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The first part of the premier volume of the Transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076—*Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*—the new Home of the Masonic Literati, is now being issued to the members and to the brethren enrolled in the rapidly increasing "Correspondence Circle." So great is the value of the "papers" which are thus published, so interesting are the sketches appended of the lodge proceedings, and so artistic is the "get up" of the volume, that the indefatigable editor, Bro. G. W. Speth, of Margate, is being congratulated on every hand, as he deserves to be, on the advent, general appearance, and contents of this initial number of what will doubtless prove to be, a series of volumes of immense importance to the literary portion of the Craft. The carefully selected members and the numerous friends of what may be emphatically termed *the Students'* Lodge will rejoice, as we do most thoroughly, to see such an unmistakable evidence of the determination of the founders and officers to carry out the distinctive objects set before them on the formation of the "Quatuor Coronati." All doubts as to the success of the enterprise—the new movement—are now dispelled; for we take it that no one will rise from the perusal of this elegant and deeply interesting number without feeling assured that a bright and most useful future is in store for No. 2076, which will not only reflect the greatest credit on the "immortal nine" who started the organization, but prove of lasting benefit to the Fraternity at home and abroad. In another part of the *Freemason* we draw attention to the varied and attractive contents of this new departure, and shall take the opportunity of considering the important papers in detail, as time and circumstances permit. Meanwhile we have to fraternally warn our English, our British readers especially, that as the edition is limited to some 250 copies, and more than half that number is already exhausted in consequence of the "Correspondence Circle" running up to close on one hundred, no time should be lost in either qualifying as members of the "Outer Circle" so as to secure copies whilst they are to be had, or by subscribing in the ordinary way. The fee is only half a guinea for each member of the ever-increasing staff of correspondents, subject, of course, to election. Membership of the "Inner Circle" is, of course, of a much more restricted character, and from a literary point of view, is beyond question, the "blue ribbon" of the Craft. All particulars may be obtained from the able and most courteous secretary, to whom so much of the success of the lodge is due, or from any of the members whose names alone are sufficient to guarantee the prosperity of any enterprise in connection with our beloved society.

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OUR brethren in the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight have every reason to be gratified with the proceedings at the annual meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge on the 15th instant. There was a strong attendance, and much enthusiasm over the various reports that were handed in by the principal executive officers. The lodges are numerous and efficiently worked, while the finances showed a high standard of prosperity, there being a balance at bank of about £190, notwithstanding that the sum of 250 guineas had been voted at the beginning of the year to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at whose Anniversary Festival the respected Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., presided, and a further 50 guineas since to the other Institutions. Moreover, the result of the said Benevolent Festival was so splendidly successful that our Hants friends may be excused for laying the flattering unction to their soul that on that occasion in particular they did their duty as men and Masons. We have frequently remarked that a distinguished brother undertakes no light responsibility when he consents to preside at one of our Festivals, and it must also be allowed that a Chairman's Province, if he is so fortunate as to preside over one, takes upon itself in supporting him a duty of almost equal weight. It is permissible, therefore, that when these duties have been discharged as admirably as they were in this instance by Bro. BEACH and his province that the two should take the first available opportunity of congratulating each other on the success of their joint labours. Again as regards the compliments and congratulations that were paid to Bro. the Earl of CARNARVON, Pro Grand Master of England on his appointment to the Lord Lieutenancy of Hampshire, and Bro. RICHARD

EVE on his election as Grand Treasurer of United Grand Lodge, it was natural the brethren in their capacity of Hampshire men should compliment a brother Mason so distinguished as a statesman and county magistrate as Lord CARNARVON on his appointment to such an office, and that as Masons they should felicitate Bro. EVE on his success at an election, in which so many of them had taken part. All this part of the proceedings was as creditable as it was allowable, and we trust that what passes at future meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge may be as justifiably gratifying. The year that has just closed will be a memorable one in the annals of Hants Freemasonry.

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THERE are few measures that have been adopted in celebration of the QUEEN'S Jubilee which are calculated to prove more really serviceable than that taken by the Ara Lodge, No. 348 (Irish Register), New Zealand, which at its last monthly meeting unanimously resolved that in honour of that auspicious event, a Fund to be called "The Ara Jubilee Widow and Orphan Fund" should be formed. We offer no opinion as to the resolutions for establishing this Fund and rendering it permanently useful to the indigent members of the Craft in the Colony. They commended themselves to the wisdom of those locally competent to judge, and that is enough. But there can be no doubt that the character of the proposal is essentially Masonic, and at the same time fully worthy of the Gracious Lady who has reigned over the British Empire for so many years, and who during that period has done so much to benefit those whom misfortune may have overtaken. We congratulate the brethren of the Ara Lodge on this admirable scheme, and trust its establishment will be carried out satisfactorily.

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WE do not revert to the Quebec difficulty because we have altered or modified the opinions we have already expressed, or because we are in a position to throw new light on the question. We have no new suggestion to offer which is likely to terminate the difficulty. Indeed, we fancy that any fresh opinions we might propound would be met in the same manner as those we have already advanced. We should be told in plain English that we did not understand the doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty as interpreted on the North American continent, or that, understanding it, we were incompetent, through prejudice, to pass judgment on the point at issue. It occurs to us, however, that greater respect may perhaps be shown to the arguments employed by the Committee of an American Grand Lodge, and the resolution which it adopted, than to anything we have said, or may have further to say. As our readers are aware, the Grand Lodge of New York last year set itself decidedly against the adoption of any course that could be interpreted as favourable to the pretensions of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in its differences with England in the matter of the three Anglo-Montreal lodges. Now we have the opinions of the Committee on Correspondence of the same Grand Lodge, as interpreted by Bro. J. W. SIMONS, Past Grand Master, and from these we gather that the Committee, while it cheerfully concedes that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is "just and legally constituted," that "its jurisdictional limits are coincident with the political lines of the province within which it is located," and consequently that "no act of Masonic sovereignty can now be inaugurated therein without its consent," it is not prepared to admit that "there is any known Masonic law under the operation of which just and regular lodges hailing from a recognised and unquestionable authority, and at the time of their formation in possession of vacant territory, can be forced to give up their existence or change their allegiance except by the exercise of their own free will and accord." The Committee very properly distinguish between what people say "ought" to be done "in the interests of peace and good Masonic government," and what they say "must" be done legally. They state that "after long and patient examination of the various journals and acts of Grand Lodges" they have found "nothing of greater weight than opinions which, however plausible, are not law." They consider "the solution of the difficulty is to be sought in fraternal persuasion, not in edicts of non-intercourse." They, therefore, submit a resolution to the effect "That the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, while earnestly upholding the rights of the Grand Lodge of Quebec as a sovereign and independent Masonic Government, refuses to accept the doctrine that lodges legally constituted by competent and acknowledged authority can be compelled by any known law to transfer their allegiance against their will. At the same time it is fraternally recommended to the three lodges in Montreal holding English Warrants, that they cease their opposition, and become part of the constituency of the Grand Lodge of Quebec." It is almost needless to add that this Resolution, which contains nothing but the plainest common sense, was adopted, so that Quebec, in its conduct, as in its exposition of Masonic international law, finds no sympathy whatever in the Grand Lodge of New York. In conclusion, let us add that the Committee's Resolution embodies the opinions we have heretofore expressed and still hold on the Quebec difficulty, and we trust that now they have been set forth by an American and unprejudiced authority instead of by an English, and therefore presumably a partisan one, the Grand Lodge of Quebec will show itself just a little more amenable to reason and Masonic feeling.

The Quebec Difficulty.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.**

The annual meeting of the above province was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Victoria Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, under the banner of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257. The lodge room was tastefully decorated with choice plants and exotics, and the banners of the respective lodges in the province were conspicuously displayed around the walls, whilst those of the province and the Provincial Grand Master were suspended on each side of the platform, upon which the Provincial Grand Master, the R.W. Bro. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the W. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., occupied seats, supported by a large concourse of Past Provincial Grand Officers.

Amongst those present were—

Bros. R. Fve, G. Greas. Eng., acting P.S.G.W.; Lord John H. Tylour, P.M. 698, P.J.G.W.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 1990, P.G. Reg.; R. J. Rastrick, P.M. 1069, P.G. Treas.; E. Goble, P.M. 309, P.G. Sec.; H. E. Loader, P.M. 487, P.S.G.D.; H. Lashmore, P.M. 342, P.S.G.D.; J. Brockwood, P.M. 342, P.J.G.D.; F. Powell, W.M. 2153, P.G.D.C.; J. Bailey, P.M. 1834, P.A.G.D.C.; W. J. Rix, W.M. 1331, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. Farrance, P.M. 132, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Kimber, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Jackson, P.M. 1428, P.G. Purst.; J. T. Binnett, P.M. 1883, P.A.G. Purst.; J. M. Foster, P.M. 1776, and J. Palmer, I.P.M. 2663, P.G. Stewards; J. Exell and R. Eames, P.G. Tylers; Frederick Binckes, Secretary R.V. Institution for Boys, Past G.S.B. Eng.; G. Wyatt, P.M. 151, P.P.S.G.W.; E. W. Watts, P.M. 151, P.P.G. Chap.; W. H. Jacob, P.M. 76, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. Golden, P.M. 151; H. J. Thatcher, P.M. 694; F. F. Ansley, S.C. 551; F. H. Sheppard, 551; G. H. Swansborough, S.W. 2016; G. F. Bevi, W.M.; I. Tuznell, S.W.; G. Miller, J.W., and P. H. Emanuel, of 2068; A. Knight-Peace, W.M. 1071; F. C. Marks, 913; W. G. P. Gilbert, W.M. 2068; F. Buckland, P.M. 839, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; W. J. Borrow, W.M. 1598; J. H. Bracey 342; J. Patstone, P.M. 1780; A. Algar, I.P.M. 1783; R. Dampier-Child, P.M. 1809, 1323, and 698; G. Etheridge, 132; J. T. D. Dunsell, 76; H. Harbor, I.P.M. 2016; G. Aylward, J.W. 1776; E. R. Fisher, 2068; R. P. Briant, 1705; R. Pither, Asst. Sec. 2068; D. G. Gilmore, 309; J. B. Atkinson, P.M. 193, P.P.J.G.D.; S. Williams, 1428; J. Hull, P.M. 1331, P.P.G. Purst.; W. L. Coulson, P.M. 723; D. Williams, P.M. 686, P.P.S.G.W.; R. B. Guest, 1428; E. Whitehall, W.M. 1069; E. Borman, J.D. 2174; T. H. Nancarrow, 2074; H. Cayte, P.M. 342, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Harbour and H. King, of 2068; W. Bentell, W.M. 312; A. Hewett, S.W. 342; J. Hathaway, Sec. 913; H. Bunly, and I. H. Woodrow, J.W., of 2074; G. R. King, 151; Rev. J. C. Wilton, W.M. 1373; E. Brougham and H. I. Holmes, of 309; H. J. Guy, P.M. 342, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Cluett, Sec. 1869; G. I. Cluett, J.O. C. 1869; J. C. W. Masterman, Org. 342 and 1958; J. Scott Ramsay, S.W. 694; O. C. Cox, 1777; S. N. Bryn, 694; J. H. M. Queen, P.M. 1869; H. Simes and C. H. Hardy, of 487; T. H. King, P.M. 1883; E. S. Innes, J.D. 2153; J. Marks, P.M. 76; J. Taylor, W.M., and E. F. D. Turkington, I.G., of 1331; C. G. Beaumont, W.M., and G. F. W. Mortimer, P.M., of 1112; J. Friedeberg, P.M. 342, P.P.G.P.; R. Gaspar, P.M. 723, P.P.G. Steward; E. Austin, J.D. 1903; E. G. Wright, E. Hart, and T. Bruce, of 1834; Q. Cicconi, S.D. 2068; W. Stanley, P.M. 1776, P.D.S. G.W.; D. O. Hobbs, P.M., and E. Wise, S.W., of 1461; M. F. Curtis, W.M. 1461; S. Myers, P.M. 130; B. J. Marvin, P.M. 175; W. M. Outridge, P.M. 487; J. J. Francis, S.D. 394; J. Jenkins, S.W., and W. Bates, J.W., of 487; W. Andrews, J.W. 175; G. Bellinger, S.D. 1883; G. Reading, 2068; G. S. Aylen, Sec. 1834; E. P. Blake and T. F. Morton, of 257; A. Stone, 342; H. Abraham, 130; C. W. Bevis, S.W. 1834; W. J. White, 1776; J. Madge, 342; R. J. Tarney, P.M. 342; G. S. Cunningham, P.M. 1834; J. T. Blanche, 1776; G. Mason, P.M. 1834; R. L. Robertson, P.M. 352, W.M. 2160; R. S. P. Griffiths, P.M. 1903; T. Smith, P.M. 175; G. J. Gould, W.M., and S. A. Dore, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., of 319; A. Gover, S.W. 76; H. Darrant, I.P.M.; G. L. Stobbs, P.M., P.P.G. Steward; W. Watts, C. Sweetman, M. Taylor, H. Woods, and J. Keet, of 175; G. A. Brannon, J.D. 151; R. Cuttingford, J.D. 35; D. C. Brookland, W.M. 342; C. H. Hooper and G. Woodthorpe, of 2078; J. Andrews and R. Payne, of 342; C. L. Smith, I.G. 309; C. D. Stentford, P.M. 159; R. Bell, P.M. 1461; F. Couper, P.M. 1834; F. Rayner, 1884; W. Merrifield, 2068; J. Bunt, jun., P.M.; H. A. Izod, I.G.; and W. B. Martin, of 1869; J. W. Gieve, P.M. 309; A. Barfield, P.M.; F. Rutland, S.W.; and G. A. Mursell, P.P.G.D., P.M., of 35; C. V. Birch, S.W. 2074; J. G. Mason, P.M. 1428; A. Chugg, 2068; H. Van Marle, W.M. 132; R. Young, 1884; W. H. Bolitho, Sec. 342; A. Joliffe, P.M. 257; C. Seidenstucker and J. Robinson, of 2153; J. L. Snell, 487; W. Hammond Riddett, S.W. 693; A. Greenham, P.M., W.M. 1884; H. P. Holley, P.M., and M. E. Frost, P.P.S.G.W., P.M., of 487; F. Pines, P.M., P.P.G.W., 257; W. F. Dapree, I.P.M. 1069; E. S. Marr, P.M. 1776, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Gieve, P.M. 1069, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Mason, P.M. 1567; G. Bond, 487; W. Dart, P.M., W.M. 2074; J. Prior, 2068; G. R. Strick, P.M. 1428, P.P.A.G.P.; E. Milton, Sec.; G. F. Williams, Treas.; and E. Pratt, I.P.M., of 1428; W. Miles, P.M. 1776; W. Gunnell, P.M. 342, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; V. Smith, 913; H. W. Blackadar, Sec. 2074; H. G. Bessent, F. J. Hill, and W. H. Smith, of 2074; J. G. Livesay, S.W. 1903; L. B. Darwin, Sec. 257; G. Farney Brown, P.M. 1834; T. Lowe, P.M. 175, P.P.J.G.D.; H. G. Giles, I.G. 1903; W. Campbell, S.W. 257; W. B. Roger, P.M. 1957, P.P.G.R.; R. H. Brannon, I.P.M. 394; J. Shemmonds, W.M., and R. Hodges, S.D., of 195; H. Gee, S.W. 723; W. W. Allingham, 723; J. Sidney Senior, W.M., and G. Darby, I.P.M., of 1705; J. E. Buck, P.M., and J. Hamstone, J.D., of 342; T. Stretton, S.W., and D. Crisp, J.W., of 2155; G. Young, S.D. 1428; H. J. Long, P.M. 1903; W. Creedon, P.M. 928; G. Backler, Treas. 1903; G. Huggett, 487; J. Conner, P.M. 1869; G. Williams, D.C. 2068; J. W. Butt, S.W. 903; J. E. Thornton, I.P.M. 913; T. R. Williams, P.M. 257; G. Carter, Tyler 257; G. Copus, Tyler 342; G. Smith, Tyler 487; W. Vane, Tyler 130; C. Harrington, Tyler 785; E. Young, Tyler 55; J. F. Parkinson, Tyler 1776; J. T. Wells, Tyler 2068; I. Bryan, Tyler 2074; J. Swan, P.M.; R. Pocock, W.M.; M. P. Creedon, P.M.; W. Smoker, P.M.; E. Nayler, P.M.; T. Cupam, J.W.; G. Coose, Steward; H. V. Ham, J.D.; J. Woodhouse, P.M. 928, P.P.G.S.B.; A. J. Browne, P.M. 1461; H. Cooke, S.W. 309; W. L. Green, J.D. 1776; J. Townsend, 342; G. D. Lovegrove, Org. 257; J. J. Bascombe, W.M., and H. G. Luck, J.W., of 304; W. A. Hill, W.M. 309; R. E. Backler, S.W. 1776; F. Wilson, 342; J. R. Wright, 342; J. Porter, 2068; J. B. Harrison, I.P.M. 723; Wm. Edmonds, P.M. 309, P.P.G. Reg.; S. E. Vivash, 342; J. Eilery, Sec.; C. Saugdon, C. Carter, W.M.; F. Newman, P.M. 175, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Halliday, 2169; G. Rogers, 2169; G. Day, J. C. Airs, P.M. 35; J. M. Taylor, I.G. 35; J. W. Boughton, W.M. 487; W. H. Hutchinson, 487; J. Bussey, 342; E. Good, P.M. 804; C. Knell, Tyler 151; A. R. Hulbrook, P.M. 309.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 2.15 p.m., and after the roll of the lodges in the province was read and responded to by their respective representatives, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and the W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master were each saluted in ancient form. The minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Southampton, August 19th, 1886, and Special Grand Lodge, held at Winchester, Jan. 31st, 1887, were read and confirmed.

The Dep. Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, moved the adoption of the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts, remarking that it was a source of gratification that although, owing to the fact of their Provincial Grand Master having presided at the Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution, they had voted 250 guineas to its funds, they had a balance of £240 11s. 8d. Fifty guineas had been paid since the accounts were printed to the other Institutions, so that they now had a balance at the bank of £190.

W. Bro. EVE, Grand Treasurer of England, seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

Bro. J. GIEVE proposed, and Bro. DAMPIER-CHILD seconded, the re-election of Bro. R. J. Rastrick as Prov. Grand Treasurer, who was unanimously elected.

Bro. RASTRICK returned thanks, and impressed upon the brethren his not wishing to monopolise and hold that office indefinitely, and if at any time any other brother wished to hold that office he would willingly give way, and he himself would only accept the Treasurership by the unanimous vote. (Applause.)

Bro. E. GOBLE, Prov. Grand Secretary, proposed, and Bro. GLASSPOOL seconded, that the Committee to audit the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts should consist of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Wardens, Prov. Grand Secretary, and the W. Masters of the various lodges, which was carried unanimously.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee was read. They had met on September 25th, 1886, January 29th, and July 30th, 1887. £100 was waiting for investment, and was invested in New Zealand Bonds similar to those already held. The Provincial candidates were adopted, and through the exertions of the Committee and the generous support of the brethren of the province generally, were elected—in October, 1886, one girl and one boy, April, 1887, three girls and one boy, May, 1887, two women. The candidate adopted for the Girls' School in October next was Ethel Joliffe.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER proposed the adoption of the report, and said that the result of the election to the Girls' School could not but be highly satisfactory to the province, for last April they had three girls admitted to the School. The result of their operations had been that during the year they had succeeded in ensuring the election of four girls, two boys, and two widows to the benefits of their Masonic Charities. He submitted that that was not an unsatisfactory state of things to report to their annual meeting, and he trusted that if the circumstances should require it during the coming twelve months their success at Freemasons' Hall would be as great as it had been during the past year. Some complaints were made last year that the votes of the province had not come in so well as could have been hoped for. But he thought that with the present satisfactory result they might congratulate the lodges generally on having supported to the utmost the candidates adopted by the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee. (Applause.)

Bro. A. KNIGHT PRESCOTT seconded, and it was unanimously adopted.

The Prov. G.M., W. Bro. W. B. BEACH, M.P., said it was customary for Masons to congratulate a brother who attained a high office, and he thought that when one was connected with their own county it was all the more matter for congratulation. He wished to propose a vote of congratulation to an eminent member of the Craft, who had just received the highest dignity in the county which it was in the power of the Sovereign to bestow—he referred to their Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, who had been appointed Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire. (Applause.) They knew the eminent services he had rendered to the Craft for many a bygone day. He had always taken a very warm interest in its prosperity, and done everything he could to advance it. He presided over another province and acted as Pro Grand Master, giving his assistance to their Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. He had now been called to the high office of Lord Lieutenant, which had many responsibilities attached to it, and he was sure that they had every reason to hope that he would so discharge those duties as to meet with general approbation. He was sure he would do his utmost to deserve the confidence which had been reposed in him, and that he would be able with his talent and impartiality to well discharge the duties of the very high office which had been entrusted to him. They all regretted the death of the Marquis of Winchester, who had for so many years fulfilled the high duties of Lord Lieutenant in a manner which gave general satisfaction. But as a vacancy had occurred he was sure it would give them great pleasure to agree to a vote of congratulation to their eminent brother, the Earl of Carnarvon, on succeeding to the position. (Applause.)

Bro. WYATT, in seconding, said he would like to add to what had already been said that they had the honour of having the Prov. Grand Master at their head who initiated the M.V. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. (Applause.)

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, Deputy Prov. G.M., in supporting the resolution, said the Earl of Carnarvon was esteemed by all of them as Pro Grand Master and occupying a very high position in the county, and he hoped that as his lordship was leaving for another latitude to recruit his health he would return before many months in improved health. (Applause.)

The resolution was carried.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed his Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, 130	...	...	Prov. D.P.G.M.
" T. R. Williams, 257	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. F. W. Mortimer, 1112	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Dr. Ring, 1705	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. C. Wilton, 1373	...	...	
" A. R. Holbrook, 309	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. J. Rastrick, 1069	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Edgar Goble, 309	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. A. Knight Prescott, 1971	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" D. W. Preston, 2158	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. Dampier-Child, 1869	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. Greenham, 1884	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. H. Jacob, 76	...	...	Prov. G. Sup. Wks.
" W. Miles, 1776	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Berry, 1780	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" R. W. Downing, 903	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. Glasspool, 723	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" T. H. I. Petherick, 551	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" D. O. Hobbs, 1461	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. Rutland, 35	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Rev. A. A. Headley, 309	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" H. J. Thatcher, 694	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. L. Robertson, 2169	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" G. R. King, 151	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. G. P. Gilbert, 257	...	...	
" H. P. Holley, 487	...	...	
" R. Pocock, 928	...	...	
" W. T. Dupree, 1069	...	...	
" E. Pratt, 1428	...	...	} Prov. G. Tylers.
" J. Exell, 487	...	...	
" R. Eames, 309	...	...	

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in speaking of the progress of Freemasonry, congratulated the brethren on the success which had attended Freemasonry in that province during the present year. He thanked the brethren of the province most sincerely and heartily for the very liberal assistance which they had given him when presiding at the festival of the Benevolent Institution. They had not a great length of time, but they came forward in such a loyal and liberal spirit that the amount of subscriptions at the festival was larger than had ever been known before, and therefore he thought there was every reason to congratulate the province upon the very liberal way in which it had come forward and upon the very handsome way in which it had rallied round him on that occasion. (Applause.) He also congratulated them on the manner in which Freemasonry was flourishing. It was a great responsibility for a Provincial Grand Master when asked to recommend new lodges. He thought it was not advisable for Masons to be in too great a hurry to constitute new lodges, unless they were perfectly sure they had good grounds for believing they would flourish. They should start new lodges, not merely for the sake of holding office, but with a desire to propagate the advantages of Freemasonry. He hoped they would think over such a matter as that, and not take action unless they believed it would be to the advantage of the Craft. He took a little time to consider these applications. He thought it right to make full inquiry and to satisfy himself on these points, and he hoped they would give him credit for not throwing any obstacle in the way if he was satisfied that a new lodge would be for the advantage of the Craft. (Applause.) Two new lodges would be constituted in the province during the present year, and they would then have nearly attained the number of fifty lodges. Of course this involved considerable trenching upon the time and attention of brethren holding office. He could only hope that the constitution of new lodges would not encourage the admission of those who were not likely to be a credit to the Order. (Hear, hear.) It was desirable that only those should be recommended who would be of advantage to the Craft and likely to become valuable and zealous members of their Order. He urged the brethren of the various lodges not to be in too great a hurry to add to their numbers, but to be careful to add to the efficiency of the members. He heartily congratulated them upon the manner in which Freemasonry was progressing in that province, as it was in the country in general. (Applause.)

Bro. G. F. LANCASTER announced that the festival dinner of the Provincial Charity Fund would be held at Southampton on the 24th October, and would be presided over by the Prov. Grand Master. He had received the names of nearly 36 brethren as Stewards, and also several donations. He hoped the brethren would attend and make the festival a great success. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, when a very large number of the brethren adjourned to a cold banquet which followed, the catering being entrusted to Bro. T. Scadden, T.C., of the Grosvenor Hotel, Southsea, who provided a most recherché bill of fare, and the repast was pronounced to be one of the most successful in the borough of Portsmouth.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing that of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," remarked that the Pro Grand Master never lost an opportunity of evincing his great interest in Masonry, and the Earl of Lathom had been welcomed in Portsmouth last year. He took the opportunity of congratulating Bro. Eve as Grand Treasurer. (Applause.) The mode in which he was elected did full justice to the Craft, and the Hampshire brethren especially, who had strongly shown their appreciation of one who had great zeal for the Order. He certainly thought Bro. Eve owed a great part of his success to that province. Bro. Goble, P.G. Sec., was signalled for office, and was appointed by the M.W. Grand Master as a just recognition of his Masonic merits. (Applause.)

Bro. EVE, G. Treas., in returning thanks, assured the brethren he could scarcely find words to express to show his gratitude. He felt it a great honour at being elected, and every brother in the province should also consider it such that any brother in Hampshire should be called upon to respond to the toast of the Grand Lodge of England. Lord Carnarvon was a fine type of an Englishman and an English nobleman. (Applause.) The Earl of Lathom had always done his utmost to promote Freemasonry. Referring to himself, he again thanked the brethren for their support at the election of Grand Treasurer, as it was through their suffrage he owed to a great extent his success. They had attended with great goodwill, and the position he held was due to them. He felt deeply the debt to the brethren in Hampshire, but the reception accorded him on his name being coupled with the toast doubled that obligation, and he would always take a deep interest in Masonry in Hampshire.

Bro. GOBLE, Prov. Grand Sec., in responding, said he had to thank the Prov. G.M. somewhat for the honour conferred upon him by Grand Lodge. He did not take the honour so personally to himself as he did to the province. The P.G.M. having to recommend one brother in the province, took into consideration the recommending an operative Mason rather than a speculative, and that was how he imagined he was appointed. (Laughter and applause.)

Bro. BINCKES also responded.

Bro. EVE, Grand Treasurer of England, proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," and remarked what very few words were needed from him to ensure it a hearty reception. Bro. Beach had seen forty years' service in Masonry, not speculative but operative. No one had done more to promote the interest of Freemasonry than Bro. Beach. (Applause.) He had not allowed the grass to grow under his feet, but had performed his duties most loyally. His good qualities were soon noted and appreciated, and his reign of 17 years in Hampshire had been most prosperous. They had been told that day they had eight recipients in our Charities within twelve months. That showed the power of the province and the popularity of the Prov. G. Master. (Applause.) Might he live still longer and continue to prosper. Might Masonry still flourish in Hampshire, and there was no doubt of that as long as Bro. Beach kept the reins. (Applause.)

R.W. Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., said it was indeed gratifying for him to be there and receive such a reception, which showed an appreciation of his humble exertions. Allusion had been made to the fact of his first connection with the Order more years ago than he cared to remember. His knowledge of the existence of Masonic Charities cherished a desire to support them, and those noble Institutions threw a halo on the Craft. He certainly did initiate the Pro Grand Master as well as several others. He likewise installed him as Provincial Grand Master of what was now a flourishing province, and in return the Pro Grand Master did him the honour of a

similar ceremony in that province. He might mention that on the same evening as he initiated the Pro Grand Master, he also did Lord Amherst, who was then Mr. Amherst, on his return from the Crimea. The reason he gave for being initiated was that a brother officer on the battle field had been saved from the enemy's sword through being a Freemason. He (Bro. Beach) fully appreciated the allusion made to his services. The province did its best to support him in all his duties, and it was a matter of pride to endeavour to merit the confidence reposed in him. (Applause.)

The toasts of "The V.W. Dep. Prov. G.M. and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge," "The Portsmouth Lodge," and "Masonic Charities," concluded a most successful day.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held on the 3rd inst., under the banner of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 555, at Framlingham. A very large number of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren assembled within the historic walls of the Castle, where the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled. Unfortunately, the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Henniker, was unable to be present, he being in attendance on the Crown Prince of Prussia. His place was taken by the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who was supported by Bro. Bobby, who was heartily congratulated by many brethren on his new honours as a Grand Officer of England. Among the Grand Officers present were Bro. Terry and Bro. Chapman, who acted as Director of Ceremonies; and the Provinces of Surrey and Cambridgeshire were represented by Bro. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, P.M. of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, and P.G. Chap. of Surrey. The Province of Norfolk was also represented by a Provincial Grand Officer.

The lodge room was admirably fitted up for the occasion, and, what with the lodge furniture, numerous and pretty flags, and other adornments, presented a charming appearance. The brethren assembled shortly after twelve o'clock, and about one o'clock the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, entered the lodge room in procession, and the lodge was opened in due form, the D.P.G.M. being saluted in the usual way.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER read a letter from the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, in which he said that he regretted much that his attendance upon the Crown Prince of Prussia would deprive him of the great pleasure of attending the Prov. Grand Lodge, which was doubly a disappointment to him on account of the Prov. Grand Lodge this year being held under the banner of his mother lodge, Fidelity.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the roll of Prov. Grand Officers was called, and also the roll of the lodges.

Bro. Youell was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the other Prov. Grand Officers as follows:—

Bro. C. J. Grimwade, 332	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. F. Crane, 305	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Peek, 555	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. Kilpack, 1224	...	...	...	
" E. R. Youell, 1631	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" N. Tracy, 376	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. M. Hartcup, 929	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" L. J. Woodard, 936	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. J. Eastaugh, 1452	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. W. Grimwood, 1224	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Clarke, 114	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" S. Allerton	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. W. Minter, 555	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" T. J. Jellicoe, 1983	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. A. Fish, 1631	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. Palmer, 114	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. J. Wright, 936	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" E. Smith, 81	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. Cannon, 376	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. Cook, 225	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. J. Sherman, 959	...	...	...	
" G. H. Beart, 956	...	...	...	
" T. W. Read, 555	...	...	...	
" W. Cocks, 555	...	...	...	
" G. Jones, 555	...	...	...	

The brethren then, in full Masonic clothing, marched in an imposing procession to St. Michael's Church, and were watched with a good deal of interest by a large number of persons who lined the street. The service was very hearty, the musical portions being admirably rendered by the choir; and an excellent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. PEEK, from Ephesians ii., 20, 21, 22. The offertory, amounting to £6 15s. 7½d., will be given to the Framlingham Church Restoration Fund.

Upon returning to the lodge room, the Secretary, Bro. N. TRACY, read the report of the Board of General Purposes, which was of a highly satisfactory and encouraging character. It recommended that increased grants be made to all the Charities.

Bro. A. J. GRIMWADE then presented a report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, which also was a most satisfactory one. It showed that more money had been received and forwarded to the Charities than in any previous year. Both the reports were formally received and adopted.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then, in an interesting and able speech, reviewed the work carried on by Masons in Suffolk, alluding with much satisfaction to the fact that 800 guineas had, during the past year, been sent up from the province to the Charities. He also alluded, with satisfaction, to the healthy and prosperous state of the province, and concluded by saying it was 19 years since the Provincial Grand Lodge met in the historic Castle at Framlingham, in which they were assembled. He

took the opportunity of thanking the Masons of Suffolk, from the bottom of his heart, for the handsome present they made to his daughter upon her marriage, and the kind words which were then addressed to him. He proposed cordial votes of thanks to the Rector of Framlingham for the use of the beautiful church for their service that day, and to Bro. the Rev. R. Peek for his admirable sermon.

The votes of thanks having been accorded, Bro. PECK briefly returned thanks.

Several resolutions, votes of thanks, and other matters affecting the province were dealt with.

A communication was received from the lodge at Sudbury, inviting the Provincial Grand Lodge to hold its annual meeting at that town next year, and a similar invitation was received from Beccles.

Nothing was decided as to this matter, and the lodge was closed with the customary ceremony.

Immediately after the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange for the banquet, which was very numerous attended. Bro. Sewell, of the Crown Hotel, was entrusted with the catering.

After the banquet the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

The singing of the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales" was led by Bro. T. Grayston and Bro. G. Abbott respectively, and was taken up heartily by the brethren.

The next toast was the combined one of "The Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," with which was coupled the names of Bros. Bobby, Terry, and Clarke.

Bro. BOBBY responded.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER next gave in complimentary terms "The Prov. G.M. of Suffolk, Lord Henniker."

Bro. BOBBY proposed the next toast—"The D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn"—which was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, the brethren upstanding and according it Masonic honours.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER responded, expressing his hearty thanks for all the kindness he had received at the hands of Masons. He loved Masonry because he knew what a splendid, thriving institution it was, and he need hardly say that, so long as life lasted, he would do all he could to promote its interests. He again alluded with pride to the wedding gift recently made to his daughter, and resumed his seat amidst enthusiastic applause.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER next gave "The Charities," with which he coupled the name of Bro. Terry.

Bro. TERRY, in responding, gave a resumé of the work carried on by the Masonic Charities, and the large amount of money distributed through their agency.

The remaining toasts were "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," "The Visiting Brethren," and "The Ladies."

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. George Abbott, P.M. 225, P.P.G.S.B., assisted by Bros. T. Grayston, G. E. Barwell, A.G.O., and Henry Brockbank, principal bass of Norwich Cathedral.

The provincial grand meeting this year was a very successful one, the brethren of Fidelity extending a very hearty welcome to all.

Among the brethren who signed the book were—

Bros. J. Marjoram, P.M.; T. W. Read, P.M.; and W. Cocks, Treas. of 555; T. B. Corfield, J.W.; George Carliell, W.M.; and J. Cambell Smith, I.G. of 1592; E. S. Scrivener, S.W. 225; G. Roper, Tyler 936; R. Barker, P.M. 388; F. J. Horsey, P.P.G.S., 81; B. S. Bradbeer, W.M., and H. T. Fastaugh, P.M. and Sec. of 1452; J. Simes, Tyler 71; J. Oakley Green, W.M., and W. P. Gale, S.W. of 388; J. Hunt, W.M. 376; W. Brown, W.M. 1983; T. J. Noble, P.M. 225; G. Hall, Tyler, and J. Collins, W.M. of 81; W. B. Hanson, W.M. 959; Albert Cannon, P.M. 376; A. R. Trew, S.W. 959; W. Leathers, S.S. 225; J. B. Garrard; J. A. Peck, I.G.; W. Purser, S.D.; F. Girling, W. Barker, S.W., and G. Price, P.M. 555; T. Grimwood, P.P.G.R., 81; M. Bloomfield, 516; George Gould, Tyler 959; J. Whittle, Tyler 332; Rev. R. Peck, W.M. 555; R. G. H. Giffin, P.M. 1572; T. Stote, I.P.M., Sec. 1823; E. Dudley, I.G. 1280; R. C. Joslin, P.M. 332; Rev. C. A. Sinclair, Chap. 555; S. Cooper, P.M., and R. Aldous, 332; J. Snell, 555; J. Woodward, P.M.; G. H. Beart, D.C., P.G. Stud.; J. Flintham, P.M.; and W. H. Hall, W.M., of 936; C. S. White, I.P.M. 388; C. H. Scriven, J.W.; and C. Ship, of 1663; Barker Stanford, P.M.; and B. R. Bryant, P.M., of 388; Rev. W. G. Kilpack, 1224; G. Thurlow, W.M. 516; F. Grimwade, P.M.; and E. W. Archer, J.W., of 352; A. Leily, 225; J. Hewitt, Tyler 421; R. Liddell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. 93; H. Bald, W.M.; and W. Mason, S.W., 1224; G. E. Barwell, and T. S. Grayston, J.W., 939; W. T. Banger and S. M. Starling, 555; W. J. Whitehead, I.G.; R. Senton, and S. Turner, 225; F. C. Atkinson, S.D. 376; W. Leggett, 225; W. Balls, J.W.; and C. Goodwin, 555; C. W. Grimwood, C.M. 1224; John Marter, P.M. 555; R. Allen, 81; J. George, 1224; and J. P. Ebbage, J.D. 555.

### CONSECRATION OF THE PEGASUS LODGE, No. 2205.

There is plenty of vitality in the Province of Kent. It has a famous muster-roll of lodges, many of them being of very early origin, yet every now and then an addition is made to its strength, the latest being the Pegasus Lodge, No. 2205, which is intended principally for members of the Temple Yacht Club, and was consecrated at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. by R.W. Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. G. Master, assisted by his Prov. G. Officers and others. There was, as may be imagined on so interesting an occasion a large muster of brethren, amongst whom were several distinguished visitors, the Master and Wardens of the recommending Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, and the officers and members of many lodges in the province.

Lodge having been opened by the Prov. G. Master, and the brethren having saluted his lordship according to ancient custom, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. the Rev. Hayman Cummings and Dr. H. Penfold respectively, Bro. the Rev. T. S. Curteis being the Chaplain, Bro. Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Sec., Secretary, and Bro. Horatio Ward Director of Ceremonies.

The ceremony having been concluded, the R.W.P.G. Master called upon Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., to take the chair, and Bro. Alfred Tisley, W.M. designate, was presented, obligated, and installed, and having been proclaimed and saluted, he appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year, viz., Bros. C. H. Chauffourier, S.W.; S. E. Stein-

bridge, J.W.; R. A. Kingsbury (elected), Treasurer; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., Secretary; A. N. Clemow, S.D.; C. V. Hunter, J.D.; and A. C. Bailey, I.G.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to R.W. Bro. Earl Amherst for presiding on the occasion, and to his Pro G. Officers for the assistance they had given, and his lordship was elected an honorary member and presented with the founder's jewel—a compliment which he appropriately acknowledged.

A vote of thanks was also passed, on the motion of the W.M., to Bro. C. F. Matier for his services as Installing Master, and Bro. Tisley, W.M., having been elected the Charity Representative of the lodge, and the by-laws as approved by the founders having been submitted, accepted, and ordered to be printed and laid before the Prov. G. Master for his approval, four candidates were proposed for initiation and one for joining, and lodge having been closed in peace and harmony, the brethren sat down to luncheon under the presidency of the W.M.

The visitors included Bros. Col. Aubrey Saunders, Past District G.M. Madras; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of Wks.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

### THE OLD CHARGES OF BRITISH FREEMASONS.

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

It might almost seem, from the absence of all criticism on Bro. Begemann's most instructive papers, that the field of labour in which he is so manfully toiling, was wholly devoid of interest to the English student. Such, however, is very far from being the case, and the silence of those readers who realize for the first time what a mine of information is contained in the early writings of the Craft, or of the comparatively small number of brethren by whom the documents in question have been collated and compared, is attributable to very natural causes. Of the fifty-seven versions of, or allusions to, the old charges—using that term in this place only as including the Halliwell and Cooke MSS.—which are extant, all (with but a solitary exception) are available in print, but there is no single library, except, indeed, it be that of our brother Hughan, where every one of these several "forms" can be examined. To take, however, the fourth group or family, into which Dr. Begemann divides the manuscript constitutions, and whose component parts—the Spencer (32), Inigo Jones (8), Cole (47), and Dodd (48) MSS.—are made the subject of his criticism. Two of these must be sought for in books long since out of print, one is available in the *Masonic Magazine*, but to consult the last named (Dodd), the "curious reader" would have to cross the Atlantic, unless he had the good fortune to fall in with Bro. E. T. Carson's reprint, of which 125 copies were printed at Cincinnati in 1876.

I think I have sufficiently shown the almost insuperable difficulties with which the warmest admirer of Dr. Begemann's writings would have had to contend, if the Old Charges had hitherto lain outside the scope of his studies.

With the older generation of Masonic students the case is somewhat different, but while we have perused with great interest the case presented by Dr. Begemann, the arguments and proofs are as yet incomplete, and we await the dissection of the three earlier groups of MSS. (I.-III.), which will doubtless be dealt with in due season as ably and exhaustively as that of the "Spencer" or fourth class of these documents.

As I enjoy, however, the privilege of Dr. Begemann's friendship, and have been favoured with many of his views with regard to the subject under consideration, it has seemed to me that without entering into points upon which our German brother has yet to be heard at length, I might to some extent at least supplement the picture already drawn, and at the same time draw the attention of the gifted artist to a few ideas of my own, which arise out of what he has already placed on record in the *Freemason*.

First of all, let me give in detail the arrangement of the Old Charges (here excluding the Halliwell and Cooke MSS.) into groups or families, according to the classification of Dr. Begemann.

#### I. GRAND LODGE FAMILY—comprising:—

- (a) The Grand Lodge Branch—Grand Lodge (4), Wilson (6 and 7), and Kilwinning (16) MSS.
- (b) The Dowland Branch—Dowland (39), Supreme Council, No. 1 (24), Papworth (29), and York, No. 6 (22), MSS.
- (c) The York Branch—York, Nos. 1, 2, and 5 (5, 27, and 21) MSS.
- (d) The Lansdowne Branch—Lansdown (3) and Antiquity (23) MSS.
- (e) Sundry forms—Aberdeen (18), Wood (9), Melrose, No. 2 (19), Harris (31A), and (possibly) Colne, Nos. 1 and 2 (22<sup>A</sup> and 25<sup>A</sup>), and Dauntsey (24<sup>A</sup>) MSS.

#### II. SLOANE FAMILY—comprising:—

- (a) The Sloane Branch—Sloane, 3848 (13), Sloane, 3323 (14), Harleian, 2054 (12), Tunnah (36), and Briscoe (45) MSS.
- (b) The Hope Branch—Hope (20) and York, No. 4 (25) MSS.
- (c) The Buchanan Branch—Buchanan (15) and Atcheson Haven (17) MSS.
- (d) The Alnwick Branch—Alnwick (26), Browne [presumably the "Wren," No. 37, on my own numerical list], and Crane (31<sup>C</sup>) MSS.
- (e) Sundry forms—Lechmere (14<sup>A</sup>) and Scarborough (28) MSS.

#### III. ROBERT'S FAMILY—comprising:—

The Robert's (44), Harleian, 1942 (11), and Rawlinson (31) MSS.

#### IV. SPENCER FAMILY—comprising:—

The Spencer (32), Inigo Jones (8), Cole (47), and Dodd (48) MSS.

As the bulk of the Old Charges are divided between the two groups which head the list, a word or two may come in here, even although the Grand Lodge (I.) and Sloane (II.) Families as yet await the fraternal dissection of the doctor.

The division into groups or families must stand or fall according to the merits or demerits of the scheme as hereafter to be expounded, but no difficulty arises with regard to the titles that have been bestowed upon them. With the individual versions, however, it may be different, and great confusion will arise if the existing nomenclature, by which I mean the nominal and numerical roll given in my History of Freemasonry, be departed from. Each reference to the Old Charges will be found in the index to my work, so that if the names and numbers with which they are already labelled be retained, the further study of these documents, upon which we are invited to embark, will be unattended with the grave difficulties of laboriously picking our way through the old paths, without other aid than the assistance of new finger-posts, which would only mislead in the few instances where they failed to altogether repel any further exploration.

Passing to the third group under Dr. Begemann's system of classification, the learned dissector questions my judgment in having decided—in harmony with the opinions of Bro. Woodford and Hughan—that the Roberts' printed Constitutions (44) was taken from Harl. MS., 1042 (II), and expresses a belief that MSS. No. 44 and II, [the former is not in strictness a *manuscript*, though that title is used both by Bro. Begemann and myself, for convenience] had a common original, now lost to us. This may be so—and I do not undervalue either the force or the clearness of the argument by which the contention is upheld; but I think the doctor, in his laudable anxiety to get at the truth, by applying to every source of information, hardly realises to the full what a precarious footing of authority so much of it rests upon. The Roberts' version stands, as I have elsewhere said, "on the faith of the compiler." There is nothing at all closely approaching it, but Harleian MS. 1042. Nor is the latter a document of any real weight. It comes from doubtful custody, and there are no circumstances from which we should be justified in inferring that it was ever the property of a lodge, or made use of at admissions into the Society. Neither the Roberts or the Harleian documents helps the other. If, indeed, the missing original of both versions should be discovered and prove to be a well-attested "Lodge Record" (see my "History of Freemasonry," Vol. II., p. 192) the case would be altered, but upon the facts as at present before us, I do not see my way—much as I appreciate the powerful manner in which Dr. Begemann handles the evidence—to modifying the judgment I have already ventured to pass upon the Roberts and Harleian MSS.

By way of analogy let us take the Lansdowne (3) MS., which is only a curious writing, and—standing alone—ranks as an historical document of the fifth class (Hist. vol. ii., p. 192). But its reading is endowed with a higher authority by the evidence of the Antiquity (23) MS. Still the Lansdowne document is undoubtedly a *manuscript*, and one of ancient date, while the Roberts version, so far at least as any proof is forthcoming, was never a manuscript at all, except, no doubt, in the restricted sense, that the efforts of the compiler may have served the homely purpose of printer's copy, and the reading it gives, even by being bracketed with that of Harleian 1042, is only lifted from the sixth to the fifth class of documents.

Besides the "lost original" of the Roberts and Harleian documents Dr. Begemann believes there must be two forms at least of which the readings have only partially come down to us, one being the "parchment volum" seen by Plot (40), and the other the missing York, No. 3 (10). The latter, Bro. Begemann considers must have had many points in common with Harleian MS. 1042, and the Roberts print.

The dissection of the Spencer Family (group iv.) has been very complete, but the research and ingenuity of Bro. Begemann—as applied to this division of the subject—demand more careful attention than I am at present able to devote to them. One thing, however, strikes me forcibly, and it is this. If a falsification of documents was so unscrupulously resorted to in order to bolster up the Hiram legend, are we not justified in assuming that the exercise of this amusement must have been of a more general character? Was Harleian MS. 1042, therefore, in some sort a forerunner of the Locke MS.—and do we find in the attestation clause of the Antiquity roll (23) a further example of the prevailing mania?

In conclusion, I gladly place on record my sense of the valuable labours now being proceeded with by Bro. Begemann, as well as my confident belief in the general accuracy of his research. But if I may give a word of caution, it will be this. Let our brother continue to freely formulate in the Masonic press the views he may arrive at. His opinions, it may be hoped, will elicit those of others, and the process of winnowing and sifting will go on, but until Dr. Begemann has filled up his canvas, his critics cannot exercise their functions, and until the latter have had their say, I do not think our German brother will do well to embody in a permanent form the results of his laborious and critical investigation.

### "ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM."—I.

The Transactions of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, from its origin in January, 1886, to March, 1887, are now published in most handsome and attractive form, and make the most interesting collection of Sketches, Biographies, and Papers, ever issued in connection with our Fraternity. We cannot now do more than glance at the chief features of this special and invaluable publication. To begin with, the Frontispiece represents "The four Crowned Martyrs," from a missal of the Fifteenth Century, the *quartette* having been adopted for general use by the Secretary, being so indicative of the name of the lodge. Whether Sir Charles Warren, the present W.M., will feel flattered with the figure that represents him holding the Square it is not for us to say. The two Wardens will, we presume, be indicated by the "Brethren" holding the "Gage" and Mallet, the former being more like Bro. Gould, S.W., than the latter, which must do for Bro. Simpson, J.W. In the face of the former we can detect Bro. Gould's happy smile, on seeing the confirmation of his prognostications relative to the success of the lodge. Some may consider, however, that as the figure holds a Book in his hand, Bro. Woodford is referred to, who, so far as our memory serves us, was the first to suggest the formation of such a lodge. In that case, the less attractive looking artisan must answer for the Historian, or we cannot give up the fourth to any one but Bro. Speth, the Secretary, as he holds a *Trowel* in one hand, and a Book (of "*Constitutions*," of

course) in the other, with doubtless a lot of *cement* in the well filled pocket at the right.

In the grand volume will be found full particulars of the origin of the lodge, copies of Petition, Warrant, &c., &c., and a capital digest of each of the meetings held, since the consecration of the lodge on January 12th, 1886. The short Biographs of the members form an excellent feature of the work, for though not personally known to all the brethren connected in one form or the other with the lodge, the particulars supplied enable one to realise most vividly their qualifications for membership of the "Inner Circle." Most of them are "Veterans" by service of over 21 years, but a few who are younger in years have lost no time in proving their capacity for work. A lodge that can include in their roll of members such able writers and Masonic authors as Sir Charles Warren, K.C.M.G.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A.; Robert Freke Gould; Walter Besant, M.A.; William James Hughan, Major F. G. Irwin, John Lane, George W. Speth, W. Harry Rylands, F.S.A.; W. M. Bywater, J. Ramsden Riley, Professor T. Hayter-Lewis, W. Simpson, F.R.G.S.; T. B. Whytehead, and Dr. W. W. Westcott, must surely have a magnificent future before it, and none need wonder at the marked success which has already crowned the efforts of its distinguished founders. Some of these brethren have added to the value of the present number by able Papers, which have been delivered at the several meetings which are duly chronicled. These we shall allude to later on. They comprise the consecration oration by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and the addresses by Bros. Gould, Speth, Hayter-Lewis, Woodford, and Sir Charles Warren respectively, on (a) "Some old Scottish Customs," (b) "The Steinmetz Theory," (c) "An Early Version of the Hiram Legend," (d) "Freemasonry and Hermeticism," (e) and "The Orientation of Temples." Either of these alone would render any publication famous and noteworthy, but when united under the one cover of the first part of the Transactions, together with the criticisms thereon, and the remaining contents they constitute a publication of sustained value and interest, the like of which has never before appeared under the wing of any lodge, nor indeed is there another lodge that could possibly issue such a volume by a number of such well-known and trusted Masonic authors.

### THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

FROM ITS ORIGIN, 1788, TO ITS CENTENARY, 1888.

General and Interior Regulations, however, though in these early days they necessarily occupied much of the Committee's time, did not absorb it entirely. The children had not been domiciled many days in Somers Place East, when the friends of the Institution were reminded of the near approach of the first anniversary of its foundation, and measures were at once taken for suitably and beneficially commemorating so auspicious an event. The general wish appears to have been that the celebration, whatever form it might assume, should take place on or as near as possible to Lady Day, that being the day on which the Charity was instituted. On the 15th January the Treasurer announced that "his Friend The Honble. Francis Stanhope had been so obliging as to wait on the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Winchester, and had obtained his lordship's consent to preach a sermon for the Benefit of the Charity," and on the question being referred to him as to the day on which it should be preached, the reverend prelate expressed it as his opinion that "the latter end of April or beginning of May would be the most beneficial." In this her Royal Highness the Patroness concurred, but ultimately it was arranged that the anniversary sermon should be preached on Thursday, the 2nd April, and the anniversary dinner take place the same day at Freemasons' Hall, which was kindly placed at the disposition of the Governors for the purpose by the Hall Committee, provided the kitchen accommodation could be made available in time. The Bishop fulfilled his part on the day proposed, the matron and the children—the latter in their new clothing—being present; while the dinner took place on the 17th April, and resulted in a contribution of £53 8s. 3d. to the funds of the Charity. The collection after the sermon amounted to £29 2s. 3d., and as the Stewards took upon themselves to defray the expenses, the whole of this was handed to the Charity, the total realised for the Anniversary being thus £82 10s. 6d. There was also a concert held later in the year, but in this case the expenditure was slightly in excess of the receipts, the former amounting to £74 9s. 3d., and the latter to £72 19s. 6d.

In the meantime other matters of a less agreeable complexion were brought under the notice of the Committee. At the Quarterly Court in April, the recently appointed Audit Committee having carefully examined the Treasurer's and Collector's accounts, submitted sundry important recommendations with a view to a better and more economical management of the Institution. Passing over the recommendation as to the salary and commission of the Secretary and Collector, which the Court did not deem fit to adopt, we find the Committee complaining in serious terms of "the incidental charges made by the Secretary," which, they point out, "if not put a stop to, will very materially injure the Charity by causing many Governors to withdraw their subscriptions, it being contrary to the Maxim proposed and strongly recommended by the Royal Patroness, viz., Economy." They therefore suggested that the business should be confined to the monthly meetings, and so "prevent the frequent charges of summoning and other heavy expenses incurred thereby."

They further recommended that in future the offices of Secretary and Collector should be held by different persons instead of by the same person, and that the Collector should be responsible to the Treasurer instead of to the Institution. They also advised "that the several tradesmen serving the Charity do contract for the various articles wanted by the year, and to be paid Quarterly," and that certain unpaid bills, and especially those of the Upholsterer and Stove Grate Maker, which they had not had time to examine minutely, should be inspected by proper people. The Court acquiesced in some of these suggestions, and ordered that the offices of Secretary and Collector should be separated from the 25th March, 1790. The separation, however, was effected earlier. Bro. Allen had been re-elected to the joint office by the Court, when at the meeting of the Committee on the 28th May it was resolved unanimously that, in consequence of its "having been frequently observed by the Chairman"—Lord Macdonald—"and by almost all the Members that have attended the General Committees and Committee for Auditing the Accompts, that the Conduct of the Secretary has been such as to be highly reprehensible. And it appearing to the Committee upon a Review of the Matter that the continuing the present Secretary and Collector any longer in these offices will be very injurious to the Charity," he should be "immediately suspended," and that the next General Meeting be recommended "to make new appointments to these offices." He was further ordered "to make up his accounts and deliver the same sealed up to the Treasurer" within fourteen days, and Bro. Charles Carpenter very kindly undertook to perform the duties of Secretary. After a brief interval Bro. Cuppage was elected Secretary, and Bro. John Callendar, Collector, with the usual security, his appointment "as the authorised Collector of the Institution" being decided to be advertised twice in certain newspapers which were specified. It is not stated what the nature of the conduct was which was deemed reprehensible in Secretary Allen, but it most probably was in connection with his duties as Collector, as the Minutes show him to have been indebted to the Institution to the extent of about £15, which no doubt was made good by his sureties.

While the conduct of the Secretary was thus being considered, a question arose as to the ability of Mrs. Le Clerc, the Matron, to fulfil her duties properly, owing to her being too far advanced in life for the situation, and at the Court in April it was resolved that the office should become vacant on Midsummer Day following. At the Committee Meeting in April it was agreed that Mrs. Learmonth, who had been one of the candidates at the previous election, and whose character and qualifications had been fully inquired into and found satisfactory, should be appointed to the post, should she meet with "the approbation and sanction" of the Patroness. At the Committee in May Bro. Galloway reported "that Her Royal Highness the Patroness had been made acquainted with the Minute of the 30th April last respecting the approaching vacancy of the Matron's office, and had directed him to communicate to the Committee that her Royal Highness had visited the School and examined the whole very minutely, and found the Children and House so much to her Satisfaction that She cannot forbear saying that it will be injustice to the present Matron to put her away." But the Committee, finding that the order for vacating the office had been given by the General Quarterly Court, were incapable of taking any steps in the matter, and all they seem to have done was to record in the minutes that their act in recommending Mrs. Learmonth's appointment for Her Royal Highness's approval "proceeded only from that respectful attention the Committee would ever wish to pay to the Royal Patroness of this Charitable Institution." And here, so far as the Duchess of Cumberland was concerned, the matter, we presume, was ended. Mrs. Le Clerc left, and was awarded a gratuity of £5 5s. which, however, she appears to have declined, and Mrs. Learmonth presided as Matron in her stead, the result, so far as it is possible to judge from the records, proving apparently very beneficial to the School. At all events, Mrs. Learmonth began well—as newly-appointed officials generally do—and it is evident that the conduct of the Institution, as regards its domestic arrangements, was more energetic than in the days of her predecessor. The only question that remains to be considered in connection with this change of Matrons was dealt with at the July Quarterly Court, when the point was submitted as to "whether the Committee are of themselves competent to suspend an Officer or whether such suspension must be made by a General Court," and it was unanimously resolved "that the Committee are fully competent of themselves to suspend any Officer at their Pleasure."

These changes, and the circumstances that led to them, though they must have been disconcerting at the time, were, with the exception of one or two minor difficulties about overcharges in some of the tradesmen's bills, the only unpleasant occurrences with which the Committee had to deal. In all other respects the year 1789 passed away smoothly and prosperously. The Hall Committee granted the use of a room in Freemasons' Tavern for the meetings of the General Court and Committees. Bro. Charles Carpenter, who volunteered to do what legal work might be required without fee or reward, received the appointment of Honorary Solicitor to the Institution. The duties of the House Committee, which hitherto had been discharged by the members of the General Committee in rotation, were assigned to a Sub-Committee of 12, to be regularly appointed year by year; the Audit Committee was increased in number; and the Matron having stated that in the event of illness she did not

know to which member of the Medical Staff to apply, those gentlemen were requested to arrange a rota among themselves and leave it with the Matron. Small presents also were made to the Institution, such as a print of the Duchess of Cumberland, by Bro. the Chevalier Ruspini; a donation box, by Bro. Charles Carpenter; and an ink-stand, for the use of the Governors, by Bro. Hull; thanks to the several donors being thoughtfully voted by the Committee. A messenger too, was appointed to assist the Secretary, with a remuneration of 5s. per Committee, and 10s. 6d. per Quarterly or Special General Court. But a still more gratifying evidence of the progress that was being made is furnished by the proceedings of the Court in October, when it was resolved, in consequence "of the liberality and benevolence of the subscribers" that "five more children be admitted into the School on the 1st January next, and that it be referred to the next Monthly Committee to select out five of the most deserving Objects from those who are petitioners, to be by them recommended to the General Meeting for admission." This was done accordingly, the first one on whom the choice of the Committee fell being a girl recommended by the Patroness, while another was a daughter of the late Bro. Dr. Haddon, for whom, however, the election was subsequently declined with thanks as a relative had undertaken to provide for her, and her place was filled by another of the petitioners. This addition raised the number of children in the School to 20, while at the same Court and for the same reason Bro. William Birch, who was in the chair, remarked "that it would be incumbent on the Governors to extend their plan in supporting a far greater number of children than they had hitherto done or had an opportunity of doing in the House now occupied by them," and he therefore recommended that the subject should be still further considered at the next meeting of the Committee. It was also deemed advisable to fund the surplus cash of the Institution, and on the recommendation of the Audit Committee it was determined to purchase £400 Three per Cent. Government Stock, while as a further means of income it was resolved, at the suggestion of the Matron, that work should be sent in "for the employment of the children," and in a very few years this plan worked very profitably. As a final evidence of this financial prosperity the Secretary announced at the last Committee Meeting of the year—on the 26th December—that Bro. Ruspini had received a letter\* from Bro. R. C. Birch, W.M. of the 1st Lodge of Bengal, enclosing a draft or bill on his father, Bro. William Birch, for £113 13s., being the contributions of a few of the members of his lodge for the use of the School. The Treasurer also announced that he had received a letter from Bro. J. Heseltine, Grand Treasurer, "acquainting him that he had paid £93 4s. into the hands of Messrs. Vere, Lucadou & Co." on account of the School, the items comprising this amount being £50 from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bengal; £23 4s. from Lodge No. 2, at Calcutta; £10 from the Prov. Grand Master (Edwd. Fenwick, Esq.), and £10 from the Prov. Grand Architect (Claude Martin, Esq.). As a matter of course the thanks of the Committee were unanimously passed both to the brethren who had remitted and contributed these moneys and to Bro. Ruspini to whose influence the remittance was due. It was also resolved that the good news should be advertised in the daily papers in succession until the whole had been gone through, and that the Secretary should prepare "an Abstract of the Plan and Regulations of the Charity now under revision together with a List of the Subscribers' Names, that the same may be printed for the use of the Country and Foreign Lodges, and that 1500 of such Abstracts be struck off for that purpose."

It is not surprising that, in the midst of such encouraging circumstances as we have just recounted, the Committee should have been emboldened to recommend to the Quarterly Court "to depute a certain number of Governors to wait on His Royal Highness the Grand Master, requesting that he will condescend to announce this Institution from the chair of the Grand Lodge, at the next Quarterly Communication. And that he will be pleased to give directions That the period at which this Charity was founded may be inserted amongst the occurrences in Masonry in the Free Masons' Calendar." Nor, having regard to the deep interest taken by the Grand Master—and especially by his illustrious consort the Duchess of Cumberland—and the Grand Officers and other Members, does it appear strange that Grand Lodge should have consented in response to this request to bestow its patronage and protection on so deserving an Institution.†

\* The extract contained in the minutes from Bro. R. C. Birch's letter is worth quoting in full for the reason that it throws a little light on the condition of Freemasonry in Bengal. It reads as follows: "I hope your plan for the Cumberland Free Masons' School has succeeded to your wishes. I have remitted to my Father a Bill for £113 13s. the Amount of a Subscription of a few Members of the first Lodge of Bengal. A List of the Names I will enclose by the first Ship to you, and shall beg the favour of you to notify them to the Treasurer of that Charity. Such further sums as I may be able to collect I will send at the same time. I have indorsed the Bill payable to Wm. Birch, Esq., on Account of the Treasurer to the Cumberland Free Masons' School."

† Masonry flourishes very much in this Country. The first Lodge of which I am Master consists of about 90 Members. I hope therefore to be able in another year to remit a more considerable sum for your useful Institution."

‡ Extract from the Grand Lodge Minutes of 10th February, 1790: "On a motion made by the Grand Treasurer"—Bro. James Heseltine, P.S.G.W.—"It was resolved unanimously—That the Charitable Institution called the Royal Cumberland Free Masons' School established for the support and education of the Daughters of Indigent Free Masons should be announced in the Grand Treasurer's Printed Accounts, and also in the Free Masons' Calendar; and that it be recommended to the Society at large as a Charity highly deserving their support."

(To be continued.)

**EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The children educated by this Institution were entertained by the Committee at the Manchester Jubilee Exhibition on Thursday, the 11th inst. A Sub-Committee, comprising the Chairman, Bro. J. A. Birch; Deputy Chairman, Bro. J. P. Brockbank; Treasurer, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe; and Bros. C. Heywood, J. F. Hoffgaard, E. Griffith Hughes, James Andrew, and the Secretary, Bro. John Chadwick, was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Many of the children reside at long distances from Manchester, and to each of them was sent a free return railway pass for themselves and one parent or guardian, with free admission to the Exhibition, and tram fares for those who had to proceed across Manchester. At one o'clock the children, with their friends, numbering about 70, assembled at the Temperance Dining Room, in the Irish section, and were received by Bros. Sillitoe, Chadwick, and Hughes, who conducted them to tables specially set apart for them. A substantial dinner was provided by the caterer, Mr. Mackenzie Ross, and the manner in which the good things disappeared showed that good appetites were the order of the day. As soon as the meal was finished the children and their friends dispersed over the Exhibition, care having been taken to avoid any appearance of "Bumbledom" or ostentatious show of Charity.

At 5.30 the guests again assembled in the same room for tea, which was also of a very substantial kind. During the afternoon many brethren who take an interest in the Institution had arrived, and watched with considerable satisfaction this part of the proceedings. Amongst them were Bros. J. A. Birch, chairman, J. Barker, W. Sowter, J. Robinson, and others of Manchester; G. P. Brockbank, Bolton; J. Kershaw, Ashton; T. L. Buckley, Mossley; W. Balmer and W. Hutchinson, Bury; J. Sutcliffe, Haslingden; and others from Blackburn, Burnley, &c. After tea the children were again set at liberty to roam according to their "own sweet wills," but before leaving the room many of the parents expressed, in a quiet way, their appreciation of the great kindness of the Committee in giving the children an opportunity of seeing this magnificent exhibition, which otherwise they would not have been able to visit.

At the kind invitation of Pro. E. Griffith Hughes, the Chairman of the Exhibition Club, which is situated on an island within the precincts of the Exhibition, the brethren present adjourned thereto, and partook of the hospitality of that worthy brother.

A word of praise is due to Bro. Chadwick for the careful manner in which he manipulated the various details, which added materially to the success of the entertainment.

**DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER OF VICTORIA (E.C.)**

The annual convocation of the above District Grand Chapter was held on the 4th of July in the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne. The M.E. Grand Superintendent, Comp. Sir W. J. Clarke, being out of the colony, the chair of First Principal was occupied by Comp. Dr. H. St. John Clarke, D.G.H., supported by Comps. John James, P.Z. 530, P.D.G.J., and Dr. Willmott, P.Z. 752, D.G.J., in the second and third chairs.

Comp. H. W. Lowry was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Comp. J. A. Clark was appointed to succeed his late father in the position of Janitor.

The officers for the year, appointed by the M.E. Grand Superintendent, were invested as follows:

- Comp. J. A. Cantor, P.Z. 474 ... Dist. G.J.
- " T. H. Lempriere, P.Z. 729 ... Dist. G.S.E.
- " W. F. Lamonby, P.Z. 752 ... Dist. G.S.N.
- " J. Wilkinson, P.Z. 930 ... Dist. G.P.S.
- " H. W. Lowry, P.Z. 930 ... Dist. G. Treas.
- " T. H. White, P.Z. 713 ... Dist. G. Swd. Br.
- " W. Burrough, Z. 727 ... Dist. G. Std. Br.
- " C. R. Reeves, P.Z. 727 ... Dist. G.D.C.
- " David Lee, 752 ... Dist. G. Org.
- " J. A. Clark ... Dist. G. Janitor.

There are 12 Royal Arch chapters in Victoria under the English Constitutions, three of which are dormant.

**South Africa.**

**SIMON'S TOWN.**—Phoenix Lodge (No. 1860).—One of the largest gatherings of the brethren that has been known for many years assembled in the Temple of the above lodge on Thursday, the 7th ult., to assist at the installation of the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the Audit report, showing a good balance, was received and adopted. A vote of thanks was then recorded to Bro. Bynon, P.M., Treas., and the Audit Committee.

The visitors and various lodges were then announced, when the Temple was crowded to excess, among whom were Bros. Riddelsdell, P.M., D.G.S. of the District Grand Lodge; Day, I.P.M. British Lodge; King, W.M. Carnarvon Lodge; Townshend, W.M. Phoenix, Namaqualand; and Barrabell, R.W.M. Royal Alfred Lodge (S.C.). Bro. Burnes, J.W., was duly presented by Bro. Black, P.M., with a few very appropriate words as the W.M. elect, after which Bro. Riddelsdell, P.M., D.G.S., in a very impressive manner duly installed Bro. Burnes in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom.

The W.M. then proceeded to invest the following brethren with the insignia of their offices: Bros. Brunt, S.W.; Craig, J.W.; Bynon, P.M., Treas.; Pollard, Sec.; Willett, S.D.; Hooper, J.D.; Kennison, D.C.; F. De Stadler, Org.; Brebner, I.G.; and Haywood, Tyler; Bro. Toogood, P.M., addressing the various officers in his usual and very impressive manner. The W.M. then adjourned the lodge to the British Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Stanley, to which ample justice was done, while the band of H.M.S. Raleigh performed several selections of very appropriate music; under their able conductor, Bro. Beech. After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and as heartily responded to.

Bro. Black, P.M., in a few and effective words, proposed "The Installing Officers."

Bro. Riddelsdell, in responding, said the D.G.M. wished him to convey his sincere sympathy to Bro. Toogood, P.M., for his bereavement, and in so doing, he believed he was expressing the sentiments of the whole of the District Grand Lodge. At the same time it gave him great pleasure to witness such a large gathering and the advancement the lodge had made since its formation seven years ago—it now numbered the second lodge under the British Jurisdiction. He wished them every prosperity.

Bro. Toogood also responded. He said the brethren could not expect much from him under his present circumstances; but he could not pass over without expressing his sentiments, it being the proudest hour of his life to see the eighth Master installed as W.M. of the lodge and his first child assuming the I.P.M. chair.

Bro. Riddelsdell, P.M., D.G.S., then proposed the toast of the evening, "The W.M."

Bro. Burnes, in responding, said that he would not detain them with a long speech, but simply and heartily thank them for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health. On his becoming a member of this lodge he had no expectation of becoming its Master; but as they had placed him in that proud position he would strive to leave the lodge in the same good repute as that in which he had received the charge of it, and he would do all in his power to promote the interest of the lodge.

Bro. Toogood, P.M., then proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Cogil," in a few brief words, stating how Bro. Cogil had sprung from the root, and passed through its various branches to the top of the tree, and retired with laurels.

Bro. Cogil gave a brief reply. "The Sister Lodges and Brother Visitors" was then proposed by Bro. Brunt, S.W.

Bro. Day, I.P.M., replied on behalf of the British Lodge, conveying the hearty good wishes of the W.M. and officers, expressing regret for their non-attendance, but intimating that he would pay a visit with the whole of his officers on the second Tuesday in August, and, in a few brief words, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had responded to their sister lodges.

Bro. Day, W.M. Carnarvon Lodge, said it gave him great pleasure to again meet the brethren of the lodge on such an occasion, and congratulated the brethren of the lodge on having such a Master as Bro. Burnes, and he would do what his predecessors had done—leave a good reputation behind him.

Bro. Townshend, W.M. Phoenix Lodge, Namaqualand, briefly thanked the brethren of the lodge for the very cordial reception which had been extended to him, and from what he saw that evening, Masonry not only extended all over the land, but all over the seas as well, and he would carry away a pleasant recollection of his first visit to Simon's Town. He wished the W.M. and officers a prosperous year.

Bro. Barraball, R.W.M. Royal Alfred Lodge (S.C.), said it gave him great pleasure to be present, and he hoped the present gathering would tend to promote good brotherly feeling in Simon's Town.

"Absent Brethren and Sisters" was then proposed, and also the Tyler's toast, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

An excellent programme of music was afterwards carried out by Bro. F. De Stadler, Org., with songs, &c. Special mention of the banqueting Committee cannot pass unnoticed, for Bros. Turner, P.M.; Beaufort, and Pollard were energetic the whole evening, and especially deserve a vote of thanks. The whole affair was a real Masonic treat, and much enjoyed by all privileged to be present.

**Australia.**

**BRO. LORD CARRINGTON, P.G.W., AND THE CRAFT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.**

The English and Scottish Freemasons of New South Wales celebrated her Majesty's Jubilee in a very fitting manner. Special communications of the two districts were held on Friday, the 24th June. The Scottish District were announced as visitors to the English District. Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W., the Governor of the Colony, was present, and received for transmission to the Queen a joint address from the two districts. The address was enclosed in an elegant myall wood casket.

In the evening a grand Masonic banquet was held in the Sydney Exhibition building, at which over 300 brethren were present, Bro. John Williams, the venerable R.W. District Grand Master of the English Constitution, presided, having on his right Bro. Lord Carrington.

Replying to the toast of "His Excellency the Governor," proposed by Bro. G. M. Davidson, Deputy District Grand Master Scottish Constitution, his lordship said: It is with deep sincerity, and with a grateful heart, that I rise this evening to thank the brethren present for the great and grand reception which they have been good enough to give me. (Applause.) I thank the brethren all more gratefully because I feel, and because I know, that the welcome they have given me this evening is not a welcome to myself, but is a splendid tribute of loyalty and devotion to that great Queen whose unworthy representative I am. (Cheers.) During the last week Sydney has nobly shown her loyalty, and she has not only shown her loyalty and allegiance to the Queen, but I venture to say she has done far more than that, for she has shown a determination to uphold the constitution as it exists—(applause)—and to enforce law and order throughout the community. (Cheers.) I congratulate you on this magnificent meeting, and on the loyalty which has brought all the brethren together this evening, and I think you may congratulate yourselves also that we are not here alone in this great hall, but that above us the galleries are filled to overflowing with fair representatives of the grace and beauty of our great city. (Cheers.) These ladies have come here to look down upon us, the brethren of the Order from which no man is excluded, provided he believes in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practises the sacred duties of morality. (Applause.) The Jubilee year has witnessed a common burst of loyalty from all parts of the empire, and although I regret to say that there is a serious and deplorable division in our Craft in New South Wales, yet we all, as Freemasons, are strongly united in our devotion to the constitution and our loyalty to the Queen. (Applause.) This being so, could not this year become memorable among Freemasons as the one in which the first steps were taken to bring the Masonic bodies of this colony into one great

body? (Long and continued applause.) The difficulties at first may appear great, indeed, to some they may seem apparently insurmountable; but if they are to be overcome at all, it is by Masonry, and Masonry alone, that this great step is to be effected. (Applause.) The Grand Masters have, to their great honour, for years conscientiously and bravely refused to allow any infringement of those constitutional laws which by their obligations they were bound to maintain. (Applause.) We know them well enough to know that they would be the last persons in the world to throw any impediment in the way of a general reconciliation of the brethren, should it be possible to effect it in a lawful and proper manner. (Applause.) I have had the pleasing duty entrusted to me of proposing the toast of the Grand District Lodges of New South Wales under the English and Scottish Constitutions, and with this toast I beg leave to couple the names of my Right Worshipful friend and brother, District Grand Master Williams, a Freemason of over 50 years' standing—(applause)—a brother who has devoted the best of his life to the service of the Craft, and also the name of the D.D.G.M. of the Scottish Constitution, Bro. Davidson. (Applause.) I ask you to drink with all heartiness and kindness the toast of "The District Grand Lodges of New South Wales under the English and Scottish Constitutions."

Bro. Dr. Sedgwick, R.W.D.G.M. (S.C.) was prevented from being present by a family bereavement.

**THE GORDON LODGE, No. 2112.**

We congratulate the W. Master (Bro. W. F. Lamonby) and the brethren of the Gordon Lodge, No. 2112, Essenden, Victoria, on the success, both financial and administrative, which has attended their efforts during the first year of its existence. It musters already over 30 members and there is a balance of assets over liabilities of upwards of £40. Moreover, the members seem to have worked in harmony together, and now that they have obtained settled quarters in the Ascotvale Masonic Hall, we may look to find them flourishing more abundantly, and as they purpose starting a lodge of Instruction, a highly efficient body of zealous Masons. With the exception of Bro. L. J. Blanchard, all the officers have consented to serve a second term under Bro. Lamonby, who has been elected W.M. for the current year, and Bro. Blanchard's retirement from office, the result not of unwillingness to give his services, but of circumstances beyond his control, which have secured for him the sympathy of every member. We heartily wish the Gordon Lodge a still more successful year than that which has just closed so satisfactorily, and that it may have before it a long career of unvarying good fortune. It has gone the right way to work to deserve success.

**Mark Masonry.**

**DERBY.**—Derby Lodge (No. 302).—The annual festival and installation of this prosperous lodge was held (by dispensation) on Monday, the 4th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street. The lodge was opened, when there were present Bros. W. Silver Hall, P.P.G.I. of Wks., W.M.; J. Bland, P.S.G.D., S.W.; C. Webster, J.W.; A. Woodiwiss, P.G. Std. Br., M.O.; R. L. Horner Mole, P.G. Stwd., J.O.; J. O. Manton, P.M. 246, Treas.; E. Horner, P.G.J.D., W.M. 339, D. of C.; T. Oldham, Stwd.; W. Stone, Tyler; J. Copestick; A. Frazer; T. Cox, P.M. 302, D.P.G.M.; Percy Wallis, P.M. 302, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W. Visitors: S. Knight, W.M.; Fowke, 19, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; Rev. C. W. Grove Jeckerton, 373, P.G. Chap.; and H. Webb, S.W., W.M. elect, 339. The dispensation having been read and ordered to be entered on the minutes, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The sum of £3 3s. 3d. was voted to the W.M.'s list for the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. J. Bland, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Percy Wallis, P.M., and most ably installed W.M., by the retiring W.M. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. T. Cox, P.M., gave the charge to the newly-installed W.M. After the working tools &c., had been presented, the W.M. invested those of his officers present, the full list being as follows: Bros. W. Silver Hall, I.P.M.; C. Webster, S.W.; A. Woodiwiss, J.W.; R. L. Horner Mole, M.O.; J. Walker, S.O.; W. J. Piper, J.O.; Rev. C. T. Bromwich, Chap.; J. O. Manton, P.M., 246, Treas.; W. B. Woodforde, R. of M.; Severn Taylor, Sec.; J. Copestick, S.D.; T. Oldham, J.D.; T. Rowe D. of C.; Edgar Horne, W.M. 339, Organist; J. P. Fearfield, I.G.; W. Johnson, Steward; and W. Stone, Tyler. The address to the Wardens was delivered by Bro. T. Cox, P.M., D.P.G.M., and to the Overseers by Bro. Percy Wallis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., whilst that to the brethren generally was most ably delivered by the Installing Master. The Audit Committee was then elected, and the lodge was closed. Apologies for inability to attend were read from the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Wm. Kelly; Bros. Miles J. Walker, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Berridge, G.D. of C.; J. M. McLeod, P.M. 265; E. Jeeves, W.M. 21; W. Whittaker, P.M.; and many others.

Subsequently the banquet took place at the Royal Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., the Lower Room at the Masonic Hall being in process of cleaning and altering. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Bro. the Earl of Arran and Lady Esther Gore have left town for Scotland, on a visit to Bro. the Earl and Countess of Airlie at Cortachy Castle.

At the 12th annual meeting at Grand Rapids, on the 21st April last of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association of Western Michigan, it was stated that the total benefits paid amounted to 272,765 dollars, the sum paid during the preceding year being 58,000 dollars.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught took leave of her Majesty on Monday morning, and on the following day left for Aix-les-Bains, where the Duchess and two of the children are staying. To-morrow (Saturday) his Royal Highness will proceed via Brindisi to resume his command in India. On Saturday last the Queen presented the Duke with the insignia of a Grand Cross of the Order of the Indian Empire in commemoration of the Jubilee.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1887.

Original Correspondence.

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

CHARLES DIBDIN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 I should greatly esteem the favour if any of your readers can inform me as to the name and number of the lodge in which my great grandfather, Charles Dibdin, the sea song writer, was initiated. That he was in his time a Mason, I know for a fact, and he may have belonged to more than one lodge. Records of his affiliations would also be interesting.—I remain, yours fraternally,

JAS. C. DIBDIN, R.W.M. 392 (Scotland).

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"THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 The *Liberal Freemason* of Boston, U.S.A., in its June number has the following:—  
 "THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY—: . . John C. Yorston and Co., Publishers. This title page . . . is followed by another, telling us that the work is 'by Robert Freke Gould . . . assisted by William J. Hughan . . . Rev. A. F. A. Woodford . . . David Murray Lyon . . . Enoch T. Carson, Deputy of Northern Supreme Council, 33°, for Ohio, and Past Grand Com. K.T. of Ohio; Josiah H. Drummond, P.G.M. of Maine, and P.G. Com. Northern Supreme Council of the United States; T. S. Parvin, P.G.M. of Iowa, and Grand Recorder G.E.K.T. of the United States. This is a formidable array of talent and suggestive of the fact that great care has been exercised in bringing out an American edition of Gould's History."  
 Permit me to state that the edition is a piratical one, and that if issued with "great care," it has been brought out with singular impudence, of which the unauthorised and unwarrantable use of my name by the publishers and their canvassers affords a ready illustration. Nor should I omit to add that the "assistance" derived from Bros. E. T. Carson, Josiah H. Drummond, and T. S. Parvin, was altogether unknown to me, as none of these distinguished brethren took me into their confidence, or hinted in any way at the surprise they had in store for me.  
 Yours fraternally,

August 16.

R. F. GOULD.

LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, 1886.  
 —The Executive Council have awarded their Diploma of Honour to Walter Taylor as chief workman engaged in the production of Monarch Guns for which a gold medal was awarded Bro. Robert Jones, Monarch Gun Works, Manchester-street, Liverpool.

Another new lodge is shortly to be constituted in the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and is to be called the Farnborough and North Camp Lodge, No. 2203. Bro. Rix, P.M. 1331, P.P.G. Sd. Br., is the W.M. designate.

The Jubilee Address to the Queen from the Grand Lodge of South Australia, signed by Bro. Chief Justice Way, M.W.G.M., H. E. Downer, M.P., D.G.M., and J. H. Cunningham, G. Secretary, was presented to his Excellency the Governor for transmission to her Majesty. It was beautifully engraved and illuminated, the seal of the Grand Lodge being affixed, and it was enclosed in an elaborate case in dark morocco with purple ribbons and gold tassels. The Governor expressed his admiration of the Address and promised it should be forwarded at once.



"AUREUS. THE GOLDEN TRACTATE OF HERMES TRISMEGISTUS." Robert H. Fryar, Bath, 18:6.

This brochure concerns the "Physical Secret of the Philosopher's Stone," and is enriched with an introductory Essay by Bro. John Yarker, of Manchester, who is beyond question, one of the leading specialists in relation to occult studies in this country. The introduction, to a novice, is by far the most interesting portion, and indeed for ordinary mortals, is the only part that is readable. Bro. Yarker declares that "In England the Rosicrucian Society, as a practical body, disappeared with the year 1700, but as a moral brotherhood connected itself to some extent with the Freemasons." The frontispiece is a curious production, and is from "the Key to the Grand Mysteries of Eliphaz Levi," which we trust will be information to some of our readers at least, though personally we lament that this item of news is to us *terra incognita*. We believe most thoroughly in the excellence of the reprints published by Bro. Fryar of Bath.

"SUB-MUNDANES, OR THE ELEMENTARIES OF THE CABALA." Bath, 1886.

This capital volume is a reprint of "Count Gabalis, or the extravagant mysteries of the Cabalists, or Rosy-Crucians," originally published in 1670, and translated in 1680, the latter being difficult to meet with. Pope in his dedication to "The Rape of the Lock" says that "the best account he knew of the Rosicrucian System is in this Tract." The "discourses" are five in all, being entitled "Exposed in five pleasant discourses on the Secret Sciences." Bro. R. H. Fryar states that "This is the great tabooed work which, on account of the peculiar subject and its free treatment, is almost virtually 'boycotted,' except when supplied direct from this house." As to this, we cannot say, being only familiar with the Book in an original edition. We can, however, speak well of the reprint as a faithful reproduction.

"INTELLIGENCE QUARTERLY, No. 1, JUNE, 1887. London, 1887.

This exhaustive and most extraordinary work is published under the auspices of the "Bennetts' Intelligence Association, Limited," of the Strand, London, and contains some 80,000 references, with the names and particulars of 18,000 streets in the Metropolis of England and the world. Railway Stations, Fares by Rail, Cabs, &c., are all duly detailed, and 75 maps add much to the value of the compilation. Besides all these features, it is an Intelligence Calendar of Past Events and Future Engagements. The Tables of Contents are arranged in three columns, printed in English, French, and German. Then again, the information is so varied as to Churches, Museums, Galleries, Hotels and Restaurants, Monuments, Parks, Gardens, Theatres, Exhibitions, Excursions, &c., &c., that the wonder increases, with the perusal of the attractive *menu*, how such a compilation can possibly pay at the small cost of one shilling. It should be read with *Masseys'* "Streets of London" (G. Kenning), the two being well fitted as indispensable companions for Tourists, &c.

DEVON MASONIC REGISTER, 1887. W. F. Westcott, Frankfort-street, Plymouth. (15.)

We are pleased to again welcome this most useful publication for the Province of Devon, and note the several improvements in this year's issue, under the editorship of Bro. W. F. Westcott, who has succeeded his lamented uncle in the business of printer and publisher, &c. It is printed on thinner paper than its predecessors, and therefore is of a handier size. Particulars are given of no less than 51 lodges, 28 Arch chapters, 21 Mark lodges, six Knights Templar preceptories, three Rose Croix chapters, &c., besides a list of votes held by all the lodges and brethren in the province, the last-mentioned being much fuller and more accurate than those supplied in 1886. As the votes do not average one to each member on the roll—though numbering a total of 2229, without the special votes—there is plenty to be done by the Stewards for 1888, so as to make the province more worthy of the aid it receives from our Central Masonic Charities. The motto in Devon practically is a reversal of the old motto, so cherished by all lovers of humanity, so as to read "It is more blessed to receive than to give." It is curious to note that the first warranted lodge in Devon was at Exeter in the year 1732 (not 1731, as Bro. Westcott states), and is still on the roll. The list supplied by Bro. Hughan, P.S.G.D., &c., shows that those which immediately followed of 1735 and 1748 for Plymouth have long ceased to exist, there being 34 lodges in all, which at some time or other were working in that province, and are now, either numbered with the extinct lodges or have been removed to other provinces. There are eight lodges which have centenary warrants, and might as well be enumerated by Bro. Westcott in another issue, or the particulars given under the respective numbers. They are 39, Exeter; 70, Plymouth; 105, Plymouth; 112, Exeter; 189, East Stonehouse; 202, Devonport; 248, Brixham; and 251, Barnstaple. Those of 39, 70, 105, and 112 are of special design, as may be seen by reference to Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717—1886," who is a P.M. in the Province of Devon.

A HUNDRED MASONIC SONNETS.—By GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL, Stokcsley, Yorksire. Published by the Author, 1887.

Brother Tweddell is sincere in his enthusiasm for the Craft, "Freemasonry," says he in his preface to this volume, "is dearer to me than any other thing I know of, because, in my conception of it, it comprises all true religion and morality; all family, social, and national duties; all genuine philanthropy, literature, science, and art; in brief, all that can endear man to man, and make us more like the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, in whose service alone is felicity for the human race." This

is a far loftier ideal of Freemasonry than we are wont to find even among Ma-onic enthusiasts, and yet, without going quite so far as the talented author of these Sonnets, we readily admit there is a vast amount of truth in it. Freemasonry is capable of making men good and noble; it could not be otherwise what it is rightly claimed to be—a system of morality. However, it matters little how far we agree with Bro. Tweddell in the ideas we have quoted. It is enough that a man who is imbued with such opinions, if he possesses ability as a writer either in prose or verse, is certain to infuse into his work a spirit in accordance with his ideal, and there is no doubt that Bro. Tweddell's sonnets, one and all of them, breathe the truest and purest spirit of Masonry. Their tone is admirable and the language in which they are written simple and elegant. As sonnets they are well worthy of the praise which has been so liberally bestowed on them by our contemporaries in whose columns they have from time to time been published; as a series of lessons in morality they are equally deserving of credit, and we wish we had ampler space at our disposal so that we might place before our readers a few of the passages which have more particularly claimed our attention. Still the following, though it is by no means the best in the collection, is a very fair specimen of Bro. Tweddell's style, and we append it for that reason—

BRO. H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.

Mourn for our Brother, Leopold, for he  
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 In Intellect and Morals: never since  
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 For he had love for all that raises Man  
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 Refine our Nature: and the trump of Fame  
 Will loudly o'er the World his Worth proclaim,  
 Though he, for us, hath all too early Died;  
 For he in nought to meanness was allied,  
 But loved his Fellow Men; so that his Name  
 Was ever link'd with all that's Pure and Good—  
 A Prince in Thought and Act, not merely one in Blood.

We trust Bro. Tweddell will obtain the patronage which he deserves and needs. The list of subscribers which appears at the end of the Volume is by no means too formidable, and seeing that, as he mentions in his preface, he is partially paralysed and his circumstances the reverse of encouraging through loss of means caused by "what proved to be un-safe investment," we hope the Craft will show their appreciation of his literary work by adding their names to the list, and by relieving his mind of all financial anxieties as to the success of this venture, materially enhance the comfort of his declining days. Bro. Tweddell has been a zealous and true Mason; let him, in this Volume of Sonnets, have his reward in the encouragement of his brethren.



Craft Masonry.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—The regular quarterly meeting of the above influential lodge, which lodge is reserved for those who are serving or have served in H.M. Royal Regiment of Artillery, took place on the 8th inst., at the Café Royal, Air-street, Piccadilly, Bro. Capt. W. Weston, W.M., and P.M. 1536, and P.P.G. Sd. Br. Kent, in the chair, supported by the following brethren of the lodge and visitors: Bros. Capt. W. L. White, R.A., S.W.; W. R. Arnold, J.W.; Capt. W. Richey, R.A., P.M., Sec.; E. Morris, S.D.; J. Christian, J.D.; J. Lawson, I.G.; Capt. G. Spinks, O.S.D., P.M.; W. Maule, P.M. 1536; Lieut. A. W. Chamberlin, R.A.; Lieut. T. F. Cooper, R.A.; Capt. A. H. Hansard, R.A.; Capt. J. McCaffery, R.A.; Capt. M. J. Rowan, R.A.; Lieut. J. Butler, R.A.; W. Blades, C. McCaffery, W. C. Haley, and T. Burningham, all of the lodge; H. Williams, P.M. 249, and P.P.A.G.D.C. West Lancashire; Lieut. W. Jarvis, P.M. 491, and P.P.J.G.D. Jersey; Lieut. R. M. Laird, 325; Lieut. W. Ward, O.S.D.; Quartermaster Wrانkin, R.B., 1536; W. Jackson, J.D. 1977; W. Laurance, H. Vallon, 1472; C. Brownlow, C. Clarkson, 1604; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Major A. H. Whitehorn, 391, and Bro. Master Gunner W. Laurance, Gibraltar Lodge (I.C.), and proved unanimous. The ballot was then taken for Capt. W. J. Barrell, C. and I. Staff; Master Gunner R. C. Groves, R.A.; and Major C. F. P. Trapaud, 1st City of London A.V., and that also proved unanimous. Mr. Groves was the only candidate present, and he was duly initiated. Bros. Hansard and Haley were then raised, the work being admirably executed by the W.M. and his officers.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a superb banquet, after which the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts in choice and eloquent terms.

Bro. Spinks proposed the toast of "The W.M.," briefly saying they were all so well acquainted with the merits of Bro. Weston, that any eulogy on his part would be simply superfluous, while the state of the atmosphere precluded him from making a long speech were he ever so desirous. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Weston, in response, was just as brief. He said he was afraid they found him rather rusty in the ritual, not having performed the ceremonies for so many years past; however, he could promise them to be more perfect in the future. He sincerely thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and said he had received a letter of regret at not being able to attend from Bro. Mason, their I.P.M., and also one from Bro. Capt. Ritchie, P.M., who was prevented from attending by pressing business at the War Office. They had, however, three or four good old P.M.'s present, brethren whom he had known for many years, and with whom he had worked hard in Masonry. He alluded to Bros. Richey, Spinks, and Collins. The latter he had not seen at work, but he believed that brother could compete with the best of them.

The toast having been drunk with honours,

Bro. Spinks said, on behalf of the Past Masters belonging to the lodge, he could assure them that they always liked to be present at the lodge meetings, because they met some of their old comrades upon every occasion—members of the Royal Regiment of Artillery—to which they all, either at the present or at some time, had the honour of belonging. They were pleased to meet those old friends and renew the pleasure of former acquaintances, and, if for that alone, it was no light pleasure to attend the meetings of the Ubique Lodge. For himself, he thanked them.

Bro. Richey said the members of the Royal Regiment, the motto of which was the cognomen of the lodge, were scattered all over the world, and so were the principles of Masonry. He trusted the lodge would keep up its present high prestige, and be a home for Royal Artillery Masons in London for ever. As long as he lived he should do all in his power for its welfare and prosperity.

Bro. Collins was pleased to be present, if only to make the acquaintance of Bro. Jolly, whom he had known by report only. There was another Bro. Jolly at Preston, an excellent brother, and, like Bro. C. Jolly, a jovial companion, and he trusted some day to bring him to that lodge to meet his London namesake.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Williams, Jarvis, Jolly, and others.

After Bro. White had eloquently responded for "The Officers," the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**ERITH.**—St. John and St. Paul Lodge (No. 615).—The resuscitation of the above venerable lodge seems to be in a fair way of accomplishment, for it certainly has, under the rule of Bros. Past Masters J. Aillud, P.P.A.G.D.C. Kent; G. W. Mitchell, and R. W. Bilby, risen both in numbers and importance, and is, as its friends desire it to be, resuming its old position as one of the foremost lodges in the Province of Kent.

The installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Schools, Avenue-road, when Bro. W. L. Doddrell, S.W., and W.M. elect, was with the usual ceremonies placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted in due form. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. King, S.W.; C. Watkins, J.W.; G. W. Mitchell, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Bilby, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Davis, S.D.; G. H. Letton, J.D.; G. Cashfield, I.G. (by proxy); J. N. Loveridge, D.C.; C. G. Godwin, W.S.; and W. Larder, Tyler. The addresses were then most impressively rendered, and the Installing Officer, Bro. Bilby, I.P.M., concluded a cleverly executed and perfect ceremony, amid the commendations of all present. He was then presented with a vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and also with a handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, especially manufactured for him by Bro. Kenning, of London. Bro. Bilby having returned thanks, Bro. G. Mitchell, P.M., was re-elected to serve on the Provincial Charity Committee, as representative of the lodge, and then the lodge was closed in due form.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. F. Binckes, P.G. Sd. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Stone, P.M., and P.P.J.G.D. Kent; J. Aillud, P.M., and P.P.A.G.D.C. Kent; T. W. Knight, P.M., and P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Capt. W. Weston, P.M. 1536, W.M. 1789, and P.P.G. Sd. Br. Kent; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, and P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M. 1536, and P.P.G.D.C. Natal; D. Pearce, P.M. 1261, and P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex; W. T. Buck, P.M. 1702, and P.P.G. Supt. Middlesex; W. T. Hunt, P.M. 79; H. Mason, P.M. 913; G. Masters, P.M. 13; C. H. Canning, J.W. 1472; H. Steward, 913; J. B. Hancock, 700; A. G. Mitchell, 700; W. Harris, 913; G. Watson, 13; A. Deans, 13; W. A. Anson, 13; C. Jolly, P.M. 913, and 1472; and others.

The banquet was partaken of at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith, and was all that could be desired.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been drunk, that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the names of Bros. Binckes and Hogard.

Bro. Binckes, in response, said that no two better or more zealous, able, and energetic Masons than their Pro and Deputy Grand Masters could have been chosen to assist their Grand Master in carrying out the duties of Grand Lodge; that was a matter in which all who had had the honour of attending Grand Lodge would fully agree with him. The work of those good Masons was so well and constitutionally done, that he felt sure their places, should they retire, could not easily be filled, and they (the members of the Craft generally) would look upon any change with dismay. Since their meeting in that room last year he and Bro. Hogard had been honoured by the selection of H.R.H. their Grand Master for past rank, and both of them had been highly complimented on receiving those honours. No one could criticise the manner in which their Grand Master had bestowed those honours, nor was it for him to say whether those honours were bestowed wisely or not. For himself, he could only say that he had tried for many years to fight for their privileges in Grand Lodge, and his present position would not deter him still doing so in any shape or form. Then, with regard to the Charities, he would take that opportunity of thanking the W.M., who had told him that he intended to stand Steward at the next Boys' School Festival, and Bro. Bilby also intended to stand Steward on that occasion, although for another lodge. That showed them that the practical sympathy with the Charities that had ever distinguished the St. John and St. Paul was as earnest now as it ever had been. He trusted he might long be spared to be with them, and watch the progress of their lodge, with which he had for so many years been so intimately acquainted, and in which he had spent so many happy hours.

Bro. Hogard, after referring in felicitous terms to the fact of the Earl of Carnarvon having been that day gazetted Lord Lieutenant of the county of Hampshire, and also to the fact that two days before Lord Lathom, attended by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who for the purpose had left a bed of sickness, Sir Albert Woods, Prince Albert Victor, and others had gone to Osborne to present her Most Gracious Majesty with the congratulatory resolution passed at the recent meeting at the Albert Hall, said he had no desire to be egotistical, but felt that every recipient of honours at the Albert Hall meeting had done good suit and service for Masonry. The Charities, of which he now

desired to speak, were ever before them, and were worthy of their support, and if there was one Charity that deserved and indeed wanted their support, it was the Boys' School. It was only four years ago that the esteemed Grand Master of that province, Earl Amherst, took the chair, and had one of the best and most successful gatherings in the history of the Charities, and he trusted the time was not far distant when they would have his lordship to preside over them with even better results. Those who had not been to Wood Green, he would ask to go and see for themselves how admirably the School was managed, and then, he felt sure, they would support it even more than they had hitherto. For the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received he cordially thanked them.

The toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of the Province of Kent," having been drunk with enthusiasm,

Bro. Aillud, in responding for "Bro. J. S. Eastes, the D.G.M. of the Province of Kent, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," said there was one thing he could safely say, and that was, that in the Province of Kent they looked up to Earl Amherst the same as the London brethren looked up to the Prince of Wales, with feelings of the deepest loyalty and respect, and if ever the time came that his lordship took the chair at any one of the Charities, the Masons of Kent would rally round him and make the occasion one for them to be proud of, and the other provinces to imitate. For himself personally, he thanked them for the toast; he looked upon the honour conferred upon him as an honour to the lodge, and felt sure the time was not far distant when another collar would fall to the lot of the St. John and St. Paul Lodge.

Bro. Weston reiterated Bro. Aillud's remarks anent their Prov. G. Master, and knew the brethren would support him as one man.

Bro. Spinks said those who had preceded him had not alluded to their D.P.G.M., that he attributed to the fact that they did not like to again awaken the deep feelings of sympathy expressed by every Mason in the province, and indeed wherever Bro. Eastes was known, at that distinguished brother's recent bereavement; but he felt sure that they would agree with him that they could not have a better man or a better Mason to assist their P.G.M. in the ruling and governing of the province than Bro. Eastes.

The Immediate Past Master then in eloquent terms proposed the toast of "The W.M." Now he did not like to say too much about their esteemed W.M., because he remembered a saying of the late Artemus Ward, "You scratch my back and I will scratch yours," and they might think that was his object, knowing that the W.M. had to have his say about him (Bro. Bilby) presently, but nevertheless, he would say this, that he believed Bro. Doddrell would make an excellent Master; he had watched his working and found it par excellence in every respect. There was a grand old lodge, and one that had done good suit and service in its time for Masonry, and always looked upon good working as the essence, the golden essence of Masonry; and in that particular essence he felt proud to say it could not be beaten by any lodge in the Province of Kent. If he personally could do anything to make their Master's year a prosperous one, he certainly should do so, and now asked them to show their loyalty by drinking his health in a bumper.

The W.M. in re-pulse assured the brethren that ever since he became a member of the lodge he had endeavoured in every way to promote its success, because he had the object before him of one day becoming its W.M. He hoped to make it one of the foremost in the province, both in work and Charity. He looked upon it as a great honour to be its Master during the year of her most gracious Majesty's Jubilee, and trusted before the year expired the lodge would have gained in strength and position, and be in every way worthy of its prestige and honoured name. He cordially thanked them for the toast, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

In response to a hearty reception of the toast of the "Installing Officer," Bro. Bilby said it was a proud day for him to have installed his successor, and although the ritual was somewhat different to that used in the province, yet it was such as was used in most of the London lodges, such as the Lodge of Antiquity, the Royal Athelstane, and the Suburban, to which he belonged, and he thought he could do no wrong in following the ritual used in those lodges. This was an age of improvement, but whether his working was an improvement he could not say. He was pleased to see the Grand Officers present, and after alluding to the Charities and what had been done for the Charities by those Grand Officers, he concluded by cordially thanking them for the toast.

Bro. Pearce, in responding for "The Visitors," congratulated the lodge upon its evident progress, and predicted for the W.M. a useful and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Weston thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast, and gave a lucid account of his visits to foreign lodges, especially at Cairo, where he had visited an Arab lodge and been cordially entertained. He had also seen a lodge opened in the King's Chamber of the Great Pyramid of Cheops, and wherever he went always received a hearty welcome among Masons.

Bro. Deeves also spoke of Masonry abroad, especially at Natal and the Cape generally, and related some most interesting episodes in his Masonic career there.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters" and "The Officers," for which Bro. Mitchell returned thanks, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bros. Dean and Anson sang several songs, and Bro. Hancock presided at the harmonium and piano.

**DERBY.**—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Woodiwick, W.M.; Edgar Horne, I.P.M.; J. W. Briggs, S.W.; S. Taylor, J.W.; W. H. Wright, Sec.; J. Walker, S.D.; J. Jones, D.C.; W. Forman, vrg.; W. Todd, I.G.; G. H. Ward, Stwd.; T. Day, Tyler; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. C. Merry, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. R. Gee, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Brown, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; C. Webster, P.M., P.S.G.D.; Rev. T. Orrell, J. Melrose, S. Tinkler, G. Copstick, Karl Booty, W. Humber, W. W. Haywood, F. Ball, J. Walkerdine, D. Woollatt, and J. Machin. Visitors: Bros. T. Cox, P.M. 253, P.G. Treas.; Percy Wallis, P.M., P.S.G.W.; W. Silver Hall, W.M. 253; and R. Slater, W.M. 802.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. J. Machin was passed to the Second Degree in a very able manner by the W.M., the charge being excellently given by the S.W. The W.M. then announced that the lodge and its members had subscribed £10 4s. towards the Imperial Institute. Apologies for inability to attend were read from Bros. W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; G. Sutherland, J.D.; and G. Tarver, Steward. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

The brethren afterwards met in the Lower Hall, where an excellent repast had been provided, and to which ample justice was done. The hall had recently been restored, under the able supervision of Bro. C. Webster, P.M., and to whom and Bro. G. H. Ward, Steward, great credit is due, the latter having designed the various devices, &c., on ceiling and walls. The room has been thoroughly ventilated, and fresh gas chandeliers introduced, and the trustees are to be congratulated on the very great improvements which have been made.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the S.W. proposed briefly but forcibly "The Health of the W.M.," which was most heartily received, and responded to by the W.M.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. T. Cox, P.M. 253, P.G. Treas., and P. Wallis, P.M., P.S.G.W., duly responded.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on Saturday, the 13th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. H. Matthews, W.M.; Dr. Faulkner, S.W.; Geo. L. Wingate, P.M., acting J.W.; J. Faulkner, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; E. W. Devereux, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; Hassel, S.D.; A. A. Carter, J.D.; Hart-Davis, I.G.; F. Tallack, D.C.; F. W. Tallack, W.S.; H. F. Tallack, Org.; and E. W. Mackney, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Beyond confirming, and reading the by-laws as revised, there was little or no business before the lodge, so with "hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual toasts followed. The remainder of the evening was spent in love and harmony. Bro. Mackney presided at the pianoforte, and kept the brethren in roars of laughter in the happy rendering of many of his old songs, Bros. Carter and Francis Tallack also contributing to the enjoyment.

**CROYDON.**—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, 13th instant, when there were present Bros. Ridpath, W.M.; Hobbs, P.P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; Samuel, S.W.; Levey, J.W.; Rev. E. D. Lennox Harvey, Prov. G. Chap., Chaplain; J. D. Langton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; Goode, S.D.; Cambridge, P.P.G.O.; J. D. Holdsworth, acting I.G.; H. H. Aston, R. W. Wilson, and J. G. Fraser. The visitors present were Bros. F. Carter, 14; A. J. Heath, 2041; R. H. Ranson, 1790; Blackman, J.W. 359; and Reed, J.D. 1174.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Master stated that he had received a request from the W.M. of the West Kent Volunteer Lodge, 2041, to the effect that Bro. A. J. Heath should be passed to the Degree of a F.C. The W.M. said he had much pleasure in complying with that request. Bro. Heath was then raised to the degree of F.C. Mr. E. J. Prior having been proposed for initiation, and other business transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to dinner under the presidency of the W.M. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been drunk, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of the Prov. G. Chap., Bro. Lennox Harvey, who suitably replied.

The toasts of "The W.M." and "The I.P.M." having been given, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Ranson and Heath. The latter took the opportunity to thank the members of the George Price Lodge for having allowed him to be passed in their lodge.

The toasts of "The Secretary" and "The Officers" followed, and during the evening songs were given by the W.M. and Bro. Dr. Wilson, Bro. Cambridge presiding at the pianoforte.

## INSTRUCTION.

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Faulkner, W.M.; Borrett, S.W.; Penrose, J.W.; S. R. Speight, P.M., Sec.; Dandridge, S.D.; Turpin, J.D.; Vatchy, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Howes, P.M.; Leng, W. Wright, Hick, Williams, Emblin, and Priest.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wright personating the candidate. The lodge was then called off, and, on resuming, the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were duly answered by Bro. Hick. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, Bro. Borrett, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 12th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; W. G. Coats, J.W.; J. L. King, P.M., S.D.; G. Swan, J.D.; D. S. Long, I.G.; J. Collins, P.M., Preceptor; Mellors, and Coppstone.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Mellors, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Mellors being the candidate, the W.M. rendering the traditional history in his usual able manner. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. having risen for the first and second times, Bro. A. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes" being given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, W.M.; C. S. Mote, S.W.; J. H. Baxter, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Death, S.D.; O. W. Battley, J.D.; F. E. Vowler, P.M. 1603, I.G.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; and W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chalfont being candidate. The 1st and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mote was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, 16th inst., when there were present Bros. W. W. Block, W.M.; W. Wigglesworth, S.W.; S. Renault, J.W.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; J. Hattersley, S.D.; H. Chapman, J.D.; W. Steele, I.G.; G. A. Ball, S. Ellis, Bellchamber, W. Roots, and Prudoe.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. S. Ellis having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Ellis candidate. The lodge was re-umed to the First Degree. Bro. Block vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Austin, W.M. elect 619, who rehearsed the investiture of officers. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Prudoe candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and it was proposed by Bro. S. Renault, and seconded by Bro. Chapman, that Bro. Prudoe, 1623, become a joining member; the ballot was unanimous. Bro. Prudoe returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that Bro. Wigglesworth be W.M. for the first week in September—carried unanimously. Bro. Wigglesworth returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. G. F. Swan, W.M.; H. Hunter, S.W.; A. Bullen, J.W.; G. H. Reynolds, S.D.; J. R. Harnell, J.D.; H. Matthews, I.G.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. S. Henry, E. Arbitt, F. M. Noakes, and C. Grassi.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. worked the 1st, and Bro. R. J. Harnell worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. F. M. Noakes having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. Carlo Grassi proposed that Bro. H. Hunter, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. C. Woods, W.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; W. H. Neville, S.D.; P. J. Davies, J.D.; Swan, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Cochrane, Marsh, and Sims.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. C. Williams, and Bro. Marsh, being a candidate to be passed to the second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. C. Woods having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was closed down to First Degree. Bro. J. H. Neville was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed in due form.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. C. Coombs, W.M.; Child, P.M., S.W.; Higginson, J.W.; Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; C. R. Cross, S.D.; Woodard, J.D.; F. Cox, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; John Davies, Preceptor. Spiegel, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Jennings, Cotton, Craggs, Larter, Briehart, and P. D. Davies. Visitors—Bros. F. Stanley, Wright, and Hardinge.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Spiegel, P.M., being the candidate. The Second, Third, and Fourth Sections were worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was then closed. Bro. Child, P.M., was elected to the chair of W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. F. Stanley, F. N. Hardinge, and G. S. Wright were elected joining members.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 13th inst. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; E. Aslete, S.W.; C. Hopkins, J.W.; J. Sims, acting Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; G. Gardner, Treas. and S.D.; and F. Craggs, I.G.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Aslete was elected W.M. for next meeting.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gaudi Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. Kerry, W.M.; Lissimore, S.W.; Folkard, J.W.; Beavan, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; Gibbs, I.G.; J. R. Johnson, Preceptor; W. W. Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Esling, Oates, Pugh, Burnett, and Coe.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Esling being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Esling as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Lissimore, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Lissimore returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

**Royal Arch.**

**INSTRUCTION.**

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Sims, S.N. 834, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, H.; E. Child, P.Z. 538, J.; H. E. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; C. R. Wickens, P.S. 975, S.N.; J. Davies, 733, P.S.; P. J. Davies, 834, 1st A.S.; W. H. Denn, P.Z. 77, 477, P.P.G.R. Dorset; M. Spiegel, 834; and T. C. Edmonds, 890, S.N. 1507.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Spe g-1 being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Dean as M.E.Z. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.



Miss Cicely Richards has been engaged to play the part of Biddy, the Irish young woman, in "Shadows of a Great City," in the place of Miss Lewis. We are sure Miss Richards will be an improvement, as Miss Lewis made herself a little too conspicuous for a non-leading part. We hear that the Princesses is looking up in a business point of view.

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It would seem that "Our Boys" has not lost its hold on the public, and as long as Bro. David James can be got to play his original character—Mr. Middlewick—Bro. Byron's piece will continue to be a mine of wealth. We, like many others, who have gone to the Criterion the last week, saw it several times at the Vaudeville, where it ran for over four years, and again on its revival at the Strand three years ago, and yet we laughed as heartily as of yore over the old wheezes. There are many who were not old enough in 1875 to go to theatres, who can now go and enjoy the retired butler's want of education, and all the mistakes he makes whenever he opens his mouth. We cannot imagine anyone not laughing when Mr. Middlewick, as represented by Bro. David James, takes up an empty egg shell, puts it to his nose, and exclaims "I knows 'em, shop 'uns," and then his "I tell yer it's Dossit; I ought to know, and what's more it's a twopenny pat." Mr. George Giddens now plays Talbot Champneys, and it is not with any disrespect to Bro. Thos. Thorne that we say we like Mr. Giddens' more subdued style quite as well as the original of Bro. Thorne. As there are a good many people up from the country, and the evenings are not so oppressive, the run of "Our Boys" may be an extended one. The Criterion, being lit by electricity, is a deliciously cool theatre, and we shall not be surprised if it is well filled for the next few weeks with people who want a hearty laugh over one of the most harmless and amusing plays ever written.

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Mrs. Brown Potter's reputation may be enhanced by her acting in "Loyal Love" which was produced on Saturday night at the Gaiety. But the finances of the theatre nor the traditions of the Gaiety can be benefited by such a play which is lacking in dramatic interest. There are plays which are only fit to read, and others which are only for playing. "Loyal Love" belongs to the former class. It is a fine piece of literary work, written in blank verse, but quite unsuited for the stage. Ross Neill, the author, is supposed to be a lady who has for some years written plays, but only one of which has ever been acted. The dialogue is too prosy and deficient in interest to make it acceptable to playgoers, especially to those who have usually been connected with the Gaiety, and who would rather see a clever burlesque or comic opera than a heavy romantic play. Mrs. Brown Potter has been unfortunate in the pieces in which she has sought to "in fame and public favour." "Man and Wife" was not calculated to arouse popularity because it was a play written for a purpose, which purpose is now passed. "Civil War" dealt with matters not of sufficient interest to English people, and we are afraid "Loyal Love" will not prove any greater success than the other two. But Mrs. Brown Potter has made a considerable advancement in her latest character as she did in the second piece compared with her first effort. Her speech, eyes, hair, and gait fit her exactly for such a character as she depicted on Saturday. She evidently won the sympathies of her audience, though there were throughout the evening some discordant voices, but these are now so usual on a first night that they count for nothing. Of late first night's have become opportunities for author baiting and vulgarity. There can be no need to call an author and manager forward and then hoot them, cry out for a speech and when they try to speak drown their voices with unseemly shouts. Ross Neill very wisely refused to be drawn, so the noisy element had to go away disappointed. When a play is distasteful surely it would suffice to receive it with silence. We think Ross Neill's romantic play has been altered for the worse, merely for the reason that the plays must end happily. Inez has been privately married to Don Pedro, son of a King of Portugal. She only knows him as a person in high life at the Court. The king has a marriage in prospect for his son, and is informed of his son's attachment by his minister, Gonzales, who undertakes to arrange matters as the king wishes. He casts Inez into prison, who then learns her husband is the Crown Prince. Gonzales is base enough to try and win her love. He tells her her lover does not care for her any more, and sends the gaoler for a cup of wine which he orders to be poisoned. He offers it to her, which she readily drinks to end her life, though she will not believe that Don Pedro has been unfaithful to her. But the gaoler has only drugged the wine. She falls down in a swoon and is thought to be dead. Pedro finds out her place of banishment and arrives to accuse Gonzales of being her murderer. Whilst this is going on the soldiers come to the prison shouting "Long live the King," for the old king has died. Pedro is now king and orders Gonzales to be arrested. Inez gradually recovers and the loyal lovers embrace again. But it would have been more natural and poetic had the play allowed her, Inez, to be poisoned, and the young king when he found his lover faithful to him and dead, to have destroyed himself over her dead body. Mr. Kyrle Bellew acts the lover, a part which is well suited to him, and Bro. Willard is Gonzales. He seems to be a great favourite, for much of the cheering of the evening was devoted to Bro. Willard. Those fond of deep romance and blank verse pieces cannot do better than go to see "Loyal Love." We should like to see Mrs. Brown Potter, as Juliet, after her success of Saturday.

We regret to hear that Bro. Lord Northwick is lying seriously ill at Upper Norwood, and that serious doubts are entertained as to his recovery.

**Obituary.**

R.W. BRO. W. KINGSTON, D.G.M. MALTA.

There can be no doubt that the District of Malta has sustained a severe loss by the death of R.W. Bro. W. Kingston, its D.G.M., whose services to Freemasonry we briefly alluded to last week, and whose mortal remains now rest in peace in the cemetery at Norwood. Bro. Kingston had been associated with the Craft in Malta, both intimately and conspicuously, during the whole of his career, extending over 30 years. There was hardly a Degree in Masonry which he had not taken, and all the Masonic organisations in the island had found in him a capable interpreter and a wise and genial ruler. We gather from Bro. A. M. Broadley's "History of Freemasonry in the District of Malta," which was dedicated to our deceased brother, and to which we are indebted for most of the particulars that follow, that Bro. William Kingston was initiated into the Craft in the Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407, on the 25th March, 1857, and in 1861 was appointed to the chair of S.W. In December of the latter year he was unanimously elected W.M., and having filled the office for two years "with unexampled success," was elected a third time and installed by virtue of a dispensation from Grand Lodge on 27th April, 1864, and for a fourth time in 1865, when he had the honour of being installed by D.G.M. Edwards, his services during this protracted period being handsomely recognised at its close by a vote of thanks and the presentation of a timepiece. In 1868 he again consented to serve as W. Master. In the meantime, on the appointment of Bro. Dr. St. John Edwards as District G. Master, and his installation in office, on the 5th January, 1865, Bro. Kingston had conferred upon him the collar of D.S.G.W. Subsequently he acted as Bro. Edwards's Deputy and on the resignation of the latter in 1869, was rewarded for his untiring zeal in behalf of Masonry with the patent of District Grand Master, being installed on the 16th March, 1870. Thenceforward the meetings of the D.G. Lodge were held with regularity, and the work of the District thoroughly well organised and carried out. In 1871 the D.G.M. succeeded in establishing a District Fund of Benevolence, which has prospered abundantly and in November of the same year he presented the brethren with a handsome D.G. Lodge banner, executed from a design furnished by Bro. Haldane, D.S.G.W. He was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the old chapter attached to the Union Lodge, No. 407, the warrant of which was returned to G. Chapter in 1873, and according to the register of attendance—for no minute book has been preserved—was First Principal during the years 1862-66. In 1860 his name figures among the visitors of the Melita Chapter, No. 349, and having ably worked the chapter during 1865 and 1866 was presented the year following with a complete set of regalia "for the invaluable aid he had given" by so doing. On the 6th March, 1868 he was elected to the chair of First Principal. In 1880 the old Union Chapter, No. 407, was revived, but with the designation of "William Kingston" Chapter, and to Comp. Kingston was entrusted the honour of consecrating it, the ceremony being performed by him on the 28th of February, 1880. He was advanced to the Mark in the Keystone Lodge, No. 107, on the 24th January, 1870, and in 1872 installed W.M. by special dispensation, not having filled the office of Warden in a Mark Lodge. In 1878 the brethren of this lodge supported a petition for the constitution of a Mark lodge at Tunis. The prayer was granted and the result was the consecration, with Bro. W. Read as first W.M. of the Kingston Lodge, No. 222, this being the first instance of the Mark Grand Lodge having issued a warrant for the creation of a private lodge out of British territory. He was a Knight Templar and having served as E.P. of the Melita Encampment in 1874, was installed Prov. Prior of the Mediterranean in 1879, in succession to Col. Boldero, who had resigned the office at the close of the preceding year. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Rose of Sharon Chapter of that Degree, on the 28th November, 1871, and served the office of M.W.S. in 1876, and was a 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. In 1879 he was installed a Sir Knight of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine in the Premier Conclave in London, and was subsequently appointed Chief Intendant General of the Order for Malta and Tunis. Nor can we close this sketch without mentioning that in 1879 the Grand Master was pleased to extend the jurisdiction of the D.G.M. of Malta to the Regency of Tunis, where the year previous the Lodge of Ancient Carthage, No. 1717, had been established, and that in 1879 the William Kingston Lodge, No. 1835, Goletta, was consecrated, the worthy brother from whom it derived its name presenting it with a handsome set of jewels and collars. It will be seen from this brief sketch that our statement at the outset as to the value of Bro. Kingston's services to Masonry in all its branches, and especially as the head in Malta and the Mediterranean of the Craft, and Templar and Red Cross Orders, is by no means exaggerated, and it will be a great consolation to the many friends of our late brother to know that, though he himself has departed from our midst for ever, his name and fame will be perpetuated through successive generations of the brethren by means of the William Kingston (Craft) and Kingston (Mark) Lodges, and the William Kingston Royal Arch Chapter. To his family, his private and personal friends, and to the Fraternity in Malta and elsewhere, we offer the tribute of our most respectful sympathy.

BRO. J. D. NORDEN, P.M., P.Z.

On Saturday a great number of the community were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Bro. J. D. Norden, aged 57 years, who for so many years has been among us. He expired suddenly from apoplexy, we believe, while playing with a child in his house on Saturday morning somewhere about 11 o'clock, and the news, as ill news always will, flew apace. The funeral was fixed to take place yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, and as the deceased gentleman was a Freemason, and had specially expressed the wish to several of us when he had been previously very ill, it was decided to bury him with full Masonic honours. Bro. Joshua Davis Norden, P.M. and P.Z., only on the Friday night was assisting as P.M. at the installation of the W.M. and officers of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, and was not even suspected of being in very ill-health. The lodges formed in procession along the Dutoitspan-road in regalia, and proceeded to the house of the deceased preceded by a band. Arrived there, the hearse was placed in the centre of the members of the Richard Giddy Lodge,

and the coffin brought out and placed therein, the bearers being six P.M.'s—Bros. Goldschmidt, Peggs, Hampton, sen., Klisser, Aburrow, and Somerville. Then the gloomy cortege of mourners moved off to the solemn strains of the Dead March in "Saul," played by the band, down to the Market-square, and up Jones-street to St. Cyprian's Church. The procession was formed as follows: The unattached brethren, Union Lodge, Peace and Harmony Lodge, Charles Warren Lodge, Athole Lodge, Cosmopolitan Lodge, the band, a portion of the Richard Giddy Lodge, the hearse and the other portion of the Richard Giddy Lodge, with the chief mourners and the general public. Quite a large and imposing procession it looked as it crossed the Market-square. Halting opposite St. Cyprian's Church, the coffin was carried in by the same bearers, followed closely by Bro. G. Richards, P.M., the relatives and friends, and placed upon a bier in front of the Chancel, when a short but impressive address was delivered by the Rev. Canon Gaul, and a short choral service was held. The procession then re-formed and proceeded to the Old Cemetery, at a slow march, the band playing the Dead March, and Canon Gaul accompanying. At the cemetery gates the cortege halted, and opening out, formed two ranks, the coffin being carried between, the followers wheeling in behind as it passed up, and so proceeded to the grave. The procession was thus reversed. At the grave the Rev. Canon Gaul delivered another address, and the service was read, after which Bro. G. Richards, P.M., conducted the Masonic funeral rites, when every brother present, each of whom had carried a small branch of acacia, threw it into the grave on to the coffin. This concluded the ceremony, and the procession marched back to Camp. We heartily condole with the grieving friends who are left to mourn Bro. Norden's loss.—*Kimberley Daily Independent*, Monday, June 27.

#### BRO. GEORGE TONKIN, 326.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Bro. George Tonkin who was admitted into Freemasonry on September 4th, 1872, in 326, Bristol. He was advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master in March, 1873, in No. 119, and received the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner in the Irwin Lodge attached thereto in the following April. Our late brother was installed a Knight of Rome and of the Red Cross in December, 1873, in conclave No. 17, William de Irwin, and entered into the solemn engagements of a K.H.S., and Knight of St. John the Evangelist in the Mount Tabor Sanctuary in Connecticut therewith, in April, 1874. The deceased was exalted to the Royal Arch in the chapter attached to 187, but of this event we have no date, and June 30th, 1874, he was appointed by the P.G.M., the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, Assistant Secretary to the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Somerset. Bro. Tonkin died at Clifton, on Wednesday, August 4th, of hemorrhage, aged 44 years, and was interred at Arno's Vale Cemetery, on Sunday last, when the Fraternity were represented. Business circumstances and ill-health prevented our departed brother from taking an active interest in Masonry recently.

#### RECEPTION OF A CHINESE NAVAL OFFICER INTO MASONRY AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

On Thursday, the 11th instant, at the lodge at South Shields, Lieutenant Woo, of the Imperial Chinese Navy (Flag Lieutenant to Bro. Lang, Admiral of the Chinese Fleet), met with a cordial reception, and was initiated into Masonry in the presence of 200 brethren, the ceremonies being conducted most impressively by the Worshipful Master, after which 105 brethren sat down to a banquet, including five officers of the Chinese cruisers at Newcastle.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Woo," with the warmest expressions both for him, his brother officers, and country. Bro. Woo in responding in beautiful and eloquent English—then in Chinese—expressed in grateful terms his reception into Masonry, the principles of which he very much admired, and in which he should take an interest, and should take with him to China a pleasing reminiscence of the kindness and hospitality he had received from his English brethren, and hoped that the grand principles of Masonry would increase, and strengthen the ties between the two great Empires of England and China. (Cheers).

Bro. G. DARLEY, in responding for "The Visitors," expressed his warmest thanks for the attention and hospitality shown, not only to him but to his brother officers with whom he was about to proceed to China, under the command of one of the most distinguished naval officers, Admiral Lang, and was proud of introducing Bro. Woo into Masonry, who he was sure would do honour to the Craft. Bro. Darley said he was the son of an old Past Master of Adam's Lodge, and it would be his delight to spread the grand principles of Masonry in China when there.

We note that the Chinese officers and men of the Ching Yuan and Chih Yuan Steam Cruisers of the Imperial Chinese Navy, recently visited by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and sons, leave with the most favourable impressions of the treatment they have received in England.

#### The Craft Abroad.

##### THE BURNS STATUE, DUNEDIN (N.Z.)

There were great doings in Dunedin, in which the brethren of Otago played the chief part, on Saturday, the 26th March last, when the foundation stone of a statue to the memory of Bro. Robert Burns, the great national poet of Scotland, was laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. Gore, Dist. D.G.M., under the Scottish Constitutions, assisted by Bro. T. S. Graham, Dist. G.M., under the Grand Lodge of England; the S.G.M. and Wardens (S.C.); the Dist. G. Wardens (E.C.); the representatives of the Prov. G. Lodge (I.C.); and in the presence of a numerous gathering of the members of lodges of all three systems, as well as of the Foresters, Druids, Odd Fellows, and others, while the spectators who had assembled from all parts were from 7000 to 8000 in number. The ceremony was very appropriately carried out and a long address was delivered by Dr. Stuart, in which the character and career of Burns were ably described. Among the documents placed under the stone was a scroll bearing the

following inscription: "By the favour of Almighty God.—On the 26th day of March, A.D. 1887, and the era of Masonry 587, and the 50th year of the reign of our beloved Sovereign, Victoria First, the foundation stone of this monument, erected by public subscription in the city of Dunedin, in the Colony of New Zealand, Sir William Drummond Jervis, G.C.M.G., C.B., being Governor, Sir Robert Stuart Premier of the said colony, and Richard Henry Leary Mayor of the said city, in honour of the genius of Robert Burns, Scotland's National poet, was laid by James Gore, M.H.R., Right Worshipful Deputy District Grand Master of New Zealand, South, assisted by Thomas Shirlock Graham, Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Otago and Southland (attended by numerous Masonic Lodges and other public bodies), according to the ancient usages of Masonry." The handsome silver trowel presented to Bro. Gore and used by him at the ceremony, bore the inscription—"Presented to James Gore, M.H.R., D.D.G.M. of Otago and Southland, on the occasion of his laying, with Masonic honours, the Memorial-stone of the Otago Burns Monument:—March 26th, 1887." The following lodges, in addition to the District G. Lodges, were represented, viz, Otago, 844 (E.C.); St. Andrew, 432 (S.C.); Otago-Kilwinning, 417 (S.C.); Dunedin, 931 (E.C.); Celtic, 477 (S.C.); St. Patrick, 468 (I.C.); Port Chalmers Marine, 942 (E.C.); Cargill Kilwinning, 632 (S.C.); Hiram, 2088 (E.C.); Waikonaite, 2115 (E.C.); St. George, 1128 (E.C.); St. John, Mellon, 461 (S.C.); St. Thomas Kilwinning, 659 (S.C.); St. John Kilwinning, 662 (S.C.); Oamaru Kilwinning, 537 (S.C.); Taieri, 620 (S.C.); St. John, Mosgiel, 2102 (E.C.); and Caledonian, 534 (S.C.).

#### GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

The 40th annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was held at Davenport—the lodges of which gave the brethren a most cordial welcome—on the 7th—9th June. Bro. W. Paget Allen, M.W.G.M., presided, and in addition to the Grand and many Past Grand Officers, there were present the representatives of 361 lodges. G. Master Allen, in his address, touched on all the chief events of the year, strongly recommending the establishment of a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and deciding that a Masonic Hall could not be leased to other Societies. Bro. T. S. Parvin, who is Grand Librarian, and Grand Secretary, showed that much progress had been made with the Library. The new Grand Master is Bro. E. Carlton Blackman.

#### GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY.

There was a numerous attendance at the 40th annual Conclave in Danville, on the 18th and 19th May last, of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. Seventeen subordinate Commanderies were represented, and there were several distinguished fratres present among the visitors. Sir Knight John S. Lyle, G.C., who was well supported by his Grand Officers, presided, and delivered the usual address, which, however, appears to have been entirely of local interest. The various reports on statistics, finance, and correspondence, were presented and proved satisfactory, there being a total membership of 1497, while the balance remaining in hand was close on 1000 dollars. Sir Knight Henry G. Sandifer is the new G. Commander, while Sir Knight Lorenzo D. Croninger has been re-elected Recorder.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

M.E. Comp. Benj. Franklin Tuttle, G.H.P., presided at the 33rd annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of California, held at San Francisco towards the close of April, the number of chapters represented being 52, of which 50 were warranted and two under dispensation. The Grand High Priest's address was mostly of local interest. The report on correspondence contained a large amount of well-chosen matter of considerable interest to members of the Degree. The report on statistics showed a membership of 4180, being a net increase over the previous year of 135, while, as regards the finances, the receipts amounted to 5610 dollars, the general fund to 12,511, and the expenditure to 6860 dollars. Comp. Michael James Keating is the present G.H.P., and Comp. T. H. Caswell remains Grand Secretary.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA.

The 65th annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia was held in the city of Atlanta on the 27th April last, Comp. James W. Taylor, M.E.G. H.P., being in the chair, and there being present, in addition to the Grand Officers, the representatives of 29 private chapters. The G.H.P.'s address was well received, as also was the speech of Comp. C. E. Lambdin, in acknowledging the presentation of a Past G.H.P.'s jewel. There was no report on correspondence, but provision was made for the appointment of a Committee thereon. The statistics showed 31 chapters, with a total of 1084 members, being a gain of 60 on the previous year. The receipts were 1221 dollars, total fund, 1362 dollars, and disbursements, 1153 dollars. Comp. James W. Taylor was re-elected G. H.P., and Comp. A. M. Wolskin, of Macon, the Grand Secretary.

#### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

##### BIRTHS.

MAGER.—On the 15th inst., at Carleton-road, Tufnell Park, the wife of E. Mager, of a son.

BRUCE.—On the 16th inst., at 17, Sussex-gardens, Hyde Park, the wife of William Wallace Bruce, of a daughter.

##### MARRIAGES.

RANDALL—UNDERWOOD.—On the 16th inst., at the Congregational Church, Blackheath, A. J. Randall, of Greenwich Hospital School, to Emma Gertrude Macaulay, daughter of J. Underwood, of Park Villas, Charlton-road, Blackheath.

BEAVIS—HEATH.—On the 11th inst., at All Saint's, Hursley, Hants, H. J. Beavis, of Walford-road, Stoke Newington, to Mary Ann (Pollie), daughter of the late H. Heath, of Knowle, Warwickshire.

##### DEATHS.

ATHERTON.—On the 7th inst., very suddenly, at 21, Fairfield-road, Bradford, Yorkshire, Ann Maria, the dearly-beloved wife of Bro. Jerh. L. Atherton; aged 49 years.

ITTR.—On the 17th inst., suddenly, Bro. C. Itter, of the Stability Lodge, No. 217. His death will be deeply lamented by all who knew him.



We understand that Bro. Charles T. McClenachan is engaged in the preparation of a history of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The *Freemasons' Repository* records the death, on the 15th ult., in his 82nd year, of Bro. Dr. Ariel Ballow, M.W. Past G.M. of Rhode Island.

In our report of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction Summer Outing last week Bro. and Mrs. Corby should have been Bro. Cowley and Mrs. Cowley.

Bro. Sir John Pope Hennessy and Lady Hennessy have arrived at Raleigh House, Youghal, their residence in Ireland.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Homburg, where he proposes making a short stay, on Sunday evening last, and immediately afterwards paid a visit to the Empress of Germany.

Her Majesty has signified her intention of conferring the honour of knighthood on Bro. J. H. Pulest, n, M.P., President of the Committee of the Welsh Eisteddfod.

The Princess of Wales and her three daughters left the Victoria Pier, Sheerness, on board the Royal Yacht, Osborne, on Saturday afternoon last on a visit to the King and Queen of Denmark.

The Masonic Relief Association of Clayton, Illinois, paid during the year ended 7th June last benefits amounting to over 36,884 dollars. The receipts were 39,702 dollars and the disbursements 37,414 dollars.

Bro. E. S. Elliott, M.W.G.M. Wisconsin, laid the foundation stone of a Soldiers' Monument at Berlin, Wisconsin, on the 30th May last, and in the course of the ceremony delivered an address, which was both eloquent and appropriate. There was a good attendance of Grand Officers and brethren and an immense concourse of spectators.

On 24th June last the corner stone of the new Court House, Bridgeport, Connecticut, was laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. H. H. Green, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, assisted by his Grand Officers, 15 private lodges being present in the procession. Addresses were delivered by Bros. Col. S. B. Sumner and Luke A. Lockwood, P.G.M. There was a large concourse of people assembled to witness the interesting function.

Bro. General Sir F. S. Roberts, Bart, G.C.B., Commander-in-chief in India, has written to Bro. the Lord Mayor suggesting that any assistance from England towards carrying on the duties of nursing sisters in the British Military Hospitals in India will be most acceptable. Subscriptions may be received at Messrs. Cox and Co.'s, Craig's Court, Charing Cross.

The Jubilee of her Majesty's reign was celebrated in Trinidad with every possible manifestation of loyalty, the Masonic Fraternity being very conspicuous, attending Divine service on the appointed day in the Cathedral, where an eloquent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. R. H. Moor, and in the evening dining together at a grand banquet, at which his Excellency the Governor was the principal guest.

On Tuesday, at St. Andrews, Wells-street, the Rev. Lord W. Gascoyne Cecil, second son of the Marquis of Salisbury, was married to the Lady Florence Mary Bootle-Wilbraham, second daughter of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England, and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire. Among those present at the ceremony, and at the wedding breakfast which followed at Lord Lathom's house in Portland Place, were Bro. the Earl and Countess of Galloway, Bro. Lord and Lady Stanley, of Preston, Bro. the Hon. and Mrs. H. S. Northcote, Bro. the Hon. Egerton Warburton, and others.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held on the 24th June last for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the George Hail Free Library in Warren. The Grand Lodge was opened in Freemasons' Hall, Providence, and the Grand Master, G. Officers, and members afterwards proceeded under escort of the St. John's and Calvary Commanderies to the railway station to Warren, where the ceremony was performed in the presence of a large gathering of spectators, the principal personages including the Governor and Ex. Lieut. Governor of the State, and Bro. Thos. Vincent, Past G.M. Bro. the Rev. W. Ackley, M.W.G.M. presided at the ceremony, and addresses were delivered by Bro. Geo. Kenyon, M.D., S.G.W., and the Grand Chaplain.

At the January Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, New Zealand, it was resolved to forward an address of congratulation to her Majesty on the occasion of her Jubilee, and a Committee, consisting of Bros. C. J. Toxward, D.G.M.; G. S. Cooper, D.D. G.M.; Manley, Simpson, and Robertson, was appointed to frame the address when it was suitably prepared and framed. The *New Zealand Mail* of the 27th May announces that the address was then ready, and would be forwarded to England for presentation to the Queen through the Grand Secretary. It is described as being quite a work of art, being beautifully illuminated and engrossed, and a chromo lithograph was to be taken of it, so that members of the Craft might obtain a copy, and preserve as a souvenir of the Jubilee. It was signed on behalf of the brethren by Bros. C. J. Toxward, D.G.M.; G. S. Cooper, D.D.G.M.; and C. P. Powles, D.G. Sec.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies deserve the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the Ointment should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction causes pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to diminish pain, reduce inflammation, and purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The Ointment checks the local malady, while the Pills restore vital power.—Adv't.