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If it be true that there is any such thing as "infallibility" in human decisions or Masonic councils, we should feel inclined to apply to the "collective wisdom of Grand Lodge" recently exercised the famous old Roman distich, "Roma locuta est, causa finita est." But alas! infallibility is not of earth, and the limitation of our faculties, and the imperfection of our reasoning powers, all shew us convincingly and truly that here at the best, at the very best, we see "but through a glass darkly." Hence we think it right to criticize with freedom and friendliness all the recent decisions of Grand Lodge. We find fault with few of them, and we feel sure, that in our Revised Constitutions we have to our hands a very improved version of a book which is so greatly cherished by English Freemasons, as alike the Charter of the prerogatives and independence of our great Order, which alike protects our liberties, gauges our privileges, and gives us wise, good, and sensible laws of Masonic order, discipline, procedure, and vitality.

WE regret to notice the alteration as regards the "Status of Past Masters." It is not only a grave innovation on our present custom and law, but it so severely affects the whole of our Masonic lodge life and liberty, as seemingly to interfere with the latter and modify the former. Up to the present time the Past Master of a lodge was a brother who had done good suit and service to the lodge. He had filled its qualifying offices, and lastly, elected by the free suffrages of his brethren, he had ruled over the lodge in person for "one year." He was in every sense Past Master of the lodge. By this "new departure" he need only have paid his joining fee, larger or smaller as the case may be, and though he has never done an hour's work for the lodge, lo and behold! he is henceforth to rank after the Past Masters of the lodge, who all have in their turn actually presided over their lodge. It seems to us to be both a "paradox" and a "fad" gravely to argue "that once a Past Master always a Past Master," and that because he is a Past Master and has served one lodge as a Past Master he is to have a right to claim to be a Past Master of another lodge, with which he has nothing whatever to do, and of which his acquaintance may be very slight,—in fact "of yesterday." This is such a revolution, as we observed last week, in our normal lodge life, that it may have and probably will have the most serious consequences,—consequences entirely unforeseen by those who have "set the stone a-rolling," but which are the logical consequences both of hasty induction and hastier legislation. Among those certain consequences, as it seems to us, are the following: 1. The change will greatly interfere with that "esprit de corps" which has hitherto had a very good effect on our lodges and the Craft. Up to the present the work done has been in the lodge and for the lodge; henceforth any one who has interest enough to pass the ballot can become Past Master of a lodge for which he has done nothing, claim its name, and the actual position of a Past Master of the lodge, though he has never been, and probably never will be, its actual Worshipful Master. 2. This change obliterates the whole constitutional idea of what a Past Master is. Why is his rank conferred with his collar? Not because he is a Past Master in the Craft, but because he has been actual Past Master of a lodge, that lodge in whose chair he has duly served. But henceforth a brother who has been the Worshipful Master and the Past Master of the Lodge of Affability, in which he has legally served his time and gained his qualification of a Past Master, thence derived, and thence derived alone, by the mere payment of a sum of money, becomes Past Master of the Lodge of Philanthropy also simply by payment of a joining fee, and for which lodge he has never given a day's thought or service. 3. The change will suit those "well-to-do," and not the humble members of our Order. By the mere strength of purse, a brother (if he can influence his brethren sufficiently) can become member of as many lodges as he likes, and Past Master of all these lodges, in various provinces. 4. This change of status must lead to blackbaling. There are many independent lodges, well-to-do and happy, with a long array of Past Masters, with younger brethren rising rapidly in turn to office, and it is not likely they will now ever allow a brother with a Past Master's status to join their lodges. In the first place, they do not want unnecessarily to increase the number of Past Masters; and, in the next place, they believe in the good old adage, "Palnam qui meruit ferat," due honour given for "proper work," and only "proper work to the lodge performed." We are rather inclined to think that this peculiar change will hardly pass the ordeal of the report or confirmation. In London, as we said before, the change will work admittedly great incongruity and evil, and in the provinces,—though here and

there there may be exceptional cases,—at the outside, the drawbacks of the present system are really very slight indeed, and constitute a "minimum" of private hardship or public inconvenience. *Let us avoid if we can creating "bogus" Past Masters of lodges!*

WE always pay attention to P.G.C. BROWNRIGG's remarks, but we confess we hardly follow him in his argument last week in Grand Lodge as to the status of Past Masters. If we understand him rightly, our able brother's position is this, a twofold one. (1.) The concession to "Past Masters in the Craft" in the revised laws strengthens, he thinks, the claim of Past Masters in a lodge, to become Past Masters of a lodge; and (2) that it is a hardship that a Past Master of a lodge in one province should not be Past Master of a lodge in another province of which he has become a joining member. But our esteemed Bro. BROWNRIGG will excuse us for saying that the revised arrangement for allowing a Past Master to perform the ceremonial meets the very grievance, such as it is, in greater part, and is really a very strong argument against, not in favour of any further change. As regards the change from one province to another, and an equal status for the Past Masters, our worthy brother seems to us, like others, to lose sight of the whole gist of the point in dispute. In the one province the brother is a Past Master of a lodge by virtue of work done for that lodge, and therefore and *therefore only* is he Past Master of that lodge. In the new province he has done nothing for the new lodge and cannot be "virtute officii" a Past Master of the lodge rightly, because he has done nothing to gain for himself that qualification. In one sense the rank of Past Master is universal, so long, according to our Book of Constitutions, as the brother is a subscribing member of a lodge, and nothing can take from him that rank. But it is quite a different thing to give him the fallacious title of "Past Master of a lodge" of which he has never been the Worshipful Master. We have heard a good deal lately of "unearned increment;" does it not fairly apply to this *unworked* for addition to legitimate honours?

WE call attention elsewhere to a speech delivered at a most interesting meeting at the Sea Bathing Infirmary, Margate, where our esteemed Bro. Lieut.-Col. CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer, declared the "New Wing" opened, built by the almost unexampled munificence of Bro. Sir ERASMUS WILSON, Past Grand Deacon. Bro. Lieut.-Col. CREATON very fitly, if shortly, thus commemorates the happy outcome of the large-hearted benevolence of our respected and well-known brother. This is one of those excellent institutions for healing and help in our country, which seems to have a special claim on the humane and the sympathetic. Dealing with a most serious and distressing and wide-spread malady, and which can be only treated with a chance of success by the special regimen and arrangements which this excellent and useful infirmary so liberally adheres to, this Home of shelter and healing has been of untold blessing to many, and, thanks to our good Bro. Sir ERASMUS WILSON, will, humanly speaking, be productive of help and health to many more. 40,000 cases have been already treated by it, and to a very great extent most successfully; and with these new wards a still larger number of grateful inmates can be conveniently received and sedulously watched over. Bro. Sir ERASMUS WILSON has most wisely judged, and his example deserves alike commendation and imitation, that to no nobler work can wealth and affluence be directed than to those great and humble, those useful and benevolent institutions alike, which seek to alleviate the burdens and mitigate the maladies of our common and suffering humanity. Many of our readers will have seen with deep regret that their amiable old friend is suffering himself, and they will all we know join sincerely in the wish and trust that medical skill and science may restore him to all of health and comfort.

WE were much startled with the opinions expressed by our most distinguished Bro. JOHN HAVERS, P.G.W., and Bro. MCINTYRE, G.R., as to the power of a lodge to confer the Honorary rank of Past Master of a lodge on a Past Master in the lodge, or any honorary rank at all. We certainly never heard of such a power before, nor even the idea of such a power resting in lodges. It seems to us a most serious question,—one that deserves settling one way or the other. We note that our esteemed Bro. the GRAND REGISTRAR admits that there is no distinct enactment in favour of any such proposition. Whence the power is derived we do not clearly gather, but we presume it exists somewhere, or has been exercised within "legal memory."

MANY of our readers will lament to notice the account of the premature and sudden death of our old friend "Savarićus," Bro. JOHN SAFFERY. He was a most zealous Freemason and a most kindly-hearted man, full of zeal for social amelioration, and of plans for social welfare. He was endowed with literary tastes and poetic gifts of a no mean order, and many of our fraternity will deeply lament the loss of a good Freemason, a sincere friend, and an honest lover of his species.

WE have been called over the coals for saying that £3 3s. was the maximum of Provincial Joining Fees. What we meant to say was the highest possible "average" of Provincial joining fees was £3 3s. To the statement we adhere.

WE shall call attention to the Victoria "embroglio" next week. We regret to add that a new illegal Grand Lodge has been started under circumstances which render non-recognition a duty, and ostracism a necessity.

WE shall also probably deem it well to allude to the present Masonic troubles in Canada and Quebec.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of this province was held at the Corn Exchange, Petersfield, on Friday, the 10th inst., at two o'clock p.m. Amongst those present were R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master; Bros. Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.P.G.S.W., acting Dep. G.M.; J. Druitt, P.G.S.W.; A. J. Miller, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. G. Pickering, P.G. Chap.; R. J. Rastrick, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec.; J. R. Hayman, P.G. Reg.; H. W. Townsend, P.G.S.D.; C. W. Jellicoe, P.G.J.D.; S. Dore, P.G.D. of C.; J. Laverty, P.G.A.D. of C.; J. W. Wilmott, P.G.S.B.; W. Dart and Barclay, P.G. Stewards; Stophor, P.M. 76, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. A. A. Headley, P.M. 309, P.P.G. Chap.; Lord John Tylour, P.G.S.W. New South Wales; M. E. Frost, P.P.G. Treas.; G. Lear, P.M. 634, P.P.G. S.D.; H. J. Guy, P.M. 342, P.P.G.D.C.; C. N. Haldane, P.M. 1373, P.P.G.D.C.; G. P. Arnold, P.M. 1428, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Captain Croisdale, P.M. 1971, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Gamon, W.M. 76; A. H. Jolliffe, P.M. 195; H. Liddell, P.M. 804, and J. Gieve, P.M. 1060, P.P.G. Stewards; Rev. P. G. Pickering, S.W.; F. Rutland, 35; W. C. Powell, S.W.; H. Marks, J.W.; W. Stophor, S.D.; G. Cox, J.D.; Westbrook, Waterman, Lacroix, Burdell, Doswell, and Murray, 76; J. Robertson, W.M. 130; C. E. Locke, W.M.; Pring, P.M.; Moleworth, Mursell, and Denzer, 151; B. J. Marwin, W.M.; G. L. Shobbs, J.W.; H. Durrant, S.D., and Pack, P.M. 175; Hilman, W.M. 195; Ernest Hall, W.M. 257; E. Goldsmith, W.M.; Rev. A. C. Hervey, J.W. 309; J. C. Burbage, J.W.; W. Cantelo, S.D., and Lester, 319; H. Croucher, W.M.; J. Brickwood, I.P.M.; J. E. Buck, S.W., and Hewitson, 342; J. Patstone, W.M.; E. O. Longland, S.W.; M. Emanuel, P.M.; Cross, P.M.; and Jacombe, 359; Rev. W. L'Argent Bell, Chaplain 394; Wm. M. Outridge, W.M.; Bates, and Salter, 485; R. J. Petherick, I.P.M.; G. M. Burt, P.M., Treas.; and F. H. Darwin, Sec. 551; J. Jones, W.M. 670; Harvey, P.M. 694; A. Dawkins, Sec. 698; R. Glasspool, W.M.; D. Strickly, P.M.; and T. Pulley 723; God, P.M. 734; H. Kimbes, I.P.M.; J. Harrison, P.M.; J. Collings, S.W. 804; W. Brunwin, W.M.; F. Powell, I.P.M.; R. W. Mitchell, P.M. 903; J. Woodhouse, W.M.; E. Nayler, J.W.; J. Marshall, J.D.; R. P. Cock, I.G.; Creedon, P.M.; L. A. B. Cole, P.M.; C. Knight, Fowler, Hyde, Pearson, and Wells, 928; G. Jenkins, 1069; W. H. Parsons, W.M. 1373; C. Travess, W.M.; W. Miller, D. of C.; G. Sylvester, Org.; Strick, P.M.; and Vicary, 1428; Wether, W.M.; and Rosoman, P.M. 1461; Rev. Dr. B. King, LL.D., S.W. 1705; F. H. Williams, W.M. 1776; Wm. Berry, I.P.M.; and Duncan, 1780; W. D. Parkhouse, W.M.; G. Mason, I.P.M.; J. Westaway, Sec.; G. Banning, and W. H. Baker, 1834; Latimer, H. Saunders, W.M.; and R. Loveland Loveland, I.P.M. 1869; G. Ward, J.D.; F. Dodd, Sec.; G. Harrison, I.G.; Seally, Greig, and Bellinger, 1883; F. Cooper, S.W.; J. Bailey, J.W. 1884; T. Page, W.M.; Rev. P. H. Good, Chap. 1903; H. Martin Green, I.P.M.; A. Lewis, I.G. 1958; Assist.-Commissary General Cook, W.M. 1971; Biggs, and Exell, P.G. Tylers; Carter, Cavin, Copus, James, Harrington, Godden, Mansell, Sims, Smith, Sims, Vare, and Vinnicombe, Tylers.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet for the Provincial Grand Lodge was received and adopted. It showed receipts from 38 lodges to the amount of £646 11s. 3d., and disbursements, £555 14s. 3d., leaving a cash balance of £90 17s.; fees of honour, £8 8s., and balance from last year, £22 16s. 9d.; total, £31 4s. 9d.; expenditure, £20 12s.; leaving a balance of £10 12s. 9d., and assets, £80.

On the proposition of Bro. DRUITT, P.G.S.W., seconded by Bro. R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, P.M., Bro. R. J. Rastrick was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. RASTRICK thanked the brethren for the honour they had again conferred upon him, and assured them he would always endeavour to carry out the wishes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, no matter what office he held.

Bro. Rev. J. N. PALMER, P.M. 698, P.P.G.S.W., had a notice of motion on the agenda paper to move, "That Provincial Grand Lodge do vote the sum of £300 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," which he withdrew, as he was told that the Province was not in a position to do so at present, as last year it had contributed over £300 to Masonic Charities and £100 as donations to brethren and the widows of brethren. He pleaded urgently to the brethren to devote individually 5s. a year to the Charity, and said that the Province of Hampshire did not show up at all well on the list for the before-mentioned Institution, and produced statistics to bear out his words. After his remarks he was loudly applauded.

Bro. J. R. HAYMAN, W.M. 1990, P.G. Reg., in proposing the next notice of motion said it needed very little explanation from him. The brethren were aware that Bro. G. Felton Lancaster and himself associated together and brought out a provincial calendar and he trusted that their work was not unworthy of the name. (Applause.) The book was not patronized as they had anticipated and they incurred a loss of £6 or £7. Bro. Lancaster and himself felt confident of the future success of the calendar, and the object of the motion was to ask the Provincial Grand Lodge to publish the work under their authority. In other provinces such a book had been brought out and paid well. Cornwall for instance after the first two years paid well and now a little surplus. Bro. Hayman concluded by proposing "That the Masonic Calendar for the province be in future published under the authority of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and that the loss incurred in connection with the publication of the first number be defrayed out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Funds."

Bro. JELICOE, P.G.J.D., seconded.

Bro. HAYMAN said that the proceeds of the Calendar should be devoted to Masonic Charities.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, P.G.M., said it would be unfair on their part to let Bros. Hayman and Lancaster be at any expense after the great trouble they had taken. No doubt that in a year or two they would have a profit. At present the book was not thoroughly known, and when it was no doubt the funds would be sufficient to pay for itself.

Bro. M. EMANUEL expressed a hope that this would not be a precedent for any other brother who started a speculation.

The motion was put and carried, two only voting against it.

Bro. LE FEUVRE, P.G. Secretary, read a letter from Bro. M. Emanuel, P.M. 359, to the effect that he had great pleasure in presenting a bible to the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Le Feuvre then presented it to the Prov. Grand Master, who, after examining it said he would only be expressing the general feeling of the brethren to Bro. Emanuel for the very handsome present made. They thoroughly appreciated it and it would always be used in Provincial Grand Lodge. He concluded by expressing his hearty and sincere thanks to the donor, who was an old and aident Mason.

Bro. EMANUEL said that he desired to give the Prov. Grand Master his hearty thanks for the manner in which he had spoken of him and also to the brethren for their reciprocation. It afforded him great pleasure to make the present. In regard to Masonry he had been 26 years a Mason, and out of that time he had been 23 years and never out of office in one degree or another, and he hoped he might be spared many years to work for such a noble Craft.

The bible is 270 years old and known as a "breeches" edition. It is handsomely bound in morocco and brass edging, and the edges of leaves are gilt.

Various sums of monies were then voted to brethren and widows of brethren in need.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed the following as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. W. Hickman, 130	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" M. E. Frost, 1069	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. Martin Green, 1958	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. P. G. Pickering, 35	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. L'Argent Bell, 394	...	
" R. J. Rastrick, 1069	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. E. Le Feuvre, 130	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" M. Emanuel, 359	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Hickley	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" G. M. Burke, 551	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. B. Edgeler	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. S. Plaice, 1780	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" H. Croucher, 342	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Woodhouse, 928	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. Powell, 903	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. J. Firth, 1869	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Robertson, 130	...	
" Cheshire	...	Prov. G. Tylers.
" Rosomond, 1461	...	
" Biggs	...	
" Exell	...	

The PROV. GRAND MASTER remarked that the lodge minute books were not all properly kept. They ought to be a true and faithful record of all the business transacted. In some of the books it did not state that the lodge was closed in the First Degree and opened in the Second, as it may be. It was taken for granted that a brother on being passed or raised that the lodge was opened in the Degree he sought admission. There was also no record showing that sufficient investigation of a brother's qualifications had been made before being elected as a joining member.

The P.G. Secretary, was, after a few remarks, instructed to write to the Secretary of each lodge on the subject.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that it afforded him great pleasure to be able next year to appoint four Deacons instead of two, as the province had attained to the position of having 40 lodges in it. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry or the Provincial Grand Lodge in particular, it was closed in due form.

About 70 of the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel where they partook of a cold collation. R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, presided, supported on the right by W. Bro. Lord John Tylour, D.G.S.W. New South Wales; Bros. Rastrick, P.G. Treas.; and Druitt, P.P.G.S.W. On the left of the P.G.M. were Bros. Pickering, P.G. Chap.; and J. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec.

"The Queen and Craft," proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, was duly honoured. He said that as Masons they were always proud to drink to the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," who took such great interest in the prosperity of Freemasonry. When his presence was required he was always there showing that he took interest in all Masonic ceremonials with grace and ability. He took an active interest in the welfare of the Craft. Although not often heard in Grand Lodge the internal economy of the Order was not lost sight of. (Applause.) This was drunk with cheers.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER proposed the toast of the "The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Earl of Carnarvon, and the R.W.D.G.M., Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." The speaker said that the Earl of Carnarvon took a great interest in Freemasonry. A short time ago he presided over Grand Lodge for about six hours in succession, save a little time he had for refreshment. It was a great tax on a man's physical powers. He also presided over a large and influential province. The Earl of Lathom also took an interest in the Order as well as the others.

Bro. Rev. PALMER, on rising to propose the next toast, was loudly applauded. He said that the hearty reception on his rising needed very little comment from him. All the brethren knew of the excellencies of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M. In proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M." Bro. Beach had remarked that the Grand Master was always ready to go to any Masonic ceremonies, but that he was not often heard in Grand Lodge. Well, if that was so, Bro. Beach showed a better example than his Royal Highness, for notwithstanding his numerous engagements, Bro. Beach always found time to come amongst his provincial brethren. They owed to him a great deal for the spread of Freemasonry, and he asked the brethren to drink heartily and cordially to "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," which they did.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, who was heartily received, returned his sincere thanks for the enthusiastic reception of the toast. He said it gave him great pleasure to come amongst them, and if he had contributed to the welfare of the Craft he was proud of it. Latterly, the rules which govern the Craft had had a certain amount of discussion at Grand Lodge. The Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight had sent up a good many brethren to hold out for the provincial rights. The Prov. Grand Secretary did good service, and met with the general approbation of Grand Lodge. There was an idea that the provinces were to be lessened in power; but now that was not so. Their muster at Grand Lodge had shown that the provinces were not so easily to be ignored; henceforth Provincial Grand Lodges had greater power than before. (Applause.) The province was now about to enter a new phase. Next year there

would be 40 lodges, which would increase the number of officers appointed. There appeared to be some difference of opinion as to the disposing of provincial offices. For the future, no brother, except an old Mason, should have office unless he had served the office of Prov. Grand Steward. There always seemed to be a prejudice against that office, and he wished it to be understood that for the future no brother, with the exception, as he had said before, of an old member of the Craft, could take office unless he had taken the Stewardship. He assured them it was his earnest endeavour to promote the interests of Freemasonry. It was no fault of his if he did not do his best for the Order, and as long as the brethren had confidence in him he would always be proud to do his very best. He concluded by thanking the brethren for their confidence in him and for their kind reception. (Cheers.)

Bro. LE FEUVRE, Prov. G. Sec., in proposing "The Visitors" referred to the presence of Bro. Lord John Tylour, P.D.S.W. of New South Wales, who had come to reside in the province. Bro. Le Feuvre said that his lordship had devoted valuable time to the Craft, and had likewise done a considerable amount of benefit. His coming in the province would, no doubt, be beneficial to them and to a lodge he had joined in Ryde. He was a contributor to more than one of the Masonic Charities, and that afternoon he had placed his several votes at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lord JOHN TAYLOUR said he was proud in being amongst them. He would equally follow the Craft here as he had done in the colonies.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, Prov. Grand Master, in proposing the toast of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. Hickman, and the Present and Past Wardens and Officers of the Province," referred to the absence, through ill-health, of Bro. Hickman, and expressed a hope that he would soon be restored. In his absence he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. M. E. Frost, whose merits, he said, the brethren well knew. He had served many offices for the interest of many lodges.

Bro. Frost thanked the P.G.M. for the honour conferred upon him and the Provincial Officers. The P.G. lodge, he said would be so pleased with Bro. Rastrick next year as to re-elect him their Treasurer as they had that day. In Bro. Le Feuvre they had a most indefatigable Secretary, and the Prov. Grand Lodge would suffer materially if they were to have any change and lose his services. The other brethren were also new to their offices, and he hoped that the Prov. Grand Master's thirty years' service would emulate those who follow in office, and if they did that it would give the brethren satisfaction and the lodge in which they were.

"The Lodges of the Province," "Masonic Charities," and "Poor and Distressed Masons" concluded the toast list.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION).

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT MILFORD HAVEN.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, under the banner of St. David's Lodge, No. 366, at the new Masonic Hall, Milford Haven. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened soon after 12 o'clock by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Lloyd-Phillips, who was supported by a very fair attendance of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. After Provincial Grand Lodge had been formally opened, Colonel Phillips expressed the pleasure he felt at meeting the brethren of his province on this occasion, a pleasure intensified by the fact that a part of the day's work was to be the consecration of the new Masonic Hall which had been recently erected by a part of the members of No. 366. It was most gratifying to recognize the spirit of enterprise that had been the means of raising so noble an edifice. The ceremony of consecration was then formally proceeded with and completed.

The business of Provincial Grand Lodge was next taken. At an early stage of the day the roll of lodges had been called, when it was found all were represented. In the absence of Bro. C. Rice Williams, M.D., Prov. G. Sec., the minutes of last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting were read by Bro. J. Jenkyn Jones. The Prov. Grand Master explained that at their last meeting the sum of £26 5s. had been voted for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; it had, however, been pointed out to him that an additional five guineas would secure an extra vote, and that it was desirable as many votes as possible should be obtained for the province; he had therefore taken upon himself to authorise the payment by Prov. Grand Treasurer of the larger amount, viz. 30 guineas, and he now asked the members to sanction this increased outlay. This was unanimously agreed to, and with this addition the minutes were confirmed. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts showed a balance in favour of Provincial Grand Lodge of £26 13s. 10d. The Prov. Grand Treasurer was complimented by the Prov. Grand Master for the zeal he had displayed and the brethren passed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Jenkyn Jones for his past services.

Bro. Jones acknowledged the compliment paid him, and on being re-elected expressed his willingness to still further exert himself in the work of the province. The Prov. Grand Officers were then invested, as follows:

Bro. Edw. Hamer, P.M. 1072	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Geo. W. Ford, P.M. 999	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. J. Popkin Morgan, Chap. 671	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. Hugh H. Gibbon, S.D. 366	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Jenkyn Jones, P.M. 476	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Wm. R. Roberts, W.M. 366	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. Rice Williams, P.M. 1072	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Evan Jones, W.M. 671	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" John Nathan, P.M. 378	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Joseph Baylett, W.M. 999	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Ed. Argent Saunders, W.M. 378	...	Prov. G. of C.
" Geo. Albert Hutchins, W.M. 476	...	Prov. G.A.D. C.
" John Wm. Penny, W.M. 1748	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Joseph H. Thomas, Org. 1177	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Samuel Read, S.W. 464	...	Prov. G. Purst.
Bros. James Williams, I.G. 366; Benj. M. Davies, 464; Chas. W. A. Edwards, 990; W. O. Hulm, 1748; Wm. H. Gibby, 990; and A. E. Baldwin, 366	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. John Williams	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge Committee reported as follows:

The Committee met at the St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen, on 6th July, 1883, and from the reports sent in by the lodges for the past year, the general state of Freemasonry in the province was highly satisfactory.

The committee have pleasure in recommending W. Bro. J. Beaven Philips, P.M. 671, P.P.S.G.W., for re-election as the Charity Commissioner for the ensuing year, and W. Bro. Aaron Stone, P.M. 671, P.P.J.G.W., as Assistant Charity Commissioner, and that votes of thanks be accorded them for their valuable services and great zeal which they have displayed in the cause of Freemasonry in the province; That the sum of 10 guineas be paid annually, commencing 1st of January last, to the Charity Commissioners towards the expenses of their department; That the most cordial thanks of the province be given to W. Bro. Aaron Stone, in recognition of his services as Steward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys during the past year, and congratulate him on having aided in making up the largest amount ever collected in one year for that Institution, and the Committee further recommend that the usual gold bar be added to Bro. Stone's charity jewel and presented to him at this Provincial Grand Lodge; that W. Bro. Jonathan Marsden, P.M. 476, P. Prov. G. Chap., be elected Steward to represent this province at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the year 1833-4; that Lucy Smith, daughter of our late W. Bro. G. T. Smith, P.M. 1072, P. Prov. G.S.W., be adopted by the province as a candidate this year for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; also, that the sum of 20 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The Committee's report was unanimously adopted "en bloc." The brethren then proceeded to St. Catherine's Church, where Divine service was celebrated. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Morgan. The collection amounted to £5 15s. 6d. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. James Bodden for the use of his church, and the amount collected was placed in the hands of a committee of the St. David's Lodge for disbursement. After several other matters had received consideration Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Buckinghamshire held its second meeting in the Masonic Hall, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, on Friday, the 9th inst., when R.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Prov. Grand Mark Master, presided, supported by a goodly number of brethren of the province from the St. Peter and St. Paul's Lodge, the Watling Street Lodge, and the St. Barnabas Lodge. After the business of the lodge was concluded the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Elephant and Castle Hotel. Great satisfaction was expressed at the interest taken in Mark Masonry by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The members congratulated themselves on the rapid strides that were being made in Mark Masonry in this important province, which bids fair to increase. This is not surprising to those who know the Provincial Grand Mark Master, for the very name of Brownrigg stands pre-eminently high in all good Masonic work. A very pleasant afternoon brought the proceedings to a close.

ANNUAL EXCURSION OF THE JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

The brethren of this lodge had their annual summer excursion on Thursday, the 9th inst., and on this occasion visited the royal borough of Windsor. Bro. Capt. Joseph Heaton, W.M., and the majority of the brethren travelled by the 12.15 train from Paddington (the Great Western Railway Company having reserved a saloon carriage for the accommodation of the party), whilst other brethren reached Windsor by the London and South Western route and later trains. After partaking of an excellent luncheon which had been prepared by Bro. Darke, of the Castle Hotel, Windsor, the brethren proceeded to visit the Masonic Hall, which they were shewn with fraternal courtesy by Bro. Welham Clarke, P.M. 771. This hall is certainly worthy of the inspection of any brother who may visit Windsor, and we congratulate the brethren of that Royal Borough on possessing such a Temple in which to carry on their work. It forms part of a building designed for educational purposes by Bro. Sir Christopher Wren, by whom the adjacent Town Hall was also designed. We learn that it is due to the Masonic spirit and indefatigable exertions of the present Mayor of Windsor, Bro. Joseph Devereux (who, our readers will remember, has been offered by her Majesty the Queen the honour of knighthood), that the brethren of that place now possess their present hall. That worthy and distinguished Mason purchased the premises some 20 years ago (being then a P.M. of No. 771), and converted part of them into the beautiful temple now existing. We were especially struck by the separate chamber devoted to the ceremony of raising, and can well imagine the lasting impression which must be made on every candidate who has the advantage of being raised at Windsor.

The members of No. 1260 subsequently met at the Castle Hotel, whence they drove through Windsor Great Park to Virginia Water, and back to the hotel, where they dined, being favoured at dessert with the company of his worship the Mayor, Bro. Joseph Devereux. The brethren have every reason to be perfectly satisfied with the arrangements made by the host of the Castle, Bro. Darke. The weather was all that could be desired, and the brethren returned to London by the 9.20 train thoroughly pleased with their trip.

South Africa.

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN.—British Kaffrarian Lodge (No. 853).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Temple, Alexandria-road, on the 25th June, when there were present Bros. John Harry, W.M.; W. C. Massey-Hicks, S.W.; John M. Massey-Hicks, J.W.; W. Roach, Treas.; E. Brotwell, Sec.; J. P. Kidson, S.D.; George P. Perks, P.M.; Jas. McIntyre, P.M.; W. F. Sissing, P.M.; J. S. F. Johnson, P.M.; H. Dickinson, G. J. K. Rawlings, G. C. Treadway, R. Warren, Thomas Perks, jun., Commandant Jenner, W. Sonning, W. J. Hall, Wm. Burns, and the following

visitors: Bros. Joseph Clarke, W.M.; J. Newing, P.M.; Forbes A. Palmer, Thomas Wright, M. Keevy, E. E. Wellbeloved, Dr. John Ross, and W. J. T. Wellbeloved, 1800; Angus B. Hay, 839; Geo. Randell, 918; F. E. Clift, 939; H. Gibberd, 1204; J. H. Barkus, 608; Gilbert Fox, W.M.; A. Duncan, P.M.; George Smith, P. v.; J. T. Lewis, W. Dunbar, James Symons, W. Ballantine, and R. Symons, 631.

The principal business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Jno. M. Massey-Hicks as W.M., and the investiture of his officers, the ceremony of installation being performed by the R.W.D.D.G.M., Bro. G. P. Perks. The brethren appointed by Bro. Massey-Hicks as his colleagues during his term of Mastership, and who were duly invested with the insignia of their office, are Bros. Jno. Hart, I.P.M.; G. J. K. Rawlings, S.W.; Thos. Perks, jun., J.W.; William Burns, Treas.; Edwin Brothwell, Sec.; J. P. Kidson, sen., S.D.; W. J. Hall, J.D.; W. Sonning, I.G.; and Thos. Wright, 1800, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the meeting was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to partake of refreshments, after which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, a very happy reunion being brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Australia.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The quarterly communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge, under the English Constitution, was held in the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, on Monday evening, June 18th. The throne was occupied by Bro. Dr. H. St. John Clarke, Deputy District Grand Master, acting as chief of the district, till a successor be appointed as successor to the late Bro. Captain F. C. Standish. Bro. H. W. Lowry, P.D.G. S.W., D.G. Treasurer, officiated as Deputy District Grand Master; Bros. Charles Shaw, P.M. 752, and P. Blaschki, 727, were in the chairs of District Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively; whilst Bro. the Rev. W. E. Brooke, P.M. 768, was present as District Grand Chaplain. The attendance was unusually large, and the 70 lodges in the district were well represented.

Bro. F. H. LEMPRIERE, P.M. Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729, District Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the last communication, as also the Board of Benevolence report, both of which were passed. A notice of motion that it be compulsory on all lodges to present candidates with a copy of the "Book of Constitutions" was amended so as to read as a recommendation to the various lodges in the district, and the same was unanimously adopted.

The DISTRICT GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN gave notice of motion as follows: "That at the next communication the District Grand Lodge of Victoria submit to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the name of some eminent brother as successor to the late Captain Standish in the office of District Grand Master."

This being all the business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in form.

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER OF VICTORIA.

The half-yearly convocation of the above Grand Chapter, under the English Constitution, was held in the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, on Monday evening, June 18th. M.E. Comp. Dr. H. St. John Clarke, District Grand H., occupied the chair of District Grand Superintendent, vice M.E. Comp. Capt. F. C. Standish, deceased. M.E. Comp. G. F. Martin, P.Z. 474, District Grand J., acted as District Grand H., and M.E. Comp. W. F. Lamony, P.Z. 119 and 727, as District Grand J.

M.E. Comp. F. H. LEMPRIERE, P.Z. 729, District Grand S.E., read the minutes of the previous convocation, which were confirmed. The officers for the year were then appointed and invested, two of whom, it ought to be mentioned, the following night actually accepted offices in the so-called and irregularly-formed Grand Lodge of Victoria. Grand Chapter was subsequently closed.

ORPHANS MADE HAPPY.

We are indebted to our esteemed Bro. Rob Morris for the following very interesting cutting from the *Louisville Commercial*, July 16th:

Every Sunday afternoon, at three o'clock, the large bell is tapped at the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home to call the inmates into the spacious chapel where gospel services are held. Ministers of different creeds, who officiate in the city churches, are invited out by the Superintendent, and in this way the children are treated to the discussion of a variety of subjects. The home is one of the most magnificent public buildings in the city, and no large structure was ever better ventilated or kept in a more healthful sanitary condition. The home is at present in a prosperous condition, and is being well supported by the Masonic Orders all over the State. Its mission is noble, and the work requires the most patient and trained hands. At three o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the bell began to clang, the little children were formed in a line of march and began to file into the chapel in pairs. First came the larger girls and the gradations continued until the smallest girl was seated on a front bench. Then the boys marched in in the same order. When everybody had been seated, the Superintendent warned his little flock to keep awake until the minister had finished his talk, and at the conclusion of the exercises they would witness something many of them had never seen before. "Walk in the light" was then sung, in which all of the children united, and their fresh, innocent voices blended in perfect harmony. After the song prayer was offered, during which two-thirds of the children found their way to the land of Nod, and ducked their little heads in slumber. Rev. I. B. Demaree was then introduced to the children. He began by reading a scriptural lesson from the second chapter of John. His subject was "Disobedience," and for 30 minutes he advised the children upon the good points in the Bible. He told several stories about children who love and obey their parents, and then drew a line of contradiction between the future of the good and bad boys. The girls were told that they were models

in the moral world, possessing all the nobler and finer traits of character. At the conclusion of the discourse there was another song, and then Judge W. B. Hoke, of the Board of Directors, was introduced to conclude the exercises. The speaker said he had been called upon to perform a very pleasing and gratifying duty. As a member of the Board of Directors, he had been selected to award the gold medals and make the annual announcements. With the past week the present school year had just closed. It had been successful in every respect, and merited a full word of commendation. There were 160 orphans in the home; of these 123 had attended school, and the class marks indicated that hard work had been done. Those who had been assigned to class duties had been kept away on account of their tender years. He took great pleasure in awarding to Miss Cordelia W. Wooldridge, late of Versailles, Ky., a gold medal offered by Capt. John H. Leathers to that student attaining the highest mark of general proficiency in all the studies. The medal represented a Maitese cross, and was appropriately inscribed. Miss Sallie A. Harlem, late of Nelson county, was introduced as the young lady who had gained the highest standard for deportment, both in the classroom and about the building. She was rewarded with a beautiful gold medal offered by Prof. Julius Hinsen, and bearing the inscription, "Virtue is its own reward." The young ladies who had thus honoured themselves are bright-faced and intelligent. In making the presentations, Judge Hoke said: "It is an honour to you to have won these distinctions, but it is no disgrace to those who are outstripped in the race. They are bright emblems of reward, and can be worn by you as mementoes of this occasion." Mention was next made of the Board of Directors during the past year, and the unceasing efforts they had put forward to make the Home all that could be desired. It was announced that Miss Lillie Brownfield, a young lady who had been raised and educated by the Home, had been elected by the Board to the position of second assistant teacher, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss Lucy Crooks, who had signified her intention to quit the Home for the purpose of attending the normal school and educating herself for a teacher. Mr. John L. Wheat united the audience in prayer, after which "I am so glad that Jesus loves me" was sung. Before the audience was dismissed the superintendent extended to the visitors, of whom there were about 200, an invitation to go through and examine the building after the exercises. The young ladies who have charge of the children were provided as escorts, and a great many took advantage of the offer, and were shown through every apartment in the commodious structure. Recently the work of completing the third-story of the building, which had remained in an unfinished condition because of a lack of funds, was commenced, and the work is being rapidly pushed forward. By September 1st it is expected that every room in the building will be ready for occupancy. The proximity of the Home to the Southern Exposition has suggested the idea of renting some of the rooms out for hotel purposes during the show. The proposition is under advisement.

AN INCIDENT OF THE "WILLIAM MORGAN" AFFAIR.

It is always a sad thing when a good story is spoiled in the telling, but it is even more sorrowful when it is proved that the good story has scarcely any foundation in fact. From the silent tomb the late Mr. Thurlow Weed has demolished one of the raciest and most characteristic of American political anecdotes. In the recently published "Autobiography" of the distinguished American journalist and wire-puller, several chapters are devoted to the story of one William Morgan, who some fifty years since, when a Presidential election campaign was at its hottest, was supposed to have been murdered by the Freemasons, of which brotherhood he was a member, his "removal" being due, it was alleged by the political party who were the opponents of the Masonic body, to his having betrayed the secrets of the Order. "Dead Morgan!" became thus a vulgar party cry. Mr. Thurlow Weed now explains that "while talking with Gustavus Clark, of Charlestown, and Ebenezer Griffin, Esq., one of the counsel for the alleged kidnapers of Morgan, who was going to Batavia to conduct the examination, Mr. Griffin observed laughingly to Mr. T. Weed, 'After we have proven that the body found at Oak Orchard is that of Timothy Monroe what will you do for a Morgan?' To which Mr. Thurlow Weed, in the same humorous spirit, made answer, 'That is a good enough Morgan for us until you can bring back the one you carried off.'" The next day, according to Mr. Weed, a paragraph appeared in the *Rochester Daily Advertiser* saying that in conversation Mr. Weed had boasted that the body referred to, whatever might be proven to the contrary, was a "good enough" Morgan until after the election. But the accepted and, it would now appear, apocryphal story is much better than Mr. Weed's. It sets forth that the veritable William Morgan in the flesh turned up one day at Mr. Weed's office, and proved by documentary and ocular evidence that he was the man supposed to have been abducted and assassinated, and that he had never been abducted and was alive, whereupon the able editor gravely observed, "We don't wish to doubt your word; but you're quite Dead Morgan enough for us till the election's over." So, then, there is no more truth in the really humorous version of the story than there is in the anecdote that when Edwin Landseer asked Sydney Smith to sit to him for his portrait, the author of "Peter Plymley" replied, "Is thy servant a dog, that he should do this thing?" "But," the witty Canon used to explain, "I ought to have said so."—*Daily Telegraph*.

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To Correspondents.

We shall call attention to a "History of St. Mary's
Lodge," as well as to some lectures of Bro. Dr. Wendt,
G.S. German Correspondence, and an Allocution by Dr.
MacLeod Moore in our reviews next week.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Chaine d'Union," "Hebrew
Leader," "Keystone," "Shetland Times," "Broad
Arrow," "Buffalo Review," "Citizen," "Public Ledger"
(Philadelphia), "La Abeja" (Masonicos Caracas), "Vic-
torian Freemason," "Watchman," "American Freeman,"
"Court Circular," "Louisville Commercial," "Natal
Mercury," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Montreal
Herald," "Family Churchman," "Boletin Masónico"
(Uruguay), "Tricycling Journal," "Liberal Freemason,"
"Allen's Indian Mail," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "City
Press," "Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

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

**THE RETURNS TO THE BOYS' SCHOOL
FESTIVAL, 1883.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your last week's paper you specially direct
attention to a statement made by Bro. Binckes, at the
Boys' School General Committee, with respect to the pro-
portion allotted to the new Building Fund of the School,
and of the returns at the Festival of 1883. From that
statement it appears that about two-thirds has been placed
to the General Fund, and one-third to this Special Build-
ing Fund. Important as this statement may be, it does

not answer the very pertinent enquiry made in your columns by more than one correspondent.

The question I once more venture to ask is simple and intelligible, and one in regard to which I am at a loss to understand why explicit information should be withheld. In respect of what proportion of the total amount subscribed at the Festival will the premium votes be assigned? and will the assignment of these extra votes be strictly limited to those who subscribed to the Building Fund and whose subscriptions are carried to the Building Fund Account?

An unequivocal answer to this question is, in my humble opinion, due, not only to those whose liberal subscriptions produced the magnificent result at the last Festival, but also to those who, in past years, have given a steady and generous support to the Institution without the stimulating influence of premium votes. It might also serve to remove the impression which widely prevails, that the exceptionally large amount subscribed on the occasion referred to was due to the irresistible bribe offered by one Institution to gain the support of the Craft at the last festival, at the expense, it is feared, of the two other no less worthy and deserving Charities.

I sincerely trust there is no foundation for the rumour that, in order to effect a proper equilibrium in the relative value of votes in the several Institutions, it is contemplated by another of the Charities to follow at no distant date the example of the Boys' School. Although a temporary advantage might be secured by such a course, it could not fail to inflict a most serious injury on the Institution, by shattering the confidence hitherto felt by those who, in many cases at great personal sacrifice, have subscribed their utmost, little dreaming that the value of the votes they acquired would, to serve a temporary purpose, be ruthlessly depreciated by the issue of premium votes in respect of like subscriptions.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
A LIFE GOVERNOR.

REBUILDING THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have made careful inquiry and can hear nothing of arrangements for obtaining designs in competition, limited or otherwise, and the next Quarterly Communication is getting very near. Surely the Committee will not attempt to trifle with Grand Lodge and waste time by attempting to thrust upon the brethren a design contrary to the wish clearly expressed at the last regular meeting of Grand Lodge.

We want something more artistic and much less expensive than the "Griffin" or one of the City markets.

I hope for a large muster in September, and a determined attitude.—Yours, &c.,
P.M., P.Z.

STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should like it to be understood that the reason I did not do more than merely second Bro. Brownrigg's amendment re Past Masters in Grand Lodge yesterday, was that I did not think I had caught the eye of the M.W. G.M. in the chair, and sat down after saying the words, "I beg to second the amendment." I intended to rise afterwards, but some brother having asked whether this amendment had been seconded, the President of the Board of General Purposes pointed to me and said, "A brother here has done so;" my words having been heard, therefore it would have been out of order for me to have spoken again. Bro. Brownrigg's amendment was, I am sorry to say, lost, and, in speaking upon the further amendment subsequently proposed, I said that I was sorry the first amendment was not carried. I cannot help thinking that had not so uncom promising a front been shown from the dais by London brethren to the evident wishes, in which I heartily join, of the many brethren who at the loss of time, trouble, and money came from the provinces to express their views, Bro. Brownrigg's amendment would have been accepted. With a view to harmonise more nearly the present disagreement, I hope that it may not even yet be too late to agree to the compromise held out by Bro. Brownrigg.—Faithfully yours,
JOHN A. LLOYD,
P.P.G.C. Oxon and Wilts, P.M. 1553.

Broad Hinton Vicarage, Swindon,
August 9th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Absence from town unfortunately prevented me from being in my official chair at the special meeting of Grand Lodge on the 8th inst., but I see through the medium of your excellent journal that it was duly carried on that occasion that Past Masters joining a lodge "shall have the rank and position of a Past Master of the lodge." As there are still many active members of the Craft in a state of uncertainty as to the exact meaning and extent of this sweeping and revolutionary change, may I ask you or some of your able readers to set us at rest on the following points: (a) Do Past Masters who joined a lodge before this Special Meeting become Past Masters of that lodge in virtue of this resolution? (b) Can members who join a lodge hereafter, and who are not Past Masters at the time of joining, claim the rank of Past Master of that lodge by occupying the chair of any other lodge? (c) Can an initiate join another lodge, and then by passing the chair

(of that lodge) claim the rank of a Past Master of his "mother lodge"?

I venture to think, Sir, if you will recur to this all-important subject in your next issue, and set our minds at rest on all these points, you will confer a lasting benefit on the members of our "good old lodges," and deserve the hearty thanks of the whole Craft. Apologising for trespassing on your valuable space.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

RALPH GOODING, B.A., M.D. (LOND.),
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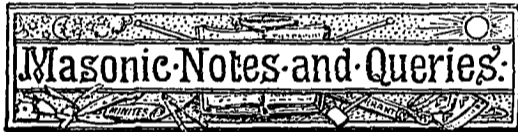
LATENT POWERS OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In common with many others, the assumed lodge power of giving past rank, according to two most distinguished and estimable brethren, came upon me with deep surprise. I have always understood, and I have certainly heard our excellent Grand Registrar say the same in Grand Lodge, that no past rank of any kind could be granted except by order of the Grand Master or resolution of Grand Lodge,—the concurrent jurisdiction. A Provincial Grand Master or Provincial Grand Lodge cannot confer past rank, neither can a lodge or Worshipful Master. The bye-laws of lodges in former years were scarcely ever looked over by authority, and many very unconstitutional bye-laws, as we all know, may be found, conflicting that is to say with the Book of Constitutions.

I do not say, mind, that it would not be a good thing to concede to Provincial Grand Lodges and private lodges this right; I venture to think it would be both politic and reasonable. But I object greatly to "reading within the lines;" this buoying ourselves up upon tradition, instead of law; this mysterious power, whether of "interpretation" or "dispensation," which, though not supported by any one word or line of the "Lex Scripta," is to be found somewhere. Where? Perhaps, who knows (?) in the "eternal fitness of things," or the "inner consciousness," of some silver-tongued and sagacious exponent of the unwritten law. I, for one, doubt such a power very much indeed, and can only shake my head and shrug my shoulders at what I must term and deem, quite respectfully and deferentially, "off-hand declarations."—Yours fraternally,
LEX.
As Anderson said, "From my Chambers."



A CURIOUS OLD BOOK.

In Kloss's "Bibliographie," at p. 20, No. 220, is the reference to a certain "Lettre Mistique," &c., of 1602. I have lately stumbled upon, thanks to Mr. Stibbs, a copy of the same, Leiden, 1603, (which probably is the proper date), and find that "Kloss's" note, that there is a likeness in this work between Jesuitical and later Masonic forms, very "moonshiny" indeed. The work is really composed of two small tracts, "Lettre Mistique, Responce, Replique," of 102 pages, and "Cabale Misterielle," &c., (of which the title page is missing apparently), of 105 pages. Whether the book is written by a friend or foe to the Jesuits matters little, as it is so hazy as to be almost unreadable, and so "mystical" in its allusions and assertions, that it is quite clear we want the true key. It is written in the older French, and though I find here and there allusions to a "Confrairie," especially in the "Cabale Misterielle," which is publicly described as a "Revelation in a dream to P. J. Boucher flying into Spain," I can find nothing analogous to Kloss's Gloss. There is a great deal about conspirators, martyrs, and others, but as all is said to be a "dream," everything seems to be most shadowy and unreal. It is dedicated to "Count Maurice, by M. D. L. F." I hardly know what was in Kloss's mind when he penned the note to which I have alluded; we, however, have it in his work; but the theory of a Jesuit use and manipulation of Freemasonry, the favourite "fad" of so many German writers, is, I confess, to my mind, most unlikely and unhistoric.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE COLLEGIA ROMANA.

Looking over the "Inscriptiones Antiquæ Etrurizæ," Florence, 1733, Gorius and Salvinus, I found several inscriptions of the colleges. It is however a difficulty to ascertain the exact name of the Masonic Collegia. Faber was a workman, and though it has been contended that "Coll. Fabr.," when found by themselves, mean the College of Masons; there is some doubt on the subject, as Faber was generally accompanied by a distinctive adjective like "ararius," "ferrarius," "argentarius," &c. I have found among those inscriptions the words Sodaliciarius, Sodaliciarium, as well as Sodaliciarie and Sodaliciaria. The Collegium Speculariorum was the college of makers of glass windows and frames, and they were called "Specularii." I have also found Structor Parietarius, builder of a wall. Indeed there is a representation of Structores of some kind at a banquet, and many are the monuments with Artificers' signs. The ladies had a Collegium Pastophorum as well as the men, and a lady is termed "Collega" and also Sodaliciaria. Lapidaria, for masons, is hardly found, and Latomus is not apparently known.

MASONIC STUDENT.

CHARLES SACKVILLE.

Permit me, as I have taken a leading part in the controversy respecting "Charles Sackville," to offer just a few remarks on "Dryasdust's" note [N. & Q. 205]. It is now established, I think, that Charles Sackville, by courtesy Earl of Middlesex, was in Florence in 1732-3, in company

with his friend and tutor, Mr. Spence, and consequently, if any value is to be attached to the so-called Masonic medal with "Charles Sackville" superscribed on it, it must have been intended to commemorate him, and not another Charles Sackville as yet unknown to fame. As to the fact of his lordship never having given any sign of his being a Freemason, and not having been present at the initiation of Frederick, Prince of Wales, in 1737, I am quite willing to allow that it is a strong argument against Sackville having been a member of the fraternity; but I do not attach the same importance to his absence from the prince's initiation as "Dryasdust," and for this reason, because it was not till several years after that event that his lordship was appointed a member of His Royal Highness's household. However, these are matters which, in the present state of our knowledge, it is impossible to determine. Again, if there is no trustworthy evidence of the medal having been struck, or if it was struck about 1760, as suggested by "Dryasdust," and purposely antedated, I imagine the whole theory about Charles Sackville ever having been, even remotely or for the briefest possible period of time, connected with Freemasonry, falls to the ground. But is the medal a myth? I read in "Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry," under the head of "Medals," that "Macoy gives a facsimile of it, and tells us that it is to be found in the valuable collection of Masonic medals in the possession of the lodge Minerva" (of the Three Palms) "at Leipsic." Now Bro. Macoy can hardly have invented his facsimile without an original, and he would be unlikely to specify the whereabouts of the latter without some reason. The question, therefore, now to be settled is a simple one. Does the collection of medals in the possession of the Minerva Lodge, Leipsic, include the Sackville medal? If so, what is its value as a Masonic memorial?
G. B. A.

A MASONIC TOKEN.

One thing leads to another, and the mention by "Past Master 281" [N. & Q. 207] of a Masonic token, described by him, and commemorating the election of George, Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, induces me to forward you the following official description of a leaden Masonic token, being No. 51 of the Beaufoy collection of "the London traders, tavern, and coffee-house tokens in the seventeenth century," in the Guildhall Library: "51. Mason's mallet, half-moon, a mullet of five points, and a rose disposed at the four corners. Rev., Blank. Square in form." Perhaps some of your readers may be able to explain this.
N. P.



Craft Masonry.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, Bro. J. House, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. T. L. Kennett, S.W.; W. G. Wilshaw, Sec.; W. J. Rendell, S.D.; J. Grout, Org.; J. C. Pittam, I.G.; W. C. Young, I.P.M.; Leonard Potts, P.M.; J. Kemp Coleman, P.M.; Day, Smith, Knowles, Pearson, Harland, and Harrison, Tyler; with the following visitors: Bros. J. Lax, W.M. 781; J. M. Jennings, 1326; F. Robinson, S.W. 781; H. E. West, 781; A. W. Ellingford, P.M. 834; J. F. Smith, 898; and J. Andrews, P.M. 359. The minutes of the preceding meeting being read, Bro. H. E. West, 781, was duly and regularly raised to the M.M. Degree by the W.M., who delivered the traditional history, lecture on the tracing board, and ancient charge in his usual excellent style. The brethren then proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year, Bro. T. L. Kennett, S.W., being unanimously chosen as W.M., and Bro. W. H. Farnfield, P.M., as Treasurer. Bro. G. Harrison was re-elected Tyler, and Bro. E. J. Pearson, E. C. Knowles, and R. H. Harland were elected to represent the brethren on the Audit Committee. On the motion of Bro. Young, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Kemp Coleman, P.M., the valuable services rendered to the lodge by Bro. J. House, W.M., were recognised by the unanimous vote of a gold Past Master's lodge jewel and Past Master's collar on his retirement from the chair, which was acknowledged by Bro. House in an eloquent speech. This brought the evening's proceedings to a close, and the lodge adjourned till the 5th of October next.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 30th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Goodenough, W.M.; H. B. Marshall, C.C., S.W.; Young, J.W.; T. Simpson, J.D.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; Lott, P.P.G.W. Jersey, Org.; Lister, I.G.; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a brother was passed to the Second Degree. A motion by the Treasurer that the lodge should be removed to some other hotel in the Ward was postponed until the next meeting. The brethren then separated. There was no banquet.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).—A lodge of emergency was called for Thursday evening, August 9th, to pass a vote of condolence with the R.W. Prov. Grand Master who has recently sustained a heavy domestic affliction. There were present Bros. F. W. Gruggen, W.M.; O. Lloyd, S.W.; W. H. Barrett, J.W.; J. St. Clair, P.P.J.G.W., Treasurer; G. Molesworth, P.P.G.D.; O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. H. Hawes, Sec.; H. G. Breach, I.G.; Dornan, Stwd.; and others.

The following resolution was, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Molesworth, carried unanimously, the Secretary being instructed to forward the same direct to the Provincial Grand Master: "The W.M., officers, and brethren of the Lodge of Union, No. 38, in open lodge assembled, respectfully beg to offer their sincere condolence to the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master (Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.), upon the melancholy bereavement he and his family have recently sustained in the untimely death of his son, Bro. W. H. W. R. Burrell, a member of this lodge." Bro. W. H. Burrell was recently thrown from his tricycle while returning home from a cricket match and received injuries which proved fatal a few hours afterwards.

ERITH.—St. John and St. Paul Lodge (No. 615).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Public Hall, Erith-avenue, when Bro. W. Hills was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted in due form. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Aillud, S.W.; H. King, J.W.; G. Mitchell, S.D.; G. Miles, J.D.; T. W. Knight, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. Kent, Sec.; H. Pooles, Treas.; A. J. Carter, I.G.; and G. Martin, Tyler. Bro. Knight was re-elected representative for the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. Among the other brethren present were Bros. G. Churchley, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; G. Kenneday, W.M. 1576; J. Hutton, P.M.; G. Stone, P.M.; T. Neech, P.M. 1837; G. Newman, W.M. 77; G. Tedder, 11; H. Kerridge, 1536; H. Sermon, 1107; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The ceremony was most impressively rendered by Bro. Knight, P.M., and a cordial vote of thanks rewarded his efforts. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Hutton, I.P.M., as a token of the respect in which he is held in by the brethren, and he eloquently returned thanks. The banquet was all that could be desired. The usual loyal and Craft toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—This lodge (which does not adjourn during the summer months) held its usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 8th inst. The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Bland, the following officers being present: Bros. G. Cav, I.P.M.; C. Webster, S.W.; J. Copstick, J.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; Edgar Horne, S.D.; A. Woodiwis, jun., J.D.; J. W. Brigg, Org.; John Walker and S. Taylor, Stewards; also the following brethren: Bros. G. T. Wright, P.M.; John Brown, P.M.; W. Knight, F. Sale, W. Forman, H. Horne, S. Hall, T. Jordan, T. Day, Greensmith, and Marshall. Visitor: Bro. C. D. Hart, S.W. 1085. Letters regretting inability to be present were read from Bros. G. Sutherland, W. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; and S. Steele, P.M. 802.

The minutes of the last lodge having been confirmed, Mr. James Melrose, who was elected at the June meeting, was then introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., the J.W. afterwards giving the ancient charge. A letter was read by Bro. T. Day from Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., London, soliciting votes for the Girls' School on behalf of Kathleen A. Gibson. The brethren of the lodge having a candidate of their own, it was decided that nothing could be done for Bro. Stevens. The W.M. having arisen to make the usual enquiries, Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., alluded with feelings of great regret to the loss the province had sustained by the death, at Wormhill Vicarage, Buxton, of Bro. Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.P.G. Chap., who was so highly esteemed throughout the Province of Derbyshire. A candidate having been proposed for initiation, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

The brethren shortly afterwards met in the lower hall, where refreshment after labour had been provided by the worthy purveyor, Bro. Wright, P.M., to which ample justice having been done, and thanks returned, the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal toasts, making special reference to his recent visit to York and witnessing with Bro. John Smith, P.M., the laying of the foundation stone of the York Institute by the Grand Master.

To the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire," Bro. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., and Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., Prov. Grand Reg., suitably responded.

Bro. Webster, S.W., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and the W.M. having responded, proposed "The P.M.s. of the lodge," to which Bros. G. Cav, P.M., and J. Taylor, P.M., responded; the former having been away at St. Petersburg, assured the W.M. and brethren of the pleasure it gave him to be once more at his lodge, and that whether abroad or at home his thoughts and sympathies were with them.

Bro. Cav, P.M., proposed "The New Initiate, Bro. J. Melrose," in a quiet, telling speech, welcoming him heartily amongst the brethren. "The Entered Apprentice's" song having been sung, Bro. Melrose in a few well chosen words responded.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Officers," giving a high meed of praise to all who were able to be present, but especially complimenting the two Stewards, Bro. J. Walker and S. Taylor, who afterwards responded.

The Worshipful Master then alluded to the peculiar fact that although they had, for the time of the year, a good muster of their own members, there was no visitor present, therefore the toast of the visitors lapsed.

A peculiar and welcome feature of this lodge, however, is that "The Health of the Private Members" is invariably proposed. On this occasion it was heartily proposed by Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., to which the names of Bros. Thos. Day and N. Horne were joined, two excellent Masons, and right good Masonic replies were made by them.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was not forgotten, the W.M. having intimated his intention of going as Steward to one of them next year.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

Some excellent singing took place during the evening, Bro. J. W. Brigg, Organist, E. Horne, S.D., and the new Initiate, with Bro. Forman, contributing greatly to the pleasure of the brethren.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the lodge rooms, Station-street, Bro. H. Peacock, W.M., in the chair. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. The business was to raise Bros. Sewell and Cooper to the high and Sublime Degree of Master Mason, which was done in Bro. Peacock's well-known creditable style. In the absence of Bro. Colonel Sewell, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Bro. Mason, S.W., proposed the notice of motion in Bro. Sewell's name, viz., "That the sum of 20 guineas be given from the funds of the lodge to the Boys' School," which was seconded by the W.M. and unanimously carried. There being no other business the lodge was closed in form.

LIVERPOOL.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).—The annual celebration of the installation festival in connection with the above lodge took place on

Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and the well-known prestige obtained by the lodge as the result of genuine Masonic work and active labours in the field of charity was fully maintained over this festival gathering. The Duke of Edinburgh Lodge was consecrated at Waver-tree 16 years ago, but the power of gravitation towards a given centre was exemplified in its case a number of years since, when the charter was renewed and the meetings transferred to the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where undoubted and most gratifying success has attended its existence in the new quarters of Masonry.

The chair at the opening of the installation meeting was taken by Bro. T. O. Dutton, the retiring W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. Barclay, I.P.M.; Thomas Jarvis, P.M., P.G.S.; John Williams, P.M.; Ewd. Paull, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.G.S.D.; J. Cain, W.M. 594; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; Richard Washington, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M., Treas. 1009; A. J. Shore, P.M. 816; C. Marsh, P.M. 673; H. Firth, P.G.S.; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; A. Woolrich, P.M. 1356; J. Whalley, P.M. 249; J. Keet, P.M. 1356; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. O. Rea, S.W., was presented by Bros. Dutton, W.M., and Barclay, I.P.M., and the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. A. D. Hesketh, P.M., M.C., in a manner which well deserved the special vote of thanks passed and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. After the usual honours, the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. T. O. Dutton, I.P.M.; T. Wareing, S.W.; J. H. Tyson, J.W.; R. Martin, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); T. Wright, Sec.; W. J. Davis, Org. (re-appointed); G. B. Kirkland, S.D.; J. Pittaway, J.D.; J. Meats, I.G.; J. T. Jarvis, S.S.; J. B. Galloway, J.S.; A. D. Hesketh, P.M., M.C.; and P. Ball (re-elected), Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined in the newly-renovated banqueting room, where dinner was admirably served by Bro. Casey, the house steward. During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge. A capital selection of music was given by Bros. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; Jos. Cantor, Child, Lewis, Muir, Keith, Ramage, and others. The organ music to the installation was efficiently rendered by Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The regular monthly meeting of this successful lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 8th inst., when there were a good many visitors and members present. The W.M., Bro. William Smith, P.M., P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, occupied the chair, and having opened the lodge the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Isaac Taylor, Archibald Irwin, and Robert Smales, who were proposed at the last regular meeting, and they were duly elected. In due course Mr. R. Fletcher (who had been elected at a previous meeting) and the three candidates above-mentioned were regularly initiated by the W.M., the working tools being explained in a very able manner by Bro. W. S. Armstrong, J.W. The W.M. tendered his thanks to Bros. Skeene (acting Chaplain), Roope (acting Organist), and Clarke (acting Inner Guard) for their kind assistance, and also intimated he had an apology from Bro. Mathews, the S.S., who was unavoidably absent, he being in London. Three candidates were proposed, and the "Hearty good wishes" of a good many visiting brethren having been tendered and other routine business transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board for light refreshment.

The W.M. occupied the chair, supported by Past Masters Cooper, Cook, Annan, Barker, and others, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Dixon Cowie, S.W., supported by Bros. Gibbon, P.M. 541, P.P.G. Org.; Roope, S.W. 24; and others.

The toasts honouring the Queen, the Grand Master, and Grand Lodge were given, and followed by that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland," which was responded to by Bro. Daniel G. Anderson, Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, P.M. 1664.

"The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Roope, S.W. 24; Dinning, S.W. 48; W. T. Clarke, 315 and 1829; and Sergt. Pattison, 44.

"The Healths of the Newly-Initiated Candidates" was duly given by the W.M., and they all having responded the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Joshua Curry, P.P.G. Tyler, closed a most enjoyable evening.

Amongst those present were Bros. William Smith, P.M., W.M., P.P.G. S. of W.; John Donald Annan, P.M., M.C.; Dixon Cowie, S.W.; W. S. Armstrong, J.W.; A. Barker, P.M., Treas.; Joseph Purvis, Sec.; H. Spittle, S.D.; Wm. Varty, acting J.D.; Wm. T. Clarke, acting I.G.; Michael James Barkas, J.S.; John Taylor Schollar, acting S.S.; J. Curry, Tyler; Wm. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; Geo. McDonald, Frank Graham, Joseph Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Thos. W. Brown, George Brown, and John Brown. Visitors: Bros. Chas. Roope, S.W. 24; J. Patterson, 48; Thos. Thompson, J.S. 48; Chas. E. Pattison, 44; John S. Clarke, 240; David Hall, 1712; Thos. Dinning, S.W. 481; W. F. Carman, J.W. 481; Jas. W. Lambert, S.S. 541; William Skeene, 1026; D. G. Anderson, P.M. 1664; Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; Chas. Purdon, P.M. 36 (Ireland); B. E. Gibbon, P.M. 541, P.P.G. Org.; and others.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—Baldwin Lodge (No. 1398).—The annual gathering of the members of this lodge took place at The Castle, on the 8th inst., being for the installation of Bro. G. B. Ashburner, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. The meeting was the largest which has met together on such an occasion for many years, there being present, amongst others, Bros. R. Pearson, P.M. 995, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Worrall, 1021, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; J. Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.G.S.D. Cumberland and Westmorland; Jas. Hunter, P.M. 1225, P.P.G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmorland; W. Whiteside, P.M. 1398, P.G.S.B. West Lancashire; J. M. Morgan, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Case, P.M. 995; W. Bradley, P.M. 1390; W. Brickell, P.M. 1715; D. Smyth, P.M. 1225; J. Spedding, W.M. 995; J. S. Marshall, W.M. 1390; G. Nelson, S.W. 1021; C. Barnett, J.W. 1225; T. Burness, J.W. 1390; and the following Past Masters, officers, and members of the lodge: Bros. F. H. Clarke, F. Bell, J. Walton, T. Grieve, R. Blake, C. Godby, W.M.; G.

B. Ashburner, S.W.; E. B. Mitchell, J.W.; R. Whiteside, Sec.; R. Townley, S.D.; W. Mandall, J.D.; M. Wilson, Org.; W. E. Whiteside, I.G.; A. Cottam, I.G.; and Bros. Rev. S. A. Adams, J. Tyson, A. Gray, J. Hamer, J. Eddy, J. T. Lawn, W. Bamler, J. Hargreaves, and S. Jeavons; Bros. J. Y. McIntosh, 1225; J. T. Sadler, 990; and W. M. Airth, 40.

The lodge was opened by Bro. C. Godby, W.M., after which Bro. W. Whiteside, P.M. and P.G.S.B., took the installation ceremony, and throughout the whole of this beautiful and impressive service conducted the same in a very able manner indeed. He was also ably assisted by Bros. F. H. Clarke and J. Walton, P.Ms. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Godby, I.P.M.; E. B. Mitchell, S.W.; R. Townley, J.W.; Rev. J. M. Morgan, P.P.G. Chap. West Lancs., Chap.; R. Blake, P.M., Treas.; R. Whiteside, Sec.; M. Wilson, Org.; Wm. Mandall, S.D.; W. E. Whiteside, J.D.; A. Cottam, I.G.; Dr. Gray, S.S.; J. Hamer, J.S.; P. Derbyshire, Tyler. At the close of the proceedings the lodge room was visited by the head steward of his grace the Duke of Buccleuch, Henry Nicholl, Esq., and E. Wadham, Esq., J.P., through whose kindness the lodge is permitted to hold its meetings in the ancient castle.

The brethren at the close adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where the banquet was provided by Bro. Bell, P.M. The room presented a very pleasing appearance, and the good things provided were all that could be desired by the most fastidious, Bro. Bell being noted throughout the province of West Lancashire for his abilities as a caterer. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts of "The Queen, the Princess of Wales; and rest of the Royal Family," followed by that of "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; and the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," succeeded by that of "The Provincial Grand Officers," were afterwards honoured. In proposing this latter toast the Worshipful Master referred in a touching manner to the loss sustained in the province of West Lancashire by the death of so highly esteemed a brother as Myles Kennedy, Prov. G.S.W. This toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Worrall, who made a very appropriate response.

Bro. Godby next proposed in a highly deserved and eulogistic manner the next toast, being that of "The Worshipful Master."

Bro. G. B. Ashburner in replying thanked Bro. Godby for his kindly remarks, and at the same time took that opportunity on behalf of the lodge to present a Past Master's gold jewel to the retiring W.M., Bro. Godby, who he was sure had conducted his year of office in a manner most satisfactory to every member of the lodge, and he hoped that Bro. Godby would live long to wear the jewel showing the high appreciation of the brethren of the Baldwin Lodge.

Bro. Godby briefly thanked the members for this token of their goodwill, and spoke of the duties having always been to him a pleasure, and the happy time he had spent amongst them as a member first and then an officer.

Bro. F. Bell, in proposing "The Wardens and Officers of 1398," said he was sure from the wise selection of officers they would acquit themselves well, and he congratulated the Worshipful Master upon his choice.

Bro. E. B. Mitchell in responding to this toast expressed the honour he felt in attaining to the office of Senior Warden, and would do his utmost to assist in maintaining the good working of the lodge.

Bro. R. Townley proposed "The Past Officers," and spoke in high terms of praise for their great attention to lodge duties, and the valuable assistance they at all times so willingly rendered. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. R. Blake, P.M.

Bro. Blake said he could without any hesitation express the pleasure it always gave the past officers to do anything in their power, and the satisfaction experienced by one and all in lodge duties. The Baldwin Lodge was always worked with that goodwill and harmony which should at all times characterise Freemasonry.

Bro. Ashburner next proposed "The Installing Master," and paid a high tribute of praise to Bro. Whiteside for the highly pleasing manner in which he carried through the impressive ceremony.

Bro. Whiteside was pleased to find his services appreciated, it being to him at all times a service of love to take any part in propagating the high privileges of Freemasonry.

Bro. J. Walton proposed "The Clerical Brethren," and was glad that it had fallen to his lot to propose so honourable a toast. The happy face of their worthy Chaplain was always welcome amongst them, and the gratification it gave all to have him honour them by his presence and assistance. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chap., and Bro. Rev. S. A. Adams.

Bro. Morgan in response said it was a pleasure to him to help in any way he could. He thanked all warmly for the universal kindness shown towards him by the Masonic brethren for so many years. He would like to suggest an arrangement by which the ladies might share in the festivities, by an excursion from the town, or any other way that might seem best. He was pleased to see Bro. Ashburner occupy the chair amongst them, as one deserving the high honour attained in the lodge and a neighbour amongst them. The Rev. S. A. Adams, whose name was coupled with his own as his curate, was a gentleman they would all appreciate, as he did, the more they knew of him.

Bro. the Rev. S. A. Adams also replied.

Bro. F. H. Clarke proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupling with it the name of Bro. Mills, who replied.

Bro. J. C. Hunter's name was next coupled by the Worshipful Master with the toast of "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Hunter made a very telling reply, explaining the good work these charities accomplished, there being at the present time 280 boys and 300 girls trained, clothed, and educated in the Masonic Schools, being children of Freemasons who had become reduced in circumstances, and the Institution kept up for the Widows of Freemasons and Aged Freemasons, there having been spent in Masonic Charities the last year £45,000.

Bro. R. Pearson referred to the tribute to the memory of the late Bro. M. Kennedy which was being prepared in the shape of a beautiful stained glass window to be placed in the church of which he was a regular attendant, and that the next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting would be held at Ulverston. This was followed by "The Secretary," "The Ladies," coupled with the name of Bro. A. Cottam, who replied in suitable terms for a bachelor, after which the proceedings were closed with the Tyler's toast. Bro. J. Case, P.M. 995 (and who we are pleased to know is named for

Provincial Grand Lodge honours) acted with his usual good taste as Master of Ceremonies. Bros. M. Wilson, P. Dornshire, A. Cottam, Worrell, Clarke, and Bradley contributed much to the pleasure of the evening by the admirable style in which they rendered several choice songs.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The installation meeting of this prosperous summer lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 1st inst., when Bro. E. Bamford for the last time took the chair of K.S., under very distinguished support, ably assisted by his officers, all of whom were present. The W.M. opened his lodge at 4.45. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been duly confirmed, and also of the audit meeting, which shows a very favourable balance in the hands of the Treasurer, the W.M. proceeded to examine Bros. Crosbie and Soames in the necessary requirements for passing to the Second Degree, which proving satisfactory they were sent forward for preparation. On presentation both received the distinction and benefits of Fellow Crafts, and were entrusted accordingly. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of their highly respected Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, D.P.G.M. Herts, who had kindly attended to perform the ceremony of installation. Bro. G. Tidcombe, P.M., presented Bro. T. J. Villiers, S.W., W.M. elect, to whom the usual address was given with the ancient charges; all of which having been properly assented to, the worthy brother, in the presence of a Board of several installed Masters, was placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and received the usual salutes and congratulations. After the investment of the I.P.M., the following brethren were appointed as officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. Dr. Rogers, S.W.; R. C. Puckett, J.W.; G. Tidcombe, Treas. and D.C.; C. Veal, Sec.; E. Dalzell, S.D.; H. B. Didsbury, J.D.; C. Tolman, I.G.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; and J. Middleton, Tyler. The new W.M. then appropriately addressed the I.P.M., Bro. E. Bamford, and presented him with the handsome jewel voted by the lodge for his very effective services during the past year, which was feelingly responded to.

Bro. Iles delivered the addresses from the chair in his usual masterly manner, for which and the very beautiful rendering of the whole ceremony a unanimous vote of thanks was given and graciously accepted. On the W.M. making the usual enquiries he received "Hearty good Wishes" from the following visitors: Bros. Iles, Norris and Ayres, 404; Reynolds and Wells, 1479; R. Hilton, 1319; Large, Rogers and Wilson, 1934; and T. Maidwell, 27. After several letters of regret read by the Secretary from brethren unable to attend, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

A sumptuous banquet served with that liberality for which this lodge is famous went off admirably. The W.M. in giving the usual toasts carried all before him and most heartily were the responses given.

Bro. Iles in replying for "The Visitors" referred to the great improvement made in the working of the lodge since his previous visit two years before, and expressed the great satisfaction of himself and the other brethren from Hertfordshire in visiting their friends in Middlesex. The Prov. G.M., Sir Francis Burdett, was unavoidably compelled to be absent, but was ably represented by Bro. G. Tidcombe.

The other visitors also returned thanks, and with the officers all congratulated, and vowed allegiance, to the W.M.

As usual some very excellent music was given, the songs by Bros. Hilton and Dalzell (a host in themselves) met with great acclamation and tended to make the meeting in every respect a great success and one that will not soon be forgotten. The day was fine, the country and the locale lovely, making the prospects of this now well established lodge yet more prosperous in the future.

GREAT STANMORE.—The Unity Lodge (No. 1637).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. J. S. Adkins, P.P.G.R Cornwall, W.M.; T. Walker Cooper, I.P.M., P.G. Stwd. Middx.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, acting S.W.; J. Linscott, J.W.; Stephen A. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; D. Stroud, J.D.; C. Webster, D.C.; W. Woodmason, I.G.; V.W. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Middlesex; Bros. Jefferson, H. Parsons, and H. Dehane, W.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Bro. H. Slyman, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, and Bro. W. Stephens, A.G.P., P.M., Treasurer. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Adkins, and Bro. T. W. Cooper, P.M., in proposing it eulogised the worth and many Masonic qualities possessed by the outgoing W.M. Bros. H. Parsons and J. M. Jefferson, were elected the Audit Committee.

The lodge was closed in ancient form and the brethren then enjoyed an English old fashioned country hotel dinner, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given by the W.M.

Bro. Thrupp, the D. Prov. G.M., replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers." In the course of an able speech he thanked the brethren for the way they had responded to the toast and said how much pleasure it afforded him to be present among them and that it was his intention to visit all the lodges in the province.

Bro. T. Walker Cooper replied for "The Prov. Grand Officers," saying the honour conferred upon him by their Prov. Grand Master proved that the Unity Lodge was held in good repute, and thanked the brethren for the way they had shown their appreciation of the manner he had carried out his duties in the lodge. He then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was accorded right Masonically, and

Bro. Adkins, W.M., in a very feeling and touching manner, thanked the Past Masters, officers, and brethren all for their cordial and most hearty support during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of "The Visitors" said that a brotherly and hearty welcome was always extended to them by the Unity Lodge, and called upon both visitors to reply.

Bro. Davis regretted that he had been unable to attend before, having had so many invitations; but he now thanked the brethren for the hearty welcome accorded to the visitors.

Bro. Dehane advocated the support of the Masonic Charities, and hoped he should have the pleasure of meeting one of the Unity Lodge as Steward at the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Tyler's toast then followed. A few songs by Bros. Woodmason and Davis tended to enliven the proceedings, Bro. Webster presiding at the piano.

WHITSTABLE.—Graystone Lodge (No. 1915).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Foresters' Hall, High-street. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. R. Boughton-Smith, P.M. 511, 540, 1007, 1560, P.P.G.S.D. Leicestershire and Rutland. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. Edwin Beer, P.M. 972 and 1449. Prov. G.J.D. Kent, and Bro. John F. Reeves, S.W., the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. R. Boughton-Smith, acting as D. of C., duly obligated, and installed into the chair of K.S., the whole of the ceremony being performed by Bro. Beer in a most impressive and effective manner. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. P. Coleman, S.W.; Rev. H. M. Maughan, J.W. and Chap.; A. Anderson, Treas.; R. Boughton-Smith, P.M., Sec.; J. McCue, S.D.; E. J. Lawson, J.D.; G. Barton, D. of C.; F. A. Johnson, Org.; S. Sainders and T. W. Porter, Stewards; and W. Gammon, Tyler. Votes of thanks were then passed to Bro. Beer for the very able way in which the ceremony had been carried out, and to the I.P.M. for the excellent way in which the duties of the lodge had been conducted by him during the last two years. Both suitably responded. Letters of apology were read by the Secretary from the R.W.P.G.M., Viscount Holmesdale; Bros. J. S. Eastes, the D.P.G.M.; H. Ward, P.M. 586, 622, 1112, P.P.G.J.W. Wilts, and others. The lodge was closed in form and the brethren adjourned to the supper room adjoining the lodge, and sat down to an excellent banquet, provided under the superintendance of the I.P.M., where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—A capital meeting of the above old established lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Walter's, Green Dragon, Steyne. Bro. J. L. Anderson occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. Richardson, S.W.; G. Price, J.W.; A. Wellingford, I.P.M.; G. H. Stephens, acting Sec.; A. Walter, Deacon; McNish, I.G.; J. J. Berry, P.M.; Job, P.M.; Bro. G. Brown, P.M. 169, (Visitor); and others. The ceremony of initiation was very carefully rendered, Bro. J. Marshall, acting candidate. Lodge was next opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and regularly closed down. Bro. G. Brown, P.M. 169, was duly admitted a member of the lodge, and Bro. Richardson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of condolence with the widow of the late Bro. J. Andrews, P.M. 1227, was passed, the brethren deeply sympathising with the family in their deep affliction.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Prad-street, Paddington. There were present Bros. G. Coop, W.M.; J. J. Thomas, S.W.; W. A. Vincent, J.W.; C. Bellerby, jun., S.D.; M. J. Green, J.D.; T. C. Keeble, I.G.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; H. Dehane, W.M. 1543, Sec.; R. E. Cursons, Stwd.; C. J. Craig, E. R. Taylor, H. Robinson, W. Honeyball, C. J. Fox, W. J. Stratton, 753; J. Reid, R. Fairclough, W. Death, W. Fieldson, I.P.M. 548.

Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Craig being candidate. Bro. Read, P.M., then worked the second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. W. J. Stratton, 753, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. J. J. Thomas, W.M. for next meeting. An indigent brother applied for relief which was accorded by the brethren in a suitable manner, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, the 14th inst., at the Prince Regent (Bro. George Monk's), Dulwich-road, East Brixton, where there was a very good attendance of brethren considering the great heat and the many brethren away from town. The W.M., Bro. Stephen Richardson, was supported by Bro. H. Hooper, S.W.; A. Jones, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; Henry M. Williams, Sec.; J. Harding, P.M., S.D.; Richard Poore, J.D.; C. Ambrose, I.G.; also Bros. Thomas Poore, P.M.; George Moss, P.M.; T. C. Edmunds, G. W. Knight, J. Johnson, and J. H. Hudepohl.

Lodge was opened in due form and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Edmunds as candidate, being interrogated, proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising, including the traditional history, was rehearsed by the W.M. most impressively. Lodge having been regularly closed down to the First Degree, Bro. Hooper was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Bro. Richardson asked the lodge to accept from him the rough and perfect ashlar placed on the S. and J.W. pedestals that evening as a small mark of his esteem for the lodge and for the many kindnesses received from the brethren; and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Richardson for his kind present.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned in perfect harmony and brotherly love.

Subsequently the monthly meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction Benevolent Association was held, and Bro. George Monk and Mrs. Banks were each successful in securing on the ballot the sum of £5 ss. towards the Masonic Charities.

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Royal Arch.

GREAT STANMORE.—Stanmore Chapter (No. 1549).—The installation meeting of this improving chapter, which combines the three lodges held at the Abercorn Hotel, viz., 1549, 1637, and 1702, took place on the 11th ult. In the unavoidable absence of Comp. H. Lovegrove the chair of M.E.Z. was occupied by Comp. F. Brown, P.Z. 538; Comp. T. Maidwell, H., and Comp. C. H. Webb, J., were in their respective chairs. The chapter was opened in due form at 4.30. The minutes of last previous convocation and also of the audit meeting were duly confirmed, and the ballot taken unanimously in favour of the following brethren as candidates for exaltation, viz.: Bros. H. B. Didsbury, I.G. 1549; C. B. Todd, D.C. 27; and G. Jackson, M.M. 860. The ceremony of installation was then very ably rendered by Comps. Brown, Maidwell, and Webb, and the following officers were duly invested, viz.: Bros. T. J. Maidwell, M.E.Z.; C. H. Webb, H.; J. S. Fraser, J., G. Tidcombe, Treas. and D.C.; C. Veal, S.E.; E. B. Haynes, S.N.; T. J. Villiers, P.S.; and J. Middleton, Janitor. Bros. Didsbury and Todd afterwards received the benefit of exaltation which was most ably performed, and they were duly invested as R.A. Masons. On the M.E.Z. making the usual enquiries, good wishes were expressed by the following visitors: Comps. F. Brown, P.Z. 538; D. H. Jacobs, P.Z. 619; J. Green, P.Z. 075. Comp. H. Lovegrove, P.Z., had now joined the Companions, and Comps. Brown, Paten, Wilson, and Corrick, members of the chapter, were also present. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Comp. F. Brown, the well known and highly respected Preceptor, and in consideration of the valuable services always so kindly rendered he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the chapter, which that worthy companion gratefully acknowledged. The S.E. having reported letters of apology from several members and companions regretting their absence, the chapter was duly closed.

The companions then adjourned to a choice banquet, the M.E.Z. proving his efficiency in giving the customary toasts, all of which were well responded to. Comp. Lovegrove, P.Z., replied for the Prov. Grand Officers, and the visitors also expressed their hearty congratulations. Many of the companions contributed to the musical enjoyment of the evening, and the M.E.Z. may well be proud of commencing his year of office under such favourable auspices.

Red Cross of Constantine.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—De-La-Pole Conclave (No. 132).—The regular assembly of this conclave took place in the Masonic Rooms, Charlotte-street, Hull, on the 27th ult. The conclave was opened in due form under the presidency of Em. Sir Knight George Wilson, the M.P.S.; Em. Sir Knight Thomas Thompson, P.S., acting as Viceroy, with a fair number of Sir Knights in attendance. After the minutes of the last conclave had been read by the Recorder and confirmed, the election by the knights of the Sovereign, Viceroy, Treasurer, and Sentinel for the ensuing twelve months took place, when Sir Knights William Gillett and A. P. Wilson were unanimously elected Sovereign and Viceroy respectively. Subsequently E. Sir Knight Henry Preston, P.S., was elected Treasurer, and Sir Knight J. Burdall, Sentinel. The newly-elected Sovereign will be enthroned, and the Viceroy elect consecrated at the meeting of the conclave to be held in November next.

At the close of the conclave the St. Mary's Sanctuary of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and Commandery of St. John the Evangelist was opened, when Sir Knight William Gillett was elected the Right Reverend Prelate, and Sir Knight A. P. Wilson the Prior for the ensuing year.

Scotland.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

The Viking Lodge, No. 671, was consecrated with full Masonic ceremonial, on the 8th inst., at Lerwick, by Bro. Major Crombie, Aberdeen, acting by commission from Grand Lodge, assisted by Bros. J. Crichton, R.W.M., Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1, and R. S. Brown, P.M. 145, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, acting Grand Secretary. There was a full attendance of the members of the lodge, and also a large deputation of the brethren of the Morton Lodge, No. 89. After the ceremony of consecration, the following office-bearers were installed; Bros. J. Kirkland Galloway, R.W.M.; Charles E. Leask, W.S.W.; Alexander Macgregor, W.J.W.; Rev. A. R. Saunders, Chap.; James Hunter, Treas.; Jas. Scott Smith, Sec.; W. J. Adie, S.D.; W. Cowie, J.D.; R. D. Ganson, I.G.; and R. Ratter, O.G.

On Thursday evening the local lodges combined to entertain the deputation from Grand Lodge and other stranger brethren, in connection with laying the foundation-stone of the Harbour Works, to supper in the Queen's Hotel. After doing ample justice to an excellent supper, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most harmonious and pleasant evening was spent. The chair was occupied by Bro. Thos. Johnston, R.W.M. Morton Lodge; while Bro. J. K. Galloway, R.W.M. Viking Lodge, discharged the duties of croupier.

Thursday was the anniversary of the introduction of gas into London, which took place on August 16th, 1807.

The International Electrical Exhibition at Vienna is ready for the opening ceremony, which takes place today (Friday). The British Commissioners are thoroughly satisfied with their own section, which promises to make an excellent display.

The magnificent works now being carried on at Tilbury, viz., the Tilbury Docks, has given rise to a new Masonic lodge, and a warrant has been granted for the Tilbury Fort Lodge, No. 2006, which is to be held in the neighbourhood of the docks, and of which one of the contractors is to be the first Worshipful Master. The date for the consecration of the lodge has not yet been fixed. As all the great works of ancient times were executed by Freemasons, it is fitting that the greatest docks of the United Kingdom should be connected with a Masonic lodge.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

The annual meeting of this Grand Council was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 11th inst. There were present R.W. Bro. Chas. F. Matier, Deputy Grand Master; V.W. Bros. Alfred Williams, G.S.W.; George Lambert, as G.J.W.; Donald M. Dewar, G. Sec.; W. Bro. J. L. Mather, as G.S.D.; Chas. H. Driver, as G.J.D.; R. Loveland-Loveland, as G.I.G.; Bros. Roebuck, Dicketts, Berridge, Spice, Spurrell, Anderson, Bywater, H. C. Lambert, and others.

Grand Council having been opened in due form, the D.G.M. apologised for the unavoidable absence of the M.W. Grand Master, M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal. The minutes of the last meeting were read, verified, and signed.

The following report for 1883 was then read, approved, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes:

"Since the last meeting of this Grand Council the various councils and the Degrees under its jurisdiction have made fair progress, and a new council, under the name of the Four Kings Council, No. 7, has been duly constituted and consecrated in London, with every promise of success, the first W.M. being Bro. J. L. Mather, who has fortunately secured the services of Bro. C. F. Matier, the D.G.M. of the Order, as Secretary.

"The registered number of members is 322, distributed amongst the subordinate councils as follows: Metropolitan Council, T.I., London, 159; Escorial Council, T.I., Havant, 17; Matier Council, T.I., Manchester, 18; Ebor Council, T.I., York, 22; Portal Council, No. 1, Liverpool, 6; St. Cyprian Council, No. 2, Tunis, 25; St. John and St. Paul Council, No. 3, Malta, 36; St. George's Council, No. 4, Wigan, 17; Great Orme Council, No. 5, Llandudno, 8; Excelsior Council, No. 6, Calcutta; and Four Kings Council, No. 7, London, 14; total, 322; but the number is probably considerably more, as returns have not yet been received from the Excelsior Council at Calcutta, nor from the councils at Bolton, Rochdale, or Hull.

"The financial position of the Grand Council is satisfactory, as, after payment of all claims and preliminary expenses, a balance of £10 10s. 3d. remains in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

"Recognising the services of Bro. C. F. Matier at all times rendered with hearty good will and efficiency, the Grand Master has much pleasure in reappointing him as D.G.M. (signed)

"DON. M. DEWAR, Grand Secretary."

By command of the M.W.G.M. the D.G.M. then appointed the following Grand Officers and invested those present, viz.:

Bro. J. L. Mather	...	Grand S.W.
Baron de Ferrieres, M.P.	...	Grand J.W.
Rev. A. W. Hall	...	Grand Chaplain.
Samuel Rawson	...	Grand Treas.
Donald M. Dewar	...	Grand Sec.
J. S. Cumberland	...	Grand S.D.
Arthur Middleton	...	Grand J.D.
Robert Berridge	...	Grand D. of C.
J. D. Murray	...	Grand Swd. Br.
R. Loveland Loveland	...	Grand I.G.
Reginald Young	...	Grand Stewards.
R. P. Spice	...	
J. E. Anderson	...	

Grand Council was then closed in due form.

HAMPTON COURT.—Metropolitan Council (T.I.)—The installation meeting of this council was held at the Mitre Hotel, on Saturday, the 11th inst., when Bro. G. Lambert was installed in the chair by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, D.G.M., and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Robert Roy, S.W.; Henry Venn, J.W.; D. M. Dewar, Treas. and Sec.; Rev. W. S. Moses, Chap.; Herbert Dicketts, Conductor; Thos. C. Walls, S.D.; Robt. Berridge, J.D.; R. L. Loveland, I.G.; J. L. Mather, D. of C.; R. P. Spice, Steward; and Edw. Mills, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards celebrated their annual festival, and spent a very pleasant evening under the presidency of the W.M.

ST. JOHN'S DAY IN AMERICA
126 YEARS AGO.

The following discourse was delivered in Trinity Church, Newport, before, as it was then styled, the Right Worshipful Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, on the 24th of June, 1757, by Thomas Pollen, A.M., Boston. On the same day on which the discourse was delivered, St. John's Lodge (which was then without a name) resolved "That the Worshipful Benjamin Mason, Treasurer, our brothers Samuel Brenton, Thomas Vernon, and Edward Cole be a committee to wait on our brother the Rev. Thomas Pollen, and return him the thanks of this Society for his sermon preached this day before them, and request of him a copy for the press." The proposition to print this sermon was then taken, on Friday, the 13th day of January, 1758, to a Grand Lodge held at the Exchange Tavern in Boston, where it was unanimously decided "That the sermon of our Reverend Brother Thomas Pollen, preached before the Right Worshipful Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Newport, in Rhode Island, be printed." It was thereupon put to press, and in due time appeared in a small quarto form and of excellent typography. It is dedicated by its author to the Right Worshipful Robert Jenkins, Master; Alexander Grant, and John Mawdsley, Wardens; and the Brethren of the Right Worshipful Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Newport. It thus appears that 125 years have elapsed since this pamphlet first saw the light. It further appears from the preceding memoranda, that the yet nameless lodge at Newport was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge at Boston. It was incorporated by the Colony of Rhode Island two years later, in June, 1759. The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, under whose jurisdiction it now is, was instituted by the two lodges, one at Newport and the other at Providence, in 1791. It was not, however, incorporated until 1812. It was the custom of this Newport Lodge to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist in June, and the Festival of St. John the Evangelist in December. The advertisement for the celebration of the

latter in December, 1758, taken from the *Newport Mercury* of that date, we append. "Newport, December 19th, 1758. Wednesday, the 27th inst., being the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, the Feast of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons will be kept at Bro. Christian Myers', of which notice is given to desire all the brethren of the Fraternity to attend at his house at nine o'clock a.m. NATHANIEL MUMFORD, Secretary."

Of the various gentlemen whose names appear in the foregoing paragraph, we have discovered few particulars. Nathaniel Mumford was a man of some prominence in the colony, being frequently appointed by the general assembly to offices of trust and honour. At one time to adjust the accounts of Revolutionary officers, at another General Auditor of Accounts, and in various other capacities. Edward Cole was a Captain in the Rhode Island troops at the siege of Louisbourg, and afterwards a Lieut.-Colonel at Crown Point. John Mawdsley was a merchant at Newport, of excellent character. When the British troops evacuated the island Mawdsley went with them to New York. The General Assembly passed an act ordering, among others, Mawdsley, if he ever returned within the State, to be forthwith arrested and transported to some place within the dominion of Great Britain. Three years later, 1783, Mawdsley petitioned to return, alleging that it had been through compulsion and necessity that he had been obliged to go to New York. His petition was granted, and he was restored to his rights of person and property.

Thomas Vernon, Esq., was nominated by the General Assembly to the Lords of Admiralty, in 1758, to be Register of the Court of Vice Admiralty, to which office he was appointed. In 1776, Vernon refused to subscribe to the test oath prescribed by the General Assembly, for which he was deemed unfriendly to the United colonies, and the sheriff was ordered to remove him from Newport to Gloucester, where he was permitted to go at large on his parole.

The sermon which we now present is perhaps the earliest specimen of Rhode Island Masonic literature extant.

UNIVERSAL LOVE.

I. John, iv., 7: "Beloved, let us love one another."

This was the exhortation of that disciple whom Jesus loved; and who, having imbibed the spirit of love which his blessed Master had so largely poured out to him, did afterwards himself breathe forth almost nothing else in this and his other epistles. Doubtless he thereby intended that it might spread itself throughout the world. And God, who then guided the pen of this most benevolent writer, had intended the same from the very beginning; for though our Lord justly styles it, in a figurative sense, a new commandment, that we love one another, yet if taken literally it is as old as the world itself. It was first given to the whole people of God, at least by the voice of nature and afterwards to his peculiar people the Jews, by the voice both of nature and revelation; but they had confined their obedience to it within too narrow bounds in many respects, and particularly in respect to its object. Our Lord, therefore, who came to renew the divine commandments, which had, as it were, grown obsolete through their abuse of them, renewed this of loving one another, and carried its object as God had first intended it to all mankind. This he did by commanding us to look upon every man breathing as our neighbour, and to love him as ourselves; whereas this loving of one another may be properly called universal love, which I shall now recommend to your meditation and practice.

We may observe that the commandment expressly given to man just after his creation was, "Be fruitful and multiply;" and that the commandment expressly given to man just before his redemption was, "Love one another." These two commandments plainly intimate that man was neither created nor redeemed only for himself; for if it had been so, it might probably have been said to him, just after his creation, "Multiply not, but enjoy alone this world and all that is therein;" or just before his redemption, "Love thyself alone and not another." Indeed to love ourselves has been at no time, that I can remember, expressly commanded us; because the divine law-giver knows full well that we shall hardly be deficient in that part of our duty. When therefore He commands us to love our neighbour as ourselves, He proposes our love of ourselves as a rule whereby to measure our love of our neighbour. "For no man," as St. Paul says, "ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth it and cherisheth it." Nay, He has made our love of our brother the test of our love of Himself. For St. John, through His direction, thus reasons: "He that loveth not his His brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God, who he hath not seen?" and then he proceeds to tell us that "This commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God loves his brother also." Hence we may conclude that we ourselves are taught of God to love one another.

And what He has taught, he has also enforced by his own example. It was through the principle of universal love that God made the world, and that His Spirit moving upon the face of the waters, gave it not only motion, but order, beauty, light, and life. As God was perfectly happy in Himself, he needed not to make a world that it might render him more so. It was therefore pure, disinterested love that prompted him to bring forth this great something out of nothing.

It is through the principle of universal love that God preserves the world. Inasmuch, that was this divine principle to withdraw its influence but for a moment, the world would drop into the womb of nothing, out of which it was brought forth. God is Love, and every particle of it is a ray of his divinity. We may therefore assert without profaneness, that in love the world lives and moves and has its being.

It was through the principle of universal love that God redeemed the world. It might have been reasonably expected that if, after He had through love first made and then preserved the world, man, for whose sake chiefly He had made and preserved it, had proved unthankful for those his benefits, his love would have fled from it and left it to be destroyed by his hate. But his love still remained, and found a way to redeem man from eternal, and for his sake the world to this day, from temporal destruction.

Thus we find that God has enforced this lesson He has taught, of acting through the principle of universal love by his own example. And the great use of man's acting through this principle will appear, if we further consider, that it was through the principle of universal love as well as of necessity that men formed themselves into society. And that true sociableness which may be discovered among generous and honest men, is a part of this principle. Uni-

versal love was at first implanted in human nature on purpose to draw by its magnetic virtue all men to one centre, the common good. It must be confessed that the principle of self-love has often interposed, and drawn them quite a contrary way. So that from social creatures, born for each others' support and comfort, some men are become as beasts of prey, biting and devouring one another. But still it is to be hoped the former principle, like truth, is great and will prevail.

And as it was through the principle of universal love that men formed themselves into society, so it is this principle alone which, under God's Providence, can keep any society whatever from being dissolved. Even Christianity itself, that most perfect society of all, that building of God so fitly framed together, is upheld by the cement of universal love. For otherwise, cracked and divided as it is into so many parts, which bear so little connection with one another, it would soon fall asunder and be as was the first matter, without form and void. We may then look upon society to be one grand machine, consisting of many resources both great and small, which, by a kind of reciprocal force, move and sustain each other, but of which the master one is universal love. While this continues strong and active, those continue so too. But as soon as this begins to fail, those begin to fail likewise, till at last the whole becomes weak, irregular, and useless to all good purposes.

We see then how great a blessing universal love must be to any society whatever; but most especially where a monstrous diversity of religious tenets, a mad contention about little honours, a furious clashing in wordly interests, and an unchristian enmity between rival families, are rending the very bowels of a society in pieces, what greater blessing can descend from heaven upon it than universal love with healing in its wings?

If we pass from society to particular men, we shall discover universal love even there to be as necessary as anywhere. Love, when it is dispensed in due proportions, administers health and safety to others as well as to ourselves. But when the whole spirit of it remains contracted within us, it is like the poison of asps. For, however it may enliven and defend ourselves, it carries with it a hurtful quality to others.

Nay, in regard to ourselves also, universal love, while it darts forth its heavenly rays both far and near, not only shines the brighter and stronger for it, but from the returns that are made it receives back again into its orb a fresh supply of light and heat. Whereas self love burns inward like a sullen fire; neither heats nor is heated, neither shines nor is shined upon. Universal love feels a pleasure which self love has not the least conception of. Self love is always mixed with a dogged humour which makes us feel no pleasure in others, and no true one in ourselves. But universal love keeps us always pleased, both with ourselves and others. Hence it delights to spread its wings abroad in the world, and, like Noah's dove, as soon as it meets with a reception there, disdains any longer to hover about the confines of a wooden mansion.

And now, I presume, I need not expressly declare that the occasion of my recommending universal love at present in terms so high (though not so high perhaps as its deserves) is this day's assembling together of a society, the badge of whose profession is to promote it in the world; and that this society has a direct tendency towards doing so, ye may be abundantly satisfied if ye compare it with some other societies.

Some other societies are founded merely on self-interest, and each member of them, so far, and no farther, consults the interest of the rest, than as it coincides with his own. But this society is founded upon a nobler plan, the very same as that of the greatest and best society that ever was and ever will be upon earth, viz., the Christian. For the very same inscription is required to be written in the heart of each member of the former as of the latter: "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

Some other societies receive among them men of one nation only, which is apt to create a monopolising spirit, so prejudicial to the good of mankind in general, and even of that one nation in particular. But this society opens wide its arms to every nation under heaven, and offers to take in both Jews and Greeks, both Cretes and Arabians, following the steps of their master, Christ, whose design was in that blessed society Himself instituted to make all the kindreds of the earth become one people.

Some other societies, especially when grown numerous, oftentimes disturb and divide the country under whose protection they subsist, by framing a constitution which interferes with that of the country itself or by setting up some new party therein. But this society has framed a constitution so happily calculated as exactly to square with the better constitutions of all the countries in the universe, and religiously observes to be of no party at all. Therefore it is so far from disturbing and dividing the country under whose protection it subsists, that it contributes not a little to infuse throughout it a spirit of peace and unity.

For a proof of this I need only refer you to those many countries so various in their policy, wherein it has of late years been not only suffered but even encouraged to begin and to continue.

Notwithstanding the truth of what I have advanced, many of them who are not initiated into the mysteries of this society, if they do not peremptorily judge, yet too hastily imagine it to be trifling at best. But however trifling they may imagine it to be, who imagine everything to be so, wherein their worldly interest is not immediately concerned, yet surely men's "assembling of themselves together to provoke one another unto love and to good works," is not so trifling.

Besides, to enlarge the narrowness of man's understanding, to smooth the roughness of their will, and to level the unevenness of their passions, is a most useful undertaking and hard to accomplish. Yet I may safely appeal to any one who has been long a member of this society, if he has not perceived that undertaking to go on more prosperously in this than any other private society he knows of, if the several members of it, however different in principle, temper, or carriage, have not oftentimes parted wiser men, truer friends, and better citizens than they were before they met.

What I have said, I hope, will be sufficient to draw the esteem of some of this society, and remove the prejudices of others far off from it. And as to you, my brethren, the worthy members thereof, be not discouraged at the smallness of your numbers, and the slowness of your progress. For, naturally speaking, the spirit of universal love (which is or ought to be the chief motive of men's desire to come among you) cannot so easily find an entrance into those

breasts where the spirit of self-love has stepped in before it, and taken possession, but who knows how soon the grace of God may chase away this evil spirit, and your joy may be full. In the meantime, "be not weary in well doing." Love the brotherhood, i.e., all mankind. First let this love be without dissimulation, and then let it continue. Quench not the spirit of it, despise not its suggestions. Comfort yourselves together and edify one another even as also ye do. Warn them that are unruly, support the weak, relieve the distressed. See that none render evil for evil unto any man, but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men. Keek yourselves unspotted from the world and beware of covetousness which is idolatry. Cut off occasion from them which desire occasion to speak against you, and let your conversation be such that whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Now, to God the Father, who is the builder and maker of us all; to God the Son, who is our chief corner-stone; and to God the Holy Ghost, through whom we are builded together, be ascribed as is most due all power and glory, both now and for ever. Amen.

THE ROYAL SEA BATHING INFIRMARY AT MARGATE.

A very brief and simple ceremony in connection with the opening of the new wing of this infirmary, which is the munificent gift of our Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., was held on the 8th inst. The wing consists of a day room for women, four wards named the Alexandra, with 16 beds for women, the Louise, with 14 beds for girls, the Victoria, with 14 beds for boys, and the Maude, with 16 beds for men, a covered promenade, and a sea-water swimming bath. These buildings were designed by Mr. James Knowles, editor of the *Nineteenth Century*. In addition to the wing, the directors have had erected a sea wall, of which Mr. Abernethy, F.R.S., was the hon. engineer. Several gentlemen, among whom were Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton (the treasurer and chairman), Capt. Lacker (chairman of the local committee), Mr. A. B. Cobb, Major Webb, Mr. Hannam, J.P., Mr. K. W. Wilkie, J.P., Dr. Birkett (London), Dr. Rowe, Mr. Treves, Mr. Thornton, J.P., the Rev. Prebendary Whittington, the Revs. E. H. Blyth, Alcock (Birchington), and H. Aldwin, Soames (the chaplain), Mr. Walters (surgeon), Mr. J. M. Paramor, and others, having walked through and inspected the new buildings, which they pronounced to be very satisfactory, a short service was held in the pretty chapel, also the gift of Bro. Sir Erasmus. Special prayers and lessons were read by the chaplain, a portion of the 25th Matthew was read, and suitable hymns were sung. In the course of the service, Colonel Creton said: My friends, before I declare the new wing open I wish to say a few words, which I have thought it better to put to paper. We live at a period when many are the praiseworthy efforts to aid and relieve our afflicted fellow creatures. But I should not be doing my duty as your Chairman upon the present occasion, or speaking my honest convictions, if I did not call your special attention to the very great—I may add munificent—provision now made in our Sea Bathing Infirmary for the relief and cure of sickness and suffering. We are connected with an institution whose object is the alleviation and extirpation, if possible, of a mysterious, an insidious, and a most afflicting malady, and in which, during 92 years of its existence, 40,000 cases have been treated and cared for. I know of no modern exercise of a generous and large hearted philanthropy more likely to be productive of help and healing to very many sufferers than the great and good work in which we are all engaged to-day. By the never-to-be-forgotten, and I must add the princely, liberality of Sir Erasmus Wilson, we have now four new wards, day rooms, a swimming bath, promenade over the new wing, and a beautiful chapel, all in active operation and ready to receive the proper number of inmates. Thanking him, as treasurer of the institution, from the bottom of my heart for you all, and for myself, privileged as I am to take part in these proceedings, for all that he has so nobly done, I think that all who have been through the buildings in its various parts and beheld admiringly the remarkable provision thus made for scientific treatment of this specific malady, for which this institution is destined, will re-echo my words in the expression of the gratitude we all feel for the admirable additions made to our infirmary by Sir Erasmus Wilson. I trust that all the benefits will accrue to others which in his great kindness he so anxiously desires, and I have now the high honour, my friends, to declare this new wing duly opened.

At the luncheon subsequently held Sir Erasmus Wilson's health was proposed by the chairman, Lieut.-Colonel CRETON, and was feelingly and eloquently responded to by our distinguished brother.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM GRACE, 495.

The death of Bro. William Grace, of Wakefield, which took place suddenly from heart disease on the 29th ult., is a great loss to the Wakefield Lodge, No. 495, of which he was the Treasurer. He was born on the 31st March, 1836, and when 14 years of age he entered the bank of Messrs. Leatham, Tew, and Co., and gradually rose from one position to another until he was appointed manager. By his fidelity, courtesy, and talents, he won the unbounded confidence of the firm. He took a prominent part in Freemasonry in Wakefield. He spared no time and grudged no labour in furthering the welfare of his lodge. His unselfishness, kindness of heart, love of the Craft and reverence for its observances won for him the highest esteem of his brethren. His funeral was attended by a larger number of Freemasons than ever assembled previously on a similar occasion in Wakefield. Among those present were Bros. T. W. Tew, S.G.D. of England, W.D.P.G. of West Yorkshire; Henry Smith, P.G.S. of West Yorkshire; and many other Provincial Officers and brethren. Wreaths were placed on the coffin by the Masters of the Wakefield Lodges on behalf of the brethren.



Bro. Edward Terry was fêted at a supper at Ulster last Wednesday week.

Mr. Barry Sullivan has been entertained by his brother Savages prior to leaving London.

The St. James's reopens with "Impulse" on the 17th prox.

Bro. H. Walsham sails this day week for New York, having formed an engagement with Mr. Rice, of Boston, for a short operatic season.

Bro. Col. Mapleson hopes to complete the Opera House on the Embankment, close to St. Stephen's Club, and open it in the spring of next year.

The Haymarket is closed to give the company a holiday and for necessary repairs and structural alterations. Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft are at Homburg. The theatre will reopen about the last week in September.

"Silver Guilt" at the Strand pursues its successful course. It now even goes easier than at first. Rarely of late years has a burlesque on another theatre's play met with such a hearty reception.

To-night the Princess's reopens with "The Silver King." A new comedietta, by Mr. J. W. Jones, "A First Experiment," will be the first piece on the programme. The popular drama which follows will have a slight change in its cast.

We regret to announce the death of Miss Rose Massey, sister of Miss Helen Massey of the Grand Theatre. The sad event happened in America, where Miss Massey had married some years ago and retired from the stage. She was only 32 years of age. Miss Massey played in London at the Vaudeville in "The Two Roses."

Mrs. Langtry will not appear at a Gaiety matinee as she intended, in consequence of the lateness of the season. She is now playing at Manchester in "Pygmalion and Galatea" and "Honeymoon." She will soon sail again for Quebec and the States, and will fulfil an engagement in Australia before returning to London in 1885.

Bro. John Hollingshead and Mr. J. L. Hine have taken the Globe for a period and will open early in September with comedy. As Miss Kate Vaughan has finally quitted the Gaiety and is not going to the Alhambra we may possibly see her installed at the Globe, since she has developed such wonderful comedy talent. We hope our wish may prove true, but we have no foundation for it.

At the Imperial a company from the Cape of Good Hope is playing "Garrick" and sundry other small pieces. But we cannot say anything in favour of plays or acting. We noticed an extremely full house, and an enthusiastic audience, who applauded at nothing and laughed at the most stupid and everyday phrases. We could but form one opinion of how they came there, especially as sixpence was charged for leaving one's umbrella, which was compulsory, and sixpence for a programme which gave little information.

In addition to "Virginia and Paul" at the Gaiety "More than Ever" is now being performed at that house. It is a burlesque "in one horror" by the late Arthur Maddison, produced in the spring at a matinee with much success as a take off on "For Ever," then being played at the Surrey. Bro. Squires, Mr. Monkhouse, Mr. Penley, Mr. Wyatt, and Miss Howard—the original company—still play. The man-monkey is in this a man-kangaroo, who succeeds in killing every one else. When the curtain is drawn up at the end, in response to the applause, the whole cast is seen stretched side by side on the floor. It is ludicrous in the extreme. A new opera to display Miss Lilian Russell's voice and acting will very soon be produced.

"The Streets of London" is taking so well at the Adelphi that the new melodrama will not be required for a while. A real four-wheeled cab and a real steam fire-engine drawn by two spirited horses and a real fire are the great attractions, especially to the pit and gallery, judging by their shouts. Bro. C. Warner is the hero who dodges the footsteps of a dishonest merchant who has robbed two orphans of their fortune, and who suffer the most melancholy poverty in consequence. Mrs. H. Leigh, as the kind-hearted wife of a costermonger—let us hope there are many such in real life—comes in for much of the applause. We have seen Miss Clara Jecks do much better when she had a better part than she has in this drama. Mr. Proctor, the street vendor, is another good character whom one does not often come across in the streets of London. Miss Alice Raynor, the orphan, acts so well that we may look to her remaining on this side of the water, if one may judge from her first visit to a Strand theatre. Her voice is sympathetic, and her rendering of the sorrows of an ill-used orphan is pathetic without being overdone. We shall, amongst others, watch her stage career closely.

"The Grand" has, phoenix like, arisen from the ashes of the Philharmonic, and may in one sentence be termed the best constructed and the most comfortable theatre in London. One can only regret that it is not in the neighbourhood of the theatre world. The inhabitants of Islington and the north of London have now to themselves a playhouse superior to any west-end theatre. Mr. Matcham, the architect, is to be highly complimented. The Grand will seat 3000 persons. We went on the night of our visit to every part and corner of the house, and

from everywhere a clear view is to be obtained of the stage. Even at the side this is so. There are no pillars to block out the view and cause one to sit uncomfortably to see anything. The atmosphere is delicious, hardly above the temperature of the street. The lighting is partly by gas and partly by electricity. The latter is prettily let into the sides of the balconies and covered over with opaque glass. The theatre is only two storeys in height. There are wide stone staircases on either side and any number of doors to be used in case of a sudden exit being required. These can be burst open by a strong push, which we tried. Then there are elegant and cool rooms for smoking and lounging in between the acts. The stalls are placed widely apart from the rows in front, so that one can pass and repass without disturbing one's neighbours, and there is besides a subway leading from one side of the theatre to the other under the stalls. The decorations are chaste and in harmony with the building. The proscenium archway, which reaches from the floor of the house to the roof, is composed of Peterhead granite, which at once strikes the observer as being "grand." We do not recollect seeing this substance being used for such a purpose before. Mr. Freeman has been appointed acting manager. A better choice could not have been made. Altogether the lessees, Messrs. Holt and Wilmot, are to be congratulated, and we hope many of our readers will "do the Grand." For the opening "The Bright Future," by Mr. Selton Parry, has been produced. Its name, we hope, is a good omen. As a drama it is but commonplace. It will be played for six weeks only, at the end of which time Miss Minnie Palmer, a young American artiste, will make her debut in England in a three act musical comedy, "My Sweetheart." In October a new drama, entitled "Racing," will be produced. An Irish drama, "The Donogh," by the author of "Little Em'ly" and joint author of "Freedom," the new Drury-lane drama, will be brought out. "The Bright Future" is a scenic drama as well as a powerfully written one. The scenery, by Mr. Swift, includes the Thames Embankment and Charing Cross, and there is a real cab covered with snow driven on to the stage, to the manifest delight of the gods. Miss Lydia Cowell throws her usual vivacity into her part. Mr. Carleton, Miss Helen Massey, Mr. Balfour, and Mr. Lyons all fit their parts well. We earnestly hope that a "bright future" is before this, the latest of London's theatres. We noticed four distinguished Japanese gentlemen, on the occasion of our visit, amongst the audience.

Bro. Augustus Harris and Mr. Rowe's new drama "Freedom," may be styled a national one. That is to say it will have little charm beyond very fine and accurate scenic effects for one in whose veins there is no British blood. The story is founded on the late Egyptian campaign and presents many details of life and scenery in the cities of the Nile. The scenery of Messrs. Beverley and Emden outdoes anything else they have ever had at "the Lane." The stage management is so good and the characters so well depicted that the drama deserves a lengthy prosperity. Bro. Harris is himself the hero, besides being stage manager and joint author. The opening tableau of "A Bazaar in an Eastern City" is like a landscape so rich in colour and the grouping of men, women, and children. There are real live donkeys, mules, and camels on the stage. The plot is, briefly—Araf Bey is in love with an English girl, the daughter of Loring, a banker. Constance is already betrothed to an English naval captain, Ernest Gascoigne. Araf Bey tells Mr. Loring of his passion for his daughter and offers him power and many things besides if he will give him his daughter, but is told that she is about to be married. On this Araf Bey vows revenge. He instantly meets with an opportunity. Gascoigne lands with a cargo of slaves he has captured from an Arab to set them free. He calls upon the English Consul to take them under his protection. Araf Bey objects. He asks whose soil are the English upon? Would they not resent interference of a foreign nation on their shores? The gallant captain replies "that it is England's mission everywhere to take up the cry of the oppressed." Sentences like these abound throughout the piece, and are greatly cheered by the gallery. Araf Bey, however, sets free not the slaves, but the dealer. He now goes about stirring up hatred to the English. A mob surrounds the British Consulate at the moment Gascoigne is going to wed his bride Constance. He is called to his ship, and bids good-bye to his betrothed. Constance is by a ruse carried in the chair of Bey's wife to his palace, under the pretence of being safely conducted through the streets. Araf Bey enters, and entreats her to be his wife. At this moment Gascoigne, having found out the treachery, breaks through the window and challenges Araf. The attendants come in and seize Gascoigne. Zuleima, Araf's wife, who is jealous and angry at being made a fool of, creeps in, cuts the cords, and restores to him his Constance, and allows them to fly. Araf comes in just too late; they have gone. He accuses his wife of letting them free; she acknowledges it, and, getting in a rage, kills her husband and then stabs herself. Gascoigne and Constance are again seized by the Arabs; but the latter escapes with an American, one Slingsby. Ernest suffers all sort of tortures, the most cruel being his craving for water, which the Arabs hold in front of him and then pour it out on the dust. The English here make their appearance, and every one is made happy who before was miserable. Mr. Fernandez plays Araf Bey with coolness; Mr. Harry Jackson and Mr. Harry Nicholls have not parts suitable enough to them. Their comic talents are almost lost; they however contrive to throw much life into what they do. Mr. Rowe, as the Yankee, makes no little amusement in his court-ship with a Miss Piper (Miss Enson). Miss Nelly Bromley is charming both in appearance and acting as Constance, the heroine. Miss Lydia Foote has not nearly enough to do, to do justice to her abilities. It is difficult not to think of Bro. Lord Charles Beresford when one sees Bro. Harris, the plucky captain, who not only in speeches dares everything, but carries it into practice. So real does everything seem that one may almost fancy oneself in Egypt. We believe critics are agreed that "Freedom" is the finest spectacular piece yet produced at Drury Lane, and this is saying a good deal. Probably it will hold the house together till it is time to get ready for the pantomime.

MADAME TUSSAUD'S EXHIBITION.—On view, Portrait Models of Victor Hugo, President Gröby, the late M. Leon Gambetta, Prince Gortschakoff, Lord P. Cavendish and Mr. Burke, also the Egyptian Military and Naval War Group. A portrait model of James Carey, the informer, is also on view. Admission, 1s., extra rooms, 6d. Open from 10 till 10.—[ADVT.]



Bro. the Lord Mayor has opened at the Mansion House a fund for the relief of the sufferers by the recent calamitous earthquake in Ischia.

At the installation meeting of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, Liverpool, on the 9th inst., Bro. J. O. Rea was installed in the Master's chair of the lodge for the ensuing year.

We furnish elsewhere a report of the annual meeting of the Grand Council for England and Wales of the Allied Masonic Degrees, which took place on the 11th inst., at Hampton Court.

We have been requested particularly to state that it was Bro. Gould, P.G.D., not Bro. Raymond Phrupp, D. Prov. G.M. Middx., who addressed Grand Lodge, and that his remarks were directed against the proposition to alter the long-standing "status" of Past Masters.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight was held at Petersfield, on Friday, the 10th inst. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., presided. A full report will be found on another page.

According to present arrangements the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., will sail for Canada about a week hence, accompanied by the Countess of Carnarvon and Lord Porchester. Their stay in Canada will extend over a month or six weeks.

Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, D. Prov. G.M. Herts, on the 1st inst. performed the ceremony of installation on behalf of Bro. T. J. Villiers, the S.W. and W.M. elect, at the annual meeting of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore.

The remains of Bro. John Saffery, whose sudden and lamented death we announced in our last, were interred in the Isle of Sheppy Cemetery on Monday. A large number of the brethren of the De Shurland and Adam's lodges, and also several of the neighbouring lodges took part in the funeral procession.

Miss Edith Pechey, M.D., has been selected for the post of senior lady-doctor in Bombay under the scheme of the "Medical Women for India Fund." Miss Pechey is to elect a junior lady-doctor to work with her, and the two are expected to arrive at the scene of their labours in November next.

The Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604 (Bro. F. J. Wray, P.M. 1604, S.W. 1257, Preceptor), has removed from its present home (the Black Horse, York-street, S.W.), to the Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer-street, Westminster, near the new Town Hall, where a most convenient room has been secured for its meetings, the first of which took place on Wednesday last, at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Moffat, the celebrated African missionary and traveller, died on Thursday evening, the 9th inst., in his 80th year, 50 of which had been spent in his missionary efforts in the interior of Africa. The funeral took place on Thursday last in Upper Norwood Cemetery, where Mrs. Moffat was buried a few years ago.

Bro. M. Richard Muckle, of the *Public Ledger*, sailed for Europe yesterday in the Red Star steamship *Zeeland*. He was accompanied down the river as far as Deepwater Point by a large delegation of personal and professional friends, who, after bidding him adieu, returned to the city in the police tug *Stokley*, arriving at Walnut-street Wharf about 10 p.m.—*Philadelphia Public Ledger*, July 26th.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princess Louise, Victoria, and Maud, the Princess of Saxe-Meiningen, the Duke of Cambridge, and Prince Louis of Battenburg, attended by the suite, left London on Tuesday evening for the Continent. The party left Charing-cross at 8.7 p.m., travelling via South Eastern Railway to the Dover Admiralty Pier, which was reached at 9.45 p.m., and whence they crossed the Straits on the *Invicta* steamer to Calais.

Bro. G. B. Ashburner was installed W.M. of the Baldwin Lodge, No. 1398, at Dalton-in-Furness, on the 5th inst., Bro. W. Whiteside, P.M. 1398 and P.G.S.B., performing the ceremony in the presence of a large number of brethren, amongst whom were many present and past Provincial Grand Officers of West Lancashire and neighbouring provinces. Henry Nicholl, Esq. (steward to Bro. his grace the Duke of Buccleuch), and E. Wadhams, Esq., J.P., visited the lodge room after the conclusion of the Masonic business. It is owing to the kindness of these gentlemen that the lodge is enabled to meet in the castle.

It will be remembered that a vote of condolence with Mrs. Simpson, in connection with the death of her husband, Bro. Wm. Simpson, was recently conveyed to her by the members of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, Liverpool, of which deceased was a member; and within the last few days Mrs. Simpson has sent a fine cabinet photograph of Bro. Simpson to the following members of the lodge: Bros. W. Brassey, W.M.; J. Holding, P.P.G.R.; W. J. Lunt, P.G. Treas.; J. Beesley, I.P.M.; J. M. King, S.W.; R. H. Webster, J.W.; J. Gauly, Sec.; R. W. Gow, S.D.; W. Maddox, J.D.; R. S. Milne, I.G.; C. H. Ashton, Stwd.; and J. Mantle, Stwd.

Our contemporary the *Keystone* is responsible for the following:—Bro. Sir Archibald Allison, who is an enthusiastic Mason, and has held the office of Provincial Grand Master of the Glasgow Province, relates the following story. In the Crimean war, during the assault on the Redan, an English officer led a small party of soldiers up to one of the guns placed in a recess of the Redan, and most of the men fell before the tremendous fire with which they were received. The others were attacked by a body of Russians, and the English officer was about to be bayoneted, when he chanced to catch the hand of a Russian officer, and give it a mystic pressure. The Russian in a moment struck up the bayonet of the soldier, led his new-found brother to the rear, and treated him with all the kindness of a Mason.

During the last six years Bro. Lord Yarborough has at the audits made returns which have reduced the rental of his estate by nearly £10,000 per annum.

The highest award for pianos, the Diploma of Honour, has been accorded at the Amsterdam Exhibition to Messrs. John Brinsmead and Sons, of London.

At the installation meeting of the St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 615, at the Public Hall, Erith, on the 11th inst., Bro. W. Hills was placed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year.

An ascent of Mont Blanc was made last week by a girl named Queunessen, aged 16, the youngest of her sex, it is said, who has yet reached the summit of the mountain.

Bro. John T. Reeves was installed into the chair of K.S. in the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, Whitstable, on the 9th inst. Bro. R. Boughton Smith, P.M. 511, 549, 1007, 1560, P.P.G.S.B. Leicester and Rutland, performed the ceremony.

The sale of reply post-cards has fallen short of reasonable expectation. The public do not seem to be aware of their existence, or do not find them convenient. On the contrary, postal orders continue to increase in popular favour.

The Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549, held its installation meeting on the 11th inst., at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, when Comps. T. J. Maidwell, C. H. Webb, and J. S. Frazer were placed in the chairs of Z, H., and J. respectively.

The Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours has taken studios in Great Ormond-street for the purpose of the schools they are about to establish. The instruction in these schools will be wholly gratuitous, but it is not intended for any but those who have, to begin with, a fair proficiency in draughtsmanship.

A proposal to hold in London, during 1885 or 1886, a thoroughly representative Colonial Exhibition is being mooted, and the *Canadian Gazette* considers that were the scheme placed on a satisfactory footing the British colonies and dependencies would be able to send to London exhibits far surpassing in importance those now on view in the commercial capital of Holland.—*City Press*.

We print elsewhere a discourse delivered on St. John's Day, June 24th, 1757, one hundred and twenty-six years ago, in Trinity Church, Newport, Rhode Island, U.S.A., before St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A.F. & A.M. We call our readers' attention to this as being probably one of the oldest pieces of Masonic literature in connection with that district now extant. Some other items of interest will be found to precede the sermon itself.

As an illustration of how our colonies are teaching themselves to become independent of the mother country, we hear that one of the largest foundries in Australia has just completed an extensive order for gold-mining machinery, not for use in that colony, but for India. The value of the plant is £13,000, and it is said to form almost the whole cargo of the ship by which it is being conveyed to its destination.

We are rejoiced to read, in the "Voice of Masonry" for August, that the androgynous "Order of the Eastern Star" purposes to erect a home for itself. We sincerely trust it will be a large one, large enough, in fact, to hold the entire sisterhood, and that they may all be persuaded to enter this home and to assume a vow never again to enter the world. We proffer our condolence to the Grand Patrons when they shall be deprived of the society of the Grand Matrons.—*Keystone*.

Some one has written to the daily press suggesting to do away with "Mister" and "Esq." A contemporary moving in the higher circles says in regard to this proposal:—"We could do without the latter better than the former, for a man may be called Mr. when you don't know his initials, whereas if you write '—Jones, Esq.," he may think, as a guileless rustic did, that you are using bad language about him, and mean to degrade him in the eyes of the postman.

One suicide is always followed by others. I see that a man named Behrl says he is going to swim the Niagara Rapids, and now another person is going to pass them in a swimming suit of some kind that he believes will buoy him up. In fact, for the next few months the Niagara Rapids will be the favourite locality for suicide, and not until two or three more foolhardy men have perished like poor Captain Webb, shall we see the end of the present mania.—"Flaneur" in the *Court Circular*.

On Tuesday afternoon General William Gordon died very suddenly while out grouse-shooting on the Hill of Correen, Aberdeenshire. The medical gentleman whose assistance had been procured was of opinion that the cause of death was heart cramp. Deceased, who was 60 years of age, had his residence at Southsea, Portsmouth. He was twice promoted for gallant conduct, had the Crimean medal and clasps and the Turkish medal. His surviving brothers are Major-General John Gordon, C.B., late of the Indian Army, and Vice-Admiral Alex. Gordon.

Rev. Bro. John Brown, D.D., of Hiram Lodge, No. 13, Newburg, N.Y., was made a Mason in that lodge on June 16, 1817, and can claim 66 years a continuous lodge membership. He has been for many years, and is still Chaplain of Hudson River Lodge, No. 607, Newburg, and on his 62nd birthday, on May 19th last, was presented by his lodge with a magnificent basket of flowers. Bro. Dr. Brown has also served continuously as rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, Newburg, for 63 years—since 1878 a rector-emeritus. He is venerated and loved by all his associates.—*Liberal Freemason*.

Bro. R. J. Finmore, Dist. G.M. Natal, has been raised to the Colonial Bench in South Africa. The *Natal Mercury*, in commenting upon the honour thus paid to our distinguished brother, says: Mr. Finmore's translation to the Bench will cost Durban the services of an able and popular magistrate; and while we must all rejoice at the well-earned elevation of so old and faithful an officer of the Government, the local community will sincerely regret his retirement from the town magistracy. If it be true, however, that Mr. Finmore's tenure of the higher office can only be provisional, owing to technical difficulties, Durban may hope to have him once more installed in the seat of justice.

The Pure Literature Society have published their annual report, which affords very gratifying proofs of the progress of the good work of the society.

The latest intelligence as to the health of Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough is to the effect that his lordship is progressing very satisfactorily.

Mr. G. E. Wood, C.C., has been entertaining a party of friends on board his yacht, the *Laterna*, which is cruising off Cowes, I.W. Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C., and Bro. Pannell, C.C., were amongst the party during the week.

Ninety-one persons of the age of 100 years and upwards died in England in 1881. Twenty-five were men, their ages ranging from 100 to 112, and 66 were women, from 100 to 107.

On Wednesday, Bro. General Lord Wolsley was engaged for several hours in inspecting the School of Military Engineering. At night his lordship was the guest of the Royal Engineers.

On Tuesday next, the 21st inst., Lord Weymouth, the eldest son and heir of Bro. the Marquis of Bath, will attain his majority, and the auspicious event will be made much of in the counties of Wilts and Somerset. It is the intention of the Wilts Yeomanry to present his lordship with a sword of honour.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales (Western Division) was held at Milford Haven on Wednesday last, R.W. Bro. Colonel Lloyd-Phillips, Prov. Grand Master, in the chair. Previous to the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge a new Masonic Hall was consecrated by Bro. Colonel Lloyd-Phillips.

A tiny boat formed of a single pearl, which shape it assumes in swell and concavity, is said to have been made by a Turin jeweller. Its sail is of beaten gold, studded with diamonds, and the binnacle light at its prow is a perfect ruby. An emerald serves as its rudder, and its stand is a slab of ivory. It weighs less than half an ounce; its price is £1000.

It is said the Cunard Steamship Company have contracted with Messrs. John Elder and Co., of Glasgow, for the building of two steamers which will be more powerful than any yet constructed for the Atlantic service. They will be of 8000 tons burden each, and 13,000-horse power. The contract price is to be £600,000, and the two vessels are to make a speed of 19 knots per hour, that is to say, to cross the Atlantic in less than six days.

During the long vacation the central hall and such of the courts of the Royal Courts of Justice as can conveniently be shown will be open from eleven till three daily, Saturdays excepted. On Mondays and Thursdays admission will be by ticket, which can be obtained on application at the superintendent's office, Room 466, Strand entrance; and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays the public will be admitted without tickets.

Bro. Sir Sidney Hedley Waterlow, M.P., has resigned his office of alderman of Langbourn Ward in the City of London, to which he was elected in 1863. Bro. Sir Sidney has been connected with the Corporation for a period of 27 years. The reasons which mainly induced him to take this step are the multifarious nature of his duties and the prolonged absence from England necessitated by his proposed voyage round the world. He served the office of Sheriff of London in 1866-7, and was Lord Mayor in 1872-3.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will arrive at Glimsby about noon to-day (Friday) from Hainton Hall, and the ceremony of opening the People's Park, the gift of Mr. E. Heneage, M.P., will be performed by his Royal Highness soon afterwards. A grand banquet in the Guildhall will follow, after which the Royal visitors will return to the seat of Mr. Heneage. Bro. Lord Yarborough's regiment of light horse will form an escort to their Royal Highnesses during their visit to the borough.

Mr. Gladstone has paid a visit to the British Museum for the purpose of inspecting the Shapira manuscript of the Book of Deuteronomy. He was met there by Mr. Shapira, Dr. Guisburg, and Mr. Bond. Mr. Shapira having repeated the whole history of the discovery of the manuscript, was closely questioned by Mr. Gladstone, who carefully examined the rolls. It may be interesting to those who have not been able to inspect the black leather rolls and faintly inscribed characters of this now famous manuscript to know that the possessor is making arrangements for its publication in a series of auto-type plates.

At a meeting of the House Committee of the Liverpool Masonic Hall, held at headquarters in Hope-street on Friday evening, the 10th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg., it was unanimously resolved to hold a conversazione in October to celebrate the completion of the decorations of the hall. Bro. H. A. Tobias was appointed chairman of the committee; Bro. R. Brown, vice-chairman; Bro. H. H. Smith and J. Foote, joint secretaries; Bro. Dr. Bailey, treasurer; and a strong committee was appointed to carry out the preliminary arrangements.

Advices from Halifax, N.S., contain details of the voyage of H.M.S. *Canada*, with Prince George of Wales on board, which reached Halifax on the 1st inst., 29 days from Madeira and 43 days from England. Beautiful weather was experienced until the 24th ultimo, when a succession of heavy squalls was met with. One squall struck the ship with such force as to carry away the jib and the foretop-gallantmast. This weather continued for nearly a week, and gave the *Canada* an opportunity of proving her stability, which was in every respect satisfactory. The *Canada* will make a brief stay at Halifax, and then proceed up the St. Lawrence to Montreal and Quebec.

A correspondent having raised the question in a morning contemporary as to the precedence of the navy and army, priority having been given to the former at the recent Ministerial banquet at the Mansion House, the editor says the question is not one of the relative value of the two forces, of first or second lines of defence, but of antiquity; for, owing to the early development of our fleet, and the late origin of a standing army in England, the navy is the senior service, and is recognised as such. Although the Secretary of State for War takes precedence of the First Lord of the Admiralty it is because the latter official is simply a Commissioner for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, whose precedence, if the office were called out of commission, would be over that of the Secretary for War.