., P.Z. 1086; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z. 580, 1091; Wm. G. West, 1086; R. C. Yelland, Z. 1094; E. Cottrall, 203; T. Roberts, M.E.Z. 673; R. Washington, P.Z. 1094; R. H. Evans, P.Z. 292, and H. 393; and Joseph Wood, Treas. 249 (*Freemason*).

#### Mark Masonry.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (F.I.).—The annual meeting of this ancient lodge was held at five p.m. on Thursday, April 24th, at the Masonic Hall. Very soon after that hour the lodge was opened by Bro. John Dutton, W.M., assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Cater, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain; Rubie, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; Braham, Secretary; Murlis, M.O.;

Radway, S.O.; Dingle, J.O.; Peach as S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; Penly, I.G.; Sparrow, Org.; Bigwood, Tyler. Several visitors of distinction were present, among them R.W. Rev. Bro. Davey, P.G. Chaplain, and the recently appointed Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire; General Doherty, and others. There were also Past Masters Wilton and James Dutton, and a larger attendance of the members than usual, as it had become known that arrangements had been made to add éclat to the proceedings. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the annual report of the Treasurer was presented, duly audited, and was satisfactory, considering the recent expenses in completing the requisite furniture. A short time ago some of the brethren discovered that Masonic musical rituals for the Craft and Mark Degrees, under the sanction of Grand Lodge, had several years ago been drawn up by the Chaplain of the Cumberland Lodge, and published in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, and afterwards issued as separate works by Bro. W. Smith, at that time the proprietor and editor, to whom the copyright had been presented. It was determined by a few of the members to introduce this, or at least the greater portion of it, and meetings for practice had been held under the guidance of Bro. Sparrow, who presided at the harmonium. A ballot was taken for Bro. Harry Smith as a candidate for advancement, which having proved favourable, he was admitted, and duly advanced to the rank of M.M.M. by Bro. James Dutton, P.M. The several officers performed their duties more efficiently than on any former occasion, and the music interspersed throughout the ceremony added to its solemnity and effectiveness. The Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire especially expressed his approval. The chair was then taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, Past G.J.W. of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. The W.M. elect was presented, the preliminary proceedings were gone through, the brethren below the chair were dismissed, and in their absence Bro. Rubie was duly installed by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. On their return the ceremony was continued, and the following were invested as officers for the next year:—Bros. John Dutton, I.P.M. and Treas.; Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain; C. Wilkinson, S.W.; Braham Sparrow, Org.; Mercer, S.D.; Penly, J.D.; Peach, I.G.; Holmes, Steward; Bigwood, Tyler. The Installing Master concluded the business by addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, the Overseers, and the brethren. Votes of thanks for their attendance were passed to the visiting brethren, and to the retiring Master for his services during the past year. Several letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read. The lodge was closed at 7.30, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for the usual banquet, which was thoroughly enjoyed, the manner in which the proceedings had been conducted appearing to have an exhilarating effect on all present.

#### PROVINCIAL CHARITY COMMITTEE FOR N. AND E. YORKS.

On Monday afternoon, the 21st ult., the members of the Committee for the organisation of the Charity Voting for the Province of North and East Yorkshire met in the Masonic Hall, York.

Those present were Bros. Dr. J. P. Bell, W. Dep. Prov. G. Master; and M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; Bros. J. W. Woodall, Wm. Lawton, W. Petchall, J. Thompson, and T. Clough, the stewards appointed by the province, and the following representatives of lodges:—Bros. W. Tesseyman, P.M. Humber, 57; G. H. Walshaw, P.M. Old Globe, 200; Sir James Meek, P.M. York, 236; W. H. Cowper, W.M. North York, 602; James Hogg, W.M. Marwood, 1244; C. Waistell, P.M. Anchor, 1337; R. Boggett, P.M. De la Pole, 16.5; J. S. Cumberland, W.M. Eboracum, 1611; R. H. Peacock, P.M. Leopold, 1760.

Several suggestions were made by the brethren present as to the rules to be adopted, and eventually a Sub-Committee, consisting of Bros. Bell, Woodall, Meek, Lawton, Tesseyman, Thompson, Petchall, Cumberland, and Peck (Sec.), was appointed to draw up a code of bye-laws and present them at the next meeting of the Committee, to be held in July.

It was arranged that the regular meetings of the Committee should be held in York, as the best available centre, in the months of January and July in each year.

We are requested to state that the Prov. Grand Secretary will be glad to receive suggestions regarding the proposed rules from any brother of experience in such matters.

The W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, the Prov. G. Secretary, and several of the representatives were entertained at luncheon on their arrival in York, by the Eboracum Lodge, at the Queen's Hotel, and in the evening they were present at the regular meeting of the York Lodge, where there was an unusually large muster of members and visitors.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A large and special meeting of the Board of Stewards was held on Monday last at Freemasons' Hall. It having been announced that no Chairman had yet been obtained, the Board of Stewards passed an unanimous resolution, requesting Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, to preside at the Anniversary Festival. Some subsidiary arrangements having been attended to, the Board adjourned to Monday next, at 4.30.

#### THE CASE OF BRO. SIMONSEN.

We understand that a subscription has been set on foot to assist Bro. Simonsen, and that Bro. Bent, P.G.C., has consented to act as Treasurer. A full account will appear in our next.

ST. DUNSTAN'S ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

At the consecration of the above chapter the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford delivered the following oration:—

M.E. Consecrating Officer, Comp. Principal H., and Companions,—I have come here to-day in response to the courteous invitation of the companions of this new chapter, conveyed through acting Scribe Ezra, to deliver the customary oration, and the duty in such a case is rendered both a pleasure and a privilege, because associated, sir, with yourself, in the interesting and solemn ceremonial of to-day, and because also, like yourself, as I know full well, I have a very great regard and reverence for the beautiful ritual of the Royal Arch Grade. In common with yourself and many more, and among whom I may fitly mention our esteemed and valued Grand Ezra, Comp. John Hervey, a name highly prized among Royal Arch Masons, as well as by brethren of the Craft at large, I have seen with deep satisfaction the increase of Royal Arch chapters amongst us of recent years. To my mind, as I believe to the minds of many more, there is no portion of our Masonic system more simple, and yet more beautiful in itself, more striking from its historical and archaeological connection with the one true system of Masonry, and, above all, more definite, more sublime, more practical, and more valuable in the teaching it sets forth, in the moral beauty, wisdom, and duty which it inculcates. Shall I be deemed an optimist or a visionary, sir, when I express before you and this distinguished gathering to-day the hope and the anticipation that the time will come when all English lodges will have a Royal Arch chapter attached to them, as the rightful complement of all Masonic instruction, as the just, and befitting reward of all loyal Master Masons? For let us ever bear in mind that, though severed in its arrangement, and distinct in its nomenclature, and changed in its ceremonial from Craft Masonry, the Royal Arch is not really or truly a fourth grade, per se, but actually the destined consummation of the labours, anxieties, and mysteries of the Third Degree. As the apex of our Masonic pyramid, it serves, as it were, to connect, compact, cement the whole deftly united building, as resting on the broad foundation of Craft Masonry; it soars toward Heaven on the sublime enunciation of the principles and tenets unfolded in the picturesque ritual of Royal Arch Masonry. Let us, therefore, hail, sir, the expansion and development of Royal Arch Masonry amongst us, and as the distinguishing characteristic of Anglican Masonry, in the exalted place it fills, and the prominent position it assumes; let us be proud of it, and seek to diffuse its chapters and its ceremonial, its goodly tenets and its gracious declarations, its kindly sanctions, and its ennobling precepts far and wide. But as, sir, under your able presidency we are about to consecrate a new chapter to-day, it seems alike reasonable and seasonable for the orator to seek to convey to the companions some of the teaching, at any rate, of this exalted grade, both, as we say, to improve the occasion and as a fitting commemoration of to-day's proceedings. It would be impossible, sir, as you well know, in one short oration, or many, to draw out the fulness of Royal Arch teaching, and I can but attempt in some poor feeble words of mine, shortly, with your kind concurrence, and subject to the friendly criticism of my hearers, to glance at a portion of the truths conveyed to us, and preserved for us in this unrivalled portion of our mystic rites. There are then, as it appears to me, and, as I think, sir, you will agree with me, three truths which are conspicuous in the special teaching of our Royal Arch ceremonial, and these are, reverence for God, obedience for authority, and love for the brotherhood. Is it wrong to say that the famous triad "Fear God, Honour the King, Love the Brotherhood," is reproduced by "designed" or undesignated "coincidence" in the teaching of the Royal Arch? Let us take these axioms seriatim, though necessarily as time only permits very briefly, and we shall see that they constitute alike the strength and the reality, the glory and the grace, the vitality and the use not only of Royal Arch Masonry, but of all true Masonry in the world. (Hear, hear.) 1. We are taught in the Royal Arch Grade not only, as in a former degree, to bend with resignation to the will of T.G.A.O.T.U., to dedicate our hearts purified from every baneful and malignant passions, and fitted only for the reception of moral truth and virtue, as well to His glory as the welfare of our fellow creatures, but even a little more than this, good and true and valuable as it is. In the Royal Arch grade we are bid remember that we are ever before the knowledge, the wisdom, the moral control, the just judgment of the Most High—that His eternity, His omniscience, His omnipotence, His supreme and sovereign law, are alike our hope and safety, our trust and our delight. We are reminded that as His children, creatures, servants, and subjects, we are ever under His providential care, that "our times are in His hand," that we are "not our own but His," that the acts of our lives, the hopes of our hearts, and plans and expectations of to-day, the pathway of our feet, and the very existence of us all, be we who we may, high or humble, are not overlooked by Him, that it is our solemn duty, less than our happy privilege, to believe in His providence, to bow to His decrees, to accept His dispensations without a murmur, and to look up to Him confidently in every emergency of life, for strength, for comfort, for help and for health, for support and for safety. Now we know that it is just this good old teaching of English Masonry which so displeases some modern teachers, and some new-fangled expositors of Masonic lore. They do not like the idea of that reverent acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U., of a personal and living God, the living Creator, Benefactor, Guide, Sovereign, Saviour, Judge of Man, which English Craft Masonry avows, and the Royal

Arch so emphatically proclaims. They seek to evade the recognition of God, and to substitute for it either a specious "Nihilism," which sweeps away the God of our forefathers, and substitutes in His place an "Anima Mundi," the old resource of infidelity, or they pompously put forth a blinding trust in humanity, our poor humanity indeed; or they set up an "independent morality," which really means no morality practically at all, which leaves us without a present God or a future life, which ignores the moral responsibilities, and consequently all moral duty, and renders us blind votaries of chance or fate, like the notes in the sunbeam—atoms which to-day are and to-morrow are gone, and forgotten for ever. Sir, you and I, with all now present, deploring the aberrations and erratic proceedings which mark some bodies of Masons to-day, will rejoice to think that we in England uphold with unflinching and unwavering faith the better teaching of our forefathers, and make the beginning and the end, the first and the last, the foundation and the apex, the strength and the glory of English Masonry, Craft and Royal Arch, in no spirit of intolerance, but humble genuine piety, a reverent acknowledgment of God, over all Most High and most blessed for evermore. (Applause.) And, in the next place, marked is the teaching in this degree in respect of obedience to supreme authority. As English Freemasons, happily, we are taught from the very first never, under any circumstances whatever, to forget, as loyal citizens, the allegiance due to the Sovereign of our native land, to avoid all plots and conspiracies against Government, and to be zealous friends to order and social stability, and hostile always to anarchy, agitation, confusion, and revolution! We, in this Royal Arch Grade, are all enjoined to bear in mind, that while resistance to usurped authority sometimes becomes the duty of the patriot citizen and Freemason, reverence for lawful authority is ever a solemn duty incumbent upon us all, be we who we may, who profess to be members of our peaceful, philanthropic, legalized, and law-abiding Fraternity. One of the greatest charms of Freemasonry for us all, perhaps, to-day is its avoidance of, and distance from the petty tumults of sectional differences, the cries of controversy, and the existing and severing topics of political discussion. Unfortunately for Freemasonry in some portions of the Masonic world, these obvious truths and salient duties are forgotten, in the mistaken impetuosity of unwise teaching, and hence we can understand how too often Freemasonry, through no fault of its own, has fallen under proscription and suspicion, has even been for a time suppressed, has been treated as inimical to government and order, and antagonistic to authority and law. Happily for us all in England, the loyalty of Freemasons has ever been conspicuous and avowed, and as such duly recognized by that Royal and august Family which Providence has placed in supreme authority over these united realms, and in times past, as to day, the happy connexion between the English Royal Family and English Freemasonry has been maintained in loyal fervour and attachment, undimmed and unchanging, alike for the strength and pride and welfare of our English Craft. Long may it so continue, and long may we, as Royal Arch Masons, and intelligent and prudent citizens, while we advocate peaceful progress, liberty of conscience, and equal rights for all classes, never forget the reverence due to authority, and as patriots and Freemasons, for us the throne and institutions of our country will always be a subject of paramount reverence and devotion. Faithful to our God, our Sovereign, our country, and our laws, we shall rejoice in the success of our gallant soldiers and sailors abroad; we shall carefully seek to help to maintain peace and prosperity, order and tranquillity at home. (Applause.) And, lastly, we are reminded to love the brotherhood. Yes, sir, as companions of the Royal Arch Grade, we shall indeed feel proud of that golden chain of fraternal sympathy which binds us so closely to our excellent Order, and to one another here below. It is that inner mystic circle of genuine faithful brotherhood which constitutes the excelling grace, and ought to be the unchanging glory of Freemasonry. It has sometimes occurred to me, that partly arising from our more limited numbers, there is amongst Royal Arch Masons a more close connection, a more intimate cohesion, than is sometimes found in Craft Masonry. Sure I am, that numerous lodges do not constitute the strength or the happiness of Freemasonry, that they are too often the cause of weakness, disunion, and discord, and that the more we know each other, the more carefully we select our associates, the more calmly we strive to render Masonic fellowship and membership or special and personal privilege, not to be obtained too easily by every one, the greater chance there is, humanly speaking, both for the safe progress and happy permanency of Freemasonry. As Royal Arch Masons we are bidden to love the brotherhood, and to prove our love, by our words without guile, and our acts guided by honour, sincerity, and loyalty to one another. To suppose or to believe for one moment that the profane vices of slander, envy, backbiting, malice, the invidious scandal, or the lying accusation, the delamination of a brother's character, could find their way into a Royal Arch chapter, would constitute an abject parody on all our eloquent professions, would rob Freemasonry of its good, and serve as the best of weapons in the hands of our accusers and maligners. Therefore, let us assume, sir, if you please, to-day, that in these peaceful abodes of friendship and mutual esteem and goodwill, we have shut out the harsher voices of an angry and vindictive world, and that, bound to each other by the unbreakable chain of fraternal concord and affection, we are brethren and companions in deed as well as in word, in heart as well as in name. Sir, I fear I have almost exceeded the limits of your forbearance and my companions' patience, but there are yet two words I wish to say. Though our love for the brotherhood is to be shown forth in all moral sincerity and energy, there is another proof of its reality which we can also evidence to our

brethren and the world. Active, single-handed, and single-hearted charity is the distinguishing badge of Freemasons, and, on an occasion like this, I think it is always the orator's duty to remind the companions of a new chapter that the great Metropolitan Charities of our Order, which constitute the great pride of all Freemasons, claim from Royal Arch Masons as well as Craftsmen active sympathy and support. I need hardly remind my hearers of that most successful anniversary, at which you, sir, so properly reaped the return of arduous labours in an unexampled success for that excellent Institution—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—and in which all must feel the deepest interest. But I may be permitted to mention that the Girls' School anniversary, close at hand, and that the Boys' School anniversary at a later period, demand the warm support of all who wish Masonic charity to be so gracefully exemplified and so practically carried out, as it is now is, in those really noble and invaluable Charities of Freemasonry in this great metropolis of ours. Sir, I have now done. Let us all unite in earnest aspirations for the future peace, prosperity, happiness, harmony, and progress of the St. Dunstan's Chapter. May it take a leading position amongst our many goodly chapters, and may it ever be distinguished by the zeal and devotedness of its members, their submission to Masonic law and rule, their faithful adhesion to Grand Chapter, and their realization of the great tenets of Royal Arch Masonry. Thus, sir, as trusty Royal Arch Masons, let us humbly endeavour to discharge our temporal and passing duties with the zeal and fidelity incumbent upon us all, so that as we pass on peacefully and happily through these fleeting years of time, we yet may be permitted, in the good Providence of the Most High, to find that this our sublimary state has been the portal to one which is alike enduring and eternal. (Applause.)

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter took place at the picturesque village of Uppermill, Saddleworth, under the auspices of the Confidence Chapter, 337, the Principals of which opened a preliminary chapter, when about ninety companions from various parts of the province assembled.

M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, and the officers of Provincial Grand Chapter having entered, the usual salutation was heartily accorded him, and, in reply, Sir Henry Edwards said that he had felt necessitated to call them together sooner than had been customary, in consequence of his having to leave Yorkshire for London, and as this was his first occupancy of the chair in opening Provincial Grand Chapter since his installation as Provincial Grand Superintendent at Sheffield, on Wednesday, October 30th, 1878, he had been desirous not to delegate the duties to another. Sir Henry added—"I may here observe that I have laid it down as an absolute rule never to recommend an application for a new charter until the draft bye-laws have been submitted for approval, the form of which, without undue interference, I should desire to follow. For instance, the first page to contain the founders' names, dates of charter and consecration, index, tables of fees, and certificates in due order. The chief object is to bring all chapter bye-laws into harmony and almost uniformity, and I am happy to learn from our Registrar that one half of the chapters have already revised their bye-laws in accordance with this excellent system. In the appointment of officers in Provincial Grand Chapter in this province it has been the custom, as you may be aware, to select but Past First Principals; and at my installation it was my endeavour, as it shall be, to distribute the officers as widely as possible. Our Registrar, who has so much to do in the revision of bye-laws, was induced to accept the office once more, and I hope it will be your pleasure to assist his endeavours in the matter of complete revision of bye-laws. On referring to the annual returns, I find we have on our rolls 884 Royal Arch Masons; and of that number there are upwards of 249 Principals and Past Principals. It is with every feeling of thankfulness I am thus able to speak of the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in this great province of West Yorkshire; and whilst we should be grateful for the position we have already attained to, let us each and all endeavour faithfully to discharge our duty; and may peace and happiness, health and prosperity, love and unity, ever attend us. Excellent companions, I thank you for your kind attention, and, in conclusion, ask you to join with me in passing a cordial vote of thanks to our companions in this part of the province for entertaining us, and in wishing this chapter every possible measure of prosperity."

The officers were appointed as follows for the ensuing year:—

Comp. C. L. Mason, 204	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. D. Kay, 289	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. Smith, 302	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Roddiwig, 139	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. F. Moss, 139	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" E. Woodhouse, 521	...	...	Prov. G.A.P.S.
" J. Beauland, 600	...	...	Prov. G.A.P.S.
" J. Fisher, 61 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. B. Aldison, 154	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Powolny, 304	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Kendall, 1283	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. R. Dore, 275	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Glover, 289	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Schofield, 290; Slack, 495; A. Roberts, 61; and France, 208	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Lee	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

After other routine business, an invitation for the next meeting to be held in Leeds was accepted, after which the companions partook of an excellent repast.

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BIRTHS.

CRAWLEY-BOEVEY.—On the 28th ult., at 89, Phillippavillas, Clapton, the wife of Mr. Octavius Charles Crawley-Boevey, of a son.

JOHNS.—On the 26th ult., at Vale Lodge, Hampstead-heath, the wife of Mr. Robert Magrath Johns of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

WAGGETT—BATLEY.—On the 28th ult., at St. John's, Notting-hill, by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., assisted by the Rev. Mr. Gell and Rev. Dr. Thorton, Mr. J. F. D. Waggett, to Edith, daughter of Bro. John Batley.

DEATHS.

BAINES.—On the 27th ult., at 4 Redcliffe-square, and late of Bahia, Mr. Hugh Robert Baines, in his 59th year.

ROBINSON.—On the 28th ult., at Ca decott House, Clapham-park, Mr. William Robinson, in the 78th year of his age.

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SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1879

THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

It is known to most of our readers, probably, that the delay which has occurred in announcing a Chairman, has arisen from difficulties over which the authorities of the School had no possible control. It was ardently desired that H.R.H. Prince Leopold should preside, alike for the best interests of the School and the deep gratification of the Order. But from the date of the announcement of his inability to comply with the wishes of his brethren, zealous attempts have been made to induce in succession some of the most distinguished of our Prov. Grand Masters to preside. In all cases, amounting, we are informed, to no less than ten, they declined, on the ground, more or less, that it would be impossible in so short a space of time to organize a good provincial canvass for the School. The last refusal was on Monday last, by telegram. Under these circumstances the Stewards gathered in a special assembly, in goodly numbers, on Monday last, when the true position of affairs was laid before them by the Chairman of the meeting. The only question remained, "what was to be done in the interests of the School?" Luckily, a solution of the difficulty was found, which, we venture to think, will commend itself to a very large number of zealous and hardworking Masons, as a happy extrication of the Stewards and Charity from the unavoidable, though unwelcome, dilemma in which they were placed, and through no fault, be it observed, in any way, of their own. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, the Grand Treasurer elect, Trustee and Treasurer of the Institution, had, after the communication by the Chairman of the Board of Stewards and the Secretary of the actual facts of the case, placed himself at the disposal of the Board of Stewards. Most unwilling to put himself unnecessarily forward, and most grateful for the great honour recently conferred on him by his brethren, our gallant brother yet felt, as a soldier and a Freemason, that in an hour of intense difficulty he was bound to "come to the rescue" of an Institution in which he took so deep, and abiding, and personal an interest, and, therefore, following good precedent, and in default of any more efficient Chairman, was willing to take upon himself the trouble, responsibility, and privilege of the post. The Board of Stewards, in our opinion, most wisely and most gratefully, passed an unanimous resolution asking Lieut.-Col. Creaton, as Treasurer and Trustee, to preside at the Anniversary Festival, and we are privileged in being able to announce that he most kindly acceded to their request, and (D.V.) will preside on May 14th. There are 234 Stewards, and we anticipate a gay gathering and a goodly muster. The long and devoted services of Lieut.-Col. Creaton to Freemasonry will attract the sympathy and support of a large number of influential brethren, and we feel certain that, thoroughly recognizing not only our gallant brother's past services and present work, but his anxiety ever to aid his brethren, or promote the cause of our great Metropolitan Charities, he will receive that influential and energetic adhesion, and "backing up," which he so justly merits at the hands of our warm-hearted fraternity. We, ourselves, have no fear but that the Anniversary Festival of May 14th will be a great success, and the Stewards are sparing no pains to make the arrangements perfect, and the comfort of the brethren and ladies complete. One response will be made, we are convinced, to this announcement, namely, that our brethren alike from Metropolis and Province will rally round the gallant Chairman, and make the Girls' School Anniversary of May 14th a triumph in every respect.

CHARITY VERSUS SACK.

The publication of a very striking lodge balance sheet in our columns last week, and the letters we receive, and the opinions we have heard on the subject, have led us on the present occasion to devote a little space to the consideration of a subject which is, no doubt, considerably "exercizing" the minds of many of our good brethren just now. And yet we feel bound to remark, at the outset, the subject is not a very easy one to deal with, or, rather, a somewhat delicate one to handle, for various well known and cogent reasons. In the first place, we do not think that it is the function of the Freemason to seem to "preach" at anything or at anybody. In the next, some will at once object to a dictatorial interference, as they like to call it, with the "liberty" of the Masonic "subject," "quoad refreshment;" and, once again, as we by no means wish to be enrolled amongst those fanatics who deem all social enjoyment wrong, and even a careful and moderate use of created good things doubtful and dangerous, we trust that in what we are about to say, we shall be credited, both with the graces of discretion and good sense. So, then, we will start with this proposition, to which we ask our readers to note, that though lodge banquets are good things in their way, they become bad things when by their admitted and lawful use, we are tempted to forget or forego the higher claims of duty or charity. Can any one object to so modest and cautious a thesis? We hope not, we trust not. But what have we read lately? A lodge, happily so far nameless, with an income of £202 13s. 7d., spends £4 4s. on charity and £154 10s. on "sack," and £28 12s. on Grand Lodge payments and lodge expenses. It has £18 11s. 7d. in hand on the general account and £6 4s. 2d. on the charity account. Can this be right? Is it not positively wrong? Is not such indulgence in sociality out of proportion, injurious to Masonry and the members of the lodge? Surely we think that there can be but one answer on all these points, and that, in our opinion, sadly enough, must be an answer in the affirmative. For what a parody, "my masters," is such a balance sheet in itself on Masonic professions and Masonic declarations. We who are always speaking, when we meet, of "charity, brotherhood," and the like, what can we say when the stern accuser points to this "damning proof" of Masonic liberality, and asks indignantly "Is this the way you spend your money, 99½ per cent. on sack, as against the ½ in charity?" We have seen many balance sheets in our time, and studied them, and audited them laboriously, but never do we remember any one which affords so startling and melancholy a proof of the want of reality, vitality, and we must add true Masonic feeling in any lodge of Freemasons. Now do we not wish, as we said before, to seem to "preach," or to speak too severely. And we will fain hope, moreover, that such a balance sheet is an exception and an inadvertence, and will be materially changed and amended in 1879. For, surely, the brethren of this good lodge, "Irroy," 3999, will feel that Masonic Charity has larger claims upon them than they seem to know of, or even to dream of! A guinea to each of our great Charities is a sad totality of Masonic charity, as contrasted with £155 of material expenditure. Are there no aged Freemasons needing help? no widows requiring assistance? no orphan boys and girls, children of our deceased brethren, to be clothed, taught, and cared for? no poor-pining brother to be sent on his way with the substantial and kindly aid of the good Samaritans? no wounds of our common humanity to be staunched, no friendly sympathy to be manifested? Out upon it, brethren of the nameless lodge! Let us ask you in the name of the very Brotherhood of Masonry to change your ways, to increase your charities, and to limit your self-indulgence, and to prove to the world and to your brethren, that you say what you mean and mean what you say, when you talk so fluently of Masonic Charity and Brotherhood, and that you do not wish to be held up to others, and even to your own Fraternity, as being still utterly insensible to those sound claims of charity, which are alike our most gratifying duty and our greatest happiness.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

As will be seen by a report elsewhere, the following brethren have been appointed by the Grand Master to the purple for 1879-80:—Bros. Lord Kensington, S.G.W.; Major-General the Hon. S. G. Calthorpe, J.G.W.; Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Chap.; Rev. Chas. Spencer Stanhope, Asst. G. Chap.; Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, G. Treas.; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.; J. B. Monckton, Pres. B.G.P.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Ernst E. Wendt, G. Sec. Ger. Cor.; Reginald Bird, S.G.D.; George Mellor, S.G.D.; Horatio Lloyd, J.G.D.; Matthew Clark, J.G.D.; John Gibson, G.S. of W.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D. of Cer.; Sheriff George Burt, Asst. G.D. of Cer.; Samuel Mullens, G.S.B.; Christopher Willing, G. Org.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Wilson, G. Purst.; James Kench, Asst. G. Purst.; C. B. Payne, G. Tyler. We hope in our next to give an account of their Masonic services.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE RESTORATION OF THE WEST FRONT OF ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been directed by my Committee to forward to you the enclosed circular, which will fully explain the proposed scheme for carrying out the above-mentioned object, and I shall be much obliged if you will bring this matter before the Worshipful Master and the members of your lodge, and trust that we may obtain their active support for this great Masonic undertaking.

I shall be glad to receive a list of the names of those who subscribe, or promise to do so, on the annexed form, at your early convenience.

I have the honour to remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES E. KEYSER,

47, Wilton Crescent, London, S.W. Hon. Secretary.

N.B.—Subscriptions are invited from 1s. up to £5. [See appeal printed elsewhere.—Ed.]

AN OLD MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As Bro. R. F. Gould has dethroned Bro. Charles Marsh from being the "Father" of English Masons, or the oldest living Mason in England, in favour of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, so must I depose the latter in favour of Bro. "James Norris," the present Warden of the Royal Benevolent Institution of the Order, who was initiated on the 10th day of March, 1812, in the Lodge of "Sincerity" then No. "290," No. 174 now. Bro. James Norris was born in January, 1798, and is now not only in very fair health, but held in high esteem by all who have the pleasure and honour of his acquaintance.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL, V.P. 174.

In answer to the letter of Bro. Gould in your last number, asking if there is an older Mason than Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, I am in a position to tell you there is in the person of Bro. James Morris, the esteemed Warden of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon.

Bro. Morris was initiated in the Lodge of Sincerity, then No. 290, now 174, on March 10th, 1812. I am happy to add that he is very well, and in full possession of all his faculties.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY J. STRONG,

M.D., Hon. Surgeon to the Benevolent Institution, Croydon.

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Those who were privileged to witness the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the Albert Hall, four years ago this day, as M.W. Grand Master, can never forget the impressiveness and surpassing grandeur of the scene. This scene, making allowance for the almost insuperable difficulties in the way, arising from its magnitude, and the necessity of turning the faces of the great majority, at least, of the brethren represented towards the spectators, our worthy Bro. Hartly has succeeded in depicting successfully, and he has been ably seconded by the talented artists whom he engaged to execute the engraving.

Satisfactory, however, as the print is in other respects, there is one respect in which it is, to my mind, and I imagine to every subscriber, sadly deficient—the want of a key by which to identify the portraits of the many eminent members of the Craft included in it.

Even to the metropolitan brethren, who can constantly attend the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, very many of the portraits introduced must be unknown to them, whilst to the bulk of the brethren who, like myself, are only able occasionally, owing to distance, to be present, but few, very few, of them are recognisable.

I happen to possess engravings of the well-known pair of historical pictures, by West, "Oliver Cromwell dissolving the Long Parliament," and "Charles II. landing on the beach at Dover," the former engraved by Hall, and the latter etched by Woollett, and engraved by Sharp, which are accompanied by a key in outline, the faces numbered and described below, and I believe it has been the invariable rule for such historical representations to be accompanied by such a key.

Soon after the issue of the engraving, I saw our excellent Bro. Hartly in town, and named this great desideratum to him, when I understood it to be his full intention to furnish such a key to the subscribers, and that he was only waiting to get the proper Masonic titles, &c., of the numerous brethren represented.

As a very considerable time has since elapsed without anything further having been heard of this key, may I ask if this project has been unfortunately abandoned. Without such a key the picture might as well represent so many Browns, Joneses, and Robinsons, instead of men eminent in rank and in the Craft; with it, the historical value of the engraving will be very greatly enhanced.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
WILLIAM KELLY, F.S.A.,  
P. Prov. G.M., and G. Supt.  
Leicestershire and Rutland.

Leicester, April 28th, 1879.

P.S.—As a case in point, I may mention the key to the portraits of the Royal Dukes, the Chevalier Ruspini, and others, in the well-known engraving of the "Festival of the Royal Freemasons' School for Female Children."

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business for Wednesday, 7th May:—

The regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read.

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

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

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 15th January to the 15th April, 1879, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
To Balance, Grand Chapter	757	18	9
„ Unappropriated Account	177	15	5
„ Subsequent Receipts	399	9	3
	£1335	3	5
By Disbursements during the quarter	231	6	2
„ Balance	929	1	8
„ in Unappropriated Account	174	15	7
	£1335	3	5

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st. From Comps. James Meacham Batham, as Z.; Henry Charles Adolphus Wandram, as H.; Frederick Irving de Lisle, as J.; and twelve others for a chapter to be attached to the Victoria Lodge, No. 1577, Napier, to be called the Victoria Chapter, and to meet at Napier, Wellington, North Island, New Zealand.

2nd. From Comps. Charles Thomas Pearce, as Z.; John Peter, as H.; John Kempthorne, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Callington, to be called the Valletort Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Callington, in the county of Cornwall.

3rd. From Comps. Edward John Bradshaw Bumstead, as Z.; John Franks Chittenden, as H.; William Youldon, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford, to be called the Wellington Chapter, and to meet at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, in the county of Kent.

4th. From Comps. Henry Thomas Wood, as Z.; Charles Chester Cheston, as H.; Peter Lund Simmonds, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, to be called the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter, and to meet at No. 33, Golden-square, London.

5th. From Comps. William Henry Lee, as Z.; George William Frederick Neville Green, as H.; Thomas Charles Chapman, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, Dalston, to be called the Duke of Connaught Chapter, and to meet at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

These petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

They have also received a petition from Comps. William Alexander Barrett, as Z.; Charles Goulden, as H.; Wilhelm Ganz, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, to be called the Orpheus Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

This petition is regular in form, but as the lodge has not yet been in existence for two years, the Committee, bearing their resolution in mind that three years should elapse before a charter to be attached to a lodge be granted, except in very exceptional cases, cannot recommend that the prayer of the petition be yet complied with.

A letter, dated 14th March last, from Comp. the Hon. Henry Thoby Prinsep, Grand Superintendent of Bengal, was read, pointing out the great inconveniences which arise from Superintendents not being able to issue provisional charters pending the applications to Grand Chapter.

The Committee, feeling fully satisfied that the complaint is well grounded, beg to recommend that the Supreme Grand Chapter authorise the Most Excellent First Grand Principal to grant powers to such Superintendents as he may think fit to issue dispensations for the meeting of chapters in cases of necessity, pending the applications for charters to the Supreme Grand Chapter.

The Committee beg further to state that on the 1st November, 1876, a charter was granted to be attached to the Fitzalan Lodge, No. 1432, Oswestry, which has not been taken up, and from information they have received they have reason to conclude that it never will be taken up. Under these circumstances, the Committee recommend that the charter be cancelled.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON,  
President.

CONSECRATION OF NICHOLSON CHAPTER, No. 371.

This new chapter of Royal Arch Masons, attached to Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, was consecrated on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport. It makes the eighth chapter in the Royal Arch province of Cumberland and Westmorland, and, judging from the fact that the promoters, though resident in Maryport, are members of the Whitehaven and Wigton Chapters, there is sufficient reason that a chapter at Maryport was necessary; whilst, from the substantial beginning, there can be little doubt that, ultimately, it will prove one of the most flourishing Royal Arch organisations in the two counties. The title is most *apropos*, and a direct compliment to Comp. Joseph Nicholson, the oldest P.M. of Lodge of Perseverance. Comp. Nicholson, though now in the sear and yellow leaf of seventy-three winters and summers, nevertheless, is yet fully as active and indefatigable in Masonic pursuits as half-a-century ago, when he "first saw light." He it was, along with a brother now deceased, who, many years since, by pecuniary sacrifices, and a thorough love of our grand old Institution, kept the tottering Lodge of Perseverance on its legs, and he can now look with pride on what is one of the most flourishing Masonic bodies under the regime of the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M. and Supt. of Cumberland and Westmorland.

The important duty of consecration and dedication was delegated to M.E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z. of half-a-dozen chapters, and P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmorland, as also P.P.G. St. Br. of West Lancashire. The other companions present were: Comps. H. Bewes, P.Z. 327, P.G.S.N.; F. W. Hayward, P.Z. 310; Capt. Sewell, 119; P. Dodgson, 119; J. Abbotts, 327; J. R. Banks, 119; and W. F. Lamony, H. 119, P.P.G. Swd. B. The Principals designate and charter members of the new chapter were as follows: Comps. Jos. Nicholson, Z.; P. de E. Collin, H.; Thos. Mandie, J.; J. H. Banks, E. G. Mitchell, A. Walter, J. Gardiner, R. Brown, and J. Quay.

No fewer than five of the nine mentioned are Past Masters of Lodge of Perseverance. About three o'clock the chapter was opened by the Installing Principal, assisted by Comps. Bewes and Hayward, in the Second and Third Principals' chairs. On the other companions being admitted, the beautiful ceremony of consecration was proceeded with by M.E. Comp. Bowes, who, at the proper place, delivered the following oration:—

Companions,—From time out of mind—from time whereof the memory of man reacheth not to the contrary—it has been customary among Royal Arch Masons, on occasions like the present, to deliver an address, usually called an oration, on some subject connected with our Royal art. A former Grand Chaplain of this province, some fourteen years ago, at a great Masonic gathering at Cockermouth, eloquently remarked that every traveller in foreign lands had been struck with the memorials of ancient greatness in the ruined buildings, that, standing in majestic solitude, are now the only remains of those great empires of antiquity which played such a distinguished part in the world's history. Egypt, once the centre of learning and power of the world, has left behind her little to boast of but those magnificent temples, triumphs of Masonic art, that amaze the Nile traveller at Karnak, at Luxor, or at Thebes. Thoughts of sadness must be excited in the breasts of those who, standing in the luxuriant plain of Coele-Syria, by those three enormous and highly-decorated columns of the Temple of the Sun at Baalbec, they will doubt which most to admire, the chasteness of the carving or the stupendous grandeur of the architecture; but, in either case, they will involuntarily raise their hands, and exclaim, "Oh, wonderful Masons!" What traveller, but has painfully pleasurable motions stirred up within him when, according to Mahomedan rule, he takes his shoes from off his feet, and treads noiselessly in thoughtful silence over the temple area of Mount Moriah, where our Grand Master Solomon, guided by the Great Architect of the Universe, built that temple to the Most High, in which were the emblematic pillars? Wander now over the marshy plain through which the Meander flows, and what is now left of the once proud capital of Pro-consular Asia—Ephesus? Where now is that temple with its one hundred and twenty-seven kingly pillars, the shrine of the great goddess Diana, of whom Demetrius, the Craftsman—not, indeed, of our Craft—boasted, perhaps, with a little pardonable vanity, "All Asia and the world worshippeth?" Why, its site cannot now be identified—its pillars, each of them the gift of a king, serve only to adorn the Mosque of St. Sophia, in Stamboul. Yes, companions, Greece has bequeathed to us her everlasting tongue, and Rome the germ of polity and law;

but the bright collection of endowments, which go to form civilisation, having no root in itself, could not weather the storms of time and change. But there is a community which has weathered all these storms. Taking its rise in the earliest ages, founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, it has pursued an onward course from age to age, a three thousand years' tale, not yet full told; but there is light all along its course, pointing the pathway to a happier land. Companions, Freemasonry can boast not only a most remote origin, but a most glorious career. Like a golden thread in some texture of beauty, it has run through the varying fabric of human thought, and like, the mighty Nile, it has wound its devious way through many a land, overflowing and fertilising the nations in its course. Meeting with various forms of religious belief and civil government, it has allied itself to all in proportion as each system was disciplined by order, practised in virtue, and founded on truth. Ours is indeed, a glorious fabric! Founded in strength, ordered by wisdom, and adorned with beauty! Purity of thought, integrity of life, benignity of manner, and, above all, charity, are the garments with which every true Royal Arch Mason is invested. It would be easy, companions, to dilate on the teachings of the Three Craft Degrees; but when we approach what seems to be the Fourth Degree in Freemasonry—the Holy Royal Arch—our ease disappears. Like the ladder in Jacob's dream, the base rests on a solid foundation, the intermediate steps are clear and well defined; but the summit is buried in the clouds! We naturally pause in the presence of that awful name, around which centres the solemn mysteries of this Supreme Degree, and a voice whispers to one and all of us:—"Draw not nigh hither; take off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is Holy Ground." Let us, then follow the safe and reverential guidance of God's ancient people, the Jews, and the High Priest, when he entered the sanctum sanctorum, to make atonement for the sins of the people. The Essenes, a sect of the Jews, and from whom some think the Royal Arch Degree was derived, were especially careful on the point of secrecy. They formed themselves into a strict association, bound together by the most solemn obligations, spending their substance on their poorer brethren, and avoiding all topics of religious discussion. They advanced by successive degrees, at intervals of a year, and after repeated examinations. On admission, the initiate was adjured to lead a pure and holy life, to guard carefully, and transmit faithfully the secrets of the Order. Let us, then, imitate the reverence by which they were actuated. May it, companions, lead us to a proper reverence for the incomprehensible Jehovah, the Ruler of the Universe, the elemental life, the primordial source of all its principles, the very spring and fountain of all its virtues. Companions, if we have used the working tools of a Royal Arch Mason aright, if, with the pickaxe, we have cleared away the ruins of the temple of a fuller nature; if, with the trowel, we have built up a fairer temple for the reception of truth and virtue; if, with the sword by our side, we have fought for the weak against the strong, the true against the false, the good against the evil; if, with the spade, we have buried the rubbish of the body of the old Adam, then to us, as to our ancient brethren, the sun at its meridian shall dispel the mists of doubt, ignorance, and error, and make that light to us in death which was dark in life. Then, prostrating ourselves on the mercy of the true and living God, Most High, we shall be exalted to the Grand Chapter above. Then shall we see Jehovah, not as through a glass darkly, but face to face.

The three Principals who assisted the Consecrating Principal were Comps. Hayward, Bowes, and Gardiner, and Comp. Lamonby acted as Director of Ceremonies.

After the new chapter had been dedicated and constituted, the three Principals designate were installed by M.E. Comp. Bowes.

The officers appointed were as follows:—Comps. J. R. Banks, S.E.; J. H. Banks, S.N.; A. Walter, P.S.; R. Brown, 1st Ass. S.; E. G. Mitchell, 2nd Ass. S.; J. Gardiner, Treas.; J. Quay, D.C.; P. Dodgson, St. Br.

M.E. Comp. Bowes having been thanked for his services, and elected an honorary member of Nicholson Chapter, propositions of candidates for exaltation and joining members were given, after which the chapter was solemnly closed.

Subsequently the companions partook of a banquet, presided over by M.E. Comp. Nicholson, Z.; supported by Comps. Collin, H., and Mandie, J.

An emergency chapter was held the following evening, when Bro. J. H. Raven, Lodge 371, was exalted by M.E. Comp. Bowes, assisted by M.E. Comp. J. Barr, P.Z. 119, as P.S.

#### GRAND PRIORY OF LANCASHIRE.

By command of Sir Knight Clement Robert Nuttall Beswicke-Royds, Grand Commander of the County Palatine of Lancaster, the Knights of that division were summoned to attend a Grand Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, at the Guild Hall, Preston, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., to assist in the transaction of divers urgent and important business in connection with the province of Lancashire.

The Prince of Peace Preceptory was opened shortly before one o'clock, and the Prov. Priory was subsequently opened by the V.E.G.C., Sir Knight C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds. The Registrar called over the muster roll of P.G. Officers and of the priories in the province; letters of apology from absent officers were acknowledged; and the minutes of the Prov. Grand Conclave, holden at Southport on the 18th day of May, 1878, were submitted and confirmed.

The appointment and investiture of the Provincial Officers were subsequently proceeded with, but, unfortunately, we are unable to give these, owing to the singular action

of the Grand Commander of the province. Our representative asked for the courtesy usually extended to him by the heads of the various Masonic bodies to be allowed to copy the list of appointments, but this privilege was refused without any valid reason being assigned. Under these circumstances it is impossible to give information which must have proved interesting to our numerous readers in Lancashire.

The assembled Knights banqueted after business.

#### ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL.

We have been requested to publish the following appeal, which we do with much pleasure, thoroughly approving of the object:—

"The proposed restoration of the West Front of the Cathedral Church of St. Alban's by the Freemasons of England, under the patronage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.; H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., P.G.M. Oxfordshire; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., P.G.M. West Lancashire; His Grace the Duke of Manchester, P.G.M. Hunts and Northants; Earl Ferrers, P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutlandshire; Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire; Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., P.G.M. Kent; Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire; Lord Methuen, P.G.M. Wiltshire; Lord Sherborne, P.G.M. Gloucestershire; Lord De Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire; Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk; Lord Henniker, S.G.W.; Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Sussex; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; Lt.-Col. F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M. Jersey; John Fawcett, P.G.M. Durham; Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorsetshire; T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Hertfordshire; Major W. H. Smyth, P.G.M. Lincolnshire; Lt.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire.

"On Feb. 11th, 1879, a meeting was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, to consider a proposal that the Freemasons of England do undertake the restoration of some special portion of St. Alban's Cathedral as a memorial to St. Alban. A proposal to this effect had originated with the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, and has since been brought forward at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire, held at Watford, on July 26th, 1878, and the scheme approved, and a local Committee appointed to endeavour to carry out the undertaking.

"At the meeting of Feb. 11th, 1879, after a full explanation as to the nature of the proposal, it was unanimously resolved that the Freemasons of England be invited to subscribe towards the restoration of some special portion of the Cathedral, and a Central Committee was thereupon appointed, with power to add to their number, to carry out this object. It was further decided to undertake the restoration of the West Front of the Cathedral, or, in the event of the funds not being sufficient to carry out the whole scheme, one or more of the three beautiful but sadly dilapidated porches at the west end of the building.

"These porches may justly be considered not only to exhibit the most beautiful architectural details of this grand Cathedral, but from the extreme delicacy and beauty of their design, they cannot be excelled by any other examples of this or any other date throughout the kingdom. They were built by Abbot John de Cella, at the commencement of the 13th century, and formed part of a magnificent design for the reconstruction of the nave of the Abbey Church, which from want of the necessary funds was only partially carried out. The style of architecture is that commonly known as "Early English" or "First Pointed," and may well compare with similar examples to be found at Lincoln, Ely, Salisbury, and Wells Cathedrals, the Western or Galilee Porch of Ely Cathedral bearing a special resemblance to the central porch at St. Alban's.

"It is this central western porch which the Committee propose first to undertake, and their proposal has been most strongly approved by the executive Committee for the restoration of the Cathedral, who are specially anxious to see this portion of the work taken in hand, as this will form the completion of the main structural repairs, which have been going on for several years. A rough estimate was prepared by the late Sir Gilbert Scott, shortly before his death, which states that the probable cost for the restoration of the central porch would be £2500, and for each of the side porches £2000, or for the entire west front £9000. These sums appear at first sight very large, but very much will have to be done on account of the decayed and mutilated condition of the stone work. There can be no question as to the improvement which will be effected by the careful restoration of the west front. At some period, probably in the 16th or 17th century, some economical repairs were carried out. The outer portions of the north and south porches were cut away, and a plain and unsightly wall built up, which has entirely concealed the north and south porches, and the early English arcade on each side of them.

"It must, we think, be acknowledged that the Abbey Church of St. Alban's has a special interest for, as well as a special claim on the consideration of, all English Freemasons. The original church, built by King Offa in the 8th century, and of which portions remain, was erected by him, and, as we are told, the "Hond Masons," to the memory of St. Alban. Without asserting for Freemasonry a positive connection with St. Alban, it is nevertheless an undoubted fact that all the operative Guild legends from the 15th century claim Alban as a patron of Freemasons, and as the person who procured a charter for the assembly, and settled the amount of Masons' wages. This statement probably refers to the fact, that he was in some way officially connected with one of the operative Guilds or 'Collegia Fabrorum,' from which the Guilds clearly came. The earliest mention of St. Alban in connection with Ma-

sony is to be found in the Prose Constitutions, among the additional MSS. of the British Museum of date 1425. There we read at line 605:—"And Saint Alban loved well Masons, and he gave them first their charges and manners first in England, and he ordained convenient times to pay for the travail."

"This statement is repeated and amplified in numerous other Guild legends, such as the two Harlian MSS., the two Sloane, the three York, the Scottish MSS., the Lodge of Hope and the Alwick MS. In the Lansdowne MS., A.D. 1560, we find these words:—"St. Alban was a worthy knight and steward of the king, his household, and had government of his realm, and also of the making of the walls of the said town, and he loved well Masons, and cherished them much, and made their pay right good for he gave them 3 and vid. a week and iiii.; before that time all the land a Mason took but one penny a day and his meat, till St. Alban mended it, and he gave them a charter of the king and his "council," for to hold a general assembly, and gave it to name assembly."

"In the Antiquity MS. of date 1686, we find this further statement in addition to the above:—"And he got them a charter from the king and his "council," to hold a general "council," and gave it to name "assemblee," thereat he was himself, and did help to make Masons, and gave them charges as you shall here afterwards."

"In 'Krause's' so-called York MS., of date the beginning of this century (but of which it is fair to remark the original is so far unknown), we find this statement, amplified somewhat in these words:—"He, "that is St. Alban," made constitutions and charges for the Masons, and taught them the customs, everything as Amphibalus had taught him. He procured for them also good pay, for he gave to the workmen two shillings per week and three pence for their food, while formerly they had only one penny and their food. He also obtained a charter from the Emperor Carausius according to which the workmen in the whole of Britain were made into a society by themselves, and were placed under the architects, which had not been the case before, as each individual had taken work where he found it to do. St. Alban belonged to this society himself, helped to admit new workmen, and took care that they had always plenty of work, and he was the first to do this in Britain." With this unvarying tradition then before us, it seems most reasonable that the Freemasons of to-day, remembering their own Guild legends, will be glad to co-operate in the present seasonable and needful effort to restore that noble memorial of the pious labours of the past, which so appeals to our sympathies as patriots, lovers of architecture, and as Freemasons.

"Is it too much to hope that the present scheme will commend itself to the Freemasons of England, as it has to those of Hertfordshire, as well as to our Royal Grand Master and the Central Committee in London, and that our numerous and generous brotherhood will gladly embrace the opportunity of aiding to restore the goodly fabric of St. Alban's Cathedral, and thus, as speculative Masons, identify themselves with those famous operative sodalities which have left such striking witnesses of their devotion to art and religion in these glorious "Houses of God in our land," which, like that at St. Alban's, remain to attest the good and kindly 'art of Masonry'?"

"To carry out this object, subscriptions are invited from the entire Craft, in such amounts as the brethren may be disposed to give, the maximum donation of each individual brother being limited to £5. Payments may be made either to the London and County Bank, Head Office, Lombard-street, E.C., or to the Branch at St. Alban's; or direct to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. C. E. Keyser, by whom formal receipts for all contributions will be given."

#### CONSECRATION OF THE HERVEY LODGE, No. 1788.

This new lodge was duly consecrated on the 8th of March at Mount Moriah, Port of Spain, Trinidad, by W. Bro. Cook, P.D.D.G.M., &c. The brethren having entered the lodge-room, Bro. Cook took the chair, and the Wardens were nominated. W. Bro. C. H. Phillips, W.M. 405, P.D.G.S.W., &c., officiated as Secretary.

The other worshipful brethren taking part in the ceremonial were Bros. M. R. Marquez, P.M. 368, and representative, by patent of appointment, of lodges in the Republic of Venezuela, assisted by J. H. Rat, W.M. 911; J. D. Gillezean, P.M.; L. E. DesRoses, P.M. 368; L. J. Alcazar, W.M. 368.

After the lodge had been duly opened in the Three Degrees, prayer was offered, and the Presiding Officer, in a brief address, stated the nature of the meeting.

The warrant constituting the new lodge was read by W. Bro. Phillips, and the brethren having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, Bro. Phillips then delivered an oration on the excellences of the Craft.

The ceremony of the consecration was ably and impressively done.

The lodge having been resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. W. R. Prizgar, S.W. 405, P.D.G. Treas., the W.M. designate, a brother well able to propagate the general principles of the institution with zeal and ability, was duly installed as the first Master of the Hervey Lodge, this sublime ceremony being rendered with astonishing solemnity and effect.

The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—W. Bros. C. H. Phillips, S.W.; J. H. Rat, J.W.; J. D. Gillezean, Sec.—these three exalted brethren (who are already up the ladder of Freemasonry) most willingly consented for the success of the new lodge to fill the offices to which they were appointed; Bros. P. A. Francis, Treas.; H. W. Armstrong, S.D.; C. B. Clement, J.D.; A. B. Warner, I.G.; and J. Matthews, Tyler.

The names of brethren who were ready to become joining members were given to the Secretary, and their applications read.



The lodge having been closed, a very choice banquet followed, provided by Mr. S. C. Baynes, of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, in his well-known first rate style, the table being tastefully decorated, and the viands and all the wines were of the most excellent quality. All the usual loyal and Masonic toasts (interspersed with music, kindly got up by W. Bro. M. R. Marquez) were given, and heartily responded to.

It is needless to add that a most pleasant evening was spent, and all concurred in wishing Bro. Prizgar and the Hervey Lodge every possible success.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.**

The annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in connection with the installation meeting of the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 24th ult. Among the companions present were the Prov. G. Superintendent, W. Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S.; C. Stretton (Mayor of Leicester), P.G.J.; George Toller (P.G.S.B. Eng.), P.G.E.; H. Deane, P.G.N.; J. C. Duncombe, P.G.P.S.; R. Boughton-Smith, P.G. Asst. Soj.; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Reg.; R. Waite, P.G. Sec. Br.; J. T. Thorp, P.G.D. of C.; J. Wright-Smith, J. 279; W. Carrick Crofts, M.D., M.E.Z. 779; W. S. Allen, J. 779; R. Dalgleish, J. 1130; H. Meadows, M.B.; Knight, Pickering, Musson, and others. After the minutes had been read, and the Treasurer's accounts passed, the Principals of the Chapter of Fortitude for the ensuing year were duly installed into their respective chairs by the Prov. Grand Superintendent, viz., Comps. J. T. Thorp, Z.; J. Wright-Smith, H.; and Dr. Grant, J. The following Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested:

- Comp. C. Stretton (Mayor of Leicester) Prov. G.H.
- " Henry Deane ... .. Prov. G.J.
- " George Toller, jun. (re-appointed) Prov. G.E.
- " Duncombe ... .. Prov. G.N.
- " Mammatt ... .. Prov. G.P. Soj.
- " Partridge ... .. Prov. 1st A.G.P.Sj.
- " Dr. Crofts ... .. Prov. 2nd A.G.P.Sj.
- " Sculthorpe (re-elected) ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- " Waite ... .. Prov. G. Reg.
- " Walter S. Allen ... .. Prov. G.S.B.
- " Henry James ... .. Prov. G. St. Br.
- " J. T. Thorp (re-appointed) ... .. Prov. G.D. of C.
- " R. Dalgleish ... .. Prov. G. Org.
- " J. Wright-Smith, Comp. Musson, } Prov. G. Stewards.
- and Comp. Kew ... .. }
- " T. Dunn ... .. P.G. Janitor.

The business of the Provincial Grand Chapter being concluded, the chairs of the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, were taken by the newly-installed Principals, when the other officers were invested.

Bros. the Rev. F. H. Richardson, M.A., S.W. 1560; R. J. Harradine, 523; J. Harrison, I.G. 1391; and J. Dove Harris, 1560, having been unanimously elected on ballot, were duly exalted in a highly efficient manner by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by Comp. Worthington, P. Soj., after which the P.G. Superintendent, Comp. Kelly, delivered the Mystical Lecture.

On the conclusion of the business the companions sat down to an elegant banquet, to which full justice was done, and a few hours spent very pleasantly and harmoniously.

In reference to the Treasurer's account of this chapter it may be mentioned that whilst the balance from last year and the receipts amounted to £89 9s. 6d., the only outlay upon refreshments was £1 19s. 6d., "deficiency in the Stewards' accounts for the year ending February, 1878." There was contributed in charity £16 16s.; Grand Chapter fees £14 7s. 6d.; rent of hall £10; subscriptions, &c., to Masonic library at the hall for books £5 12s., &c., &c., leaving a balance in hand of £33 15s.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES.**

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the united province of Cheshire and North Wales was held on Friday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Llandudno. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the warrant of St. David's Lodge, Number 38 on the roll of Grand Lodge.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master was attended by the following Prov. Grand Officers:—Bros. William Bulkeley Hughes, M.P. (acting), V.W.D.P.G.M.M.; George Higgins, P.S.G.W.; Frederick K. Stevenson, P.S.J.W.; W. L. Banks, P.G.M.O.; R. M. Townsend, P.G.J.O.; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; Donald Fraser, P.G.R.; Hugh Williams, P.G.A.D.C.; William Warren, P.G.I.G.; J. Worthington, P.G. Tyler; Dr. T. C. Roden, P.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Matthews, P.P.J.W.; G. L. Woodley, P.P.G.J.O.; Major Henry Platt, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.R.; R. Heathcote, P.P.G.J.W.; Edwd. Friend, P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Coxhead, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Lillie Ellis, P.P.G.S.D.; Reginald S. Chamberlain, P.P.G.D.C.; and several other Past Provincial Grand Officers of this and the adjoining province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer at three o'clock by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, when in answer to the roll call every lodge in the province was represented.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read letters of apology from the following Provincial Grand Officers who were unable to attend:—The Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Captain Hunter, Captain Hampton Lewis, W. Arthur Harrison, Charles H. Coates, H. H. Gilbody, Rev. J. W.

Newelle Tanner, T. H. Kirk, John Pemberton, C. H. Matier, R. C. Griffiths, and J. R. Ross.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge held at Birkenhead, which were duly confirmed.

A grant was made of fourteen guineas each to the Cheshire and North Wales and Stropshire Masonic Educational Institution.

The R.W.P.G.M.M. nominated and invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

- Bro. Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, M.A. ... .. Prov. D.G.M.M.
- " W. L. Banks ... .. Prov. G.S.W.
- " Edward Friend ... .. Prov. G.J.W.
- " Thos. C. Thorburn ... .. Prov. G.M.O.
- " Edward Smith ... .. Prov. G.S.O.
- " Thomas H. Kirk ... .. Prov. G.J.O.
- " Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner ... .. Prov. G.C.
- " Rev. B. Mayon ... .. Prov. G.C.
- " Fredk. K. Stevenson ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- " Richard Newhouse ... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- " Major Tudor ... .. Prov. G.R.
- " A. J. Breerton ... .. Prov. G.S.D.
- " Hugh Williams ... .. Prov. G.J.D.
- " Wm. Agar Renshaw ... .. Prov. G.J.W.
- " Dr. Roland Rogers ... .. Prov. G.D.C.
- " John Dutton ... .. Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " Henry Jones ... .. Prov. G.S.D.
- " Robert Owen ... .. Prov. G.S.B.
- " Herbert Ellis ... .. Prov. G. Org.
- " Chas. S. Dean ... .. Prov. G.I.G.
- " John Worthington ... .. Prov. G. Tyler.
- " A. McMillan, J. R. L. Hazeldine, } Prov. G. Stewards.
- and J. C. Purvis ... .. }

After the other business had been transacted, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren for the large attendance, and congratulated them on the increasing prosperity of Mark Masonry. He particularly thanked the Prov. Grand Officers for the assistance and attention they had rendered him during the last twelve months. His parliamentary duties were of that arduous nature that he could not possibly visit the lodges as he would wish. He was glad to learn that it was likely North Wales would soon form itself into a province, as from the neighbourhood of Manchester to Holyhead was too much for one province to be well looked after.

After the lodge closed the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, which gave satisfaction to all, at the Imperial Hotel.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF JAMAICA.**

At a meeting of Mark Master Masons held on the 26th March, at Freemasons' Hall, Hanover-street, Kingston, Jamaica, the Right Wor. Dr. R. Hamilton, P.G.M.M.M., constituted the Prov. Grand Mark Master Masons Lodge of Jamaica, appointing the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—

- R.W. Bro. J. W. Whithourne, 42 ... .. Prov. D.G.M.M.M.
- W. " J. J. G. Lewis, 230 ... .. Prov. G.S.W.
- W. " R. Langley, 240 ... .. Prov. G.J.W.
- W. " G. J. De Cordova, 242 ... .. Prov. G.M.O.
- " A. De Cordova, 230 ... .. Prov. G.S.O.
- " G. J. Sergeant, 240 ... .. Prov. G.J.O.
- " R. Stuies, jun., 240 ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- " E. X. Leon, 240 ... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- " O. D. Igado, sen., 242 ... .. Prov. G.R. of M.
- " S. E. Pietersz, 42 ... .. Prov. G.S.D.
- " J. S. Asheuhierne, 230 ... .. Prov. G.J.D.
- " O. Delgado, jun., 242 ... .. Prov. G.I. of W.
- " G. J. Peynado, 42 ... .. Prov. G.D. of C.
- " G. A. Campbell, 240 ... .. Prov. G. Swd. B.
- " D. Bamed, 242 ... .. Prov. G. Std. B.
- " A. H. Jones, 42 ... .. Prov. G. Org.
- " G. R. Taylor, 42 ... .. Prov. G.I.G.
- " Dr. T. Allen, 42; Bro. } Prov. G. Stewards.
- Capt. W. P. Didson, } 230; Bro. L. C. Hollar, }
- 242 ... .. }
- " G. Magnus ... .. Prov. G. Tyler.

**TESTIMONIAL TO THE REV. G. W. MACDONALD, B.A.**

A highly successful entertainment was given in the Assembly Rooms, Holbeach, on Wednesday evening, the 16th ult., under the auspices of the Alexandra Lodge of Freemasons, when a purse of upwards of £40 was presented to the Rev. Grant W. Macdonald, B.A., who has been curate of this parish for the last eight years, and has just been preferred to the vicarage of Holbeach, St. Mark's. The audience was one of the largest we have seen collected in the rooms for some time past, and it was a cheering sight to see so many of the parishioners taking an evident interest in what was going on, and must have done the rev. gentleman's heart good to feel that his labours amongst the people had been appreciated.

The proceedings commenced with a speech from the Worshipful Master (Bro. Hodgins), who said that Masons had assembled that evening to do honour to the son of a distinguished Mason, while parishioners were there to express their esteem for one who had been their pastor for some time.

An excellent programme was then performed, of which we have only room to state that the singing was very good, and the audience testified, by their repeated encores, how much they appreciated its superior character.

Bro. A. M. Welch, I.G. 985, then advanced up the room with a large purse, and, addressing the Worshipful Master, informed him that it contained over £40, collected from

subscribers, and the W.M. then called upon Canon Hemmans, the vicar, to present the testimonial.

The rev. gentleman then said that he could only compare the proceedings that evening to the opening of Parliament in the absence of the Queen; they had had the flourish of trumpets, &c., in the good concert they had enjoyed, and it was his part now to read the Queen's speech, like the Lord Chancellor (laughter). He was sure his dear brother would fully appreciate their kindness to him that evening, one, like many other kindnesses, dealt out to him, and they were very glad to offer him this token of their respect. Clergymen lived in glass houses; they all looked to see how they lived. For his part, he was glad to feel they were not to lose him from the neighbourhood, and he trusted their prayers would follow him to his new sphere of work. It had been his pleasing duty to promote both curates whom he had found in the parish when he came to it, and concluded by presenting the testimonial.

The Rev. Grant Macdonald, in his reply, thanked the parishioners for the honour they had done him, and said that he would long remember their kindness, though he felt he did not deserve it; it was not the first time they had been so good to him, so that he was under a double debt of gratitude, which he could never repay. To the Freemasons he must especially return his thanks that evening, because he was not a Freemason himself, but as the son of the late Grand Master of Southern India, and the grandson of a former Grand Master of Sumatra, he felt that it was only an accident he was not a Mason, for Masonic blood might be said to be in his veins. He felt, with regard to his work in the parish, many others would have done it better, and fully appreciated their goodness in looking at it so kindly by taking the will for the deed, and, quoting an anecdote about Sidney Smith's first elevation to a benefice, which excited the laughter of the audience, he hoped his feelings were not of a similar nature. He reminded them that he was called to increased responsibilities, and concluded by asking for their prayers.

After singing the "National Anthem" the audience separated, having spent a very enjoyable evening, and we are sure that all wish Mr. Macdonald success in the future of his ministry.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. JOHN TUNNAH.**

The brethren of East Lancashire and many other brethren will learn with regret that their veteran Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. John Tunnah, departed this life on Sunday, 27th ult., in his 72nd year. The deceased brother was seized with an attack of paralysis about eight weeks ago, and for the past six weeks it had assumed such severity as to completely prostrate him. He was attended by Dr. F. B. Mallett, but all his skill proved unavailing, and death ensued at a quarter to four on Sunday afternoon, at his residence No. 111, Manchester-road, Bolton. Initiated on the 5th of July, 1849, in the Anchor and Hope Lodge, then No. 44 (now No. 37), Bolton, deceased was immediately appointed Secretary of his lodge, in which office he exerted himself assiduously for about seven years, and on his retirement from that office he was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel. In the year 1868 he served as Master of his mother lodge. Soon after his initiation he joined the St. John's Lodge, then No. 268 (now No. 221), Bolton, serving the office of J.W. in 1850, and W.M. in 1851. In 1854 he was appointed Prov. G. Secretary by Lord Francis Egerton (afterwards Earl of Ellesmere), R.W. Prov. G. Master, which office he continued to hold up to the time of his death, a period of 25 years, during which period he had without exception attended the whole of the meetings of the Prov. G. Lodge. On his re-appointment in 1874 for the 21st time as Prov. G. Secretary he was presented by Col. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G. Master, with a splendid jewel, as a mark of his appreciation of Bro. Tunnah's long and eminent services. At the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master, on 28th April, 1875, Bro. Tunnah attended as one of the special Stewards from East Lancashire. Bro. Tunnah was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Chapter of Concord, No. 37, Bolton, on the 2nd Oct., 1850, and after passing through the various offices, served as First Principal in 1855, and for many years he has held the office of Prov. G. Scribe E. Deceased was also a P.E.C. of the St. James of Jerusalem Encampment of Knights Templar, a Past Prov. G. Mark Overseer of Lancashire, and a member of the Eighteenth Degree, and numerous other Masonic Orders, but his great affection in Masonry was for the Craft Degrees. By profession he was a public accountant and auditor, having been in practice in Bolton (his native town) upwards of 40 years, the last 10 years of which he was in partnership with Bro. James Newton, who had for many years previously been his confidential clerk. By the expressed wish of the deceased the funeral, which took place on the 1st May, was strictly private.

**BRO. WILLIAM BROWN.**

On Wednesday afternoon, the 23rd ult., there was a large gathering of Masonic brethren (in spite of the exceedingly unpleasant weather), at Anfield Cemetery, on the outskirts of Liverpool, to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of Bro. William Brown, who for a good many years had been identified with the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, meeting at West Derby, and latterly with the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620, meeting at Tuebrook, near Liverpool. Amongst those present were Bros. H. Hindle, W.M. 1620; C. Tyrer, S.W. 1620; W. Woods, P.M. 1620; Luke Bagnall, Treasurer 1620; Thomas McCracken, J.D. 1620; W. King, I.G. 1620; F. B. Bramham, W.M. 1299; W. S. Bennett, S.W. 1299, and S.D. 1620; P. McMildrow, P.M. 1299, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C. 1299; W. Hiles, Sec. 1299; H. P. Bloomer, S.D. 1299; C. Ainsworth, S.S. 1299; R. W. Taylor, J.S. 1299;

R. Langley, P.M. 1299; T. Sammons, P.M. 1393; A. Mackay, T. E. Ingham, E. G. Tisdale, W. Bulcock, J. A. Barrow, J. McFall, W. Cotter, J. P. Titterton, G. King, 823; R. Armitage, T. J. Newman, W. J. Seymour, and others. There were altogether about 60 brethren, but the attendance would have been much larger if the time of the funeral had been better known and the weather more favourable.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### HUTCHINSON'S "SPIRIT OF MASONRY."

Referring to Bro. Newington Bridges' note on "The Spirit of Masonry," in your last, and my own note thereon in the previous week's issue of the *Freemason*, I have, since the latter was written, fallen across a comparatively new edition of Bro. Hutchinson's admirable work, edited by Bro. Dr. Oliver, from which I find that "The Spirit of Masonry" was "originally sanctioned by Lord Petre, G.M., and the Grand Lodge, in 1766." The edition of 1796, mentioned by myself, as also that of 1775, referred to by Bro. Bridges, were, therefore, subsequent to the first edition. I formerly remarked that Bro. Hutchinson was also the author of the now scarce "History of Cumberland." A well-known antiquarian in this neighbourhood now informs me that Bro. Hutchinson, about the same time (1796), published a similar "History of Durham," and, further, that he was a native of the county of Durham. We have always claimed him as a Cumbrian. "The Spirit of Masonry," I may add, is sold by Bro. Kenning, 108, Fleet-street.

W. F. LAMONBY.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

The Granite Chapter, of which M.E. Comp. Jas. Lewis Thomas, G.S.B. of England, is the M.E.Z. designate, is to be consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, the 9th inst., by M.E. Comp. John Hervey, Grand S.E. of England, assisted by M.E. Comp. Colonel Francis Burdett as H.; and M.E. Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., as J.; E. Comp. Buss, G. Swd. Bearer, will act as Director of Ceremonies.

Our Bro. John Batley's third daughter, Edith, was married to Mr. J. F. D. Waggett, the grandson of an old Freemason, and formerly a member of the Lodge of Antiquity, on Monday last, by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., at St. John's, Notting-hill, before a most brilliant gathering, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Gell, and Rev. Dr. Thornton. It is a curious coincidence that both Bros. Woodford and Batley belong also to the Lodge of Antiquity.

**A TETOTAL RIFLE SHOT.**—Of Dr. W. F. Carver, whose skill as a marksman has excited some interest at the Crystal Palace, the *Times* (April 15) says:—"The Tectotalers will be pleased to know that Dr. Carver has never tasted any intoxicating drinks, nor does he use tobacco in any form."

The Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, limited with a capital of £3000 in 600 shares of £5 each, has been formed for the purpose of acquiring a building and adapting it for the accommodation of Masonic lodges, chapters, &c.

A large and distinguished body of brethren were present on Wednesday last, at the installation meeting of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The London Fever Hospital, whose funds have been so much in need of assistance that the committee has had constantly to encroach upon its small invested capital, has received an anonymous donation of £1000.

Alderman Sir J. C. Lawrence, M.P., took part in the opening of a bazaar in aid of the funds of the Surrey Association for the general welfare of the Blind, at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. Coward, Past Grand Organist, is seriously ill of congestion of the lungs.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights K. H. 30<sup>e</sup>, will be held at the Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday next, at 4.45 p.m.

A National Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, London, on Friday next, at three o'clock, when the Great Prior will nominate and invest his officers, and other business will be transacted. The banquet will take place at half-past, under the presidency of the Great Prior, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, G.C.T.

Live for something. Do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love, and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with year by year; you will never be forgotten. No; your name, your deeds, will be as legible on the hearts you leave behind as the stars on the brow of the evening. Good deeds will shine as the stars of heaven.—*Chalmers*.

The Marquis of Hartington, M. P., will preside at the twenty-first annual dinner of the Railway Benevolent Institution, at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday, May 14th.

M. Alderman Hadley, after making a tour in North Germany, has gone on a visit to Vienna.

The following reports of Lodge Meetings, &c., are in type, but stand over for want of space:—Lodge of Fraternity, Nova Ecclesia Lodge, Wellington Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Connaught Lodge; Presentation to a Prov. Grand Chaplain.

Some quaint pictorial cards have been issued by Bro. F. Thomas, hatter, 167, Fleet-street. The pictures are the outcome of a lively fancy, and at the back of the cards the merits of Mr. Thomas's specialities are described in verse, which is suggestive of the time when a certain firm of outfitters kept their own poet.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 9, 1879.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1194, Villiers, Grotto Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, S.E.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

#### MONDAY, MAY 5.

Lodge 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.  
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.  
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-erd-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 6.

Colonial Board at 4.  
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1298, Royal Std., Wellington Cl., Wellington-st., N.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.  
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.

Chap. 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Mark 1, St. Marks, F.M. Tavern, Gt. Queen-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.  
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Waudsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.  
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.  
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7.

Grand Chapter, 6 for 7.  
Lodge 10, Westminster and Keyston, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.  
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.  
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.  
Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.  
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.  
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 8.

Lodge 19, R. Athelstan, Bridge House Hot.  
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd-qrs., 1st Surrey R'fles.  
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H.  
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Lambroke Hot., Notting-hl.  
Encamp. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hot.  
" 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.  
Covent Garder, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.  
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 9.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.  
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.  
P.G.C. and R.O. of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq.  
Great Priory, Cannon-st. Hot.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Begrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 10, 1879.

#### MONDAY, MAY 5.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 613, Unity, Palatine-bldgs., Southport.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot, Waterloo.  
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 6.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Leonards.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Bootle, L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1067, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1080, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.  
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1403, W. Lanca-hire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.  
Mark 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-street, Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 8.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.  
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Croxteth United Service, Liverpool.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.  
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 9.

Lodge 1282, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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