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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Montague J. Guest, Provincial Grand Master for Dorsetshire, presided, and the other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were Bros. Samuel Rawson, P.D.G.M. China, as D.G.M.; Lord Kensington, M.P., S.G.W.; Major General Somerset G. Calthorpe, J.G.W.; Rev. W. A. Hill, G.C.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G.C.; Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer; E. J. McIntyre, G.C., G. Reg.; John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; John Hervey, G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Reginald Bird, S.G.D.; Matthew Clark, J.G.D.; John Gibson, G.S. Works; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), P.G.W., G.D.C.; Geo. Burt, Assistant G.D.C.; Samuel Mullens, G.S.B.; E. Willing, G. Org.; W. Wilson, G.P.; James Kench, Asst. G.P.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G.C.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Percy Leith, P.G.D.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.C.; J. Gibb, P.D.G.M., Bombay; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; N. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.C.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Capt. W. Platt, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Francis Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.G.C.; Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; W. H. Lucia, P.G.S.B.; James Lewis Thomas, P.G.A. D.C.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D.; John M. Clabon, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. Hickman, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; E. Warner Wheeler, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; S. L. Tomkins, and James Ebenezer Saunders, P.G.D.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication of 5th of March, and of Grand Festival of 30th of April, which were respectively put and confirmed.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 25, &c., rose and said: M.W.G.M. in the chair, before the papers are distributed for the elections which are about to come forward—(cries of "order, order," in the midst of which Bro. Stephens resumed his seat).

The M.W.G.M.: Brethren, the first business that I find upon the paper is the appointment of the Grand Tyler. I am sure, brethren, all of you must deeply regret to see the notice that stands at the bottom of the page of the agenda paper, by which we are informed that Bro. Charles Bryant Payne has been taken away from the Craft. We know he worked for many years very actively for the benefit of Freemasonry in this kingdom, and it is a great grief to us to find that he was removed from us almost suddenly. It is my duty now to inform you that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has appointed in his place Bro. Henry Sadler. (Loud applause.) I am sure, brethren, that this announcement will meet with your approval, and I beg to call upon him to come up for investment. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Henry Sadler was then introduced, and invested by the Acting Grand Master with the regalia of Grand Tyler amidst loud applause.

The M.W.G.M.: Brethren, the next business is the election of members of the Board of General Purposes, of the Colonial Board, and for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 25, &c., said: M.W.G.M., before the papers are distributed for the election that is now about to take place, I wish very respectfully to ask whether the sanction of the Board of General Purposes or any section of Grand Lodge has been given to the distribution of lists before the business commences, to the brethren who attend Grand Lodge, with a view apparently, though we cannot positively say so, of biasing the minds of those who are entitled to vote, in favour of those who are known to some friends in the Craft, rather than for any good they have done to the Order. I think that the impropriety of the act itself is quite sufficient to obviate the necessity

for speaking at large on the question. I, therefore, shall content myself by asking whether it is an act which is sanctioned by the Board of General Purposes, or by any section of Grand Lodge, or whether it is their wish that the minds of the brethren should be biased in favour of certain brethren by lists being placed in their hands when they attend Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, said: M.W.G.M., it is within my knowledge as a member of Grand Lodge that on most annual occasions various lists of suggested brethren have been handed about the room, and various ones have been placed in my hands; but in answer to the brother who had just spoken I must say that the Board of General Purposes had no such knowledge in former years of such lists, and with regard to the present they know of none now.

Bro. C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D., said: M.W.G.M., I think we have a very good precedent indeed for such lists in the principle adopted by the very first institution of this country, and that is the Bank of England. I think it is a very happy thought which has characterised the Grand Lodge of England that a house list should be distributed in order to guide the brethren who may not know (cries of no, no), in order to inform those who are not so well acquainted with the merits of the brethren. (Renewed cries of no, no).

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., said: M.W.G.M., I would say this, that I think it would be a very simple matter indeed if every brother when he signs his name and takes his bone before coming into Grand Lodge had delivered to him a voting paper, and every Grand Officer, when he signs his name, should also have a voting paper. I have a strong objection to seeing dozens of papers handed round this Grand Lodge. I know some members get more than one paper, for, unfortunately, on the occasion of the last election there were more votes given than there were brethren in Grand Lodge. If we were to adopt the principle of every brother having a voting paper when he signs his name, that would be remedied.

Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.W.C., then called for the Grand Deacons and Grand Stewards, who thereupon delivered voting papers to the brethren. The Scrutineers of Votes, of whom Bro. Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., was appointed Chairman, were entrusted, and retired to their room to scrutinise the votes. On their retirement from Grand Lodge,

The M.W.G.M. said: Brethren, I hold in my hand a book which has been presented to the Grand Lodge by Bro. R. F. Gould of the names and dates of the Four Old Lodges. I have no doubt several brethren present have heard of it. I personally have looked at it, and I have every reason to believe that it is a volume which will be of great service to the Craft and a valuable addition to the Masonic library. I am sure we heartily thank Bro. Gould for presenting this book to Grand Lodge, and I beg to propose that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Gould for his kind gifts. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. S. Rawson, acting Dep. G.M.: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I beg to second the motion with great pleasure, as I have known Bro. Gould a great many years, and I know he takes great interest in Freemasonry.

The motion was then put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Grand Secretary having read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for March, April, and May, on motions duly made by Bro. J. M. Clabon, and seconded respectively by Grand Treasurer, Bros. Case and Glaisher, the following grants were confirmed:—

	£	s.	d.
A brother of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby	75	0	0
A brother of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich	50	0	0
A brother of the Lewises' Lodge, No. 1209, Ramsgate	50	0	0
A brother of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, Southwark	50	0	0
A brother of the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London	100	0	0
A brother of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, London	50	0	0

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.
 To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes regret to make known to Grand Lodge that Bro. Charles Bryant Payne, who had for twenty-two years past filled, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Craft, the office of Grand Tyler, died at Freemasons' Hall on the 6th inst.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
 President.
 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
 20th May, 1879.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5065 2s.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

On the motion of Bro. J. B. Monckton, President, seconded by Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice-President, the report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read.

Bro. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, said: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I now move that the report be received and entered on the minutes. Grand Lodge will receive with regret the announcement it makes,

which has already been alluded to by the M.W.G.M. Grand Lodge, however, will be glad to know that the board has nothing to report upon on the ground of any Masonic misbehaviour.

Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice-President, seconded the motion, which was thereupon put and carried.

REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.
 To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Colonial Board beg to report that at their meeting on Tuesday, the 6th inst., after the President had quitted the chair,

It was unanimously resolved—
 That the thanks of the Colonial Board be hereby presented to its President, the W. Bro. John Anthony Rucker, P.G.D., for his able management of, and assiduous attention to, the business of the Board during the long period he has filled the office of President.

(Signed) GRIFFITHS SMITH,
 Vice-President.
 Freemasons' Hall, London,
 6th May, 1879.

On the motion of Bro. Griffiths Smith, Vice-President, seconded by Bro. Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., this report was taken as read.

Bro. Griffiths Smith: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I now propose that the report be received and entered on the minutes, and as Vice-President of the Board it is with great satisfaction I mention that the vote of thanks was proposed and given unanimously to Bro. Rucker, who has been President for the last three years, during which time I have acted under him as Vice-President. In that position I can testify to the merits of Bro. Rucker, and I fully concur in the vote that has been passed.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously.

The M.W.G.M.: Brethren, I am sorry to say there has been an omission in the proceedings. I should have read the following:—

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz:—

"The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed, on all occasions, by Bro. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER,
 Vice-President.

(Hear, hear.) I am sure, brethren, that this announcement requires no words from me. Bro. Monckton is, I may say, known to all of you far better than he can be to me; but I know one thing, brethren, that Bro. Monckton's name is not only familiar to the brethren in the Grand Lodge of England, but it is also universally known and respected throughout all the lodges in the provinces, in the Colonies, and in India. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. S. Rawson, acting Dep. G.M.: M.W.G.M., I beg to second the motion, and I can assure you that no one joins more heartily than I do in expressing esteem for Bro. Monckton.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. Monckton: M.W.G.M., I beg to thank you and the brethren.

The M.W.G.M. called upon Grand Secretary to read the report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Grand Secretary said: M.W.G.M. in the chair, the report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is yearly presented to Grand Lodge. There is no action taken on it; no law has to be altered, and consequently nothing can be done further than to present it to Grand Lodge, which accordingly I do now.

On the motion of Sir Albert Woods (Garter), P.G.W., G.D.C., seconded by Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, the report was received.

Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I beg leave to move

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months."

This is an annual grant, M.W.G.M., and I think it needless to take up the time of Grand Lodge by doing more than make the motion.

Bro. J. M. Case, P.G.D., seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.
 Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence: M.W.G.M. in the chair, the motion of which I have given notice is as follows:—

"That, considering the large amount which has been accumulated from the surplus income of the Fund of Benevolence, it is not expedient to continue the accumulation of the whole of that surplus."

I will very briefly state to you the facts relating to the Fund of Benevolence. In the year 1844 that fund amounted to £10,700 Consols. In the years from 1845 to 1868 it had increased at the rate of £860 a year, and then amounted to £20,000 or thereabouts. It will be in the remembrance of Grand Lodge that in the year 1868 a committee was appointed to consider various suggestions for alteration of the management of the Fund of Benevolence. That committee reported, and I may state at once that with one exception all its recommendations were adopted. The exception was this: they recommended that the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence should be divided into three parts; that one of those parts should still be allowed to accumulate for the objects of benevolence: of the other two parts they recommended that one should be given to the children in the Girls' School, and the other to the children in the Boys' School, for the purpose of furthering their prospects in after life on leaving school by apprenticing them, giving

them exhibitions in higher schools, or some objects of that kind. Grand Lodge was pleased on that occasion (I think they had hardly fully considered the proposed application) to decide that with £20,000 only the time had hardly arrived for applying a part of the Fund of Benevolence to any other objects than those of benevolence. After five years, in 1873, the fund had then gone on increasing at a much larger annual rate, at about £1,600 a year, and in the year 1873 it amounted to nearly £40,000. I then renewed the recommendation of the committee of 1868, proposing again a division of the surplus of each year into thirds, and the same application of those thirds. Again Grand Lodge thought the time had not arrived; they thought that a fund of £38,000 was not enough, and they still negatived the proposition. The Fund has now increased at a still larger ratio during the last six years. The first period was £960 a year, the second was £1,600 a year; it has now gone on increasing at the rate of £1,900 a year; and during the last year, 1878, the surplus amounted to no less a sum than £2,880, or say, to £3,000. You may take it, in short, that the Fund at present amounts to £50,000. You have never, during the whole history of the Fund of Benevolence, touched a penny of that accumulated Fund. Now, I would ask you, are you to go on increasing that Fund for ever? (Cries of "No, no," and "Yes.") What is the use of it? It is put into coffers in which no use is made of it; it accumulates in the Bank of England, and is not applied to benevolent purposes. Now for this sum of £50,000. I, having proposed on two former occasions a specific application of a proportion of that annual surplus, and Grand Lodge having negatived it—not, I believe, from any impression that my idea was a bad one, but simply on the ground that the time had not arrived for the proposed application of the Fund—I thought that the step ought to be taken as a tentative one, and that I should merely ask the opinion now of Grand Lodge whether they considered the time had come when they should determine whether or no the accumulation should go on for ever; because, if it is not to stop at £50,000, it may not stop at £100,000, so that you may go on like a miser who puts his gold into a chest for ever, and not make any use of it. I thought if my motion was put in this form, "That it is not expedient to continue the accumulation of the whole of the surplus," if you said "Yes, it was expedient," well there is an end of it for the present; if not, then I ought to be prepared to move for a committee to consider the matter, or that I should make a specific proposition to Grand Lodge. To-night my motion embraces this, whether the whole of the surplus of £3,000 a year is to go on accumulating from this time. That being so I have a very strong impression myself that we ought to do some good for Masonry in this our time of prosperity and for future Masonry. I have been this night in consultation with those who understand matters of form better than I do, and the opinion has been expressed that the motion ought to have been more specific—that it ought to involve a direct and intermediate alteration of the Constitutions relating to the Fund of Benevolence. I am convinced that the representations made to me by high authority are the true ones, and it would have been wise in me probably to have consulted higher authorities before I gave my notice; so at this time, with the impression the result of those communications that my notice is rather a bad one from want of form—not, I hope, from want of substance—I propose not to make it on the present occasion; but after consulting with authorities, and having advanced a regular form of notice, I hope to bring it forward on some future occasion before Grand Lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B.: M.W.G.M. in the chair. I think that after this matter has been introduced in the way it has been, it is not quite right for our Bro. Clabon to make a statement here in Grand Lodge and then to withdraw his proposition. I must remind brethren that I have a word to say upon this subject.

Sir Albert Woods: I rise to order. There is no question before Grand Lodge.

The M.W.G.M.: I think that Bro. Clabon withdrew his motion.

Bro. James Mason: I think there is a great deal to be said on the other side, M.W.G.M.

Bro. Driscoll: There is a strong feeling expressed in the part of the hall where I am standing that Bro. Clabon should persist in the course he has taken.

The M.W.G.M.: It appears impossible for a brother to make a motion unless he puts his proposal in a proper form, and if he desires to withdraw his motion we cannot force him to bring it on. (After a pause.) Brethren, I am commanded by the Grand Master to announce that he has appointed Bro. Monckton to be President of the Board of General Purposes. I have also great pleasure in announcing that his Royal Highness has appointed Bro. J. A. Rucker to be President of the Colonial Board. The result of the elections will be announced at the close of the scrutiny in the Grand Master's Room, and I shall remain there to receive it.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

The following is the result of the election for members of the Board of General Purposes, and of the Colonial Board:

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.			
Masters.	Lodge.		Votes.
Bro. William Hope, M.D.,...	...	2	191
" Joseph William Clever	...	171	174
" William Coppard Beaumont	...	26	172
" James Henry Matthews	...	143	172
" John Horne Payne	...	235	164
" George Pitt Lewis	...	165	155
" Lewis William Cave...	...	1610	150
" Edward B. Grabham	1494	139

Past Masters	Lodge.	Votes.
Bro. J. G. Stevens...	...	554 ... 225
" Henry Charles Levander	...	632 ... 218
" Frank Richardson	...	14 ... 198
" Edward Letchworth	...	1579 ... 157
" Frank Green...	...	1567 ... 153

COLONIAL BOARD.

W. Bro.	Office.	Votes.
John A. Rucker	President	...
Griffiths Smith	Vice-President.	...
Hugh D. Sandeman
Erasmus Wilson
James Brett	...	177 ... 267
Brackstone Baker...	...	21 ... 265
Robert Freke Gould	...	92 ... 244
Alfred Meadows, M.D.	...	4 ... 236
Francis Bennoch	...	1 ... 215
Frederick Adlard	...	7 ... 201

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 28th May. A substantial tea à la fourchette was prepared for the brethren at six o'clock in the spacious banqueting room, of which some forty-two partook. At 6.45 the lodge was opened in ancient form, Bro. H. Walley occupying the chair of K.S., supported by the following officers:—Bros. H. H. Warburton, acting S.W.; Alfred Heald, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, S.D.; J. Senior, J.D.; Geo. F. Smith, I.G.; William Siddeley, Secretary; R. Williams, P.M., Treasurer; H. H. Warburton, P.M., Organist; Joseph Mackie, P.M.; W. D. Waddell, William Livesey, John Studd, and Henry Heap, Stewards; and J. Kirk, Tyler. There were also present Bros. William Rome, P.M.; J. Wildgoose, P.M.; Geo. F. Smith, P.M.; J. Mackie, P.M.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.G.D.C.; R. Nield, P.M.; H. Child, P.M.; B. Standen, S. Davis, E. Russell, J. A. Gee, J. Clemmey, B. Williams, James Hilton, W. D. Holbrook, Walter Stott, John Studd, J. Collins, Murray Thomson, W. D. Waddell, T. H. Lawton, A. F. Youle, W. Hilton; Visitors, J. A. Berch, 287; C. Hind, 1113 (Preston); A. Turner, 1011; W. C. Tiplady, 345 (Blackburn); E. Fryd, 1009; W. J. Chapman, P.M., 1609; Hudson Lister, W.M. 1011; G. D. Pochin, P.M. 1375, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Drousborg, 1164; W. Dumville, P.M.; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Phillip Casper and Mr. Richard Lowe McMillan were severally balloted for and elected to become members of the lodge, and afterwards initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. It is scarcely necessary to remark that the W.M. performed the ceremony in a most efficient manner, and great praise is also due to Bro. A. Heald for his delivery of the charge to both initiates. At the ceremony of initiation Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Geo. F. East, P.M., seconded, that the meetings of this lodge be adjourned from June to September, which was carried. Bro. Salmon next proposed, and Bro. J. Mackie seconded, that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for the annual picnic, which was to be self-supporting. This was also carried, and hearty good wishes having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in solemn prayer, and the brethren assembled at the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. "The Health of the Initiates" was next proposed by the W.M., and enthusiastically received by the brethren. Bros. Lowe and Clasper briefly acknowledged the compliment. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by three of their number. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings throughout were enlivened by some good singing by Bros. Lister, Dumville, Standing, Greenwood, Heald, Senior, &c., the meeting terminating about eleven.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst. There were present:—Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. C. Robinson, J.W.; W. Shilton, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. (Freemason); J. Fearon, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. W. Robinson, J.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; W. Paisley, Steward; J. Borrowscale, J. C. Nicholson, T. Mason, S. Thwaite, J. Towers, and others. The lodge having been opened in form, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. H. Carruthers gave evidence of his proficiency, claimed preferment, was instructed, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Carruthers was regularly passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the J.W., whilst the S.W. delivered the charge incidental to the degree, and the lodge having been closed down, the Treasurer explained the first tracing board. Finally the lodge was closed in form.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—This lodge held its principal meeting of the year

in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the afternoon of the 29th ult., and it is worthy of note to remark that nearly every member of the lodge was present, in order to show their appreciation of the brother who was that day to be elected to the highest and most honourable position in the lodge. Bro. Thos. Longmire, the W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, Bros. Duff, I.P.M.; W. Longmire, S.W. (W.M. elect); K. A. Stansfeld, J.W.; W. Stephenson, Sec.; W. W. Wilde, S.D.; R. Bannister, J.D.; J. L. Gorton, Org.; A. Poole, I.G.; Bingham and Brown, Stewards; and T. Wilkinson, Tyler. Amongst the other members were Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E.; C. H. Garnett, P.M., P.G.S.W.; H. Longman, P.M. 1051; E. Cardwell, W.M. 281; J. J. Crossell, J.W. 281; A. E. Brayshay, T. Thornton, H. Hartley, S.D. 1353; Geo. Knipe, T. Tidswell, J. Hutton, and J. Schofield. Amongst the visitors who were present on the occasion were Bros. R. Wolfenden, W.M., and W. Parker, J.W. 1353; W. J. Sly, P.P.G.J.D.; J. E. Hannah, 1051; James Hatch, P.M.; John Hatch, P.M.; Ed. Simpson, P.M., P.G. Purs.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M.; W. Bagnall, P.M.; W. Warbrick, S.W.; John Atkinson, S.D. 281 (Freemason); S. Hall, I.G. 1070; and W. Pyrah, 600. The lodge having been opened in due form, the W.M. elect—Bro. William Longmire—was duly presented and installed into his office by Bro. Dr. Moore in a very marked, impressive, and efficient style. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. T. Longmire, I.P.M.; K. A. Stansfeld, S.W.; W. W. Wilde, J.W.; R. Hartley, Treas.; G. Bingham, Sec.; R. Bannister, S.D.; A. P. Poole, J.D.; J. L. Gorton, Org.; J. Hutton and T. Thornton, Stewards; and T. Wilkinson, Tyler. The Installing Master inducted each brother to his office, and then gave the customary address to the W.M. and I.P.M., Bro. Longman that to the Wardens, and Bro. John Hatch to the brethren, and after the transaction of other business, including a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer, the lodge was closed. The whole of the brethren and visitors then adjourned to the house of Bro. T. Longmire, the West View Hotel, where the installation banquet was spread in a profuse and liberal manner, the menu including most of the delicacies of the season. The newly-invested W.M. presided, supported by Past Officers and visitors, the duties of vice-chair being ably discharged by Bro. H. A. Stansfeld, who was supported by the junior officers of the lodge and other members. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M." "The Pro. G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," and "P.G.P.M. and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," having been duly honoured. Bro. Duff briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M." which was received with acclamation. Bro. W. Longmire, who was very heartily received, after thanking the company for the cordial way in which the toast had been received, said it had been his ambition, ever since he joined the lodge and became a Mason, to work his way to the chair which he then filled. He remembered that it was only some few years ago since he returned thanks in that room as one of the junior officers of the lodge, and he recollected making the remark on that occasion that he would not rest satisfied till he had attained to the principal office in the lodge. Now that he had attained the object of his desires, it would always be his endeavour to promote the welfare of Masonry and work up the lodge to the best of his skill and ability. They had heard rumours as to the probability of a very important Masonic gathering coming off in Morecambe during the ensuing summer, and they might rely that anything he could do to bring that about would be done, and so far as the efficiency of his lodge might be concerned he should strive his best to bring it to the highest point of excellence. He had the better assurance for saying that from the fact that he knew they had a Past Master in Bro. Moore who only needed to be asked in order to give them any information, and than whom no one could be better qualified to give them instruction in Masonic matters. He hoped during the coming year to so conduct the lodge as to meet with the approbation of both members and visitors, and should always feel glad to see plenty of the latter present, his great endeavour being to fill the office with credit to the lodge and no less to himself. The Chairman concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. Moore, the Installing Officer," in very eulogistic terms, whom they were justly entitled to look upon as the founder of their lodge. Bro. Moore, in responding, gave some well timed and judicious advice to the brethren on Masonic matters, and before sitting down paid a high compliment to the retiring Worshipful Master of the lodge, Bro. Thomas Longmire, who, he said, "retired from the chair of the lodge with honour, credit, good-will, and the sympathy of all the brethren," a sentiment which was most heartily applauded. He concluded by saying that the lodge had deputed to him the pleasing task of handing to the Worshipful Master a Past Master's jewel, with a request that he would affix it to the breast of his father and predecessor in office. The Chairman, in performing this pleasing duty, said he had great pleasure in doing so, and hoped the I.P.M. would live long to wear it. Bro. T. Longmire, in a few brief sentences, feelingly acknowledged the gift, and said that if his services to the lodge had been appreciated by the members he was well paid for any services rendered. The jewel is a very handsome one, the emblem representing symbolically the forty-seventh proposition of the first book of Euclid. On the reverse side was the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. T. Longmire, P.M., by the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, as a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of his services as W.M. of the lodge, May 29th, 1879." The remaining toasts, usual at a Masonic gathering, were then given, the several duties being entrusted to Bros. Bagnall, E. Simpson, Jas. Hatch, and John Hatch, and responded to by the several officers whose names were included therein. A cordial vote of thanks was also passed on the motion of Bro. Moore, to Bro. W. Stephenson, for his past services as Secretary of

the lodge, but who had been obliged to relinquish the office on account of public duties. In the course of the evening the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of several of the brethren.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday afternoon, the 27th ult., when there was a fairly numerous attendance of brethren, the visitors especially numbering in strong force. Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., opened the lodge at half-past two o'clock prompt, and amongst those present were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; John Atkinson, Sec.; Frank Emery, J.D.; J. Pyer, I.G.; R. Burgess, Org.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The private members of the Dramatic Lodge present were Bros. S. Mattison, T. J. Avann, W. M. Armand, A. Allan, W. Addis, L. B. Brough, C. Burby, C. Courtenay, C. Campion, J. W. Collinson, W. Hildyard, W. Heap, H. Holden, Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, James Keet, L. Y. Lablache, G. Martin, J. Penney, H. Round, J. L. Shrapnell, R. Williams, Webster Williams, and others. The visitors included Bros. John Dewhurst, Weston, Messenger, Maddox, Griffiths, Prince, and others. After the minutes of the previous regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Colinson was passed to the rank of F.C., and Bros. Allan and Addis were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. The brethren subsequently banqueted, under the presidency of the W.M., and during the evening various songs and recitations were given by Bros. Webster Williams, L. B. Brough, J. Dewhurst, Prince, Allan, Griffiths, and others, the accompaniments to the songs being played by Bros. R. Burgess, Org., and Collinson.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1933).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Greenhays, on Wednesday, the 28th May. The lodge was opened by the W.M. (Bro. J. D. Brickles) at 5.15 p.m. There was a numerous gathering of members and visitors. Amongst the latter were Bro. G. Mellor, G.S.D., Very Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of East Lancashire; Bros. P. Royle, M.D., P.P.G.S.D.; John Chadwick, P.G., Secretary; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C.; —Magee, W.M., 548; —Steyermann, 1180; J. Buckley, W.M. 1218; J. Heys, P.M. 1218; Rev. J. E. Roberts, S.W. 1218; W. Jaffray, S.W. 152; W. Blackie, J.D. 152; J. Lane, W.M. 764; Ernest Link, P.M. 633; —Jones, P.M. 1496; —Sutcliffe, J.D. 204; —Mac Ilwick, S.W. 350; —Harrap, 152; J. Meyer, 1791; —Frith, 1496, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Four candidates were proposed, balloted for, and accepted. Mr. Isaac Thomas George, a native of Sierra Leone, was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. Afterwards Mr. John Edgar was initiated by the J.P.M. (Bro. W. Leigh), and Mr. Samuel Horatio St. Austin by the W.M. The lodge adjourned from labour to refreshment, and, on resuming Masonic duties, Mr. John Aitchison was initiated by the W.M. The working tools were presented to the four candidates by Bro. Whittaker, J.W. Hearty good wishes were cordially expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9 p.m. About 60 brethren assembled round the festive board under the presidency of Bro. J. D. Brickles, W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and duly honoured, Bro. Brickles called upon the brethren to "fill to a bumper." This having been done, he proceeded to give a toast, which he was sure would be heartily appreciated by all present, it being that of the "Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master." He considered that their lodge, now in its third year, was highly honoured by having as their guest Bro. George Mellor, who, in consequence of his health, was not often able to be present at the festive board. He (the W.M.) felt quite sure that not only the members of the Avon Lodge, but the visiting brethren also, were glad to meet their esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who, by his genial and brotherly disposition, had gained a prominent position in the hearts and affections of the whole province. Bro. Mellor was always ready to assist in any good work which would tend to promote the interests of the Craft and the welfare of mankind in general. He, therefore, had pleasure in asking them to drink to the health of their V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The toast was warmly received and the honours enthusiastically given. Bro. A. T. Forrest (Athenæum Dramatic Society) recited in a masterly manner, and by special request, a poem entitled the "Ivy and the Bell." Bro. Mellor, on rising to respond, was loudly cheered. He regretted that he was compelled to leave them rather hurriedly as he had to catch an early train, he, however, felt compelled to say a few words of thanks for the kind manner in which he had been received amongst them, and, at the same time, to express his gratification at the very correct and able manner in which the ceremonial had been performed. He congratulated the lodge on possessing such an efficient W.M., as well as such excellent Past Masters and officers, who, one and all, seemed to be thoroughly up to the work required of them. As his time was up he wished them all a very pleasant evening, and hoped at some future time, not far distant, to repeat his visit. After Bro. Mellor had retired, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Newly-Initiated Brethren," which was cordially received. Bro. Isaac T. George first responded, Bro. Edgar expressed his gratification on being admitted a member of the Craft, of which he had for a long time formed a favourable opinion. Bros. S. Austin and Aitchison also responded. The next toast, "The Visitors," was proposed by Bro. W. Bostock, P.M. He said that no doubt there were two reasons why there was so large a gathering on that occasion, the first

was the pleasure which every brother felt in meeting their Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the other was the extent, as well as the novelty, in some respects, of the work upon the circular. It was somewhat of a rarity to initiate a coloured gentleman, but he was glad that it had fallen to their lot to do so, in this case, as he felt sure Bro. George would prove a worthy Mason. He was pleased to see so many distinguished visitors present, such, for instance, as their old friend, Dr. Royle, and the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. Chadwick), who, he was sorry to say, had been compelled to leave early; also their indefatigable Bro. Sillitoe, and so many other brethren of distinction. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Royle, in reply, congratulated the lodge on its continued prosperity. He had been very much interested in the ceremonies that evening, one of which proved the spirit of Masonry to be irrespective of either creed or colour, and that the great Catholic sentiment of order and truth prevailed in its ranks, which he trusted would permeate over the entire globe, and shed its influence upon all sects and nations. Bro. Sillitoe also replied, and complimented the W.M. on the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation for the first time. He (Bro. Sillitoe) felt some interest in the progress of the lodge, as he had assisted at its consecration. It gave him great pleasure to visit them from time to time, and witness their admirable working. What he had seen that evening satisfied him that in the hands of the present W.M. and his able officers the lustre of the lodge would not diminish, but that their well-earned reputation would continue to increase. Bro. St. Austin convulsed the audience with a comical ditty. Afterwards the S.W. (Bro. Painter) proposed "The Health of the W.M.," evidencing the interest Bro. Brickles took in the lodge by the fact that he frequently travelled from London purposely to attend the meeting, returning the same night. The W.M. replied, and stated that although he had been resident in London for some years, he considered Manchester his home, and he rejoiced at the opportunity of attending the meetings of his lodge to meet some of his oldest personal friends. Bro. Stephenson with a comic song met with the usual reception. Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treasurer, officiated as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. F. Stanislaus presided at the pianoforte, much to the enjoyment of all present. The Tyler's toast was given at 10.50.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Havelock Tavern, Ab'ion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. There were present Bros. A. McDowall, W.M.; A. R. Olley, S.W.; A. McMillan, J.W.; J. Digman, J.D.; C. Lorkin, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec., and several other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Olley being the candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. McMillan seconded, that Bro. A. R. Olley be W.M. for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. Bro. T. Slatier proposed, and Bro. A. McMillan seconded, that Bro. W. Woodward, of Temple Bar Lodge, 1728, be a member of this lodge of instruction. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Jamaica.

ROYAL LODGE (No. 207).—At the ordinary meeting of this lodge, held at Kingston, on the 5th ult., the principal business being the installation of the Master elect and officers for the ensuing year—all ordinary work was postponed. Bro. J. Thirlwall, Senior Warden and Master elect was introduced by Wor. Bro. M. Dias, and installed by Wor. Bro. G. J. Sargeant, retiring Master, assisted by a number of Past Masters. The appointment and investment of officers were then proceeded with as follows: Wor. Bro. G. J. Sargeant, I.P.M.; Bros. E. X. Leon, S.W.; W. Duff, J.W.; J. N. Aguilar, Treasurer; J. M. Simpson, Secretary; R. J. Macpherson, S.D.; S. A. Iftis, J.D.; W. Ryder, I.G.; P. Simpson and H. Demercudo, Stewards; G. Magnus, Tyler. At the close of the installation, and after the officers had returned thanks, Wor. Bro. G. J. Sargeant, I.P.M., read and presented a report of the affairs of the lodge during his administration, showing that he held 25 lodges, initiated 18 candidates, passed 18, and raised 16 brethren; thus adding several members to the roll, which now numbers 70. He had the pleasure of handing over to his successor the sum of £226 in cash and good securities; this, placed against the amount received by his administration, showed a net increase of £84, after dispensing charity to the extent of £27, and paying the working expenses to date. He also reported that during the year he received an official visit from Dr. R. Hamilton, R.W.D.G. Master, and his officers, and that they were pleased to express their entire satisfaction at the admirable manner in which the books were kept, and the general working gone through. The report having been received and ordered to be entered on the minutes, a vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Sargeant, and his administration, and it was unanimously resolved "That a testimonial be procured and presented by this lodge to the Wor. George James Sargeant, as a mark of appreciation of his services, and a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the brethren of this lodge." The lodge having been closed, the brethren, numbering over 100, adjourned to the refreshment room, where a splendid banquet was provided. The attention paid to the visitors by the members of the Royal Lodge rendered the evening a most enjoyable one, the brethren separating at 2.30 next morning.

HAMILTON LODGE (No. 1440).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Lodge Rooms in Spanish Town, on the 7th ult. There was a goodly number of Past Masters and members of the sister lodges present. The following is a list of the officers forming the administration Wor. Bro. W. G. McFarlane, W.M.; Bros. A. G. French, S.W.; C. T. Sanguisette, J.W.; W. D. Byles, Treas.; J. F. Rickards, Sec.; G. Levy, S.D.; C. M. L. Kerr, J.D.; C. J. James, I.G.; J. Dedeon, Tyler. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at which every one enjoyed himself.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

NEW WORKS ON FREEMASONRY.

I am very pleased to see that Bro. Lamonby is about to issue a history of the Craft in Cumberland and Westmoreland from 1740 (according to the veteran Mason, Bro. Tweddell), and I trust that other provinces will be privileged to find members who will continue the good work. The history of certain lodges, and of all old provinces, is a most useful and necessary work, and our esteemed Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," with the valuable lists of lodges from 1723, will enable brethren willing to look up their lodge histories to trace all such of the "moderns" from 1723 to the "Union."

W. J. HUGHAN.

BODE, JOHANN J. C.—He played a considerable part in German Freemasonry towards the latter part of the last century. He was born at Brunswick in 1730, and died at Weimar in 1793, where his grave lies between Lukas Cranach and Musäus, with this inscription: "Restless and courageous he sought after truth, enlightenment, the welfare of humanity." He was made a Mason at Hamburg, in 1761, in the Abstom Lodge, and aided to constitute the Tempel der Ewigkeit Lodge, at Hildesheim, in 1763. In 1764 he joined the Strict Observance, and was for some years a warm supporter of it. He met at the Coivent of Wilhelmsbad, in 1782, Baron von Knigge, and was introduced by him into the Illuminati Order. He afterwards became as zealous an opponent of the Strict Observance as he had previously been in its favour, and took part in forming a "Bund" or Union of German Freemasonry. His utility was, however, marred by his unreal and unhistorical theory of the Jesuit origin of Freemasonry, now entirely given up, however at one time, in the interests of the House of Stuart, these astute intriguers may have endeavoured to make use of Freemasonry. He was a man of attainments and ability, and a friend of Lessing's, and published many translations and works both at Hamburg and Weimar. His was an adventurous life. He began as a musician in the Brunswick army, he then joined the Hanoverian service, and published some musical compositions. He then went to Hamburg, where he became first a teacher of languages, and then a bookseller. He married three wives, and outlived them all, and seems to have had much family unhappiness and misfortune. From 1778 to 1793, the date of his death, he remained at Weimar, devoting himself to literature, finding a friendly patroness in the widow of the well-known and eminent statesman Von Bernstorff. He translated Bonneville's "Les Jesuites chassés," etc., and was editor from 1776 and 1793 of the "Almanach für die Br. Freimaurer." Kloss mentions several controversial pamphlets of his. Lenning and the "Handbuch" tell us that he died a "Geheimrath" of Hesse Darmstadt. Thory says he was an "Aulic Counsellor."—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia.*

MASONS, COMPANY OF.—Is one of the Livery Companies of London, but not one of the twelve great ones. In the reign of Edward III., however, it was represented in the council. The company had a coat of arms granted them by Wm. Hawkeslowe, Clarenceux King of Arms, in the fourth of Edward IV., 1464, confirmed by Thomas Benett, alias Clarenceux Kyng of Armes of the South, in the twelfth year of King Henry VIII., 1521, and entered by Henry St. George Richmond, 1634. See "Arms of Freemasonry." It is doubtful, somewhat, when this company was actually incorporated by Royal Charter. It has been said, not until the reign of Charles II. Ashmole mentions a meeting in the hall in Basinghall-street in 1684; but the minutes of the company do not refer to it, and Ashmole was not a member of the company. It was, in our opinion, entirely distinct from the "Society of Freemasons," though many of the Freemasons mentioned by Ashmole as present at the meeting in Basinghall-street were members of the Masons' Company. Indeed the fact that they were members of the Masons' Company, and yet admitted into the "Fellowship" in Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, is a proof to our mind that the two associations were entirely distinct. No record of such meeting exists in the books of the company, and the Masons' Company did not dine that day or that year at the Half-Moon, Cheapside. Indeed, when we come to look into Ashmole's words critically, it is plain, we think, that at that memorable meeting two events took place,—first, that he himself, as he says, was admitted into the Fellowship of Freemasonry; and secondly, that several other persons were admitted into Freemasonry. In what Ashmole's admission consisted, we are not told. He calls himself the "Senior Fellow" among them (his terminology being neither very critical nor correct). He probably means no more than this: that he was the oldest Freemason actually amongst those present. Whether Ashmole was admitted to what we call the Second Degree, or Third Degree, is impossible, we apprehend, to say; though, following the evidence of the Scottish Minute Books as far as they are decisive on the subject, as we have so far no available English evidence of that date,

we should be inclined to say Fellow of Craft. The "Fellows" appear to be indifferently used. The accepted "Fellows" seem to have been nine in number. The allusion to William Wise, Master of the Company in 1684, which is historically correct, proves that there was an essential difference between the two associations—the one being the Masons' or Freemasons' Company, the other the "Society of Freemasons," to which "Worshipful Society of Freemasons of the City of London" Robert Padgett Clerk belonged who transcribed the Antiquity MS. in 1686, and who, we are assured by competent authority, did not belong to, nor is his name to be found in the books of, the Masons' Company. We then come to the conclusion that the Masons' Company was one thing, the Society of Freemasons, like those lodges mentioned by Dr. Plot as existing in Staffordshire in 1786, quite separate and sui generis.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN HEGARTY.

We take the following from the *Ceylon Times* of the 24th April:—

We deeply regret to announce the death of Bro. John Hegarty, the manager of the Colombo Gas Works, which occurred very suddenly early yesterday morning. Bro. Hegarty's health has never been strong since the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the island; the worry, anxiety, and exposure to the heat he then experienced in superintending the illuminating of the city in honour of the occasion culminating in an attack of typhoid fever, which completely prostrated him for a while, and permanently weakened his constitution. For some months back he had been contemplating a voyage home to recruit his health, and had made arrangements, we believe, to leave early next month. On Saturday, however, he felt so ill that he took to his bed, but was not considered to be in danger. On Monday he appeared to be much better, and decided to move from his rooms at the gas works the next day to a friend's bungalow in the Cinnamon Gardens. About four a.m., however, he was found dead in his bed. Bro. Hegarty was 39 years of age, and his death will be deeply deplored by all who knew him. He was a man of the strictest integrity, assiduous in the discharge of his professional duties, and extremely popular from his many genial qualities. He was a most accomplished and conscientious Mason withal, and not only held the rank of Past Master, but was also one of the principal officers of the recently-established Provincial Grand Lodge of Ceylon. The great respect and esteem in which he was held was testified yesterday by the large and representative assembly at his funeral, amongst those present being Bros. Captain Gorman, P.G.M., Ceylon; J. Maitland, D.P.G.M.; and about 30 or 40 of the brethren, together with many of our leading citizens. The pall-bearers were—Mr. R. Tatham, Mr. Grinlinton, Captain Gorman, Mr. Cantrell, Mr. E. B. Creasy, Mr. Guthrie, Dr. Tyner, and Mr. Wardrop. There were also present, amongst others, Mr. Hugh Neville, Mr. E. C. Britton, Mr. E. C. Davies, Mr. A. O. Joseph, Mr. Ludovici, Mr. Vanderstraeten, &c., &c. The funeral service was performed by the Rev. W. F. Kelly, Colonial Chaplain. Bro. Hegarty leaves a widow and three children, who are in England.

Mrs. Hegarty is now residing in Croydon, and she is very anxious to get one or two of her children into the Masonic Schools. No doubt, when the circumstances of the case are made known to the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness will interest himself in the matter. Masons in Croydon, as indeed they are everywhere, are always energetic in aiding those entrusted to their care, and probably no case more pathetically appeals to them than this. Bro. Matthew Pratt, of Brigstock House, Thornton Heath, has, in the kindest manner, offered to use his influence, which, we need scarcely say, is, in a Masonic sense, most valuable.—*Croydon Guardian*.

BRO. CHARLES H. PULHAM, UNA LODGE, No. 773, NEW YORK.

The soul of this worthy and highly-esteemed brother quitted its earthly tenement for the Grand Lodge above on Tuesday, the 13th ult. The event has cast a gloom and a very saddening influence over our American brethren as well as many friends at Warrington and Frome, by all of whom the deceased was regarded with affection. His upright walk in life, dignified courtesy, and gentlemanly bearing combined to render him also a general favourite. Bro. Pulham was originally educated by his father for the Church, but, this idea being abandoned, he adopted the profession of a teacher, and was for some years with a brother well known to our readers, Bro. John Bowes, of Warrington. After leaving Warrington, he accepted a mastership at Shoreham College, Sussex. In 1870 Bro. Pulham emigrated to America and embarked in the profession of journalism, first in connection with the *New York Express*, and afterwards with the *Times*, of which paper he was the city editor for nearly seven years, and till his death. In 1877 our brother was elected president of the Press Club, a position both of honour and responsibility. The *New York Times* thus refers to the deceased: "As a journalist he was distinguished by a keen appreciation of news, untiring energy and marked executive ability. In his personal relations Bro. Pulham illustrated the best traits of the old English stock from which he sprang. Honourable, manly, and genial, he made friends readily, and retained them tenaciously. His tastes ran in natural history, but his duties left him little time to pursue them." His Masonic career is one which especially concerns us. After filling various offices in the Una Lodge, he was in December last unanimously elected its Worshipful Master, and in that

position fully maintained his popularity. In the lodge he earnestly exhorted his brethren ever to remember that Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, and that the most apparently trivial incidents in the ceremonies had their deep and hidden meanings. Masonry, he was wont to say, is not a mere matter of secret ceremonies, it is something far higher and holier than these. A man may have attained to the highest honours the Craft can bestow, and be perfectly up in all its lore and working, and yet be as far from being a Freemason as he was before his initiation. The rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry are essential to its existence—they form the outworks whereby its treasures are, as they ought to be, guarded from the unworthy, and, therefore, cannot under any circumstances be dispensed with; but Masonry exists in the heart, and is composed of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and that heavenly consummation of all virtues, charity, so beautifully explained in the Volume of the Sacred Law, as "bearing all things, hoping all things, believing all things, enduring all things, and thinking no evil," and it is to the practice of this virtue that our Masonic efforts should ever tend, not only in its common acceptance of pecuniary relief, but as embracing true brotherly love to the full extent inculcated in the sacred writings. Initiation alone never did, nor never can make a man a true Mason; it gives the key, but the mere possession of the key does not constitute ownership of the treasure; it sows the seed, but unless the soil be good, and carefully cultivated, fruit will not be produced; it opens the portal, but unless the road be traversed the goal cannot be attained; it lays the foundation, but without labour the superstructure cannot be raised. Bro. Pulham died of consumption, although the doctors assured him recently that he had a "sound pair of English lungs." He had been ailing since Christmas last, but had resumed his editorial duties early in May. He was found dead in his bed on the 13th ult. Alluding to this fact, there are lines in the *New York Mail*, of which the following is the closing verse:—

"Unlike the common fate of men,
He died alone, yet not alone—
For ministering angels took him then
Before his Lord and Master's throne."

His funeral took place on the 15th ult., from St. Paul's Chapel, Broadway. For an hour before the service the "casket" containing the body remained in the vestibule of the church, and the lid being thrown back, such of his friends as desired to take a last look at his features were permitted to do so. A large number of journalists, brethren of the mystic tie, official personages, and others assembled on this occasion. The first-named numbered at least two hundred. Among the beautiful floral decorations with which the "casket" was covered was a large scroll of white camellias, roses, lilies of the valley, white carnations, and spirea; the ends of the floral rod from which the scroll depended were of pansies. On the face of the scroll were the words "Well done." This was a tribute from the editorial staff of the *Times*. A conspicuous emblem was a broken column of white carnations twined with simlax and rosebuds, sent by and bearing the initials of the New York Press Club. A floral star and wreath inclosing Masonic emblems bore the name of Una Lodge. Besides this there was a pillow of white flowers, crossed by a quill pen, wreaths and bouquets from other friends. On the lid of the "casket" also lay the Masonic apron and jewels of the dead Master. The service was that of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which was rendered chorally. As a last sad tribute of respect our brother was interred in Greenwood Cemetery, with Masonic rites, according to ancient form. The ceremony was impressively performed by W. Bro. J. Wallace McWhinnie, the W.M. of Montgomery Lodge, assisted by the officers and brethren of the Una Lodge.

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524.)

At the last meeting of the Grand Chapter a charter was granted for a Chapter to be attached to the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, to meet at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-Street, the consecration of which took place on Friday, the 30th ultimo.

Comp. William Stephens, Z. 874, P.Z. 862, 1365, and 1489, was the consecrating officer, and he was ably assisted by Comp. H. G. Bass, Past Grand Standard Bearer, acting as H. Comp.; John Hervey, Grand Scribe, E. as J.; and Comp. C. A. Smith, Z. 1305, acting as Director of Ceremonies.

The three principals named in the Charter were Comps. William Henry Lee, P.M. 975, and 1524, Z.; Neville Green, W.M. 1524, H.; and Thomas Charles Chapman, P.M. 1524, Z., 192, J.

After the Chapter had been formally opened, the M.E.Z. Comp. William Stephens delivered the inaugural address, and said: We are met here to-day for the purpose of consecrating this R.A. Chapter, and I must apologise if I fail to carry out the work according to usual precedent, or with that solemnity which is customary on occasions of this kind. Greatly as I esteem the honour of assisting in the duties of the R.A. degree, I cannot forget the solemn duties I have undertaken in endeavouring to render this ceremony acceptable to you, and in accordance with the sublime precepts it teaches. It affords me great pleasure in rendering my humble services to the members of this proposed new chapter; and I should have felt most diffident had I been alone to-day, but having the able assistance of the Grand Scribe E., and that of Comp. Bass, P.G.S.B., I have no doubt they will keep me in the right path, and remind me if I stray from what is the usual course on occasions like the present. R.A. Masonry has always

been to me most attractive; it is the most august, sublime, and more important than all the degrees which precede it. It impresses on our minds a belief of the being and existence of the Supreme Grand High Priest of our salvation, who is without beginning of days or ending of life, and forcibly reminds us of that reverence which is due to His Most Holy Name. In this degree matters of great importance in Freemasonry are brought to light after being lost for a period of nearly 500 years, and without a knowledge of which no student in this degree can become proficient. I therefore hope all who enter this chapter as members will appreciate its teachings, that the officers will diffuse its principles, and that in after years we may find it bearing good fruit. With these remarks I am sure I shall receive the support of the companions who are present in assisting us to carry out these duties with propriety and decorum.

The petition and charter were then read by Comp. W. H. Brand, acting Scribe E., and the companions formally approved of the officers named therein.

Comp. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., then said that having been called upon rather unexpectedly and at a late period to take part in the proceedings of the day he was not prepared with a lengthened oration. He reminded the companions that when he first entered Royal Arch Masonry very great difficulty was experienced in obtaining a charter for a new chapter, and in almost every case the petition formed the subject of much discussion and contention in Grand Chapter. In fact, unless a lodge had a large number of members, and was strong in influence, it was impossible to succeed with the petition; but in the present day there was a continual increase in the number of new chapters, for when nine regular registered Royal Arch Masons signed a petition, and the lodge had been a certain time in existence, the charter was granted almost as a matter of course. In times gone by the chapter was more closely attached to a lodge than in the present day; in fact the charter was then considered in a great degree as belonging to the lodge to which the chapter was attached; but this had gradually changed, for the reason that in starting a chapter it was very difficult, except in special cases, to obtain from a young lodge a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons to form a chapter. You could not always find three qualified installed Masters to occupy the chairs, and competent brethren to fill the other offices. Another reason for the severance of this alliance was that, unless a lodge had a large number of members it could not of itself feed a chapter, which required a continual influx of new blood to supply the places of those members who resigned or dropped out from various causes. Hence it was that, as a rule, chapters gradually lost their connection with the lodges from which they derived their number and their origin. Thus it was that, as time progressed, the number of Royal Arch Chapters had steadily increased, and he had great pleasure in attending to-day, to assist Comp. Stephens in consecrating the Duke of Connaught Chapter, thus adding another to the long roll of chapters on the register of the Grand Chapter of England. He had every confidence in the Principals who were to be installed to-day, and he felt sure that every effort would be made by all the members of the chapter to render the ceremony of the Royal Arch degree in a manner befitting its importance and solemnity, for if this was not strictly attended to the ceremony would be deprived of all its beauty, besides being perfectly unintelligible to the candidate.

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, after which Comp. Stephens installed Comp. William Henry Lee, P.M. 975 and 1524, as M.E.Z., Comp. Neville Green, W.M. 1524, as H., and Comp. Thomas Charles Chapman, P.M. 1524, W.M. Elect 869, Z. 192, as J. The M.E.Z. then invested Comp. W. H. Brand, S.W. 1524, as Scribe E., Comp. R. A. Steel, P.M. 1194, as Scribe N., and Comp. Elias Somers, P.M. 1602, as P.S. Comp. Marsh was elected janitor.

A vote of thanks was cordially given to the Consecrating Officers, and Comps. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E.; Henry G. Bass, Past Grand Standard Bearer; and Wm. Stephens, P.Z., &c., &c., were unanimously elected honorary members of the chapter.

A long list of candidates for exaltation was read by Comp. Brand, acting Scribe E., after which chapter was closed until Wednesday, the 11th inst., when the first regular meeting will be held.

The musical portion of the ceremony was ably rendered by Comp. Frederick H. Cozens and Theodore Distin.

The brethren then adjourned to an elegant banquet, served in Bro. Clemow's best style, after which the usual list of toasts was proceeded with.

Comp. William Henry Lee, M.E.Z., said: I now rise to propose the toast which at all our Masonic gatherings invariably takes precedence, it is "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," may she live long to reign over us, and may the remainder of her reign be characterised by increased prosperity in the country, happiness and contentment among all classes of her subjects, and peace throughout the extent of her vast dominions. I give you "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry."

Comp. Lee, M.E.Z., said: The next toast I have to introduce to your notice is that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," M.W. Grand Master of Freemasons, but this evening we drink his health as the First Grand Principal of the Order of Royal Arch Masons. The great interest His Royal Highness takes in Freemasonry is well known to all the companions present, and when we consider the multifarious duties His Royal Highness is called upon to perform both at home and abroad, and the very able manner he discharges those duties among all classes of society, we must acknowledge that the Craft is deeply indebted to His Royal Highness for devoting so much time and attention to the interests of Freemasonry. At one time we have His Royal Highness visiting the subjects of Her Majesty in a far distant country, and performing his

Masonic duties among our brethren in the East; at another time we find him busily engaged in promoting the success of an International Exhibition across the Channel; to day, perhaps, performing the social duties of his position among the highest and noblest in the land, while to-morrow may find him interesting himself in promoting the welfare and the benefit of the humblest classes. May he be spared to us for many years, and may he in conjunction with his amiable wife, the Princess of Wales, the beloved of her adopted country, long continue to enjoy every happiness.

Comp. Lee, M.E.Z.: I have now to propose, for your acceptance, the next toast, which is that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Z., Lord Skelmersdale, Grand H., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Most of the companions present have had the pleasure and the privilege of witnessing the able manner in which the Earl of Carnarvon presides over Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and the great tact and ability he displays in the fulfilment of his important duties. His zeal for Freemasonry is an earnest that he takes the greatest interest in the Order, the prosperity of which he is ever ready to further. Lord Skelmersdale devotes a great deal of time and attention to Freemasonry, and officiates in a very able manner in the occasional absence of Lord Carnarvon. We have with us this evening two distinguished Grand Officers, whom I am very pleased and proud to welcome among us, I allude to our Comps. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., and Buss, Past Grand Standard Bearer, to both of whom we are very much indebted for their attendance here to-day. They are always ready and willing to render every possible assistance either in Craft or Arch. Masonry, and I am sure I am expressing the feelings of the companions present when I express the hope that they be spared for many years to assist the Craft with their counsel and advice.

Comp. Hervey, Grand Scribe E., in returning thanks for the Grand Officers, expressed the high opinion he entertained of the Pro Grand Z., who was so kindly and genial in his manner as to render him beloved by all who knew him. Lord Skelmersdale deserved well of the Craft for his zealous exertions in its behalf, while the rest of the Grand Officers were ever ready to assist the Craft with their counsel and advice.

Comp. Stephens, P.Z., &c.: In the absence of a Past Principal, the duty devolves on me of proposing the health of the M.E.Z. I have known him in Freemasonry for a considerable time, and know how capable he is to fulfil the duties of the Principal's chair in this chapter. I know he is surrounded by many companions who entertain the kindest of feelings towards him, or they would not have placed him in the proud position he occupies. I have no diffidence in submitting this toast, feeling assured it will be received in the same spirit in which it is proposed. Therefore, I offer for your acceptance the name of Comp. Lee, wishing him health and strength during the year so as to perform the arduous duties of his office, and that he may long be spared to be associated with the Duke of Connaught Chapter, and to see the fulfilment of his earnest desire, viz., the future prosperity of this chapter. I propose "The Health of Comp. Lee, M.E.Z."

Comp. William Henry Lee, M.E.Z., said that he fully appreciated the very kind manner in which Comp. Stephens had proposed his health, although he was very diffident with regard to his ability to carry out the duties of the important position he had undertaken, by accepting which he felt that a great responsibility had devolved upon him. In occupying the first chair of the Duke of Connaught Chapter this evening, his mind reverted to the time when he was installed, some four years since, as first W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, and he could not help calling to mind some well-known faces present on that occasion, but who had since gone from amongst us. The lodge was consecrated by the late Bro. Little, and Bros. John Boyd and John Emmens, Past Grand Officers, were present on that occasion, as also Bro. Charles Payne, the late Grand Tyler, all of whom had gone to their long home. He should endeavour by a faithful discharge of his duties to merit the confidence reposed in him.

Comp. Lee, M.E.Z.: I now rise to propose a toast, which I may fairly designate as the toast of the evening, it is "The Consecrating Officers." I need hardly say how much we are indebted to those distinguished companions for the very able manner in which the ceremony of consecration has been carried out, to say nothing of the installation ceremonies so efficiently worked by Comp. Stephens. Comp. Stephens has carried out the duties allotted to him most admirably, and he has been ably seconded by Comp. Hervey, who so kindly came forward to assist in carrying out the duties of the consecration. We have also had the advantage of the helping hand of Comp. Buss, who is one of those genial companions we invariably appeal to when we get into difficulty or require assistance in Masonic matters; indeed there is scarcely a lodge or a chapter in the London district that is not indebted to Comp. Buss for some advice kindly given, or assistance considerably rendered at some period or another. On my own behalf, and on behalf of the founders of the chapter, I tender to the Consecrating Officers our sincere thanks for the very valuable services they have rendered to us this day.

Comp. William Stephens, M.E. P.Z., &c.: I thank you very sincerely for the very kind remarks made by you in proposing the toast of the Consecrating Officers. Individually I thank you very much for the manner in which the toast has been proposed, and also the companions generally for the kind reception which it met with at their hands, and I am more than grateful if my poor services have met with your approval. I assure you, Most Excellent that on receiving your invitation to consecrate the chapter, I felt very much flattered by the wish expressed by you on behalf of the companions; but having never before undertaken the important duties of Consecrating

Officer, I hesitated at first to comply with the request, but knowing that I was well acquainted with the majority of the founders, and that my failings would be overlooked, I consented, although with a little anxiety, particularly as some difficulty was experienced in finding a companion to act as Chaplain. However, Ex. Comp. Hervey, with his usual kindness, came to our assistance, but without his aid and that of Comp. Buss, I fear I should have signally failed in carrying out the duties to your satisfaction. However, I am pleased that this day's proceedings have been in accordance with your wishes, and I feel assured that this chapter, under the guidance of such excellent Principals and officers, will flourish and become one of the best working chapters in the City of London. Again thanking you on my own part, and feeling assured my colleagues would wish to say a few words in response, I shall conclude with my best wishes for the future prosperity of the Duke of Connaught Chapter.

Comp. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., briefly responded, and expressed his great satisfaction at the able manner in which Bro. Stephens had performed his duty, and the gratification it had given him to assist in consecrating the Duke of Connaught Chapter, and to which he wished every possible success.

Comp. Buss, P.G. Standard Bearer, also responded and thanked the M.E.Z. and companions for the kind manner in which his name has been mentioned in connection with the toast, and for the high appreciation they entertained of his small services. He wished to the Duke of Connaught Chapter every success and every prosperity, and would at the same time advise them to be particularly careful in the admission of new members. Every companion who signed the petition became a member of the chapter, and it was very difficult indeed to get rid of either exalte or joining member who afterwards made himself obnoxious; but he was speaking to companions who had had a little experience in a matter of this kind in connection with the lodge, and he was quite sure that the interests of the chapter would be well watched over by the principals. They had in Comp. Lee a companion who was well acquainted with the laws and regulations both of the Craft and Royal Arch, and he was ably supported by his two principals.

Comp. Lee, M.E.Z., then proposed "The Visitors," gave them a hearty welcome to the chapter, and called upon Comp. Charles Arthur Smith, Z. 1305, to respond.

Comp. C. A. Smith, Z. 1305, in returning thanks for "The Visitors," expressed the great gratification he felt at having had the privilege of being present at the consecration of the Duke of Connaught Chapter, more especially as he had had the opportunity of assisting at the installation of Comp. Lee, whom he had known for many years, from his first introduction into Freemasonry in the lodge of which he himself was a member. He was sure that under the combined rule of Comp. Lee and the other principals the chapter would be a great success.

Comp. Lee, M.E.Z., then proposed "The Second and Third Principals," and said that he felt much satisfaction in having such able companions as Comps. Green and Chapman to assist him as second and third Principals. He had been associated with those companions for some considerable time in connection with the lodge, and he was sure that they would work as harmoniously in the chapter as they had done in Craft Masonry. In Comp. Chapman they had a companion who was the present first Principal of the Lion and the Lamb Chapter, a very important and influential chapter, and he felt sure that from him they would receive every assistance and support.

Comp. Green, in responding, said that, on behalf of himself, he heartily thanked the M.E.Z. for the most kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and also the companions for their kind reception of the same. He must, at the same time, express on his own behalf the pleasure it had given him at receiving such a mark of their confidence, and hoped that his conduct as second Principal would be satisfactory to the members of the chapter, and that in due time he would be thought worthy of the distinguished position that Comp. Lee now held.

Comp. Thomas Charles Chapman (P.Z. 192), J., said he felt grateful to the M.E.Z. for the very kind manner in which he had referred to him as the J., and should always be ready to do his best to promote the best interests of the chapter. He cordially endorsed the remarks of Comp. Buss as to the indiscriminate admission of candidates, who were more easily admitted than got rid of.

Comp. W. H. Lee, M.E.Z., next proposed "The Officers," and said that although the officers were not at present very numerous they were full of zeal. To Comp. Brand, S.E., he was greatly indebted for the able assistance he had rendered in the arrangements for the consecration, and all present must have been gratified with the manner in which Comp. Steel, S.N., had carried out the duties of Wine Steward that evening, in a manner which had added greatly to the comfort of the companions and the success of the gathering. There was yet another officer he must refer to, he alluded to Comp. Somers, the P.S. of the chapter, an office of considerable importance, and the duties of which would, he had no doubt, be ably and efficiently performed by Comp. Somers.

Comps. Brand, S.E., and Steel, S.N., briefly responded, and returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them.

Comp. Somers, P.S., also responded, and expressed his willingness to do all in his power to promote the success of the chapter.

The Janitor's toast was then given by Comp. Marsh, and the companions separated.

The proceedings were enlivened during the evening by some excellent singing by Comps. F. H. Czerns, Theodore Distin, and Bro. Bell.

The visitors were Comps. C. A. Smith, Z. 1305; John Osborn, 975; and H. W. Mayes, 55.

Reviews.

THE CONSTITUTIONS OF FREEMASONRY FOR THE LODGE OF ANCIENT CARTHAGE, No. 1717.

We have received, thanks to the great courtesy and fraternal goodwill of Bro. Broadley, D.D.G.M. Malta, and W.M. and M.E.Z. 1717, a very elegant copy of the "essential parts of the Book of Constitutions," translated into Italian for the use of the brethren of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, Tunis, E.C. As the preface says—"The Italian language being that most generally known by the members of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, this work has been published in pursuance of a resolution passed on the subject. It is dated Tunis, April 6, 1879. It is translated into Italian by A. Perini, M.D., J.W. 1717. The little work is neatly printed, and seemingly most admirably translated, and reflects no little credit on the brethren of the lodge and the zeal of the able translator, Dr. Perini. We are pleased to see it, in order that our good Italian brethren may see it and study it. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to hear that the Grand Orient of Italy had determined to "work back" and "work forwards" on the "old lines" of the English Book of Constitutions, once used by it remembered in Italian Masonry, as we feel quite sure of this, that to the reverent Italian mind, unbiassed by Ultramontane violence and superstition, the tolerant and yet religious position of the Grand Lodge of England would be certain to commend itself. And nothing would so strengthen Freemasonry in Italy, nothing would constitute so safe a reply to those who attack it from a Roman Catholic, or those who weaken it from an unbelieving point of action. We thank Bro. Broadley much for the Book, and congratulate Bro. Perrin sincerely on the able manner in which he has performed his pleasing task.

THE AGAMEMNON OF ÆSCHYLUS. Translated by the EARL OF CARNARVON. John Murray.

We cannot find room, unfortunately, in our limited columns for an adequate review of this contribution to classical studies by our esteemed and distinguished Pro Grand Master. Any work emanating from his pen would always command the attention of Freemasons and the public, and whether we have regard to his hereditary prestige or public services, as an Order we may well rejoice to have him at our head. The work which he has just put out, though, perhaps, in its scope and study, a little above the average readers of the *Freemason*, deserves the attention of the student and the scholar, as worthy of his high name, and a graceful offering to the classic muse. We are among those who truly deprecate the insane attack which some pseudo-reformers in educational matters have lately made upon the Greek language. It will be a very evil day for us, as patriots, when our statesmen and leading citizens rejoice in their ignorance of classic studies, and if university education, and we are pleased to note that among that goodly band of men of high culture and university renown, Lord Carnarvon is not ashamed to be included—a good example to many who seem to be only too ready to throw a stone at the kindly mother who trained them and made them. It is impossible in a notice like this to give a critical review of so interesting a work, but we can do this, we can commend it to the study of those who have time to spare and inclination to read an effective and honest English translation, one of the most remarkable of the tragedies of Æschylus. Even to-day we can reopen our old "Dundorf" with pleasure, and follow Lord Carnarvon through his faithful renderings of the Greek text.

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We congratulate the Editor on the improved appearance of this magazine, in that the trying double columns, trying that is for the eyes, have given way to a goodly page and a neat margin. The *Rosicrucian* has now a useful career before it, and we trust that though from us praise is needless and might seem misplaced, that in its future numbers it will continue to maintain its high character for editorial care and Masonic utility. "Ne plus ultra" seems to be its motto, and which it seeks to make specially its own.

THE NEW DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF BOMBAY.

Bro. Tyrrell Leith has just been installed District Grand Master of Bombay, vice Bro. Gibbs, who comes home. Bro. Tyrrell Leith was initiated in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, Cambridge, and was one of the founders and P.M. of the University Lodge, No. 1118, London. He is also a P.M. of Lodge St. George, Bombay, and a member of the University Chapter 1118, and many other lodges and chapters in his district. Bro. Tyrrell Leith is a member of the 33rd, Ancient and Accepted Rite, and Knight Templar, &c. He was educated at Trinity Hall, where he took the legal degrees of LL.B., and joined the Middle Temple. Bro. Tyrrell Leith was also the founder of the first Hindoo Lodge in India.

Our worthy Bro. William Harris, after eighteen years' service of important duties, sixteen of which were at the Executive Department at Scotland Yard, has been appointed by Col. Sir W. G. Henderson, K.C.B., as superintendent of the S. or Hampstead Division. He leaves his office with the heartiest good wishes of all those brought in contact with him, and we heartily congratulate him on the appointment and the S Division on their having so able and esteemed an officer over them. Bro. Harris has been frequently specially commended, and holds the position of J.W. of the Domatic Lodge, &c., &c.

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BIRTHS.

GILSON.—On the 2nd inst., at Holml-a, Addiscombe-road, Croydon, the wife of Mr. Edward R. Gilson, of a son.

MYERS.—On the 31st ult., at St. Simon's Vicarage, Upper Chelsea, the wife of the Rev. Alfred J. Myers, of a daughter.

SMITH.—On the 30th ult., at Fairlawn, Evering-road, Upper Clapton, the wife of Mr. W. H. Blower Smith, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

FITZGERALD—SMITH.—On the 31st ult., at St. James's Church, Kennington, by the Rev Samuel Bache Harris, M.A., Vicar, James Joseph Fitzgerald, of Methley-street, Kennington-road, to Augusta Louisa, daughter of Mr. Charles Smith, of Waterloo-road.

DEATHS.

PELLATT.—On the 29th ult., at Arundel, Sussex, Mr. Mill Pellatt, of 1, Pemberton-road, Upper Holloway, N. aged 59.

SHORT.—On the 31st ult., at Solihull, the Rev. Thomas Short, B.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, aged 90 years.

WEDGWOOD.—On the 29th ult., at the Limes, Wolstanton, Mr. Enoch Wedgwood, J.P., county of Stafford, aged 65 years.

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MASONIC STATISTICS.

We have often before remarked how very valuable a "factor" correct Masonic statistics would be in the general consideration of the "status" and prospects of Freemasonry to-day. Partial efforts, from time to time, have been made to take a general survey of the Masonic world, but so far, at the best, they are but "approximate" efforts, and err generally on one side or the other, exaggeration of numbers or defect of precision. Accordingly, the most sensational statements are sometimes hazarded, and the most divergent views tendered as to the exact number, for instance, in the world to-day. Alarmed Ultramontanes, with a strong leaning to "old wives' fables," talk of the "millions" of this "dangerous secret society," and even some Masonic writers are too fond of "drawing the long bow," and swelling out, beyond authority, the members of our Masonic family. In Great Britain the number is variously estimated, as we are enthusiastic or cautious, and varies from 150,000 to about 90,000, that is to say, about 100,000 for England, and 50,000 divided between Ireland and Scotland. We are ourselves inclined to think the numbers are in England about 70,000, Scotland and Ireland about 20,000 each. But, of course, we may err on this side or the other a little, and we do not profess to do more than make a guess by an approximate calculation, allowing an average for lodge membership. The *Neue Freie Presse*, of Vienna, which, the *Times* says last week, is supposed to have access to exceptional sources of information on Masonic subjects, gives the following statistics of the recognized lodges:—In Germany, 342; Switzerland, 33; Hungary, 44; Roumania, 11; Servia, 1; Ireland, 330; Gibraltar, 5; Malta, 4; Sweden and Norway, 18; France, 287; Spain, 300; Portugal, 22; Italy, 110; Greece, 11; Turkey, 26; Egypt, 28; various parts of Africa, 25; South African Colonies, 61; Aden, 1; India, 118; among the islands of the Indian Seas, 16; China, 13; Japan, 5; Australia, 226; the Australian Islands, 4; New Zealand, 84; the United States of North America, 9894; Canada, 535; Cuba, 30; Hayti, 32; Mexico, 13; Brazil, 256; in the other South American States, 170—altogether about 1500 lodges. The number of Freemasons on December 31st, 1878, exceeded five millions. It will be noticed that there are some very important omissions in the enumeration of the Viennese paper. Great Britain, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, and Russia have been quite passed over. It is clear that this account cannot be relied on, and that the "sources" of information on Masonic subjects, which the *Times* supposes the *Neue Freie Presse* to possess, are not purely Masonic or sufficiently accurate. As a general rule the number of lodges may be assumed, we think, nearly to be correct, with the exception of Spain, the number of which is greatly exaggerated; but if to the number we add the lodges of England, Holland, Belgium, and Denmark, we shall, according to Van Dalen's carefully compiled *Jahr Buch fur Freimaurer*, and making certain needful allowances for evident exaggerations, reach pretty clearly, we think, the safe number of 14,580 lodges in the world, of course in round numbers. In the United States and Canada the Freemasons number about 700,000, and we feel sure, from clear calculations, that in Europe they may be estimated at about 300,000 more. If we take South America and the East into calculation, we probably assume at a grand total of something like 1,300,000, and with that "tottle" we must be content, eschewing fabulous legends and mythic millions. Probably, the next few years will witness a rapid increase of our Order, and it is not impossible that in the year of light and grace 2000, the Freemasons in the world may reach 3,000,000. But the statement of the *Neue Freie Presse* that the number of Masons in the world now exceeds "five millions" is manifestly inaccurate, and

cannot, in any sense, be relied upon. Still, here is ground for alarm for many timid and turgid minds, but we think it right to point out that "Freemasons" have nothing to do with political secret societies, whether Jesuit or others, and that that only is true Freemasonry, which seeks to avow T.G.A.O.T.U. as before men, and to develop Masonic charity and morality, as well as loyalty and order, and the social virtues on the sacred sanctions and by the holy injunctions of the law and the word of God.

SPURIOUS FREEMASONRY.

We notice in the *Monde Maçonnique* for May the following paragraph, which we have carefully translated from the French—see page 16: The independent lodge of "Les Philadelphes et la Concorde reunis, Orient de Londres" proceeded on the 2nd April to the installation of its officers for the year 1879-80. After the opening of the work by Bro. Benoit, W.M., Bro. Moire, P.M., took the gavel of W.M., and reinstated Bro. Benoit as W.M. All the officers were then installed in their respective offices. At the banquet which concluded this meeting, the three regular toasts of the lodge were drunk. 1. To the oppressed of the whole world and to their freedom." This was spoken by a Bro. Bourgeois. 2. "To progress and its triumph." This was spoken by Bro. Florent, the Orator. 3. "To all Masons and to the speedy triumph of our Masonic motto." This was spoken to by a Bro. John Lane, Treasurer, who it seems addressed the meeting in English. Now we think it right to call the attention of our brethren to this fact, because this lodge is a clandestine and illegal assembly, professing and practising spurious Masonry. It is famed for its peculiar and political proclivities, and is absolutely illegal by Masonic law, as well as contrary to the laws of the land. We can only warn our English brethren about it, as attendance at its meetings is an act of Masonic illegality, which may be visited by suspension or even expulsion. We are also anxious to mention it because the Treasurer bears an English name, Bro. Lane, and we are desirous of knowing whether he is an English Mason, or merely a member of a surreptitious, illegal assembly of French refugees, unlawfully calling themselves a Masonic lodge. Les Philadelphes have no "charter," and are ipso facto, to use a French expression, "hors de la Maçonnerie," outside of Masonry. We shall be glad to learn that Bro. Lane is not an English Mason, as we must repudiate indignantly this mixing up of political bitterness and violence with the mild, and genial, and truly fraternal spirit of Freemasonry, which, as we have often said before, is only Freemasonry when it adheres to the great principles of loyalty and charity, of reverence for God and of sympathy for man. To represent Freemasonry as a semi-political society, setting itself against rulers and order, a friend to the anarchical and communist, is untrue in itself, dishonouring to Freemasonry, and destructive of its real character. If Bro. Lane be really an English Mason, we trust that measures will at once be authoritatively taken, to prevent him disobeying and disavowing publicly, as before our own loyal English Craft, the fundamental principles and unchanging Constitutions of our Order.

TRUE CHARITY.

The *Monde Maçonnique* for May contains an extract from *La Rivista*, which we assume to be authentic, and if so deem it worthy of note. It is a portion of an address by some "brethren of the Christian Faith" to the children of one of the schools in Italy, and certainly is a most elegant and most Christian production, as we feel sure our brethren will admit. It is just possible that their use of the word "Christian" in the present special case may be similar to that which the well-known Duke of Buckingham put upon it, when in *Pevevil of the Peak* he addresses "Ganlesse," or "Christian," that most consummate scoundrel—"Oh, most Christian, Christian." But listen to the flowers of poesy, propriety, and perfume which drop from the lips of this most gentle fraternity,

which, by the way, is said to have a very Jesuit flavour, and to be, in fact, an offshoot of that most "secret society." "Freemasonry which mendaciously terms itself a society of benevolence is a collection ("ramassis") of atheists, impious materialists, rationalists, of rascals and debauchees. Freemasonry is the scourge of the Church, of the state of families, and of the world, the scandal of honest people, the perpetual shame, degradation, and dishonour of humanity. According to their Constitutions the Mason, with very few exceptions (pray note that) can only be a skilful thief and an assassin. Their society has for its end to deny God in order to justify, for its own criminal designs, which are to throw down thrones and altars, and to destroy all constituted authority." Lest our readers should think we are exaggerating, which we beg to assure them we never do, we give Bro. Grimaux's translation. "La Maçonnerie qui s'intitule mesongérement société de bienfaisance, est un ramassis d'athés, d'impies, de matérialistes, de rationalistes, de fripons, et de débauchés. La Maçonnerie est le fléau de l'Eglise, de l'Etat, des familles et du monde, le scandale des honnêtes gens, la honte perpétuelle, la dégradation, le déshonneur, de l'humanité. D'après ses Constitutions, le Maçon,—à part très peu d'exceptions,—ne peut être qu'un habile voleur et un assassin. Cette société a pour but de nier Dieu, afin de justifier ses propres desseins scélérats, qui sont de renverser les trônes et les autels, et de détruire toute autorité constituée." Are not these, kind readers, noble, true, and Christian words? What can be the mental state of such religionists who dare to give utterance to such absolute lies?

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

ASSISTANT GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, vicar of Crowton, Cheshire, M.A., Merton College, Oxford, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo Lodge, 1862, and having served various offices in that lodge and the Churchill, became W.M. in 1865. In due course, he took the Royal Arch Degree, and was one of the three first Principals at the formation of the Apollo University Chapter. During his residence at Oxford he was most active in all Masonic festivities at "Commemoration," and having taken the Mark Degree in the University Lodge, became W.M. in 1867, and in the following year appointed Grand Chaplain of the Mark Degree in England. He took the Knights Templar Degree in Cœur de Lion Encampment in 1863, and became E.C. in 1867, and afterwards Grand Almoner of England. Bro. Stanhope is a member and Past Master of 428, Sincerity, Northwich, De Tabley, 941, Knutsford, and Unity, 321, Crewe, and has been a member of lodges in Herts and Derbyshire. On the death of George Cornwall Legh, Esq., M.P., he was appointed in 1877 Grand Prior of Cheshire, and during the same year was instrumental in forming the Stanhope Chapter, of the Rose Croix Degree, at Chester, and since then has been elected a member of the 32°. In 1868 Bro. Stanhope was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of Cheshire, and is now P. Grand Mark Master of Cheshire and North Wales.

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.]

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The following extract, translated from a Paris paper, *La France*, may prove of interest to your readers:—
The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite has dissolved the Justice Lodge, No. 133, of which the democratic spirit is well known. Several members have further been punished by being suspended from their Masonic privileges, owing to their having demanded that the general regulations of the Craft should be altered to assimilate more closely with modern democratic ideas. This decree of the Supreme Council is one of great importance, as it is signed by Bro. Cremieux, Grand Master of the Scottish Rite, and countersigned by Bro. Guiprey, Grand Chancellor. This decision, affecting a lodge, which, according to *Lu France*,

is a most active and meritorious one, has provoked much comment, and there will probably be a necessity for calling together a general assembly of lodges.

No doubt, most English Freemasons will consider that Bro. Cremieux acted, under the circumstances, quite rightly; for he evidently wishes the Scottish Rite to be kept free from the taint which affects the Grand Orient, and which has caused that body to be disowned by Freemasons in Great Britain.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

S. H. D'AIRGDER,
J.W. Kaisar-i-Kind, No. 1724,
Secretary Bayard, No. 1615.

POLLING FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I was present last Thursday when this little event came off, pleasing some and displeasing others, I wish to make a suggestion. Owing to the excitement arising from the main business of the day, strange to say, that most important matter the election of female children for the list of candidates took place in almost dumb show.

In vain did the gallant Chairman call order, and ask for attention; one or two brethren, who shall be nameless, would talk at the very top of their voices, and completely drowned in the turmoil the accents of Bro. Hedges, and disregarded the requests of our worthy Grand Treasurer. Of all the children elected, six I believe, we could neither hear the names, much less the claims.

It seems that by the present laws it is held that the poll commences at the commencement of the meeting, and closes at five.

At the election for Children in April and October a clause is introduced in the law, declaring that the voting shall commence at the close of the business.

Why should not the same provision be incorporated with the section relating to election of House Committee? As several alterations are likely to be made in October, why will not some energetic brother give notice of such a clause at the next monthly meeting, as it would facilitate business, and render the meeting a reality and not a sham?

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your remarks on Stewards' List for above festival you do West Yorkshire an injustice. I have before me our charity subscription list, issued 1st April, 1879, which shew then twenty-one stewards with a subscription of £309 15s. This number and the amount I have no doubt is more by this time.

I am, sir, yours fraternally,

JOHN BARKER,
Life Governor.

[We are very glad to hear this. We took our information from the official printed list, which was not then complete.]

BOYS' FESTIVAL, JUNE 27TH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me space to correct an error, into which you have fallen, in your issue of the 31st ult., page 220. You say West Yorkshire, generally foremost, has but three Stewards for the coming festival. I cannot tell from what source you obtained your information, it certainly does us an injustice.

We have twenty-two Stewards, of whom two have served once previously, one five times, one six times, and one twelve times before.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY SMITH,
Prov. G. Sec. W. Y.

THE COST OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the following appears in an evening paper, professedly based on a Masonic paper, I beg to say that nothing is more erroneous:

Institution.	No. of Inmates.	Expenditure.
London Orphan Asylum ...	540	£17,093
Fatherless Children ...	282	8,076
Royal Albert Asylum ...	198	5,521
St. Anne's ...	335	12,707
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls ...	195	15,317

The comparison is not very favourable to the Freemasons' School."

I hope next week to point out clearly its entire fallacy as a reliable statement.

I am, dear Sir and brother, yours,

A FRIEND TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MASONIC GRAMMAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to return to this little question, having noticed the remarks of Bro. Dron in your last issue.

I objected originally, as you will remember, to the use of the word "exceptionable," because really conveying an altogether different meaning from that which the context evidently was intended to supply, and I stated that "exceptional" and "exceptionable" were the same, though exceptional was, I was aware, often used, though I thought erroneously now a days.

I do not understand from Bro. Dron's communication that he has yet realized what was the purport of my letter.

Its tone and temper are, as too commonly, I regret to note, in the simplest Masonic discussions, both "bad form" and purely personal, but with these things I have nothing to do, and for them I care nothing, and simply proceed to point out what are the real facts of the case.

There is a modern use, undoubtedly, of "exceptional," which is, however, not warranted by any "standard authority."

The word is unknown to Johnson, cannot be found in Bailey, Richardson, Webster, and is even "non est" in Walker's well-known pronouncing dictionary. Boyer (French), Flügel (German), Velasquez (Spanish), contain it not; and only after some difficulty have I found it in Spiers's French and English dictionary, and with such a peculiar use of it as to support entirely my own humble view of its "status" in our English language.

Under the French word "exceptionnel" we find "exceptional, a) exception," but, curiously enough, in the English portion of the dictionary, Spiers ignores the word, and only mentions "exceptionable."

Bro. Dron says "exceptional" is applied to such things as form or make an exception," but where does he, except on his own "ipse dixit," find this laid down? It is thus, as I contend, of foreign origin and use.

"Exceptionable," Johnson says, comes from *exceptio*, which Faciolati informs us means "an exception, a clause, a restriction, a proviso," and also was a law term—practically an exception or objection.

In all probability our word comes from the French "exception," which, as Boyer shows, has also two similar meanings. And thus, no doubt, we get to "exceptional" of or belonging to an exception. But still though this is so, curiously enough we can find no recognition of it in our standard authorities, though its use is not uncommon, and had exceptional been printed instead of "exceptionable," I should have said perhaps nothing, though there is no actual authority for its use—except what is to be found in slipshod writing and common conversation. But I suspect that the writer of the clause took it, as I did, as equivalent to "exceptionable," but used it in the French sense of "exceptionnel," not, as I have pointed out, in the English sense "exceptionable" properly.

Bro. Dron seems to doubt what is the proper word to use. I say again either "special" or "exceptional" if you can validate the claim to any usage at all, which so far rests on the "authority" of Bro. Dron, though not uncommon I allow in writings of the day, but like a good many other words of foreign or other derivation having unauthorisedly crept into our "patois" and "vernacular" of the hour. I prefer still "special" or "peculiar"—as exceptional is of doubtful use and authority—though it would read correctly if understood as "exceptionnel." As regards "stickler," Bro. Dron does not seem to be aware that it is an old English word, and referred originally to "fencers," not to "pugilists" at all. Stickler has been applied to a "second" in a duel, as well as to an obstinate, pigheaded, contentious fellow.

Will Bro. Dron permit me to doubt his right, and certainly his capacity, to set up as either an "arbitrator elegantium" or a "ducta dibutantium" much less a "master of the school," and that having read his verbal criticisms, their proper destination appears to me, in all deference to him be it said, the waste paper basket.

Yours fraternally,
LINDLEY MURRAY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In passing down Great Queen Street the other day I noticed on the door of the tavern kept by that excellent Brother, Alfred Brst, best of good fellows and unsurpassed caterer, the title—"Freemason's Tavern," in the possessive case *singular*, you will observe, instead of the possessive case *plural*. Svangers might imagine that the Tavern in question, instead of being as announced, the Tavern of the Freemason, it was that of an

ODD FELLOW.

A WORD OF WARNING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The brethren of every new lodge ought to thank you Sir, for your timely words of warning on the pernicious habit of soliciting candidates, which, I fear, is much too prevalent.

Every thinking Mason ought to do his utmost by practice and example, to put down so reprehensible a practice.

Many a lodge has had to lament the introduction, through well meant, but ill judged anxiety to increase its numbers by this means, of the seeds of disruption. I trust that the kindly words to which you have given utterance will also induce more reflection before candidates are proposed.

I am fraternally yours,

E. M.

The annual installation meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, was held on Monday last, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where Bro. W. Cotter was installed W.M. for the second time. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

Bro. Farwig, P.M., 180, was, on Thursday evening, unanimously elected Preceptor of the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, 1287. Bro. P. M. Adams, P.G.P., having resigned in consequence of his great age.

Bro. W. Smithell was on Thursday installed W.M. of the Felicity Lodge.

Bro. Theodore Distin has just carried off the first prize of £10 offered by the Huddersfield Glee and Madrigal Society, for a comic glee. Bro. Distin intends giving the glee "Jack Horner" at his concert at the Horns in the ensuing month.

to ten guineas the privilege of Life Subscribers should be granted to them. Such a resolution as this should not be passed hastily, and though he at all times disliked opposing the recommendations of the General Board, who had had the opportunity of fully considering the questions brought before them, he thought the brethren should carefully consider the present matter.

Bro. Binckes said a lodge was not prevented giving a smaller sum than ten guineas. For every five shillings subscribed they would have a vote, but the vote would not be permanent. The matter was fully discussed at the General Board, which was unanimous on the subject.

Bro. Rawson said then a lodge would not have the privilege of permanent votes if it subscribed less than £5 5s. at one time.

Bro. Binckes said it would fall back on Law 5. "Every sum of five shillings per annum subscribed to the Mark Benevolent Fund gives the Subscriber one vote at a single election."

The Earl of Limerick said he thought Bro. Rawson was quite right. If the words had been put in as suggested, they would have governed Law 5, as well as the others, and shown that it was necessary to give five guineas, or else there would not be a privilege at all. He thought that was not intended. The words "Similar life privileges" would show that that would not apply to Clause 5. If the words were put in without some such definition it was quite clear that that clause would govern the other clauses. The word "Life" might be put in, and it would apply to Laws 6, 7, and 8.

Bro. Binckes suggested that the word "permanent" would be preferable to "life."

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal thought the Grand Master in the chair was perfectly right. It was never intended to interfere with lodges giving 5s.; it was simply intended that they should not be life subscribers unless they paid five guineas at a time. If the word "permanent" were put in that would meet the difficulty. He suggested that Clause 9 should read:—"Similar permanent privileges are acquired by lodges on payment of double the above amounts, in sums of not less than five guineas each."

Bro. C. F. Martin seconded the motion.

Bro. Charles Horsley enquired whether a lodge paying five guineas in twenty-five payments of 5s. each would be prevented having a permanent subscribership vote.

Bro. Binckes explained that, to entitle a lodge to twelve votes in perpetuity, the ten guineas must be paid in two sums of five guineas each.

The motion was then put and carried.

On the motion of the Rev. G. R. Portal, seconded by Bro. James Salmon, £21 was voted from the funds of Grand Lodge on account of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in name of the General Board.

Bro. Donald W. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary, having retired from Grand Lodge,

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal moved that £50 be voted from the Funds of Grand Lodge as a gratuity to the Assistant Grand Secretary in recognition of his exertions in recovering long-standing arrears due to Grand Lodge. He said that all the brethren who were acquainted with such an organisation as Grand Lodge of Mark Masters must be aware that from time to time lodges did fall into arrear, and however much they might be written to, they did not pay up. When Bro. Dewar was appointed in Grand Secretary's office a year and a half ago, his attention was particularly called to the fact of the arrears. By his indefatigable exertions since then, and his continuous letter writing, he had succeeded in recovering £500, and the General Board thought unanimously that in recognition of those exertions they could not do less than give him a per-centage on the sum recovered.

Bro. S. Rawson seconded the motion.

Bro. Binckes said he thought he should be guilty of a great want of respect and of a dereliction of duty if, before this resolution was put, he did not, as Grand Secretary, bear his more than willing testimony to the very faithful and admirable manner in which Bro. Dewar had performed his duties in office ever since he (Bro. Binckes) recommended him to it. The brethren present had witnessed the way in which Bro. Dewar had discharged his duties, and would agree with him that there should be some recognition of it.

Bro. Thomas Meggy, as Grand Auditor, also bore testimony to the admirable way the accounts of Grand Lodge had been kept by Bro. Dewar, and also to the success which had attended his zeal in recovering the arrears due to Grand Lodge.

The Earl of Limerick said he was sure the expressions made use of by the several Brethren would be felt by Bro. Dewar almost more than the pecuniary amount of the compliment which Grand Lodge was asked to make to him. Grand Lodge was very much indebted to Bro. Dewar for the very zealous manner in which he had discharged his duties, as was shown by the increase that had been made to Grand Lodge funds. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. D. M. Dewar having returned to Grand Lodge,

The Earl of Limerick said it was his pleasing duty to inform Bro. Dewar that Grand Lodge had, as some recognition of his very valuable services, which had so greatly improved the financial position of Grand Lodge, passed the following resolution:—"That £50 be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge as a gratuity to the Assistant Grand Secretary, in recognition of his exertions in recovering long-standing arrears due to Grand Lodge." He thought it only right to say that the vote was accompanied by the most flattering expressions from several of the brethren who were best able to speak to those services, including the Grand Secretary and Grand Auditor.

Bro. Dewar thanked the brethren for their kindness in passing the vote and expressing themselves so favourably of his services. It would be an incentive to him to do as well in the future.

On the motion of Bro. W. Roebuck, seconded by Bro. C. F. Matier, the report of the General Board was adopted.

The Earl of Limerick here said that he was unable to stay any longer, as he had a considerable amount of business to attend to. It had been almost impossible for him to come at all, but he did not like to absent himself entirely. He regretted that he was unable to stay so short a time, and he hoped the brethren would excuse him and grant him leave of absence.

His lordship then retired, and Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal took the chair.

Lord Skelmersdale was duly announced as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and the following are the Grand Officers for the year.

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| The Earl of Donoughmore | ... Deputy G.M. |
| Lord Mandeville | ... G.S.W. |
| J. M. P. Montagu | ... G.J.W. |
| Richard Eve | ... G.M.O. |
| Thomas Cubitt | ... G.S.O. |
| Charles Horsley | ... G.J.O. |
| Rev. A. A. Bagshawe | ... G.C. |
| Rev. D. Ace | ... G.C. |
| Frederic Davison | ... Grand Treasurer. |
| H. C. Levander | ... Grand Registrar. |
| Frederick Binckes | ... Grand Sec. |
| Donald M. Dewar | ... Assistant G. Sec. |
| Dr. Ramsay | ... G.S.D. |
| James Lewis Thomas | ... G.S.D. |
| Frank Richardson | ... G.J.D. |
| Charles Jacques | ... G.J.D. |
| Stephen Barton Wilson | ... G. Sup. of Works. |
| Robert Berridge | ... G.D.C. |
| George Smith | ... Assistant G.D.C. |
| Capt. Ritchie | ... G. Sword B. |
| Charles Sparkes | ... G. Standard B. |
| Edw. Lott | ... G. Organist. |
| Edw. Diggle | ... G.I.G. |
| Bros. Collins, Sidney Jones, Thomas Armstrong, John Barker, Edw. Margrett, Robert Spice, Thos. Pulley, George Harrison, George Brownlow, John Syer, W. White, and Booth | ... Grand Stewards. |
| C. T. Spaight | ... G. Tyler. |

Bro. Portal informed the brethren that the Grand Master had been pleased to nominate him as President of the General Board, and Bros. T. Meggy, S. Rosenthal, S. C. Di din, C. F. Matier, Thos. Cubitt, and Robert Berridge, members of the Board.

The following brethren were elected to serve on the Board:—Bros. Alfred Williams, T. J. Sabine, W. Roebuck, T. C. Walls, and O. H. Pearson.

Bro. Binckes informed the Grand Master that he had received letters and telegrams from the following brethren, regretting their inability to attend, and apologising for their absence:—The M.W.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale; the R.W.P.D.G.M., Sir E. A. H. Lechmere; R.W. Bros. J. F. Halsey, G.J.W.; Col. Bardett, P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; Wm. Kelly, P.G.M. Leicestershire; V.W. Bros. Rev. F. W. Thoytes, P.G.C.; Dr. E. Brette, P.G.C.; W. Bros. R. G. Smith, G.J.D.; Capt. G. Watson, G.J.D.; J. C. Rozen, P.G.D.; E. T. Inskip, P.G.D.; F. Long, P.G.D. of C.; Martin Kemp, G.A.D. of C.; G. Higgins, G.S.; S. Jones, G.S.; G. Harrison, G.S.; P. de E. Collin, G.S.; R. Butlerworth, P.G.S.; Wm. Nutt, P.G.S.; R. G. Glover, P.G.S.; W. S. Gillard, P.G.S.; Benj. Cox, P.G.S.; S. H. Knaggs, G.S.; and Magnus Ohren.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Sussex Room of Freemasons' Tavern to an excellent banquet.

When the toasts were proposed,

Bro. Thomas Cubitt responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said it was a very proud position for any of the Grand Officers to arrive at, and for himself he appreciated the honour very highly that had been conferred on him that night. He hoped the M.W.G.M. would not regret any appointment he had made.

The Rev. C. R. Davy, Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire, proposed "The Past Grand Masters," and said they all looked upon Bro. Portal as the rescuator of Mark Masonry in England. Wherever he (Bro. Davy) had been in Mark Masonry, his ideas had always reverted to Bro. Portal. He was not only the rescuator but the maker of Mark Masonry, and the brethren had had so many opportunities of witnessing the excellence of his working and his geniality of manner that it was unnecessary to decant upon them.

Bro. Portal replied. The brethren would agree with him that the great success that had attended their degree was very mainly owing to the secret that at a critical moment of his history they had been able to secure the services of distinguished men as Grand Masters. At the time the degree was launched, certain influential brethren in the Craft Grand Lodge did all they could to prevent the Mark Grand Lodge being formed, and he believed they would not have succeeded in establishing it if it had not been for securing Lord Leigh as their first Grand Master. A little later on they obtained the Earl of Carnarvon, who was of great services, as his acceptance of office completely shut the mouths of those who tried to make out that Mark Masons were endeavouring to oppose Craft Grand Lodge, because Lord Carnarvon was then Deputy Grand Master in the Craft. It was of great importance to have Lord Skelmersdale, the intimate friend of the present Grand Master, in the Craft. The success of the degree had been something astonishing, fifteen years ago there were scarcely any Mark Lodges; now there were 247, besides ten memorial lodges; so that there were now nearly 257 lodges on the roll. Excepting the Craft, there was no Masonic body making the same progress. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to come amongst the brethren and to be of any use he could to Mark Masonry.

Bro. F. Davidson, G.T., proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund." This fund had already £1000 invested. It had made grants that evening of £50 to the daughters of one brother, and £20 to another brother, who took at one time a very active interest in the degree. He had every satisfaction in saying that the fund was progressing.

Bro. Binckes replied, and after tracing the progress of the Fund and the good it had done, announced that the annual festival would take place on the 2nd of July, at the Alexandra Palace, and that Lord Arthur Hill would take the chair.

Bro. Hargreaves, of Manchester, responded for "The Visitors," shortly after which the brethren separated.

In the course of the evening the brethren were entertained with some beautiful singing by Bros. Hodges, Stedman, De Lacy, and Masters Manning, Dunster, Payne, and Probert, of the Westminster Abbey choir, under the direction of Bro. C. M. Lott, Grand Organist.

PLACING THE CORNER-STONE.

The following address was delivered by the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Edward L. Judson, at the placing of the corner-stone of the U.S. Custom House and Post-Office, Albany, N.Y.:—"Fellow Citizens,—The services which you are about to witness are to be performed at the invitation of the authorities on laying the foundation stone of a building to be devoted to public uses, and while it will add another stately edifice to the many already adorning our ancient and goodly city, it will also be a monument to the public spirit and increasing importance of the American people. That these ceremonies are to be directed by an association which has long flourished in the midst of this people will be the justification—if any were needed—for a brief trespass upon your patience at this time. The custom of laying the corner stones of public buildings comes to us from a remote antiquity, so remote indeed that no man can point to its exact origin. The elements used, viz., corn, wine, and oil, have in all ages and by all people been regarded as the emblems of national prosperity, the essential elements of sustenance and domestic comfort. Naturally a ceremony so nearly allied to operative Masonry would fall to an association like ours, which employs the working tools of the builder to convey the lessons of morality and truth to its adepts. Hence in the past it has been the custom in many countries, but especially in this free land of ours, for the authorities to invite our services in laying the corner-stone with the solemnities of our Craft, thus at once by the fact of the ceremony announcing the importance of the building to follow, and the appreciation of the patriotic spirit which moves this venerable association to respond to the call of public duty, and, to the extent of its power, to place the seal of its prestige and good wishes upon the work in hand. That this may be made more apparent a brief explanation of the nature of our society and its claims to that public approval of which the proceedings in which we are now engaged are an evidence will not at this time be regarded as inappropriate. The ancient and honourable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, represented in this ceremony, has existed so long that of it may be truly said, 'the memory of man runneth not to the contrary,' yet always and in all places it has been the exponent of that idea, so grandly carried out in our national institutions, a government of the people for and by the people, recognising as it does that its rules, for time being, act by delegated powers conveyed through the medium of written constitutions and laws. The earliest and most emphatic of our inculcations, that which meets the neophyte at the very threshold of the institution, and beckons him forward and upward, 'as a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night,' until at last he is laid away to the final rest, is an unswerving belief in God, the Father and Creator of the Universe, in whom we live, move, and have our being, and without whose knowledge not even a sparrow falls to the ground. And yet, withal, it is impossible that sectarianism should enter our fold, or that we should be the exponents or the enemies of any special mode of faith. Our organisation surrounds the globe; it marches into the primeval forest with the pioneer, and affords the means of a continual advancing civilisation; it is with the sailor in the solitude of the ocean, with the soldier by the camp fires and in the storm of battle; and though it may not stay the uplifted arm or the deadly missile, it gives a cup of water to a wounded enemy and grieves over the cruel necessity that has called for his wound or his death. You will find it in every rank and station of society. It accompanies the cheerful clang of the artisan's hammer, is with the farmer at seed-time and harvest, with the merchant in his warehouse, the senator at the forum, the judge upon the bench, and the minister at the altar. Even royalty is exalted by its honours, and the poorest brother walks beneath the folds of its banner with a higher consciousness of manhood, for as before God and the law, all men are equal, so on the broad pavement of Freemasonry the king and the peasant are brethren, and he among them all is mightiest in whose life-walk there is best exemplified the influence of a steady and right-doing faith in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Again, our inculcation demands that in whatever country he may be, a Mason is ever to be loyal and obedient to the Government thereof, and always to respect the civil magistrates—supreme and subordinate. There is with us no interference with the right of private judgment. Our regulations do not prevent a brother, in his capacity as a citizen, from being the most extreme partisan either way his predilections may incline. But when he enters the temple he must leave his partisanship at the door, and within its sacred precincts be only the loyal citizen, man and Mason. Hence in our lodge-rooms, during the most excited political canvass, all is calm, and the men who may differ widely upon the platform will be found side by side discharging the

