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BRO. R. MORRIS propounds certain suggestions in the American Masonic papers anent what he terms "The Consolidation of Lodges," which, though American in idea and aim, have some interest for Masonic readers in the "old country." The Grand Lodge of Kentucky is, we understand, considering the question, which has arisen in this way. There are in Kentucky, as in other jurisdictions, strong lodges and weak lodges, and the bright idea has occurred to some one to endeavour to "level up" the lodges, and to consolidate the lodges by breaking up the weak lodges, or combining them, making "linked battalions," and, in short, endeavouring to turn weakness into strength. Now, we confess we are struck with two or three points greatly in such a question and correspondence. First, we note the little account made of lodge "esprit de corps," reality, and independence; secondly, the enormous powers of interference and suppression given to a Grand Lodge; and, thirdly, the inversion, as it seems to us, of the whole tenour and current of Masonic life and history. We have often observed before the little respect which seems now to prevail on the American Continent in respect of the actuality of lodge individualism, if we may so speak. The Grand Lodge is everything; the private lodge nothing in comparison. With us it is entirely different; the private lodge is the unit of life, membership, and existence; and with it Grand Lodge interferes, by sumptuary laws or meddlesome provisions, as little as it possibly can. And, considering that the Grand Lodge is, after all, only an organization of units,—for no Grand Lodge is real or true which does not represent a body of lodges,—we are not surprised that such should be the case. There have been bodies which, as private lodges, declared themselves Grand Lodges; but they have not lasted, or, if they still exist, they are really not in any sense properly in the category of Grand Lodges. All Grand Lodges, to be real and true, must rest on the lawful principles of representation and the universal basis of constituting lodges, assembled and organized in a lawful manner. And while no doubt it is the fact, as we said before, that there are weak and strong lodges, we utterly deny the right of any Grand Lodge, without a gross interference with the normal, and chartered, and contracted right of the lodge, to interfere with its numbers, or to endeavour to affix a needful minimum to lodge membership. The original charter constitutes a contract between two bodies, which henceforth stand in a distinct relationship to each other, and so long as the terms of that covenant are carried out, there is no right or power for Grand Lodge to intervene, and any such action is "ipso facto, ultra vires," and cannot be sustained, except on the two adages that "might makes right," or that "tyranny must be submitted to." We know a case, as an illustration of how this question works often, where a worthy brother for many years was almost the sole upholder of a charter, hoping for better times. Those times came, and now that body is a most flourishing one, and numerically strong, and working thoroughly. All lodges have times of "refreshing" and "depression," of prosperity and adversity, and to lay down any minimum of strength, or to break up a lodge because it is weak, and consolidate it with another lodge, or to force its members to join some other lodge, seems to us such an ignoring of Masonic law and life, such a forgetfulness of the enduring principles of Masonic justice, propriety, and reasonability, that before the movement extends in America, we are glad to be able to raise a humble protest in the ever constitutional pages of the English *Freemason*. We hope Bro. MORRIS will reconsider the question, and that we shall hear that such a proposition is given up at once. If persevered with or extended, we feel sure it will seriously affect American Freemasonry. In England many lodges advisedly limit their numbers, and the tendency of late years has been to deprive overgrown lodges. What the Kentucky minimum of lodge membership is to be we know not; but sure we are of this, that by no such principles of "consolida-

tion," which constitute a direct interference with the guaranteed rights of private lodges, can lodge membership be permanently increased, or weak lodges rendered strong.

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THE great difficulty which ever attaches itself to the entirety of the pure Guild theory—that is, mediæval Guilds emerging from the Roman Colleges,—is the actuality of transmission of secret formulæ, and the identity of teaching, aim, and general development. In 1717 we find a Society existing, in England, with secret forms of symbolism, and union, and organization. Whence comes it? Whither does it hail from? We reject absolutely and emphatically the so-called 1717 theory of origin, as utterly unworthy of our real and great Order, and as equally incompatible with all the known facts of the case. We feel it is an utter impossibility, historically and realistically, and that it is utter waste of time to attempt to deal seriously with such an absurd conclusion, such a patent paradox! But assuming that we can, as we think we can, throw back Freemasonry to seventeenth century and even sixteenth century Guilds, how much farther can we go? And here begins our Crux. Of even the seventeenth and sixteenth century we know very little indeed so far,—the Guilds were, but we have so far very little traces extant, avowedly and openly, of English lodges so late as 1646, the date of ASHMOLE'S initiation, nor even of 1682, when a lodge meeting was held in London. We need hardly remark that of the fourteenth, thirteenth, twelfth, and eleventh centuries we know still less. Lodges and Guilds existed with a Norman-French or Latin terminology, as it would seem; but what they were, what they taught, we know positively next to nothing. We seem to gather from York and Westminster fabric rolls and MOLASH'S Register, that they were organized and were divided into Masters, Fellows (socii), and Apprentices, and that they were connected with conventual bodies. Our earliest Masonic witness is quite early fifteenth if not late fourteenth century, and seems to point to a carefully organized body, with a power of making laws for its own members. But between the fall of the Roman Empire and the twelfth century, three waves of invasion, destruction, and change had passed over England,—Saxon, Danish, and Norman French. And how were the Guilds preserved through these centuries? The Romans, no doubt, when they left the island left behind them their municipal customs and colleges, and the Saxons, whether derivatively or indigenously, seem to have taken the Guild system under their active protection. In the seventh century there was, both north and south, in England, a great revival of the building art by foreign workmen, introduced directly from Gaul, and who no doubt did "Roman work" in the "Roman way," as taught to the Gaulish workmen and their fathers by migrating bodies of the old Roman colleges. About the seventh century special privileges seem to have been accorded to the Building Guilds by Kings and others, just as in the ninth century ATHELSTAN did the same in England. HOPE seems to opine that the offshoots of the Roman colleges, who settled in Lombardy, Germany, and Gaul, took with them certain peculiar forms of the Romish colleges, which certainly run "on all fours" with Masonic customs, and objects, and formulæ still. And FINDEL thinks and FORT avers that these bodies were taken up by the Conventual bodies and guided, controlled, and re-organized by them. But here we must stop for to-day. Next week we will seek to show what is now known of the Roman colleges, and then go on to the Conventual regime.

THE "ROYAL GLOUCESTER" ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, SOUTHAMPTON, 1783-1883.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

The Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, then No. 174, was formally constituted on April 22, 1772, at Southampton, by Grand Secretary Dickey, of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge. The regular Grand Lodge, however, had warranted the Lodge of Concord, in the same town, in 1776, and through the intervention of the R.W. Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, the members of the Atholl or Ancient Lodge decided to join the *regular* or Modern Grand Lodge, a warrant being issued to them in 1792 as No. 503. Both lodges were called by the same name (*i.e.* 174 and 503), and were each worked according to the fancy of the members, who in 1798 decided to "drop" the "Modern" Constitution, and only to support the "Ancient" warrant. In 1802, however, two sets of "Returns" were made, so as to conciliate both Grand Lodges; in June of the following year it was agreed to continue the "Atholl" Constitution only; but in September the action was reversed, and so they went on, evidently determined to have "two strings to their bow," until the consummation of the Union of December 1813, when it was finally decided to hold fast to the "Atholl" charter of 1772, by which stroke of policy the lodge was numbered 212 on the roll, whereas the "Modern" warrant would have only obtained the number 537.

The Lodge of Concord was not allowed to work the Royal Arch Degree,

but some of its members obtained a warrant from the Grand Chapter of the "Moderns" in 1777, the number being 13, and the meetings were held in the Guildhall, its name being also the "Concord." Possibly the constitution of this chapter led the "Atholl" Masons of the "Royal Gloucester" Lodge to act up to their privileges, for in 1783 they determined to have a chapter formed in connection with No. 174, the "Ancients" having the right to meet in "Chapters," to work the Royal Arch by virtue of their Craft warrants.

The Minute Book before me (*small quarto*, in its original boards and leather back) recites the transactions of the chapter for some 50 years, the subsequent meetings being duly narrated in later volumes. On writing my last work, entitled "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry" (1884), I was not aware of any other chapter of the "Ancients" of which separate minutes were preserved; but my friend, Bro. James Newton, of Bolton, tells me, No. 196 (now No. 146), of that town, also kept independent records of Royal Arch Chapter.

The minutes of No. 174 Chapter commence as follows:

The 7th day of October, 1783.

Bro. Archibald Macdonald, of Lodge No. 74, under the Irish Registry, having this evening (assisted by Bros. Macklin, Jones, and Graves, Arch Masons), at the request of the brethren of the lodge, held a chapter for the purpose of raising several brothers to this Sublime Degree in order to their holding a chapter in Southampton, the following brothers were accordingly raised, viz.: Bros. Antram, Cox, Blackman, Wylds, Flindell, and Budd.

Hence the chapter dates from October 7th, 1783, so far as this minute book is concerned, but I think it more than likely that earlier meetings were held, though informally, the members of "Atholl" Lodges having, as I have stated, the right to hold chapters of the Royal Arch according to certain prescribed rules. The next minute is to the following effect:

October 7th, 1783.	
Bro. Macklin, Z.	Bro. Antram. } Sc.
" Jones, H.	" Wylds. }
" Graves, J.	" Budd. }
Exalted Bro. Wood and Bro. Collins.	

Granted a certificate to Bro. Wood, he being about to leave this town.

On August 4th, 1784, "A Lecture received from his Excellency" (i.e., the presiding Z.) These Lectures were frequently delivered by Bro. Thomas Macklin, who was the First Principal for a great many years. On Sep. 1, 1784, Bro. J. Macklin, P.M. 174, was exalted, the fee being a guinea "as usual," and at the Chapter held on Oct. 6th, a visitor was present from a "R.A.C. Portsmouth." The date, "Nov. 3, 1784," occurs, but no minutes, neither are there any for Dec. 1, 1784, though one was held, eleven members being present, according to the account of the members' payments at end of the volume. The constitutional number of six companions were present on Jan. 5, 1785, but "Br. Budd being out of Town with the Keys, no Chapter was held." For the information of modern absentees, I should like to add that Bro. Budd was fined two shillings. The officers apparently were named "Z., H., J.," three Scribes and three Sojourners; there being also a Treasurer. A Bro. J. Gatti is noted as being present from No. 53, Liverpool, on Sep. 7, 1785. This Lodge, warranted in 1756, and again in 1775, at Liverpool, was erased in 1807, according to Bro. Gould ("Atholl Lodges," p. 14). The first joining members seem to have been elected on Nov. 2, 1785. The degree was doubtless chiefly conferred upon Past Masters, but not invariably so, and brethren were passed through the chair, nominally, to qualify for the Royal Arch, if otherwise eligible. Still, the degree was originally intended for those who had been actual Masters of Lodges, and that particular feature of the early rules was commended by Dr. Dassigny, in 1744. The third Sunday was fixed for the monthly meeting, on Nov. 19, 1786, as with many other chapters, the "day of rest" being considered then a most appropriate day for the ceremony, but such a fancy has long since been exploded. Thursday was adopted from Jan. 7, 1790. Brother D. McNorton, P.M. 79 (Gosport), was exalted on June 24, 1787. This was an "Ancient" Lodge, chartered in 1759, and again re-issued in 1780, at Gosport, where there was no "Modern" Chapter held; there was, however, one held at Portsmouth, No. 3, of 1769 (one of the earliest in England), another at Southampton, No. 13, of 1777, as noted before, and the trio was completed for Hampshire, under the "Moderns" (until after the "Union") by the accession of "Mount Horeb" Chapter, No. 178, Portsea, of 1812.

On August 17, 1788, the Chapter was favoured by having "Br. Laurence Dermott, late Deputy G.M.," as a visitor, thirteen companions being present, which was an unusual number for that period, the meetings being poorly attended until March 1st, 1790, when, at an emergency chapter, fifteen companions were present, and three brethren "exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons."

The visitor's fee at the Chapter was fixed at sixpence each on Oct. 3rd, 1792. On March 20th, 1793, three brethren were proposed for exaltation, and "no objection being raised, they were unanimously approved of, and to under go the Painfull task at the ensuing Chapter, or first Convenient time." On April 3rd, the ceremony took place, one of the trio being Bro. Jacobs, who was first of all proposed on July 1st, 1792, but the decision was deferred "for 3 months." It was agreed that "Every Br. (of this Society) to pay Sixpence, every R.A. Night, wether they attend the duty of the Lodge or Not." Several "Chapters" were not held owing to the indisposition of the Z. (Bro. Thos. Macklin) and sometimes because he was "from Home," all tending to show he was the chief worker, and the brother on whom the members depended for the Ceremony, for many years. Bro. Longbotham, "of Lodge No. 266, Scarborough, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a R.A.M.," on Aug. 7, 1793. The number is quoted in error for No. 267, the present "Old Globe" Lodge, No. 200, warranted in 1791.

On March 5th, 1794, it is recorded that "Br. Macklin paid to the Ancient Grand Lodge by Order 2.2.0." The lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, D. Prov. G.M., considered that this sum was for dues owing by Lodge No. 174, and there is much in favour of the supposition, as at the time it is probable the brethren were ostensibly in favour of the "Modern" Warrant of 503, and did not want the Treasurer's accounts to record such a use of the Funds. There were four visitors at the Chapter held on May 7th, 1794, two from Ireland, one from Scotland, and the other from No. 20, Liverpool. This number for the Lodge was bought by some members of 276, Liverpool, in 1792.*

Four brethren were proposed "to be made Ext., Supr., Ext. R.A. Masons" on Dec. 3rd, 1794. "Each new Br. pay for the 3 Degrees, 1.11.6." This is their first mention in the volume, but they are often referred to afterwards. The first two were preliminary to the Royal Arch

Degree, or at all events usually were so, but there are exceptions to this rule. We meet with these Degrees so early as 1763.*

A curious entry occurs under date January 7th, 1795—

"Paid Mr. Young for four Evangelists' arms, 2.2.0."

B. Cox was exalted at the chapter held February 26th, 1795, by recommendation of "Robt. Leslie, Esq., Grand Secy." The sum of £1 11s. was sent to the "Antient G. Lodge" on May 6th, 1795, which may have been for certificates and registration of members. The two visitors from No. 90, "E.R.," present at the meeting of September 2nd were probably connected with the lodge held in the 33rd Regiment, on the "English Registry" ("Ancients.") There were numerous visitors present at subsequent meetings hailing from Ireland, Scotland, and also the "Ancients." In the "Chest on May 4th," 1796, was the sum of £10 1s. 5d., and more still was announced soon afterwards, as there was abundance of work.

Sixteen members agreed to the suspension of a companion on April 5th, 1797, for conduct unbecoming a man, "more particularly a Brother."

Evidently the companions helped the lodge financially from time to time, for on August 8th, 1798, "the desk in the lodge" was paid for "out of the R. A. Fund," and so with other sums, and often it was a good use of the money.

"This day (September 4th, 1779) Cash Recd., 2/6, Cash Paid, 1/-, the K. H. W. D. at the A. H. on acct. of 24 Dutch Men of War being Taken by the English fleet." †

It is remarkable to note the number of brethren who were exalted, though members far removed from Southampton, such as 257, Belfast; 287, Jersey; 354, 10th Batt. R. A., in 1799, and others from long distances.

The sum of one guinea was paid on February 5th, 1800, "to help pay their passage home" of "16 men cast away."

The chapter was again in plenty of funds, so they were utilised to pay certain dues on behalf of both the 174, "Ancient," and 503, "Modern," lodges on June 3rd, 1801, and the rent of £5 5s. per half year appears to have been occasionally paid, which amount surely included the occupancy by the Craft lodge, with the two warrants. Cash was also lent Lodge 174 on February 7th, 1816, viz., £6 15s. 8½d., a note being made that the net sum was 4s. less as the purse was "short" that amount, and on 11th March, 1811, occurs the entry "Lent the K. T. 9/8½." This doubtless relates to the "Royal Gloucester Encampment of Knights Templars" held at Southampton for a few years early last century. On February 5th, 1812, the large balance of one penny is noted as being in hand, and as the exaltations were but few, the meetings were less frequently held; but the chapter had in no sense ceased to work at any time, and in 1815 a fresh lease was taken, doubtless consequent on the "Union" of the two rival Grand Lodges in December, 1813, though neither that event, nor the formation of the "United Grand Chapter," is alluded to in the records; the fee was raised to two guineas, the attendance improved, and in a few months the funds rapidly increased. Remittances to Companions White and Harper are duly noted on 7th June, 1818, in which year the chapter signified its intention to be attached to the "Royal Gloucester Lodge," according to the revised Royal Arch Regulations of 1817. Phillip Nicolli and Saml. Le Feuvre were exalted on November 4th, 1810, and each paid three guineas, so that the fee had been again raised, though not stated in the minutes, and it was agreed at the same meeting that the balance in hand of £4 13s. be "carried to the lodge fund." Nine were exalted on January 28th, 1822, so that the Treasurer's coffers were rapidly replenished, and at the same meeting the installation of the "Three Principals" is carefully chronicled. Sir William De Crespigny, Bart., who was present on November 4th, 1819, and January 5th, 1824, was the Grand Superintendent of the province, and was Prov. G.M. June, 1819. Brothers G. Cook and Wm. Le Feuvre were exalted February 10th, 1824, the latter paying £4 12s. 6d., the sum including a guinea fee for the "dispensation." Nearly £80 in hand represented the state of the finances on February 10th, 1824, when £50 were paid to N. Lewis for clothing (robes, &c.), the further sum of £36 16s. being remitted on January 2nd, 1826, though the companions do not seem to have been pleased with their purchases.

"The birthday of the Grand Patron of the Order" [George IV.] was celebrated by the members dining together, the expenses being about double the amount of the subscription tickets. In order to carry on the chapter in due form, certain companions united to guarantee a loan of £100, in moieties of £10 each, when £30 15s. were remitted for "registering fees and certificates" for 41 companions.

The fee, inclusive of registration, was four guineas in 1825, so that the exaltation ceremony was again raised. A deal of trouble arose in 1830 through the strange conduct of the First Principal; but the friendly offices of some companions led to the difficulties being adjusted, after which settlement no less than 12 candidates for the Royal Arch were proposed at the following chapter, the working of the ceremony on the occasion of their reception on November 11th, 1831, concluding the records in volume one. Other meetings must have been held, though they are not in the minute book, as the second volume of the transactions does not begin until February 27th, 1834.

The chapter has lately obtained a centenary jewel warrant from the Grand Chapter, hence my writing this short sketch of the records, kindly sent me for persual by Bro. John E. Le Feuvre, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Hants, who takes a special interest in all that concerns the welfare of the chapter, and the interests of the Province.

* See my "Origin of English Rite," Chapter VI.

† "A. H." means Audit House. What the other letters refer to I cannot at present determine.

‡ Samuel and William Le Feuvre were uncle and father, respectively, to my esteemed friend, John E. Le Feuvre, late Prov. Grand Secretary and now Deputy Prov. Grand Master Hants.

§ This was not a mere formal pledge, for the brethren were called upon to pay their subscriptions as a loan.

THE PENTALPHA AND HEXAPLA.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

I see our worthy Bro. Hespivadoux has been sending some interesting communications on this subject, and I rejoice to notice so much intelligent interest in matters which concern our Masonic symbolism. Bro. Hespivadoux is not quite right about the Hexapla. Solomon's seal is undoubtedly the double triangle, as it may be seen in the East to-day, where it is universally used as a sign of mystic import and authority. On Hebraic

* "Atholl Lodges," p. 52.

tokens and talismans, it may still be seen, sometimes with the three mystic letters, or points, sometimes with the Tetragrammaton inserted, and sometimes with the word Adonai. It is to be found all over the East, and is no doubt also Egyptian and Hindoo, as well as Hebraic and Phœnician. It is found in, I believe, in all Oriental countries, and certainly on many architectural remains. It can be seen engraved in on a funeral tablet to a Greek sculptor at Rome between the third and fourth centuries, and it may be beheld in the Cave of Elephanta, and as a Mason's mark on the stones of many buildings before the Christian Era, especially in the East. Such an unusually employed and mystic emblem has a meaning and a use, and it represents the well-known and mystic Solomon's seal, and is still so called, alike in Morocco, and Turkey, and Egypt, and Tripoli, and Tunis, and Algeria. Indeed, in the East there is no question of the fact.

The Pentalpha is not, and never can be, correctly termed Solomon's seal; it is altogether an error, though at one time some writers, assisted by a very shifty archæology, hastily confounded it with the Hexapla.

The Hexapla itself early became a Christian symbol to represent the Trinity. It has been said it represented the two Natures; but that is a late idea. The early and consequent symbolical meaning in our Christian churches was assuredly the Trinity. It is a favoured symbol of Hermeticism and the higher magic. It is thus called "Scutum Salomonis," the shield of Solomon, and also "Signaculum," the sign or seal, and many other appellations. It is always treated as an emblem of the highest mystical meaning and power.

My old friend, Bro. Shaw, and myself worked it fully out many years ago, and later studies have shown how, that though it has sometimes been confounded with the Pentalpha, it stands by itself as emphatically and distinctly Solomon's seal, and is still found as such on charms, and amulets, and talismans. The Pentalpha is undoubtedly a very old form of symbolism.

It was in use in the East early, and was adopted by Pythagoras, and became a Pythagoric emblem of high import, with the letters of the word Ugeia at each corner. It was used by the Hebrews as a form of Cabbala, and may be seen still on many Hebraic remains. It had generally Adonai or Elohim within the angles, and it is possible that the Tetragrammaton may be found inscribed, but that is rare. As the Pentaculum Salomonis, it is well known to all students of Hermeticism, and, as may be seen in the "Petit Albert," but it no where claims to be Solomon's seal. It is one form, and that an inferior form of mystic symbolism. There may be some connection between the Pentalpha and the five-pointed star of Isis, of Egyptian use, but that is a little uncertain. Among the early Christians and in mediæval times it pointed to the five wounds of our Saviour, and many representations of it exist in Hermetic MSS. and books, in this form. Our five-pointed star may either be derived from it, or the Egyptian star, which was itself an adopted use, and may be seen also on innumerable gems and talismans.

It is very important to keep the distinction between the Hexapla and the Pentalpha, between the Signaculum Salomonis and the Pentaculum Salomonis clear and decided. The Pentalpha is, I may observe, also called the Pentangle.

I am quite aware that some modern writers lean to the idea that the Pentalpha represents Solomon's seal, but it is only necessary carefully to study the still existing evidence of gems, and talismans, and the like, to realize the mistake that exists on this subject, in so confounding the Pentalpha, which from its name, was undoubtedly mostly of Greek use, with the greater Solomon's seal.

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The "Constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia" has just been issued from the press by authority of the Board of General Purposes, and signed by the indefatigable Grand Secretary, Bro. Cunningham.

In many respects, the neat volume reads as our Revise of 1884, the chief clauses being adopted by the new Grand Lodge of South Australia, formed on April 16th, 1884. I am glad to note that the fees for initiation are so high, amounting at least to *seven* guineas in the Adelaide district and *five* beyond. Fees are 15 and ten respectively for warrants, the annual dues payable to Grand Lodge for each member being *two* shillings for the "Fund of Benevolence," and *four* shillings to the "Funds of General Purposes" (a total of 6s. annually).

The Grand Lodge recognises the first three Degrees, and the Royal Arch, as in England; but the *Mark* Degree is also acknowledged, as in Scotland. The members of Grand Lodge include the Grand Patron, Grand Inspector of Lodges and Grand Lecturers, else the Grand Officers are as ours. The Grand Festival is held at the April Communication, there being three other assemblies during the year, viz., January, July, and October. Fines are inflicted for non-attendance, and certificates are granted to Past Masters, as in Ireland, a fee being exigible. Twelve Grand Stewards are selected annually from brethren nominated, each lodge having the privilege to nominate one of its members. The Grand Officers are all subject to election, and all lodge officers take an obligation to discharge their duties faithfully and zealously. Every brother is required to be supplied with a copy of the Constitutions and the bye-laws of the lodge on becoming a member. The "Board of General Purposes" consist of the Grand Master to the Grand Secretary and fifteen other members (elected by the Grand Lodge), five of whom retire annually, but are eligible for re-election. The Board has control also of the "Fund of Benevolence." The clothing is as with us, save that any lodge existing prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge may be granted permission by the Grand Master to wear the regalia that may have been adopted from its origin.

The "Old Charges" are exactly as ours, then follows the "Antient Landmarks," consisting of 25 clauses.

The index is well edited, and the laws generally are well adopted, some from Scotland and Ireland being included.

The prosperity of the Grand Lodge continues, and it is now recognised by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, its members on the roll amounting to over 2000.

Under such continuous able management a bright future is before the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and it has been established on a most Masonic foundation.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

The record of the past year in respect of the Mark Grand Lodge is satisfactory in all particulars save one—the bankers of the Order came to grief, and the Grand Lodge in consequence is a loser to the extent of close on £719. This is a misfortune we must all deeply regret, but there is a remarkable amount of vitality in Masonry and its several branches, and the loss of some hundreds of pounds, though an appreciable one, will have no effect on the general prosperity of the Mark Degree. In fact, this is a case in which we may religiously observe the dictum of that antique personage, the proverbial philosopher—"least said, soonest mended." The Executive slipped through no fault of their own, but they have recovered themselves already, and are moving forward with a steady, resolute pace, which is indicative of inherent strength.

Having dismissed thus summarily the one drawback from the generally excellent account of the Degree during the past year, we note in the first place its increasing popularity, as shown by the fact that during the six months ending 31st March last, 809 certificates were issued, raising the total of registered advancements to 20,196; the Degree of Ark Mariner, which is associated with the Mark, showing 127 elevations for the same period, and raising the general total to close on 1800. As regards lodges, eight new warrants were granted during the half-year to 30th September, 1884, and 10 during that ending 31st March last, making a total of 18 for the whole 12 months; two additional Provincial Grand Lodges having been erected during the same period, namely, Gibraltar, under R.V. Bro. Sir H. J. B. Hancock, and Worcestershire, under R.W. Bro. A. F. Godson.

In the matter of finance, the statements of account are equally satisfactory, in spite of the heavy loss already noted. The receipts for the year, including a balance brought forward of £543 2s. 9d., amounted to £2224 5s. 4d., and the expenditure was £1907 6s. 6d., of which £1181 16s. 6d. was for ordinary purposes, and the rest, including £306 15s. purchase of £300 South Australian Stock, for extraordinary purposes. As regards the remainder, £87 14s. represents cash at the late bankers, which, subject to any dividend that may hereafter become payable, must be written off, so that the balance in hand at bankers (the London and Westminster Bank, Limited—Bloomsbury Branch) amounted to £229 4s. 10d.

If to this record of the past year we add that the Benevolent Festival, under Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M.M.M., with a board of 87 Stewards, held at the Crystal Palace, on the 22nd July, realised £1721 16s. 6d., or considerably more than double the product of the 1884 Festival, under Bro. Major Woodall, P.G.M.M.M. North and East Yorkshire, when the Stewards numbered 47, and the total was £832 19s.; and that the invested funds with which the current year commenced were: General Fund, £2900; Benevolent Fund, £2000; Educational Fund, £1400; that there are some 17 boys and girls being educated out of the last-named fund; and that it is in contemplation to establish a Widows' Fund, we shall have enumerated the leading circumstances of the Mark Degree now, and our readers will see for themselves that our statement as to the great prosperity of this popular branch of Masonry is by no means exaggerated.

MASONIC LIBRARIES.

It will probably have been noticed in the report we furnished last week of the Annual Communication in April last of the newly-organised Grand Lodge of South Australia that, in his address to the brethren, M.W. Bro. Chief Justice Way, Grand Master, laid very great stress on two projects he was desirous of seeing carried out at as early a period as possible. These projects were—(1) the establishment of a fund, in addition to, and yet independent of, the regular Benevolent Fund, "for charitable and educational purposes;" and (2) the creation of a Grand Lodge library—there being already the nucleus of one—"that would be accessible to the brethren, and contain all Masonic works of value for reference and study." It is on the latter of these two projects that we propose to offer a few observations to-day, and we do so because the question of establishing Masonic libraries, though it has been written about so much and so often, does not seem to be even yet sufficiently appreciated in this country. It is true that in the report of the Board of General Purposes, which was submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge at its meeting on the 2nd instant, the record of the several balances to its credit included one of £11, being "balance of annual allowance for library;" so that here, at all events, we have it in evidence that our Grand Lodge is not wholly unmindful of its duty in respect of this question. But the said allowance amounts to no more than £25 per annum, and the smallness of this sum can only be justified on the ground that very few brethren concern themselves about the existence of our library, while fewer still think it worth their while to enter and consult its records. In fact, the Craft as a body appears to be supremely indifferent whether a library exists or not, the few English brethren who ever think of referring to a Masonic work of value being men of the class which includes Bros. HUGHAN, GOULD, WOODFORD, and some others. This is not as it should be, and we trust the time is not far distant when it will be a reproach to Masons of any standing that they have not made themselves acquainted with, at least, the outlines of Masonic history and literature. Do they need encouragement in the endeavour to free themselves from the lethargy in which they are at present sunk in respect of everything that relates to the higher class of Masonic labour, namely, the study and comprehension of the inner life and progress of our Society? Then let them turn their attention to the advice of Bro. Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of the youngest of our Grand Lodges, who, though the body he presides over has existed only a few months, makes it his business to impress on the members of his jurisdiction that a library, containing "all Masonic works of value for reference and study," is among the first necessities which they, as a newly organised Grand Lodge, are bound to provide for. Nor let it be forgotten by our readers in the old country that the zeal exhibited for Masonic literature in South Australia furnishes by its very marked contrast with the indifferentism displayed by English brethren, the gravest possible rebuke to which any body of men who pride themselves on the antiquity of their Institutions and the moral value of their system of philosophy can render themselves liable. Let it no longer be said of our Craftsmen that they are the only people in the world who give no thought to the history and literature of the system whose principles they are so proud to profess.

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"The directions given in the 'Streets of London' are to be acted upon as if they were very full and particular addresses on letters. If you, being an entire stranger to London, had to deliver a letter to John Smith, No. 10, Chad-street, Old Ford-road, E. (an address which would be ample for the post-office) you would have to expend a great deal of time and trouble in making inquiries before you arrived at your destination. And even supposing you found some one intimately acquainted with the town to write down the address very fully for you, the fuller address would probably read thus—

JOHN SMITH, 10, Chad-street,
Beale-road,
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Whitechapel-road,

and the result would be that when you got to Whitechapel-road, not knowing even on which side of the way the Cambridge-road lay, you would have to inquire or else hunt the road from end to end, and when you reached the Cambridge-road you would have to go through the same unpleasant experience before you found Old Ford-road, where you would still have to hunt for Beale-road, and after that for Chad-street. The 'Streets of London' aims at indicating the precise point you want in each street that is mentioned, and therefore the number is given wherever practicable, so that in following out the directions which appear in the 'Chad-street' entry you would go at once to 177, Whitechapel-road, thence to 156, Cambridge-road, thence to 476, Old Ford-road, and thence to 15, Beale-road, where you would find Chad-street. Wherever you find a street without a number it commonly means that that street leads into the place preceding it in the direction thus:—'Chandos-street (W.), 9, Cavendish-square, Holles-street, 276, Oxford-street,' which means that at 276, Oxford-street, you will find Holles-street, leading into Cavendish-square, and that at 9, Cavendish-square, you will find Chandos-street. And, again, 'Goswell-road, Aldersgate-street,' means that Goswell-road is a continuation of Aldersgate-street."

It will be seen from this that Bro. Massey aims at giving information both full and precise for the assistance of his readers. We should like to call attention to another advantage afforded by the "Streets of London." Perhaps the reader does not know that there are about 190 squares in London, the majority of which lie within the blocks formed by the principal streets, so that you may pass close by them a dozen times without knowing that you are in their vicinity. Bro. Massey's book tells you most fully how to get at them. Thus—"Mecklenburg-square (W.C.)—Next to the Foundling Hospital, on the east side; approached by Doughty-street, 8, Guildford-street, between 137 and 155, Gray's Inn-road." Take another example—a square that is less known—"Merrick-square (S.E.)—Next the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on the south side of Trinity-street, 40, Blackman-street, Borough." Nothing can be fuller or more precise. The courts of the Temple!—who does not know how hard it is to find the one you want, and how easy to lose yourself amongst them? In the "Streets of London" there is the most compact and the clearest description of the "liberty" of the Temple, and of the situation of the various courts and buildings, comprised in it that has ever appeared. With this book in his hand, the reader can find any place he wants, in the Temple or elsewhere, with the greatest ease. There is an interesting appendix also to the book, showing, amongst other things, how places are grouped together in the different parts of London; how the main roads run through London, &c. Then there is a list of hotels, arranged not alphabetically, but according to the postal districts in which they are situated, a great convenience for any one wishing to select which hotel he will go to in any given neighbourhood. For the advantage of visitors there is also a good descriptive list of places and objects of interest; as well as lists of Hospitals, Banks, Clubs and Insurance Companies. Such is Bro. Massey's book, and it is hard to say where it would not be useful. It would certainly be handy in city offices, warehouses, and shops where a good deal of friction is caused by the waste of time by messengers who, after being away a couple of hours instead of twenty minutes, come back with the unanswerable excuse that they could not find the place they were sent to. With this book in the counting house, you can give a messenger such a written direction as will deprive him of that convenient excuse. To solicitors and notaries who have to do with "personal service" of documents it must prove a great convenience, as it will also to surveyors, collectors, travellers, canvassers, &c. Besides all this, there can be no doubt that, as a body, the residents in London are lamentably wanting in a knowledge of London geography—the ladies particularly; but there is

no reason why this should be so. Massey's "Streets of London" on your book-shelves at home would enable your family to obtain information which would give them a much better general knowledge of the metropolis than they have at present. We understood that Bro. Massey aims at extending the area of his work next year so as to include the whole of the suburbs.



Craft Masonry.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Lodge of Truth (No. 521)—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street. The lodge was opened at 7 p.m., by Bro. Jno. W. Turner, P.M. 1458, W.M., when there were also present Bros. A. Graham, J.W.; Jas. Brierley, Treasurer; Jas. Eccles, S.D.; J. H. Sterry, J.D.; Geo. Jackson, A.D.C.; Past Masters George Marshall, Henry Shaw, J. Varley, J. B. Matthewman, T. S. Higgins, P.P.G.D.C., and A. Jackson, P.P.G.J.D.; F. Wilkinson, Geo. Banks, W. E. Jowett, Thomas Johnson, Jno. Kendrew, Saml. Butterworth, Robt. Wray, S. Crossley, J. T. Sheard, Wm. Wood, John Dawson, Herman Field, and R. Garner. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Iyers, P.M. 581; W. Greenwood, 439; R. W. Jubb, D.C. 275; J. W. Bedford, 2035; H. W. Crowther, 275, P.P.G.D.C.; and Joshua Lee, 290, P.G. Tyler.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read, Bro. Johnson answered the test questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Johnson was passed by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. Jos. Varley, P.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given.

Bro. Jowett, Past S.W., in the absence of Bro. Armitage, S.W., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was suitably responded to.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," and spoke in glowing terms of their attention to their Masonic duties and the faithful manner in which they discharged them.

Bro. Sterry responded. "The Health of the P.Ms." was also proposed by the W.M., who expressed his thanks for the many kindnesses and great assistance he had received from the P.Ms., also the great pleasure it afforded him to always see a goodly array of Past Masters in the lodge and at the festive board.

The toast was responded to by the Past Masters present, who expressed their pleasure at being able to render any assistance to the W.M. or any member of the lodge, and that whatever they did individually, was done for one purpose, namely, the prosperity of the lodge and the welfare and happiness of the brethren, and when they saw their work was appreciated, they were amply repaid for any trouble or inconvenience they might be put to.

Bro. Allen Jackson, P.P.G.J.D., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," remarked that it afforded great pleasure to the W.M. and members of the lodge to always see a number of visitors, and it had ever been the wish and desire of the members to make the visitors happy and comfortable, so that they might carry with them the recollection of a pleasant evening, and be anxious to visit the lodge again.

The Visitors, in responding, thanked the W.M. and members of the lodge for the hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, also expressing the pleasure they had derived from their visit, and the truly Masonic greeting they had met with.

The last Masonic toast having been proposed, the brethren dispersed, after spending a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Bros. Jackson, Garner, Greenwood, Shoesmith, Matthewman, and others contributed to the evening's enjoyment by appropriate songs well rendered.

JERSEY.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1003).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. J. Pallot, P.M. (the W.M., Bro. F. Pearce, being prevented from attending the lodge that evening), there were also present Bros. H. M. Bartlett, I.P.M.; Thos. Stone, acting S.W.; J. Jean, acting J.W.; L. Hespirdoux, P.M. 244, acting S.D.; J. C. Elliott, J.D.; P. Bois, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Boal, P.M., Treas.; H. Clifton, I.G.; G. Hallway; and G. H. Rodgers, D.C. Visitors: Bros. T. B. Bowen, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Oxon; Chas. G. Hill, 1607; John Le Gresley; L. Hespirdoux, P.M. 244; J. Jean, J.W. 244; Thos. Stone, S.W. 245; J. Marrett, P.S.W. 244; and several other distinguished brethren from England and Guernsey; and Bro. George Rogers, P.M. 1003, Tyler.

After the ordinary routine of business, Bro. F. L. Lee was raised as a M.M., by the W.M., who explained the working tools to the candidate. Bro. J. Pallot, P.M., performed the ceremony in a most impressive and eloquent manner. Bro. G. R. Le Masurier, the candidate for passing not being in attendance, and other business having been despatched, the W.M. invited the brethren to adjourn with him to refreshment, after which the lodge was closed in due form and in perfect peace and harmony.

The brethren then retired to the refreshment board, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

LEIGH.—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Hope-street, when there were present Bros. Joseph Hartley, W.M.; G. A. Mort, P.M., S.W.; R. Starkie, P.M., acting J.W.; G. H. Evans, P.M., Prov. G. J. W. West Lanc., Chap.; W. Bryce, Treas.; W. C. Freeman, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Pennington, S.D.; T. Yarwood, J.D.; W. Davies, acting I.G.; Jos. Jackson, Stwd.; T. Corpe, Tyler; F. E. Williams, and John Walshaw.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Freeman, P.M., Sec., drew attention to the claims of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution, and proposed a grant of five guineas from the lodge funds, which was agreed to, and Bro. Freeman was requested to attend the forthcoming festival of the Institution as Steward. The W.M. gave notice that he would call attention to the financial condition of the lodge at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The above prosperous lodge commenced its winter session on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. West's hostelry, under the most favourable auspices, the W.M., Bro. A. T. Ives, having plenty of work before him, and a goodly array of brethren and visitors being present to assist in the labour and pleasures of the evening. The lodge was opened by the W.M. at six p.m. sharp, and the minutes of the preceding meeting having been duly passed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Monk, Corke, and Reeve, and proved unanimous. The two former candidates being present were initiated; Bros. Thomas and Harris were passed, and Bro. Sutcliffe was raised. The whole of the ceremonies were performed by the W.M. without a single hitch or falter, and created an excellent impression both on the candidates and brethren present. Bro. Lewis, I.P.M., announced his intention of standing Steward for the "Old Folkes" at the next Festival, and the sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to his list.

Bro. Lewis also expressed his determination to take up £100 from the lodge, and from what we know of him we feel sure he will, as his list already exceeds £70.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a prettily served banquet, and on returning to the social board the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, as they should be, with life and enthusiasm. Among the brethren present were Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts; A. J. Manning, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Essex; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; J. Elder, P.M.; C. Jolly, S.W. (Freemason); J. Paul, J.W.; C. H. Canning, J.D.; J. J. Jones, I.G.; W. J. Henry, Org.; C. Jones, Stwd.; C. J. Powling, W. S. Tyler, J. Buck, W. Rilat, G. Gowers, C. W. Genery, W. McGuinness, E. Morgan, W. Parry, C. J. Carter, J. Fulford, M. Kaul, and H. Lacey, all of the lodge; W. G. Atkins, P.M. 857; W. J. Doddrell, J.W. 615; H. Tufnell, 700; and others.

EAST MOLESEY.—Arnold Lodge (No. 1981).—On the 1st inst. this lodge assembled at the Bell Hotel, when, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Kipling, W.M., Bro. W. P. Cateson, I.P.M., ruled. After the customary preliminaries, Bro. Knight was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Mr. Holliday was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. Cateson pleased all by the excellent working he displayed, and it must have been particularly gratifying to his father, who was in the S.W.'s chair, to find one of his sons coming on so well after him. The next most interesting part of the evening's proceedings was to inspect the illuminated address which had been prepared for presentation to Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Surrey, who, as has been announced in the *Freemason*, was about to leave, and has now left England, to take up his residence in Florida with his sons. Bro. Arnold consecrated the lodge which bears his name, and has taken a warm interest in its progress. It was no wonder, therefore, the members desired he should take with him to his new abode some memento of the esteem in which he is held by those who assemble under his banner. The drafting of the address was left to the I.P.M. and Bro. J. W. Moorman, Secretary, and though brief it was very expressive and met with unanimous approval. The address ran thus:—"We, the brethren of the Arnold Lodge, East Molesey, Surrey, 1981 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, desire to convey to you our most hearty good wishes, at the same time expressing our deep regret at losing you from amongst us. We trust that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to preserve you for many years, that so you may continue in the future in a foreign land, as in the past in England, a bright example of a true and worthy Mason, who always has upheld the genuine tenets and principles of our mystic Order. (Signed) Chas. G. L. Kipling, W.M.; S. P. Cateson, S.W.; W. Youldon, J.W.; and J. W. Moorman, Secretary."

This was inscribed and illuminated on vellum, and framed in a handsome and richly gilt setting, the work being entrusted to Bro. George Kenning, to whom high compliment was paid for the excellency of design and execution.

The Secretary announced the receipt of a letter from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who regretted very much that the short time left to him before sailing quite prevented him from being present that night. Bro. Arnold added:—"I shall indeed be pleased to receive the memorial from your lodge, as it will serve to remind me of old friends in England, and of a lodge in which I cannot fail to take the greatest interest. . . . My thoughts will be with you on the night of the 1st."

It was left to the Secretary to forward the address by early train next morning, which was done. This being the meeting for the election of W.M. for the next year, a ballot was taken, and fell upon Bro. S. P. Cateson, S.W., who, from his long experience of Masonry, having previously filled the chair of K.S., will continue to maintain the prestige of the Arnold Lodge for good working. After other routine business, and the expression of "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form.

Among the visitors were Bros. Abel Laurence, D.P.G. S.D., I.P.M. 1668; W. Lane, P.G.S., P.M. 1698; and W. Drewett, S.D. 889.

Bro. J. W. Moorman, Secretary, has since received the following letter of acknowledgment:—

"20, St. Martin's, Stamford,
September 4th, 1885.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"Will you please convey to the W.M. and brethren of the Arnold Lodge my warmest thanks for the beautiful testimonial which they have sent to me? It reached me yesterday, and is very much admired by all who have seen it. I shall treasure it very much, as reminding me of a lodge which has honoured me and my family by adopting my name, and in which I shall always take the deepest interest.

"Allow me most heartily to reciprocate the kind wishes expressed in the address. May your lodge continue to work as it has so well commenced, and may the Great Architect shower down every blessing upon its members in the sincere wish of yours, most sincerely and fraternally,

C. W. ARNOLD, P.G.C. of Eng. and D.P.G.M. of Surrey."

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; M. J. Green, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1443, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; R. Burleton, S.D.; W. Thomas, J.D.; E. F. Forris, I.G.; J. Cruttenden, Stwd.; E. C. Mulvey, J. F. Cliburn, J. Laurence, H. Robinson, J. J. Thomas, and W. Death, Visitor: Bro. E. J. Seymour, 1425.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. J. R. Harnell, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; J. Skinner, J.D.; W. H. Haregood, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; C. Corby, and T. E. Weeks.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Gibson, Treas., S.W.; C. W. Coulthard, J.W.; Bonilton, P.M.; Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Wade, P.M., S.D.; Brindley, P.M., J.D.; McCullagh, I.G.; Green, sen., and Gilbert.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street West, Hammersmith, W.C. Present: Bros. George Gardiner, W.M.; F. G. Craggs, S.W.; Arthur Williams, J.W.; G. Gardiner, Treas.; W. Johnson, Sec.; John Brown, S.D.; E. C. Mulvey, J.D.; C. Coward, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; Mann, P.M.; W. Johnson, P.M.; Wing, Battley, and Burton.

STONEHOUSE.—Elliott Chapter (No. 1205).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Chapter-rooms, to install the principals for the year ensuing, viz.: Comp. W. H. Hunt, Z.; and R. Dixon, H. The ceremony was conducted by Comps. James Gidley, P.Z. 1205; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.Z. 189, P.P.G., P. Soj.; and the following board of Installed Principals: Comps. T. E. Peck, P.Z. 1205; D. Cross, P.Z. 1205; S. Jew, P.Z. 105, P.P.G.T.; T. Killingly, P.Z. 105; A. E. Lean, P.Z. 70; E. A. Davis, P.Z. 159; and J. Gifford, J. 105. The officers invested were as follows: Comps. T. E. Peck, I.P.Z.; James Gidley, P.Z., S.E.; F. Crouch, S.N.; A. Trout, P. Soj.; C. Stubbington, 1st A. Soj.; J. Holland, 2nd A. Soj.; D. Cross, P.Z., Treas.; and Thomas Gidley, Janitor.

INSTRUCTION. NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Comps. W. Radcliffe, Z.; T. J. Bird, II.; H. Dehane, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; T. C. Edmunds, S.N.; Edwin Storr, P.S.; G. H. Hunter, S. George, G. Gregory, Jos. Cook, and T. C. Edmunds, Preceptor.

INSTRUCTION. Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have been staying at Gueldenstein, on a visit to the Grand Duke of Oldenburg.

Malta.

GIBRALTAR.—Lodge of Friendship (No. 278).—On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., this lodge met for the first time after the summer recess at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack-lane. Bro. John Henry Bryant, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. F. Cottrell, P.M.; W. F. Roberts, P.M.; W. Glassford, P.M.; Peter Lyons, P.M.; H. T. Creswell, acting S.W.; W. Stevens, J.W.; W. Thornton, S.D.; J. Button, acting J.D.; J. Dagnins, Sec.; J. King, Org.; Joseph Harrison, acting I.G.; Bro. Cottrell, P.M., performing the duties of D.C. The following members were also present: Bros. Henry Baumgartner, Doder, Cortes, and W. H. Cottrell, jun. Visitors: Bros. Discombe, Yirrell, J. Russell, Tyler, and Hall, 153 (E.C.); W. G. Whitehead, Parrall, Houghton, and Molloy, 670 (S.C.)

South Africa. DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, EAST DIVISION. The ninth annual communication of this District Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Graham's Town, on Wednesday, the 17th June last. R.W. Bro. Chas. J. Egan, M.D., D.G.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. C. T. W. Mouat, as D.G.S.W.; T. E. Butler, D.G. J.W.; Rev. Rob. T. Bennets, D.G. Chap.; F. W. Wood, D.G. Treas.; W. F. Sissing, D.G. Sec.; W. Wedderburn, as D.G.S.D.; John Hart, D.G. J.D.; J. W. C. Mackay, as D.G.D.C.; John Vials, D.G.A.D.C.; Joseph Clarke, D.G. Swd. Br.; F. M. Rees, M.D., D.G. Std. Br.; H. Winny, as D.G. Org.; George Smyth, D.G. Purst.; T. Middleton, D.G. Stwd.; A. J. Wright, as D.G. Stwd.; Sir G. H. Stockinstrom, Bart., as D.G. Stwd.; Geo. F. Bedgood, D.G. Stwd.; W. C. Smith, as D.G. Stwd.; G. C. Goodwin, as D.G. Stwd.; and F. E. Owen, G. Tyler; together with the representatives of several of the lodges and a number of visitors.

INSTRUCTION. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hunter, candidate. Comps. Gregory, Dehane, and George were elected to carry out the ballot at the next convocation on the 10th inst. for a life membership of one of the Charities, to be participated in by those companions who had attended a certain number of times during the last twelve months. The chapter was then closed.

INSTRUCTION. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Seymour being candidate. Lodge called off and on. Bro. Laurence very ably gave the explanation of the first Tracing Board. Bro. Battley was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was carried for the able manner Bro. Conway had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction, and also to Bro. Laurence for his admirable explanation of the first Tracing Board. The lodge was then closed.

INSTRUCTION. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the roll of lodges called over, the D.G. Treasurer submitted the statement of account for the year. From this it appeared that the receipts, including the balance of £249 3s. 1d. brought forward from the previous account, amounted to £463 3s. 7d. The expenditure, including a grant of £150 to the Educational Fund, £55 1s. for District Grand Lodge regalia, and £40 for clerical assistance, reached a total of £294 10s. 9d., the balance remaining in hand being £168 12s. 10d. The report having been accepted, that of the Board of General Purposes was read. From this it appears that there are 24 lodges in the district, with a total membership of 1142 brethren, or an average of 42 members per lodge. Two new lodges—the Frere, No. 2089, Alwal North, and the Frontier, No. 2092, Cathcart, had been consecrated during the year, and generally the condition of things was satisfactory. The Board recommended the formation of a Reserve Fund, and that towards that object a certain per centage of the balance in hand—which, after discussion, was fixed at 25 per cent., or one-fourth—should be annually set aside. The report as a whole was subsequently adopted.

INSTRUCTION. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wade as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Gilbert, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gilbert as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Gibson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Gibson returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was also proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M., for the very able and efficient manner he had worked the ceremonies of initiation and raising, and he certainly worked them in a most creditable manner. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

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Bro. G. C. Goodwin } Dist. G. Stwds.
C. R. Reed }
J. Welch }
J. Robinson }
A. Wagner }
R. J. Middleton }

The report of the Board of Education was submitted and adopted, the financial statement showing that £320 would be required for the ensuing year. Various suggestions having been offered and the officers of District Grand Lodge having received sundry invitations, District Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren met again in the banquet room, where refreshment was again partaken of and the proceedings brought to a close in peace and harmony.

GRAHAM'S TOWN.—St. John's Lodge (No. 828).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 18th June last, was honoured with the presence of R.W. Bro. Charles J. Egan, M.D., D.G.M. South Africa, Eastern Division, and a strong muster of D.G. Officers as well as of the members and visiting brethren. Lodge having been opened by Bro. D. Sampson, W.M., the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the D.G.M. and his attendant officers received with the honours due to their rank, a procession was formed of the brethren to St. Michael's pro Cathedral, where Divine service was held, and a sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. T. Bennets, P.D.G. Chaplain, the congregation being a large one, and the Bishop of the diocese and many of his clergy present. The proceedings were strikingly impressive, and the offertory at the close of the service, amounting to between £5 and £6, was given in aid of the funds of the Albany General Hospital.

The procession was then re-formed, and lodge having been resumed, Bro. D. R. McLachlan, W.M. elect, was formally installed in the chair of K.S. by the D.G.M., assisted by Bros. W. F. Sissing, D. G. Sissing, D.G. Sec., and D. Sampson, P.D.G.S.B. Bro. McLachlan appointed the following brethren as his officers, namely: Bros. H. Winny, S.W.; G. V. Davies, J.W.; T. L. Pryce (re-elected), Treas.; W. H. Hinton, Sec.; J. Livesay, S.D.; W. M. Haw, J.D.; H. C. Evens, Org.; A. Young, I.G.; and A. Will, Tyler.

The W.M. then presented Bro. Sampson with a handsome gold P.M.s' jewel, and congratulated him on the manner in which he had fulfilled his duties and the recognition his services had received at the hands of the lodge. A similar honour was paid to Bro. A. Will, P.M., who the day before had been promoted to the Purple, and Bro. T. L. Pryce, on being invested for the third time as Treasurer, was presented with a M.M.s' jewel.

Lodge was then closed, and in the evening the brethren sat down to banquet at Mr. Pote's Store, High-street, the catering being under the management of Bro. W. A. Phillips, who was awarded great praise for his excellent services.

The usual toasts were given and responded to, those of "The D.G.M. and the Officers of the D.G.L.," as well as of "The W.M." and "I.P.M.," being most enthusiastically honoured. In the intervals between the speeches, songs and glees were the order of the day, and the proceedings terminated in peace and harmony.

New Zealand.

INVERCARGILL.—Southern Cross Lodge (No. 997).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th June last, in the Masonic Hall. Bro. W. H. Hall, W.M., presided, and among those present were Past Masters Bros. Moir, Cross, McFarlane, W. G. Mchaffey, S.W. and W.M. elect; A. C. Henderson, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Martin, P.M.; L. E. Reade, P.M.; J. T. Crofts, P.M.; Burns, P.M. 1617; Woodward, P.M.; J. A. Mitchell, P.M.; Pershaw, P.M.; Little, P.M.; Findlay, P.M.; and others.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Bro. A. C. Henderson, P.M., took the chair, and Bro. W. G. Mchaffey, W.M. elect, having been presented, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by that brother, saluted, and congratulated. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as officers for the year, namely: Bros. C. Gilbertson, S.W.; W. Thom, J.W.; A. C. Henderson, P.M., Treas.; W. Smith, Sec.; J. Cattell, S.D.; W. Henderson, J.D.; Rev. H. Stocker, Chap.; S. Cooper, I.G.; W. Pearce, Org.; and A. Munro, Tyler.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren banqueted at Bro. C. Deschler's Hotel, and a very agreeable evening was spent, the whole concluding, as usual, with the Tyler's toast. In the course of the proceedings Bro. W. H. Hall, the retiring W.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services, Bro. Mchaffey, W.M., who made the presentation, speaking in very eulogistic terms of the manner in which his predecessor had fulfilled the onerous duties of the chair, and expressing a hope that Bro. Hall would long continue to wear the jewel he had so honourably won.

CAMBRIDGE.—Alpha Lodge (No. 2014).—The installation meeting was held at the Church School Rooms, on Wednesday, the 1st July last. In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Bro. Chitty, W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. Moses, P.M., who, when the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, and the other early business disposed of, proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. Sargent into the chair of K.S. This duty having been ably and impressively carried out, the new W.M., appointed as his officers for the ensuing year Bro. Charles Tuck, S.W.; George Dickenson, J.W.; M. R. Kersing, Treasurer; H. W. Westby, Secretary; T. W. Hicks, S.D.; H. N. Hyatt, J.D.; James Simpson, I.G.; and John Mullins, Tyler. Lodge having been closed, the banquet followed and a very agreeable evening was spent.

AUCKLAND.—Ara Lodge (No. 348, I.C.)—The installation meeting, on the 24th June last, of this long established and popular lodge was a very great success, there being a strong muster of the members and visitors, the latter including many distinguished representatives of all three constitutions. Bro. Powley, W.M., presided, and, the necessary preliminaries having been dispatched, at once set about

installing, as his successor in the Mastership, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. R. Hanna. This important function ended, Bro. Hanna appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. Alfred Kidd, S.W.; Samuel Vosper, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Kidd, P.M., Chaplain; W. L. Mitchell, P.M., Treasurer; A. S. Russell, P.M., Secretary; D. F. Evans, S.D.; J. M. Haslett, J.D.; Arthur Wright, P.M., D.C.; Andrew Hanna, Organist; F. G. Whittaker, I.G.; J. D. Wickham, S. Stwd.; William Batchelor, J. Stwd.; and Captain Tonge, Tyler. The ceremony was ably carried out by Bro. Powley who was assisted by Bro. W. J. Suites, P.M., United Service Lodge, as D.C., and Bro. Mitchell, P.M., and Suites, P.M., who presented the junior officers. The charges were delivered by Bros. Russell, P.M., and Rees, P.M. The attendance comprised quite a hundred brethren, of whom thirty were installed Masters, among them being members of the D.G. Lodge (E.C.). Bros. Gamble W.M. United Service Lodge, M. Niccol, P.S.G.M., and Dr. Walker, W.M. St. Andrew Lodge under the Scotch Constitutions. The banquet followed on the 29th June.

AUCKLAND.—United Service Lodge (No. 421—I.C.)—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th June last, in Freemasons' Hall, and passed off most successfully, there being a large attendance of members and visitors, several of the English District Grand Lodge Officers being among the latter. Bro. Suites, W.M., opened the lodge, and afterwards installed the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Craig. The following were appointed officers for the year, namely: Bros. G. W. Allen, S.W.; T. W. Allen, J.W.; F. Roycroft, P.M., Treas.; J. Mellon, Sec.; T. Ballentine, S.D.; C. Bowring, J.D.; J. Goodacre, P.M., D.C.; Borhwick, Org.; Mason, I.G.; Matheson and Anderson, Stwds.; and Captain Tonge, Tyler. Lodge closed, the banquet followed, under the presidency of Bro. Suites, the new W.M., and the loyal, Masonic, and other toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.— CHINE LODGE, No. 1884.

A theatrical representation of "Our Boys" was given at the Shanklin Institute, on Friday, the 4th inst., on behalf of the building fund of the New Masonic Hall, the site for which has been presented by Bro. Barnabus Cooper, the oldest Freemason in the Isle of Wight, value over one thousand pounds. There was a large attendance of the élite of the residents, supported by the visitors to this charming and fashionable sea-side resort. Amongst those present we noticed Sir Philip P. Rose, Bart.; Col. and Lady J. Atherley; Bro. Sir Wm. Gordon MacGregor; Bro. Albert Daw Kerrill; Bro. and Mrs. F. White Popham; Bro. G. F. Coster, and Mrs. Coster; Mdme. Scaramanga; Col. and Mrs. Harris; Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Mendl; Bro. McQueen; the Misses De Moleyns; Mr. and Mrs. Everett; Col. Macdonald; the Lady Susan Milbank; Bro. George Kenning and family; Bro. A. Pound; Geo. Kelly, Esq.; Capt. and Mrs. Hartopp; Bro. Dr. Richardson; General Williams; M. Spartali, Esq.; Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie; Mr. and Mrs. James W. Harrison; Mrs. Richards; Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Modlin; Capt. Brooking; Miss Lay; Col. and Mrs. Olive Justice; Sidney Lawrence, Esq.; Mr. and Mrs. Goddard; Miss Greenham; Mrs. Judd; Mrs. Frank Rayner; Bro. and Mrs. Swayne; Miss De Moleyns; Mr. and Mrs. Stedall; Col. and Mrs. Harpur; Mrs. Dabbs; Mrs. and Miss Stanley Smith; A. Parbury, Esq.; Major and Mrs. Dickson; Bros. T. H. J. Petherick, P.M.; Anslie; Rembridge; Bignell; J. Conner, P.P.G. Sec. Lanark; J. Webber, W.M. 551; A. Scott, P.M. 551; and Trueman.

The acting was good, the characters being well sustained by the following ladies and gentlemen:

Sir Geoffrey Champneys (a county magnate)	F. Stanley Smith, Esq.
Talbot Champneys (his son)	S. Mendl, Esq.
Perkyn Middlewick, of Devonshire House (a retired butlerman) ..	Dr. Dabbs.
Charles Middlewick (his son) ..	F. Fisher, Esq.
Kempster (Sir Geoffrey's manservant) ..	H. Peet, Esq.
Poddles (in Middlewick's service) ..	E. Harpur, Esq.
Violet Melrose (an heiress) ..	Mrs. Henry Irving.
Mary Melrose (her poor cousin) ..	Miss Breach.
Clarissa Champneys (Sir Geoffrey's sister) ..	Mrs. Macdonald.
Belinda (a lodging house slave) ..	Miss Alice Nunn.

That of Perkyn Middlewick, by Bro. Dr. Dabbs (the first W.M. of the Lodge), deserves to be specially noted; great credit is also due to the W.M. and officers of the lodge, Bros. Bailey, Greenham, Judd, Rayner, Cooper, and others, for the admirable arrangements made by them, the result being nearly one hundred pounds. The Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight may be proud of the Chine Lodge providing such a building for the proper carrying out of the duties of Freemasonry, a good example for other towns that are without the same, although a number of lodges meet. It is in contemplation to form a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the lodge.

We regret to say that at the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Newport, that the only honour conferred on the lodge was a Prov. Grand Steward's collar to the Treasurer, Bro. Francis Cooper.

ANNUAL SUMMER EXCURSION OF THE GRANITE LODGE, No. 2028.

The annual summer excursion of this spirited lodge, which is held in the village of Narborough, Leicestershire, took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Last year, "Burling House by Stamford Town" was the trysting-place; this year "Belvoir Castle," the beautiful seat of the Duke of Rutland, was fixed upon, and none of our grand English mansions could be chosen, which in every way will repay a visit, better than this—the home of one of the most bountiful of our nobility; a good landlord, and a kind friend. The members of the lodge and their lady friends—numbering 32—left Narborough by the first train, and at Leicester, through the kindness of Bro. Michie, P.M. 279, a saloon carriage was provided to convey them to Melton Mowbray, "the Metropolis of Fox Hunting," where Bro. Selby, P.M. 1130, met the train with three comfortable brakes, and conveyed them, viâ Waltham on the Wolds,

Croxtan Park, and Kripton, to the park, at the foot of the wooded slopes round the hill upon which the castle stands. Here a halt was called, and luncheon partaken of. A visit was made to the far-famed kennels and an inspection of the hounds; then a storm which had threatened for some time burst forth in all its fury; but the time here lost was beguiled by the kindness and entertaining intelligence of the whip in charge, who showed his pets to the ladies and brethren, and caused the remark to fall from more lips than one, that many children were not cared for or fed with the tenderness and regularity that the Belvoir fox hounds received from their "W. Master and his officers." On the cessation of the storm the order to advance was made, and the party were conveyed to "Belvoir's lordly terraces," as Macaulay calls them. Under the guidance of the house-keeper a circuit of the castle was made, and the treasures of art, relics of by-gone ages, furniture rendered interesting by historical reminiscences, articles of vertu, gallery of valuable paintings, containing works of Murillo and many others, inspected at leisure; the magnificent collection of plate, comprising many cups won at races during the last hundred years by former Dukes, and the splendid silver-gilt service presented by the members of the Hunt to the present Duke for his large-hearted management of the county in providing hounds at his own personal expense; the silver punch bowl, weighing 2000 ounces, used on festive occasions; the cellar of ale and beer, which cannot be equalled even by Trinity College, Cambridge; and the mausoleum, containing the late Duke and Duchess and a large number of the deceased members of the family, were all with the greatest kindness shown to the party. A stroll through the flower gardens completed the visit to Belvoir, and after tea had been provided for the ladies, the wagnettes were reloaded and the return journey commenced.

Bro. Selby's hospitable hotel, the George of Merry England, at Melton, was reached at seven o'clock, where a sumptuous banquet was served in the host's well-known style, and thoroughly appreciated by the hungry members of 2028. The W.M., Bro. J. Metcalfe, P.M. 1767, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, presided, and was supported by the I.P.M., Bro. Rev. W. Langley, P.M. 1130 and 50, P.P. G.S.W., and the Wardens, Bros. Wilmer and J. Young.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Queen and the Craft and the Rulers in Masonry."

Bro. LANGLEY proposed "The Worshipful Master," complimenting him very highly upon the excellent way in which his officers had carried out the arrangements for the day's outing.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER replied in feeling terms, expressing the hope that every succeeding W.M. of Granite Lodge might preside over as happy and satisfactory an outing as that of 1885.

The toasts of "The I.P.M.," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Visitors" (to which Mr. J. S. SALUSBERRY and Mr. BROWN, both non-Masons, replied), "The Ladies" (who found in Bro. Dr. H. YOUNG, J.W., a very efficient respondent), and "The Host, Bro. Selby" (eloquently proposed by Bro. J. SIMPKIN, a young Mason, having been initiated some 18 months, but older in years than any other member of the lodge who thoroughly enters into the working of the Order), brought the proceedings to a close.

The Midland Railway saloon carriage was standing at the station ready to convey the brethren to Leicester, and the return journey was made comfortably, and to the entire satisfaction of all. Bro. J. G. Simpkin, the Secretary of the lodge, and Bro. J. Smith, the Senior Steward, upon whose shoulders lay the entire management of the excursion, and who in every way laid themselves out to ensure the comfort of the brethren and their friends, were entitled to the hearty thanks of all the members of the Granite Lodge who were present. The excursion of the year 1885 will be long remembered as a great success.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. REV. C. W. ARNOLD, P.G. CHAP. OF ENGLAND.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C. of England and D.P. G.M. of Surrey, was, on Saturday, at 33, Golden-square, presented with a testimonial from the brethren of the province, as a token of their great esteem and respect for him. The presentation took the form of a gold watch, on which was engraved the crest of Bro. Arnold and his monogram, and the following inscription:—"Presented to V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G. Chaplain of England, D.P.G.M. of Surrey, by the brethren of the province, as a testimony of their high esteem and fraternal regard. September, 1885."

Bro. PRICE, P.G. Treas., presided, and was supported by Bros. Greenwood, P.P.G. Sec.; Leigh Bennett, P.P.G. W.; Thompson, P.G. J.D.; J. D. Langton, W.M. George Price Lodge; Asher, S.W. Weyside Lodge; Piggott, P.M. Royal Alfred Lodge; T. L. Lock, P.G. J.W. Surrey; and others.

The presentation was made by Bro. PRICE, who regretted that more time was not given to raise the testimonial, or it would have been much larger. He regretted that Bro. Arnold was going to a far-away clime; but wished him every success and prosperity in his new home—Orlando, Florida, United States—and, after testifying to the deep interest and the earnest work in the cause of Freemasonry which Bro. Arnold had shown in the province, wished him God speed.

Bro. ARNOLD, in thanking the subscribers, said Freemasonry had always been to him a labour of love, for he believed that if properly carried out, it was a reality that would make not only the men, but the world, all the better. He should retain many pleasant reminiscences of his connection with the Freemasons of Surrey, and hoped again to see them at a future Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. GREENWOOD, in moving a vote of thanks to Bro. Thompson, Secretary to the fund, remarked upon the pleasant associations between himself and Bro. Arnold, whom he wished long life and prosperity.

The vote was carried unanimously. Bro. THOMPSON spoke as to the work of Bro. Arnold in the cause.

Bro. PIGGOTT, on behalf of the Royal Albert Lodge, spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Arnold.

Bro. ASHER said, whilst wishing Bro. Arnold God speed, they should be always ready to give him a right royal welcome on his return.

In addition to the watch, a cheque of 41 guineas was also presented Bro. Arnold.

MASONIC "SILVER WEDDING" PRESENTATION TO THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF LATHOM.

In view of the fact that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Lathom, D.G.M. of England, P.G.M. of West Lancashire, and the Countess of Lathom, have recently celebrated their "silver wedding," the Masonic brethren of the province have resolved to present them with a most artistic loving cup as an evidence of the cordial esteem and embodying the hearty congratulations of the fraternity in this division. A strong Committee, of which Bro. J. Duncan is Treasurer, and Bro. T. H. Walker, Secretary, has been formed for the purpose of securing subscriptions and carrying out the necessary arrangements for the presentation, which will be made to his lordship at the Grand Reunion and Conversazione in aid of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, fixed to take place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 30th inst.

SUMMER OUTING OF GRAVESEND LODGES.

On Monday, the 24th ult., about twenty officers of the Freedom Lodge, No. 77, and the Sympathy Lodge, No. 483, Gravesend, accompanied by their Worshipful Masters, Bros. W. H. Hedger and T. Wallis, respectively, had a pleasant day's outing together.

Starting from Gravesend soon after nine in the morning, in one of Mr. Green's well-appointed wagonettes, they drove through Rochester to Maidstone, having luncheon in the ancient and fraternal county town, at the Railway Tavern, where they were most hospitably entertained by Mr. Epps, the host.

After this refresher, they drove by way of Town Malling to Wrotham, where there was a sumptuous dinner provided for them by Host Shrubsole, and served up in that gentleman's well-known style.

The usual loyal and fraternal toasts were aptly proposed and heartily honoured, this part of the proceedings being followed by a pleasant drive home in the cool of the evening, Gravesend being reached about half-past ten.

MASONIC BAZAAR AT CHACEWATER.

A grand bazaar for the sale of useful and ornamental articles was held at the Market House, Chacewater, on the 3rd inst., in aid of the fund being raised for the decoration of the Masonic Hall of Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, Chacewater. Bro. Hall, the W.M. of the lodge, introduced Bro. J. Jose, of Melingey, who, in a few appropriate remarks, opened the bazaar. Bro. the Rev. G. L. Church tendered Bro. Jose the thanks of the lodge for being present on that occasion. The ladies who presided at the stalls were Mrs. W. Hall, Mrs. Edwin Penrose, Miss Searle, and Miss Bennetts, Mrs. C. Kent, Mrs. F. W. Allen, and Miss Harvey (all of Truro); Mrs. Alfred Noyle, Miss Bray, Miss F. Harvey, Miss May, Miss Ninny, and Miss Church. In connection with the bazaar there was a miniature fine art exhibition, and at intervals Professor Herman Robel gave entertainments of legerdemain. The bazaar continued open the next day, in the evening of which there was a concert, in which the Truro St. George's string band and Messrs. N. B. Bullen, J. Reynolds, T. C. Mack, F. W. Allen, T. E. Williams, A. Randall, and J. F. Hooper took part. The St. Agnes band were present on the opening day, and played a selection of music.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 4th inst., under the chairmanship of Bro. R. A. Davies, I.P.M. 1380, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Institution. Application on behalf of ten children of deceased Freemasons to be placed on the list of candidates for election at the October Court of Governors were approved, the sum of £72 per annum being voted for their education and clothing. The lodges with which the orphans' parents had been connected were St. John's, No. 673; Derby, No. 724; Walton, No. 1086; Duke of Edinburgh, No. 1182; Hamer, No. 1393, Liverpool; and Furness, No. 995, Ulverston.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Davies for presiding closed the proceedings.

SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

This association has issued its tenth annual report, giving a list of the Life Members, and showing the amounts received and expended during the past year. Its Charitable expenditure this year has been given exclusively to five candidates (brethren or widows of brethren) of Lodge 359, a balance of some £10 in advance of that of last year being carried forward, viz., £113 7s. 9d., to be added to the invested capital of £1315. The Trustees have, with the sanction of the Committee, appointed Bro. Harry Coles, P.M. 359, to the Trusteeship, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M.

The Committee have received a donation of ten guineas from the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 359, and another of five guineas from the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130; and the names of Bros. J. E. Aldis, S.W. 359, and Bro. Thomas Dartnall, W.M. 130, have been added to the list of life members by those lodges. The Committee much regret the loss of income occasioned by the cessation of annual subscriptions, and the consequent curtailment of the means of granting relief to those who have fallen into poverty and distress.

Bro. Edward St. John Fairman, M.R.A.S., &c., is now completing, for publication, a long poem, intitled "The Housing of the Poor," wherein he pays a befitting tribute to the memory of the late Prince Consort, as also to the well-known benevolent qualities of the Queen and the Royal Family. The author has had the gratifying honour of having already received the thanks of the Queen.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, under the presidency of Bro. Fredk. Davison, P.G.D., as Chairman, among those present being Bros. H. Cox, F. Aclard, W. Clarke, P.G.P.; G. Bolton, J. Brett, P.G.P.; W. J. Murlis, I. B. Daniell, C. H. Webb, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; T. Griffiths, J. L. Mather, Chas. F. Hogard, L. Stean, C. H. Driver, J. Newton, C. Dairy, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Capt. Dourant, C. F. Matier, Jno. Bulmer, T. Hastings Miller, and Jas. Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the deaths of three annuitants—two male and one widow—were reported. Of four petitions submitted and considered, three were accepted, and the names directed to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in May, 1886, while the fourth was deferred.

The SECRETARY reported that he had received a cheque for £70, being the amount voted by United Grand Lodge towards providing the inmates at Croydon with coals during the approaching winter.

Application was made by a widow for the moiety of her late husband's annuity, and granted.

Bro. C. H. WEBB's motion for the removal of two names from the list of candidates for the next election, was, after a considerable amount of discussion, withdrawn.

A resolution congratulating the Secretary on his recovery from his prolonged illness was proposed, unanimously passed, and most warmly acknowledged by Bro. TERRY.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE ALPASS MASONIC INSTITUTION.

On Sunday the 23rd ult., a sermon in aid of the West Lancashire Alpass Masonic Institution for Widows of Freemasons was preached in St. Thomas's Church, by Bro. the Rev. J. P. Shepperd, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain West Lancashire. There was only a small attendance. Amongst the officers present were Bros. Councillor Galloway, Councillor Nevett, Cockshott, Collins, W. Troughton, W.M.; Payne, W.M.; Scott, W.M.; Ormandy, W.M., and Wolstenholme. The service, which commenced punctually at half-past three, was conducted by Bros. the Rev. A. B. Beaven and the Rev. B. C. Huntley, Hutton Grammar School. At the close a collection was made, and the sum realised amounted to £8 2s. 6d.

ALL HONOUR TO THE FOUNDATIONS.

When Bro. Captain (now General) Warren, of the English Royal Engineers, some years ago explored the site of King Solomon's Temple, and made excavations at the south-east corner of the sanctuary wall, sinking shafts to the depth of fifty-three feet, he discovered the foundations of the Temple as originally laid by the Tyrian builders. His discoveries were remarkable in more respects than one. They not only revealed the actual substructions of the Temple as they were laid three thousand years ago, but showed as well the Masons' Marks upon the stones, as fresh and exact as they were when first cut and painted. The base of the paint was red chalk, a natural production, and nearly indestructible by the elements or time, so that even on Egyptian monuments that are thirty-five centuries old it is fresh and bright to-day.

In Bro. Captain Warren's book describing his discoveries, and in Redding's "Antiquities of the Orient Unveiled," these "Masons' Marks" are exactly pictured and described, and are of the deepest interest to Freemasons. But interesting as these marks are—forming right angles, triangles, stars, circles, crosses, triple triangles, &c., and awakening important historical and antiquarian recollections as these foundation-stones do, after all the great lesson they inculcate is taught, as all the lessons of Freemasonry are taught, symbolically. He who goes beneath the surface to find the deepest, most abiding truth, sees more than the material stones. And what is this truth? The fact that, while Solomon's Temple, Zerubbabel's Temple, and Herod's Temple—the triad of Temples that have stood on the world's chief Masonic ground—have all been swept from the face of Mount Moriah, so that not a vestige of them remains above the surface of the ground; the foundation-stones, as originally laid, continue in place to the present day, and promise to so remain other millenials to come—from which fact we learn, that while Freemasonry may tower aloft, a pyramid of Degrees, growing smaller and smaller as it rises into the thin air, the topmost shall be the first to fall, and the lowest of all the last to remain—eternal as the foundations upon which King Solomon, with the aid of the Tyrian builders, erected his glorious edifice to the only living and true God! Brethren of low degree, brethren of high degree, and brethren of all degrees, take note of this fact. The first three Degrees in Masonry are the foundations of the Masonic edifice to-day, and these alone, or these at last surely, like the material foundations of King Solomon's Temple, are destined to last for all time. The Master Mason's Degree is the Sublime Degree, and there is none higher, though many others have been superadded. Others beyond are only the original three Degrees attenuated and whittled away to a point. So-called "Higher Degrees" may be temporarily lifted up in the air, but they will not remain. In the nature of things the last Degree will be the first to go. Look at the Great Pyramid—truncated. Those Freemasons are most to be envied who value most the foundations of Masonry, who are most attentive to their lodge, who attend its duties first, and others afterwards.

How many so-called Masonic Degrees are there? It might be safe to say so many to-day; but you could not say how many there will be to-morrow. New rites, which are assemblages of Degrees, are invented without any particular trouble. All a brother has to do is to fancy himself a Solomon, and, presto, the thing is done. He may either start a new rite, or revive a defunct opposition to an old rite. Everything and anything is right in the eyes of a modern Solomon. He may improvise a Royal Masonic Rite, a Memphian Rite, an Egyptian Rite, or what not. The field is the world, and the fools are not all dead. A certain class are always ready to take any Degree offered. The appetite for Degrees "grows on what it feeds," and

fattens on "accumulative Masonry"—Masonry gone to seed, and then soaked and diluted to a ninetieth trituration. What do you think of a brother who has learned three hundred and sixty-five ways of recognising another brother, who understands three hundred and sixty-five methods of teaching an initiate his duties to his companions; who has three hundred and sixty-five manners of investing his loose cash; who worships with equal facility and seriousness at the altar of Mohammedanism or the altar of Christianity; who can one evening as a Templar imagine himself flashing his sword in an infidel Mohammedan's breast, and the next can join his recent affinity in singing praises to Allah? All this it may be is very curious, very interesting, but very inconsistent, and should be very startling. It is wandering away from the old faith after strange gods. It is covering up the body of Masonry, and decking it and smothering it with embarrassing apparel. It is erecting a superstructure which will not endure the trials of time. The basic Degrees only are for all time. The foundations of King Solomon's Temple to-day typify this fact to Freemasons. Let us honour these foundations as we should, for we owe to them all that we are, and all that we hope to be, as members of the great Free and Accepted Craft, which alone as a living fraternal chain encircles the globe.—Keystone.

A CANADIAN MASONIC WORTHY.

Sir Knight W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, in his Allocution at the meeting of the Great Priory, held at Hamilton, Ontario, on the 7th July last, referred at length in the following terms to the character and Masonic services of the late Sir Knight G. Canning Longley, one of the members of the Great Prior's Council, who died at Prescott, early in the present year. The account is much more worthy of notice that Sir Knights Moore and Longley were not of one mind on certain questions of policy, having reference to rites other than the Templar, that we have considered it expedient to transcribe it in full:—

Fra. George Canning Longley, whose private friendship I enjoyed for many years, and was fortunate in having the benefit of his extensive reading, sound judgment, and undisputed historical Masonic knowledge, as one of the Great Prior's Council in this Great Priory of Canada, departed this life at Prescott, Ont., 23rd February, 1885, and although not altogether unlooked for, having been a great sufferer and confined to his room for many months, the sad event has cast a gloom and left a blank amongst his many private and Masonic friends who knew him best.

Our lamented frater was taken away at the comparatively early age of 57 years. He was born at Maitland, Ont., on the 29th October, 1827, where the greater part of his life was spent, inheriting considerable landed property from his father, who had become a settler in Canada, arriving from England in the first decade of the century. For the last five years our brother resided at Prescott, where he held the position of Collector of Inland Revenue. In private life he was an amiable and affectionate husband and father, a kind and sincere friend, a retiring student, seldom to be found away from home or absent from his library and beloved books, and possessing an extensive collection of rare and unique works on all subjects.

In his extensive correspondence on Masonic matters he was at all times clear, courteous, and to the point, but caustic and cutting in the extreme when he felt called upon to administer the lash of disapproval. Our esteemed and lamented brother was essentially a "Masonic student," a seeker after truth, desiring always the fullest light upon all questions, preferring to see things as they are, not as a vain or fond imagination would fain suppose them to be. He delighted in sharing his store of learning, and took a generous pleasure in the exaltation of his friends to the honour and distinction of offices in Masonry, albeit he himself neither coveted or aspired to aught but the distinction of being thoroughly versed in the deepest mysteries of Masonic lore, and that could not be withheld, even by those whose imperfect intercourse with our lost friend and fellow worker denied them the privilege of his friendship. I could enlarge on this theme, having known and loved him well; but if "many waters cannot quench love, neither can many words conquer grief."

He became a Mason in 1852, and was initiated in a lodge at Ogdensburgh, State of New York, on the river St. Lawrence, opposite the Canadian Town of Prescott, afterwards affiliating with the Sussex Lodge, of Brockville, Canadian Registry, and the Royal Arch Chapter there.

In his own village of Maitland, he subsequently established the St. James Craft Lodge, and Maitland Royal Arch Chapter, also the Gondemar Preceptory and Raymond du Puis Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, in which I had myself initiated and installed him first Preceptor and Prior. He was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and that of Rome and Constantine, and was Vice-President of the Rosicrucian Society, together with the various side Degrees known in Canada as Masonic, and at the time of his death filled the office of Grand Master General of the Oriental Egyptian Rite, &c. Our brother was also at one time a member of the A. and A. S. Rite, Supreme Grand Council 33°, of Canada, holding the Degree of 32nd, and was M.W. Sovereign of the Rose Croix Chapter which he had established under that body, but unfortunately, having some misunderstanding with the executive officers, whom he asserted had assumed an offensive tone of superiority and dictatorial manner towards him, arising, it would seem, from his two liberal ideas on Masonry, which did not meet their views, therefore, with the unanimous consent of the members of the Rose Croix Chapter, he returned the warrant and resigned all connection with the Supreme Council. His resignation was accepted, and for two years his name disappeared from the roll of members in obedience to that body, when considering himself no longer under their control, nor in any way bound to them, he felt at liberty to join another body of the Rite in a foreign jurisdiction; this led to his forming an Independent Supreme Council for British North America, derived from the old "Cerneau" revived Body A. and A. S. Rite in the United States, and to his establishing, a long thought of scheme, a Sovereign Body to embrace all Rites and Degrees of the High Grade system of a common origin. Being an active member of the Supreme Council 33° for Canada, I did not coincide with him in the necessity or expediency of doing so, but this expressed difference of opinion was never allowed to disturb our long friendship, having agreed to avoid discussion on subjects

wherein we held adverse opinions, in this case entirely resting on preconceived ideas and individual bias of but trivial importance in the affairs of private life. I have thought it imperative to make this explanation, as an implied slur has been thrown upon our late brother's Masonic character by the high-handed measures the Supreme Council thought fit to adopt, by publishing his expulsion from their body, an act that can be only justifiable towards a member, which he was not, and is a stretch of despotic Masonic authority I totally dissent from. The Masonic standing of our late esteemed brother did not in any way suffer, nor, as plainly evident, prevent the success and progress of the bodies he had established. He had finished his career, and left behind naught but pleasant memories to his personal friends. May the voice which speaks to us in his death be properly attended to and improved by us, as we in mind stand beside his grave and drop a tear, exclaiming, "Alas, my Brother."

It may not be out of place here, for us all to be reminded of the old adage, "de mortuis nil nisi bonum," that a revered silence should be preserved towards the dead, unless we can speak good of them.

The Craft Abroad.

G. COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY.

Sir Knight Bernard G. Wilt, G. Commander, presided at the 38th annual conclave, held at Frankfort, on the 20th and 21st May last, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky, twenty-two Commanderies being represented, and the Grand Officers being well to the fore, while among the more distinguished visitors were Sir Knights La Rue Thomas, G.S.W. of the G. Encampment of the United States, and B. E. Langdon, G. Commander of Kansas. The opening was preceded by a grand pageant, the Sir Knights being fraternally welcomed by Sir Knight J. Procter Knott, Governor of the State. The total fund shows 3189 dollars, while the disbursements reached 1301 dollars, Sir Knight James M. Saffell was elected G. Commander for the year, and Sir Knight Loranzo Dow Croninger, of Covington, re-elected G. Recorder. The meeting appears to have been most successful and to have attracted a large amount of interest from the worthy citizens of Frankfort and its vicinity.

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY BURROWS.

The death is announced of Bro. Henry Burrows, who was well known and highly respected in Masonic circles in Liverpool and district. He had been for a long period a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 673, and occupied the post of Worshipful Master several years ago. Deceased also took an active interest in other branches of Masonry, and was a warm supporter of the Charities. He carried on an extensive business as a photographer in Islington (Liverpool) for many years, and in this connection he was also much esteemed. The interment took place on Tuesday afternoon, at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

- BIRD.—On the 6th inst., at Naas, co. Kildare, the wife of Capt. S. G. Bird, of a son.
- FRANCIS.—On the 4th inst., at Woodhurst Kent, the wife of Capt. W. H. Francis, of a son.
- KING.—On the 7th inst., at Windsor-place, Cardiff, the wife of B. W. King, of a son.
- LEE.—On the 5th inst., at Crumpsall, Manchester, the wife of W. Lee, of a daughter.
- SCHWARZSCHILD.—On the 7th inst., at 62, Pembridge-villas, Bayswater, W., the wife of Jacob Schwarzschild, of a son.
- WALTER.—On the 6th inst., at Mandeville-place, W., the wife of the Rev. H. M. Walter, of a son.
- WORTHINGTON.—On the 6th inst., at Oxford-terrace, W., the wife of G. M. Worthington, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- BOTTRILL—BAYLIS.—On the 2nd inst., at the parish church, Marylebone, Walter Edward Bottrill, of Culworth-street, Regent's Park, to Alice Baylis, of High-street, St. John's-wood.
- MAJOR—REYNOLDS.—On the 8th inst., at the parish church of Lewisham, Henry Major, of Greenwich, to Mary Jane Reynolds, of Lewisham.

DEATHS.

- BENSON.—On the 4th inst., at Faubourg St. Honoré, Paris, Charles Benson, Esq.
- CHAMP.—On the 5th inst., at Mabledon-place, W.C., Robert Champ, in his 79th year.
- GRAY.—On the 26th ult., at Sloane-street, Jane Annie, widow of H. G. Gray.
- LAYTON.—On the 7th inst., Edward John Layton, of Parkhurst, Bexley, Kent, aged 61.
- PARKER.—On the 4th inst., at Farndon, Cheshire, John Parker, M.R.C.S.L., L.S.A., late of Hanmer, Whitechurch, Shropshire, in his 61st year.
- SHORTER.—On the 6th inst., at Oakfield, Forest-hill, John Shorter, aged 75.
- SQUIRE.—On the 29th ult., at San Francisco, Lovell Squire, jun., M.A., late of Falmouth.
- WOOD.—On the 7th inst., at Wind-hill House, Bishop's Stortford, Thomas Wood, of Upper Montague-street, Russell-square.

The brethren of the different lodges (Nos. 1546, E.C., 655, S.C., &c.), held in Charters Towers, Queensland, celebrated St. John's Day (24th June) in right hearty fashion, the proceeding commencing with a banquet in the School of Arts, at which about 100 guests, among whom were several ladies, sat down. When the usual toast list had been honoured after dinner, the tables were removed, and dancing was entered upon, and kept up till an early hour of the following morning. Everything indeed passed off splendidly, the dinner and music being excellent, and the decorations of the room most suitable.



We regret very much to find that the name of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, was omitted from the list of Grand Officers and brethren present at the quarterly communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The Grand Secretary is so constant in his attendance on these occasions, that we should hardly have deemed it necessary to call attention to the omission, but we make good the shortcoming in the interests of that accuracy which is so desirable in the reports of our chief Masonic gatherings.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond-Wolff, M.P., our special envoy to the Sultan, is not expected to arrive at Cairo before the beginning of next month.

Bro. Admiral Bedford Pim has announced the probability of his being obliged to give up his candidature in the Conservative interest for Grimsby, owing to business engagements in the United States.

R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, will address a meeting of the electors at Cirencester on Tuesday next, the 15th inst., and will speak at Bristol on Friday, the 2nd proximo.

R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett presided at a meeting held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Ramsbury, in support of the candidature of Bro. W. H. Long, M.P. for East Wiltshire.

The tenth annual Dairy Show will be held early next month at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, the prizes to be awarded in the different classes representing in value not far short of £2000.

Bro. Henry Irving and his company inaugurated the new season at the Lyceum Theatre on Saturday, the play selected for the occasion being the "Olivia" of Mr. W. G. Wills, which was admirably played before a crowded and enthusiastic house.

Bros. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., and W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G. Stwd., are among the patrons of a gathering which will be held at the Albert Palace, Battersea Park, on Saturday next, under the auspices of the Ealing Conservative Club.

Bro. C. G. Long, P.M., Mayor of Maidstone, presided at a meeting at the Town Hall, Maidstone, on Monday evening, for the purpose of promoting the early closing movement and establishing a local branch of the Early Closing Association.

Bro. T. Love Jones-Parry, M.P., who had resolved on retiring from his candidature in the Liberal interest for the Carnarvon Burghs, has, at the request of the local Liberal Association, reconsidered his determination, and will contest the seat at the General Election.

A great sale of Shorthorns, the property of Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Underley, among those present being Bros. the Earl of Lathom, the Marquis of Headfort, the Duke of Manchester, and Lord Egerton of Tatton.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon's official visit to the North of Ireland commenced on Monday, when his lordship started at Dublin for Belfast, arriving in the latter city between six and seven o'clock. The visit will last during the whole of the present week and be continued till Wednesday next, when he is timed to return to the capital.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., reached Inverness on Saturday, and proceeded thence to spend the holidays at Lord Wimborne's estate at Auchnashellach. His lordship at an early date will visit Liverpool, where he will be presented with an illuminated address and an album by the Conservative Associations of Lancashire, a sum of about £200 having been subscribed for the purpose.

The Prince of Wales was present with Bro. King Oscar of Sweden and the Crown Prince and Princess at the regatta, at Stockholm, on Saturday last, of the Swedish Yacht Club. The same afternoon the Princess of Wales arrived at Helsingor, where her Royal Highness was received by the members of the Royal Family and her brother the King of Greece.

Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P., and party, were among those present at a grand display of Old English Sports, which took place early last week in Grimston Park, Yorkshire, and was brought to a conclusion on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The sports included a grand pageant of the Harvest Queen, the pastoral play of "Robin Hood," &c. There was a large concourse of spectators, who were all delighted with the various representations and games.

The Æolus Waterspray and General Ventilating Company, 235, High Holborn, have received instructions to apply their complete system of inlet and outlet ventilation to the new composing room and stereo foundry of the *Morning Post*. This is the third London "daily" which has entrusted the ventilation of its printing premises to the Æolus Company, the other two being the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Daily News*. Amongst other recent applications of the Æolus system are St. Raphael's House of Charity, Bristol; the School Offices, Wolverhampton; Clifton Church, York; the Commercial Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh; the Post Office, Canterbury, for H.M. Office of Works; the Heneage Board Schools, near Grimsby; Anerley Board Schools, &c.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall will hold its annual meeting at the Elementary Schools, Lostwithiel, on the 21st inst., at 11 a.m. At 12.30 p.m. the brethren will attend Divine service, when a sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. E. P. Kendall. On the Prov. Grand Lodge being resumed, the Prov. Grand Officers for the year will be appointed and invested. The customary banquet will be held at the Royal Talbot Hotel, the price of tickets, which may be obtained of the Stewards, being 4s. each, exclusive of wine. It may be as well to add that the Railway Executive have very kindly undertaken to issue return first and second class tickets at the price of a single fare and a quarter to all brethren proposing to attend Prov. Grand Lodge on production of their Masonic clothing.

The Princess of Wales has consented to open the new Institute for Working Lads in Whitechapel-road, on Saturday, the 31st October next, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Bro. Lord Brabourne addressed a crowded meeting of Conservative electors at Glamis, Forfarshire, on Thursday, the 3rd instant.

It is expected that the Prince of Wales will arrive at Fredensborg on Monday next, in order to join the King and Princess of Wales and the other members of the Danish Royal Family.

The complimentary dinner which is proposed to be given to Bro. the Lord Mayor, by the members of the Loriners' Company, is arranged to take place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday, the 24th October.

Bro. W. C. Borlase is the Liberal candidate for the St. Austell Division of Cornwall at the General Election; and Bro. Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., M.P., for the St. Ives Division.

Bro. J. W. E. Macartney, M.P., presided at a convention of Conservative delegates, held on Monday, for the purpose of making arrangements for the representation of the party for South Tyrone at the Election.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Granville arrived at their residence, Carlton House Terrace, on Tuesday evening, after a few weeks' cruising on board Bro. Lord Wolverton's yacht, *Palatine*.

Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., P.G.S.W., was among the guests present on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the Duke and Duchess of Westminster threw open their new residence of Eaton Hall, on the banks of the Dee, to the clergy and gentry of Cheshire.

There will be a special performance of the Mohawk Minstrels at their quarters in the Royal Agricultural Hall, on Wednesday next, the 16th inst., when Bro. W. Francis one of the proprietors, takes his annual benefit.

To-morrow (Saturday), at Drury Lane Theatre, the new drama of "Human Nature" will be produced with wonderful scenic and spectacular effects. In the military procession in the fourth act it is said there will be considerably over 600 supers and others.

The Queen has granted her Royal licence to the nephew and residuary legatee of the late Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., to use the surname of Montefiore, in addition to his own surname of Sebagg, and to bear our late brother's arms.

The installation of Bro. G. F. Smith, W.M. elect, as W.M. of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, to-morrow (Saturday), at 5 p.m. punctually, the lodge being opened at 4 p.m. The banquet is fixed for 6.30.

California has 24 encampments of Knights Templar, the strongest in point of membership being California, No. 1, of San Francisco, which musters 245 Sir Knights, and the weakest, Colusa, No. 24, which has only 28. Nos. 2, 6, 7, 11, and 16 all muster over 100 strong, while Nos. 18 and 23 are only ahead by one of the youngest and least numerous. The total strength is 1936.

The annual meeting of Elliott Mark Lodge, No. 169, was held on the 31st ult., at the lodge room, Stonehouse; but, on account of the indisposition of the W.M. elect, Bro. L. Martin, the election was not confirmed, and, in consequence, the present W.M., Bro. W. H. Lister, and the other officers hold their present offices for another year.

The *Yeoman* of Wanganui, N.Z., for the 26th June last, contains references to a very able review which has recently appeared in *Adelaide*, South Australia, of a work written by Bro. W. M. Hugo of that city, and entitled "The Origin and Antiquity of Freemasonry." The review is very complimentary and deservedly so, if we may judge of the character and contents of the work by the description given of them by the writer.

There were present at the Installation Banquet of the Master Cutler of Sheffield on Thursday, the 3rd inst., several notabilities, the most prominent among them being Bros. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Secretary of State for India; the Earl of Wharcliffe; the Lord Mayor of London, M.P. (Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., P.G.W.); and C. Stuart-Wortley, M.P. The day following Bro. Lord R. Churchill addressed an immense gathering of the electors of the town, held in Albert Hall under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Wharcliffe, to whom a vote of thanks for his kindness was passed unanimously.

YE ANTIENTE FRATERNITE OF YE RAHER ALMONERS will hold high festival at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., on Thursday, the 22nd prox., under the presidency of Bro. Sir Robert N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor. The Sheriffs of London and Middlesex will, it is anticipated, be present on the occasion, and Bro. Alderman De Keyser, Alderman of the Ward of Farringdon Without, and the members of the Common Council for that Ward, have promised their patronage and assistance. Remembering the admirable arrangements and success of the gathering over which Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., presided when Lord Mayor, in support of this very deserving Charity, an entertainment of no common order may be reasonably expected by those who may be enabled to obtain tickets for the forthcoming festival.

The National Refuge Harbours Society of the United Kingdom is an eminently useful organization, which well deserves the support of the British public, and it is with great regret we learn from a circular issued by the Executive, and bearing the signature of R.W. Bro. Lord Waveney, as Chairman of Council, that it is "in danger of languishing for want of pecuniary assistance." This certainly ought not to be, and it will be a reproach to the country if such a statement should have to be repeated in next year's report. The good it does is almost incalculable, and in bringing the claims of the Society under the notice of our readers, we have much pleasure in commending them to their generous consideration. A body which numbers among its donors and subscribers such men as Bros. Lord Powerscourt, Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., Lord Robartes, Sir W. B. H. Folkes, Bart., M.P., D. McIver, M.P., the Duke of Portland, &c., needs only to be more widely known in order to be more generally supported.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., will enter on his 58th year to-morrow (Saturday).

Bro. Sir John Bennett has finally given up his candidature in the Liberal interest for the Brentford Division of the county of Middlesex.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley has consented to preside at the annual dinner, to be held early in December, of the North London Rifle Club, of which his lordship is President.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., visited Croydon on Monday, for the purpose of assisting in the ceremony of laying the memorial stones of the West Croydon Congregational Church.

Bro. J. Judd, C.C., of South Knoll, Upper Norwood, took the oaths and his seat as one of the Surrey Magistrates on Monday last, at the Sessions House, Kennington.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., was the guest of Mr. J. W. Birch, J.P. of Rickmansworth Park, Herts, from Friday to Saturday last, returning to the Mansion House on the morning of the latter day.

The health of Bro. G. R. Sims is considered sufficiently critical to justify his medical advisers in ordering him to take complete rest from work and change of scenes and climate.

There is good reason to believe that Bro. the Lord Mayor will succeed Bro. Alderman Staples as representative of the City on the Metropolitan Board of Works when the latter is elected to the Mayoralty of London.

That old and popular lodge of instruction, the Temperance, No. 169, will resume its accustomed meetings on the first Friday in October next. Full particulars of Bro. Henry Strickland, the courteous Hon. Secretary.

The new Hall of the Butchers' Company was formally opened on Monday, and at the "dèjeûner" which followed the interesting but simple ceremony, there were present, among others, Bros. Alderman De Keyser, W. Malthouse, J. Cox, G. J. Lambert, and others.

Bro. C. R. Johnston, P.M. of the Beta Lodge, and now of Auckland, N.Z., was presented on the 24th June last with a handsome P.M.'s. jewel of the value of £10 in recognition of his many and great services to the Craft during a considerable term of years.

According to statistics quoted by the Philadelphia *Keystone*, the Board of Relief of the Grand Lodge of California distributed close on 9915 dollars, in 142 cases during the past year, a sum of 240 dollars being appropriated to a Master Wilcox for the ensuing year.

The same journal records the death at Lynchburg, Virginia, on the 8th ult., of Bro. the Hon. James Garland, the fourth oldest Freemason in the United States. Bro. Garland, who was in the 95th year of his age, was initiated in 1812. He was a volunteer in the war of 1812, was twice elected to Congress, and had been at the bar and on the bench for as many years as he had been a brother.

We mentioned a fortnight since that Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom celebrated their silver wedding on the 16th August, and we are glad to be in a position to announce that the brethren of the Province of West Lancashire intend presenting his lordship with a loving cup as a memento of the happy occasion, as well as of the affectionate regard in which his lordship and the countess are held by the Masonic fraternity of that district.

Bro. E. G. Clements presided at the stated meeting of the Rodney Lodge, No. 1711, in the Masonic Hall, Warkworth, North Island, N.Z., on the 25th June last. There was a fair average attendance, the business transacted including the appointment of Bros. E. G. Clements, W.M., W. J. Southgate, P.M., and George W. Thomson, J.W., as a committee to report upon the position of the lodge at its entrance upon a new year.

Mr. Mark H. Judge, who was recently presented with a testimonial for his excellent work on the Paddington Vestry, has designed a street lavatory which deserves the attention of all local authorities in large towns. The chief feature of Mr. Judge's plan is that the accommodation is entirely below the surface of the roadway. All that can be seen is an ornamental pillar-lamp rising out of a bed of plants and surrounded by an ornamental iron railing. On one side are two flights of steps, one for entrance and one for exit; below are five waterclosets, nineteen urinals, a lavatory for three wash-basins, and an attendant's room. Each closet is separately ventilated by a grating in the curb, the whole being ventilated through the lamp and lighted by means of prism pavement lights. The lavatory is most ingeniously designed, and is, moreover, comparatively inexpensive. The introduction of such places into London streets would be a great boon to the inhabitants of the metropolis.—*Lancet*.

We have much pleasure in drawing attention to the recently published "Laureate Edition" of the Masonic Poems of Bro. Dr. Rob. Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky. It is a complete collection of his poetical works, and seeing that the author some months since was formally installed the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry at a grand gathering held for the purpose in the United States, we trust this evidence of his just claims to the title will find a generous amount of patronage among Craftsmen generally. The work is described as a splendidly printed and handsomely bound quarto of some 400 pages, its outer case being in all respects worthy of the poetic beauties with which its interior pages are enriched. The price of the volume is £1, post paid, and orders may be addressed either to Bro. Dr. Morris himself, at his residence, La Grange, Kentucky, or to Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., Grosvenor House, Torquay, who has kindly volunteered to do all in his power to promote the sale in this country.

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