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FREEMASONRY IN ESSEX.

The Province of Essex has always been one of the chief strongholds of the Craft. Its lodges, several of which date from the last century, have been invariably active in the discharge of their duties, while its support of our Charities has been uniformly generous. In the days of Bro. DUNKERLEY, who was its first Provincial Grand Master, and his successor, Bro. GEORGE DOWNING, both of whom were valuable supporters of the Girls' School, it heartily co-operated with them in the assistance they rendered that Institution, while under the auspices of its later rulers, Bros. ROWLAND ALSTON, M.P., J. BAGSHAW, Lord TENTERDEN, and Lord BROOKE, M.P., it has well maintained its earlier reputation. Hence when its annual meeting comes round we generally assume there will be a strong muster of the brethren and plenty of enthusiasm displayed. Last year its Provincial Grand Lodge met under exceptionally pleasant circumstances as the guests of its able and popular chief at Easton Lodge, Dunmow. This year the annual gathering took place at Walton-on-the-Naze, under the banner of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1799. As our report last week showed, Bro. Lord BROOKE, M.P., presided, and was supported by his Deputy, the Grand Registrar, his Provincial Officers, the Grand Secretary, and a large attendance of brethren. The reports, as indeed they have been for many years past in the Provinces throughout the country, were most favourable. There are now upwards of 30 lodges on the roll, and thus the Provincial Grand Master found himself in a position to appoint the three additional Provincial Grand Officers, which are permitted in such cases, while the membership has increased from 1300, at which figure it stood last year, to 1440. Financially, too, the Province is in excellent trim, while as regards our Institutions, the amount raised at the three Festivals reached to close on £980, as compared with some £650 in 1889. Under these circumstances the congratulations of Lord BROOKE at the position attained by his Province were most natural, and though his lordship very modestly ascribed most of the credit for the progress thus shown to his learned Deputy, and the energy and ability of the brethren he has gathered around him as his principal officers, we must not lose sight of the fact that it is to the sound judgment exercised by him in making his annual appointments, the ready tact he displays on all occasions, and last, but not least, the geniality of his government, that Essex is, after all, indebted principally for the marked progress it has made under his presidency. That this view was paramount in the minds of those who remained for the banquet was evidenced by the warm greeting which the toast of his health received, and therefore, while we congratulate Lord BROOKE on being the ruler of so successful a Province, we must not omit to congratulate the Province on having so successful a chief. The ruler and the ruled work well together because the sympathy existing between is complete.

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

There are some strong points in common between Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and the Province of Essex. Both were constituted for the first time as Provinces under the same distinguished Mason, Bro. THOMAS DUNKERLEY, though his appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire dates from 1767, and of the Isle of Wight from 1772, while it was not till 1783 that he was placed in charge of Essex. Both are fortunate in having several lodges constituted during the last century, as well as in being presided over by able and popular brethren as their present rulers; and both have exhibited a steady and generous support of our Institutions. The elder of the two Provinces, however, has the advantage of being stronger in its array of lodges and the number of its subscribing members, while at the same time it has been governed by its present chief,

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., for a much longer period, Bro. BEACH having been appointed to office as far back as 1869, and Bro. Lord BROOKE as recently as 1882. But, as we have already shown, in things essential they have a strong community of feeling and interest, and therefore it is not surprising that the proceedings at the annual Provincial meetings, which, as our reports of last week show, were held within two days of each other, should have exhibited a strong family likeness. The Prov. Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held in the Town Hall, Ryde, on the 28th ult., and very great credit is due to the Ryde lodges for the hearty reception they gave to the Prov. Grand Master, his officers, and the brethren of the province generally. The various reports were of a most gratifying character, that of the Prov. Grand Treasurer showing that after making contributions of 150 guineas to the Charities, and one of £117 10s. to the Binckes Fund, there was a balance in hand of £442. Hence, on the motion of Bro. E. GOBLE, Prov. Grand Secretary, it was agreed to raise the investments to £1000, and to make additional grants of £50 to each of the three Central Masonic Charities, as well as one of £20 to the Hampshire Educational Institution. Nor, in passing, must we forget to mention that though the Province during the last two years has not contributed on quite so large a scale to the Central Charities as in the years immediately preceding, the falling off has not arisen from any diminution of its interest in their welfare, but because it has been engaged in organising a Provincial Charity of its own on a large scale, so that its donations and subscriptions have not been lessened in amount, but only distributed somewhat differently. However, whether its funds are distributed as heretofore or differently, the Province is as eager to do its beneficent work as ever, and we gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity of congratulating its members, one and all, on the success which has attended its proceedings during the past twelve months.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY (N.Z.).

The printed proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, at a Special Communication on the 6th March last, and the regular Quarterly Communication on the 17th April, claim a more than ordinary share of our attention. At the former meeting resolutions for a *pro rata* division (1) of the Fund of General Purposes and (2) of the Fund of Benevolence were carried by majorities of 29 to 22 and 27 to 22 respectively. At the latter meeting the District Grand Master, Bro. HENRY THOMPSON, now Grand Master of the newly-constituted Grand Lodge of New Zealand, took leave of the District Grand Lodge, which is left temporarily in charge of the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. P. CUNNINGHAM, and will so remain until a new District Grand Master has been appointed by the M.W. Grand Master. It remains, however, to be seen what course our Grand Lodge will pursue towards what is undoubtedly an irregular body, formed by lodges and brethren that have seceded from the constitutional District and Provincial Grand Lodges heretofore and still existing in the colony of New Zealand. It may resent its establishment, and forbid all intercourse between its members and those that have elected to remain loyal to their old allegiance, or it may prefer to ignore its existence altogether; but in either case it will no doubt continue to exercise, as it has done in the past, its right to issue warrants for new lodges and certificates for newly-made Masons, so that, though for a time its sphere of duty as the supreme Masonic Authority may be somewhat circumscribed, it will still claim to be and to exercise that authority. As the late District Grand Master remarked at the special meeting, "No power in New Zealand could dissolve the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury" or any of the other District Grand Lodges in the colony. Had the movement which has just culminated in the establishment, by

about three-fifths of the lodges, of the New Zealand Grand Lodge been practically unanimous, as was the case when the Grand Lodge movement began in the Colonies of South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria, the English, Irish, and Scotch District and Provincial Grand Lodges would have dissolved themselves, and the lodges under them would have become part and parcel of the new Grand Lodge. In that case, the Earl of ONSLOW, Past Senior Grand Warden of England, would have accepted the office of Grand Master, and Grand Lodge would no doubt have recognised the new body, as it had previously recognised the other Australian Grand Lodges. But a movement which has only been able to secure the adhesion of three-fifths of the lodges cannot assuredly be described as unanimous, and as the position has now become more complicated, it is by no means improbable that those who have ceded and those who have remained under the old flag will sooner or later find themselves at loggerheads. Already one of the lodges in this district has rescinded by 20 to 3 votes its resolution to secede and become a part of the new body, and Bro. GILLON, in his address to the newly-installed Grand Master, Bro. H. THOMPSON, admitted that "Some of those who had put their hand to the plough"—that is, had agreed to support the Grand Lodge movement when there was some reason to hope for practical unanimity—had begun to "hesitate and look back," and were withholding "the support they had given us every reason to expect" from them. However, those who have remained loyal will not be responsible for any difficulties that may arise hereafter, so that though District Grand Master THOMPSON and some of his officers and lodges have seceded the D.G. Lodge of Canterbury remains. As regards the resolutions in favour of dividing the Funds of General Purposes and Benevolence they were agreed to by small majorities, and will doubtless be carried into effect. But it is by no means clear to us that such a division is justifiable. It must be borne in mind that the movement which has just taken place in New Zealand has no resemblance whatever to the movements in South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria, and still more recently in Tasmania. It is neither more nor less than a secession on a somewhat large scale, and we question very much if the seceders have a right to any share in the property belonging to the body they secede from voluntarily for the purpose of setting up a rival authority.

OLD WARRANTS.

No. 86, PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.

I have been favoured by Bro. T. Pennington, Secretary of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, Prescott, with a copy of their "warrant," which, being worthy of preservation, I reproduce it below.

One of its special features is, that it is not a lodge warrant, as we should now designate it, but, like those of Nos. 39, Exeter, 41, Bath, and 42, Bury, it is only a simple "deputation" or authority to some brother to constitute the lodge. (*Vide my "Handy Book," p. 18.*)

Students will not fail to note the comparative lateness of its date—1753—and the important fact that it does not specify or nominate the Master and Wardens. Will some brother let us know the earliest warrant issued by the Original Grand Lodge, which names the Master and Wardens?

JNO. LANE.

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CARYSFORT, G.M.

To all & Every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful & Loving Brethren, We, JOHN PROBY, Baron of CARYSFORT, in the County of Wicklow, in the Kingdom of Ireland, GRAND MASTER of the Ancient & Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, Send Greeting.

Know Ye, that We of the great Trust & Confidence reposed in our Right Worshipful & Welbeloved Brother, ANTHONY TYRER, at the humble Petition of several Brethren, residing in or near Prescott, in the County of Lancaster, Do Hereby Constitute & Appoint him, the said Anthony Tyrer, for us & in our Name to convene our said Brethren & in due Form to Constitute them into a regular Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons, He the said Anthony Tyrer taking especial Care that all & every the said Brethren have been regularly made Masons, And that they do observe perform and keep all and every the Rules, Orders, and Regulations contained in the Books of Constitutions (except such as have been or may be repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other General Meeting) together also with all such other Rules Orders Regulations & Instructions as shall from time to time be Transmitted by us, or THOMAS MANNINGHAM, M.D., our Deputy, or by any of our Successors GRAND MASTERS or his Deputy for the time being, Hereby Willing & Requiring you, the said Anthony Tyrer, as soon as conveniently may be, to send to us an Account in Writing of what shall be done by Virtue of these presents. GIVEN at London under our hand & seal of Masonry this 20th day of December, A.D. 1753, A.L. 5753.

By the Grand Master's Command

THOS MANNINGHAM, D.G.M.

Witness, JOHN REVIS, G.S.

ANNALS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA FOR 1888 AND 1889.

The "Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa" for 1888 and 1889 have just been completed, with title-page, &c., and issued as one volume (No. XI.) by the veteran Grand Secretary, Bro. T. S. PARVIN (Past Grand Master), who has for long been the acknowledged chief in this important department. The Vol. XII. is also on the way, the first part being published for 1890, but what concerns us most just now is the form the dedication to Volume XI. has taken.

It reads—"To the trio of Masonic Authors of England, Brother *William James Hughan*, Brother *Robert Freke Gould*, Brother *John Lane*, Honorary Members, with Rank of Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, &c. In recognition of their invaluable services and researches among the old records of the Craft, and bringing to light important facts serving to eliminate from Masonic history the myths and traditions that had so long misled the student of Masonic history; AND FOR THEIR MANY VALUABLE PUBLICATIONS OF THE ANTIQUITIES, HISTORY, AND REPRINTS OF FREEMASONRY; and as a personal recognition of their worth, this Eleventh Volume of the ANNALS OF IOWA MASONRY, 1888-89, is MOST FRATERNALLY DEDICATED by *T. S. Parvin*, Grand Secretary."

We are not aware of another such compliment having been paid to a trio of Masonic authors, and can assure our esteemed Bro. PARVIN that the honour thus paid to these industrious and respected English authors—so widely known and so generally appreciated—will be highly valued by the English Craft, on whose behalf we warmly thank the Grand Secretary of Iowa.

THE NEW GRAND LODGE OF TASMANIA.

Chief Justice Way, P.G.M. of South Australia, in his charge on the installation of the Rev. R. D. Paulett Harris, M.A., as M.W.G.M. of Tasmania, at Hobart, 26th June, 1890, said:

M.W.G.M., this is an event of pre-eminent importance to yourself, to the members of the Craft in Tasmania, and to the adherents of Masonic unity and Masonic independence in these southern lands. A fourth Sovereign Grand Lodge is now added to the Grand Lodges of Australia. Your installation marks a fresh development in the constitution of Tasmanian Masonry. It invests you with fresh dignity and with greater power, and places you at the head of what I doubt not will be a long and illustrious succession of Grand Master Masons of Tasmania.

Fortunately we need not vindicate the work which is now completed. Its lawfulness is beyond dispute, and will be admitted by every Masonic authority. It is a timely work, for it would be an anachronism for a colony with responsible government to remain in a state of Masonic dependence. It is a beneficial work, for it unites the Craft in this country into one Brotherhood, and places it in direct communication and on terms of equality with the Craft all over the world. This is also a successful work. Never before in the Australian colonies has a Grand Lodge been established with complete unanimity. You, most worshipful Sir, are the first Grand Master in these colonies who, on seating himself in the chair of King Solomon, has found all the lodges within the territory submitting to his jurisdiction.

This occasion, also, is distinguished by the presence of three visiting Grand Masters, attended by members of their respective Grand Lodges. For the first time in Australia and Tasmania are four ruling Grand Masters met together in one lodge to take part in the same communication. In the persons of the visiting Grand Masters the Grand Lodges of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia welcome the sister Grand Lodge of Tasmania into the great hierarchy of the Grand Lodges of the world.

But these distinguished visitors bring with them associations which are dear to us all. Lord Carrington is Past Senior Grand Warden of England; Lord Kintore is Past Substitute Grand Master Mason of Scotland; Sir Wm. Clarke, besides holding similar offices in English and Scottish Masonry, was a District Grand Master under the Irish Constitution. The presence of these most worshipful brethren reminds us, therefore, of the three venerable Constitutions to which Tasmanian Masonry will always be proud to trace its origin.

The family title of the M.W.G.M., to whom my own Masonic allegiance is due, carries us back 150 years to the time when his renowned ancestor, the third Earl of Kintore, was successively Grand Master Mason of Scotland and of England. Your noble visitor, the present earl, by his great services as Grand Master of the Mark Masons of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, as well as to Scottish and South Australian Masonry, has brought fresh Masonic distinction to an illustrious name.

May I once more turn to Sir William Clarke to remind you of the two-fold service done by Tasmania to the great Colony of

Victoria. It was Tasmanian enterprise which accomplished the first settlement on the banks of the Yarra. In the person of Sir William Clarke—who was born and first saw the light of Masonry also in this favoured island—Tasmania has given to Victoria a Grand Master whose character is a practical exemplification of the Masonic virtues—Fidelity and Charity.

The presence here of Lord Carrington is, for many reasons, one of the happiest incidents of this great occasion. His magnetic influence was an all-important factor in bringing about Masonic union in New South Wales, and, if less direct, that influence was hardly less potent in the accomplishment of the like happy results in Victoria and Tasmania. We remember with gratitude that he has always been ready to sacrifice time and convenience—nay, everything but duty—to be of service to the Craft. Twice he has traversed the Continent, this time he has crossed the seas, to install a Grand Master in another colony than his own.

This is not the occasion to speak of his public career, which has made it plain to all that a Governor, whilst faithful to his great trust from the Queen, may also be completely in sympathy with our democratic institutions and with the growth amongst us of a healthy national Australian patriotism. When he returns to England—as he will in the course of a few months—he will carry with him the affection and admiration of “troops of friends” in all these colonies who will think no happiness too great and no distinction too high for his deserts.

Probably this is the last time before he bids us farewell that our illustrious brother will meet representatives of all our four Constitutions assembled together in Grand Lodge. May we not charge him with a fraternal message to our brethren on the other side of the globe? Let him tell them that, although the old legal ties are dissolved, we are united to them more closely than ever by the bond of Brotherhood, and that we shall never forget the benefits we owe to British and Irish Masonry.

Especially do we beg him to report to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who is the Patron of Australian Masonry—and who we may confidently hope will become the Patron of Tasmanian Masonry also—that Australian and Tasmanian Masons are profoundly grateful to his Royal Highness for his countenance and approval of the formation of our local Grand Lodges, and that in this part of the world he is regarded as the benefactor and elder brother of every member of the Craft.

And his lordship may assure our Gracious Sovereign that in like manner no changes in our relations to the Mother Country, no development of our political institutions, will abate the devotion of Australian and Tasmanian Masons to her person or lessen our loyalty to the crown.

But I am not unmindful that it is my privilege to be the first to express to you, M.W.G.M., the felicitations of the Craft on your assumption of office. I have only congratulations and good wishes to give. I cannot presume to instruct one whose Masonic career has extended over more than a quarter of a century, who has four times been W.M. of a Blue lodge, and who has for nine years been District Grand Master under the English Constitution. It is not often that a brother can bring such a variety of qualifications as you have brought to your duties, in your academical and professional training, your familiarity with our ritual, your skill in our mysteries, your experience as a ruler. During your zealous and unwearied labours in the private lodges and in the Royal Arch chapter, as well as in the District Grand Lodge, you were unconsciously preparing yourself for the more important functions you have now undertaken. At length, high character, ripe scholarship, and faithful service, have brought to you an unexpected but appropriate reward in your election to the highest dignity in Masonry. May you fill the Grand Master's chair for many happy years to come, adding fresh distinction to a long and useful life and doing still higher work for your brethren.

In New South Wales and South Australia our Grand Masters are also our Governors. In Tasmania and Victoria the choice of the Craft for the occupants of the Grand Master's throne has fallen upon brethren who are not her Majesty's representatives.

The fact is that “all preferment amongst Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only.” No rank, however exalted, no office, other than Masonic, however high, gives any claim to the supreme government of the Craft. “The equality of all Masons” is one of our unchangeable landmarks. Every candidate for Masonry, “when otherwise qualified,” may look forward “to the honour of being at length the Grand Master of all the lodges according to his merit.” In you, M.W.G.M., as well as in each of the noble and illustrious Grand Masters by whom you are supported, the Craft have been fortunate in finding the requirements of the ancient charges signally fulfilled, that the Grand Master “is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the first fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of

singularly great merit in the opinion of the lodges.” A Grand Master thus qualified may be assured that he will be obeyed by his brethren “with all humility, reverence, love, and alacrity.”

As is the case elsewhere, the story of Freemasonry in Tasmania is entwined with the history of the colony from its earliest settlement. For a good many years the only Masonic organisations were the military lodges attached to the regiments stationed here. If at first the light of Masonry seemed feeble and intermittent, it has since shone with continuous and ever increasing brightness. Your oldest lodge, The Operative, with a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland dating back to 1835, has a respectable antiquity amongst colonial lodges, and now it is No. 1 in a sisterhood of 20 lodges. The Masonic Halls in this city and in Launceston and in other towns are visible proofs of the hold which Masonry has obtained throughout the land. That “Relief” has been an active reality is shown by the vigorous existence for 47 years of your Masonic Benevolent Fund. This great gathering manifests the interest taken by Tasmanian Masons in their Craft. To my mind, one of the best auguries for the growth in this colony of a united Masonry is the spirit of conciliation which has secured the union of all the lodges under one Constitution at its first establishment. I do not doubt the permanence of our Society in every one of these young commonwealths. Based on the immutable principles of religion and morality, the fabric will be indestructible if the members of the Craft remain true to their obligations.

And are not the teachings of Masonry adapted to the ever varying exigences of society? Without essaying to settle the social and political problems which meet us on every side—for in our lodges “we are resolved against all politics”—Masonry shows the spirit which is needed for their solution. Let me mention three examples—

All our Parliaments have been, or soon will be, engaged in debating the proposals for the federation of the Australian colonies into one Dominion. Happy will it be if at such a juncture the whole land is permeated with the *patriotism* which is one of the distinguishing features of our Society; for a Mason is “to uphold on every occasion the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country.”

The relations of labour and capital, of employer and employed, and the title, the duties, and the distribution of property are questions which are being vehemently discussed in all parts of the civilised world. The satisfactory determination of these questions would undoubtedly be much aided by the acceptance of our great doctrine of the *Brotherhood of man*, and by complying with our rules—“to work diligently, live creditably, and to act honourably,” “to promote the general good of society,” and “to render to all their dues.”

In these days of widespread controversy as to matters of faith, Masonry is ready with its precepts of *toleration*. “Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the Glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love.”

If, then, my brother Masons of Tasmania, you, and those who come after you, cultivate “Brotherly love, the foundation and keystone, the cement and glory of this ancient Fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling,” then, long as this island is “compassed by the inviolate sea,” and long as its mountains and valleys are the home of freedom, so long will your Society continue to grow in numbers and in usefulness, and cause men to exclaim, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”

CONSECRATION OF THE ALAN LODGE, No. 2368, AT ALDERLEY.

The consecration of the above lodge took place at the Queen's Hotel, Alderley, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., in the presence of a large number of brethren. The ceremony was performed by the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, assisted by Bros. Thos. Marwood, P.P.S.G.W., acting D.P.G.M.; Col. Wilkinson, P.S.G.W.; Captain Gilbody, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. Grant Bird, P.G. Chap.; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; and George H. Browne, P.G.D.C.

The founders were Bros. the Hon Alan Egerton, M.P., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., W.M.; H. Gordon Small, S.W.; T. W. Markland, J.W.; A. Lawley, W.M. 1140; F. Baxter, Sec.; A. Keymer, S.D.; J. B. Gemmell, J.D.; W. Urquhart, I.G.; W. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; M. Aspden; E. J. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.D. W. Lances; Jones, P.M.; Stevens, P.M., P.P.G.S.; T. Roston, J.W. 1140; H. J. Everett, P.M. 1140; W. Venables; J. A. Gee; and J. R. R. Jeffrey, I.G. 1140. There were also present—
Bros. T. E. Mason, P.G. Treas.; Frederick Broadsmith, P.G. Reg.; William Pritchard, P.A.G. Sec.; Ralph Andrew, P.S.G.D.; Samuel Wm. Ramsden, P.S.G.D.; Charles S. Dean, P.G.J.D.; Alfred Parkes, P.G.I. of W.; W. H. Maxfield, P.G.O.; J. Hawker, 1045; E. Stevens, J.W. 323; H. T. Everett, P.M. 1140; W. W. Wilson, P.M. 1140; T. Wood, P.M. 1140; Arthur F. Kenworthy, Org. 336; John Hawkes, 1045; A. Ingham, 1045, S.W. 2144; John Goodall, 1045; J. Salmon, P.M. 424, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Wildgoose, P.M. 941, P.P.G. Treas.; Alfred Orrett, 1045; J. W. Byrom, J.D. 1045; James Beswick, 941; E. Morgan, P.M. 2144; A. Clowes, 941; W. Hughes, 1045; F. W. Stocks, 369; Stephen Jupp, P.M. 1140; H. G. Small, S.D. 1140; J. R. R. Jeffrey, I.G. 1140; J. T. Appleby, W.M. 941; J. R. Simm, P.M.

and Treas. 605, P.P.G. Treas.; Joel Foden, W.M. 1045; Thomas W. Rostron, S.W. 1140; William Smith, S.W. 1814; A. Keymer, 287 and 1030; Henry Smith, J.W. 287, J.D. 1020; F. Markland; James B. Gemmell, 1140; W. Dale, 941; R. Critchley, 1140; A. Kinnell, 2156; John Jones, P.M. 323; and G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. H. Maxfield, P.G. Org., assisted by Bros. H. Miller, P.P.G.O.; S. E. Jupp, P.M.; and A. S. Kinnell.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Thos. Marwood, P.P.S.G.W., acting D.P.G.M. The PRESIDING OFFICER then addressed the brethren in regard to the object for which they had met together, after which the CHAPLAIN, by his direction, offered up prayer.

The D. of C. then addressed the Consecrating Officer, and, by his direction, arranged the founders of the new lodge in order, and Bro. RICHARD NEWHOUSE, P.G. Sec., P.G.S.E., read the petition and the warrant which had been granted by the M.W.G.M. authorising the formation of the Alan Lodge, No. 2368, in answer to the prayer of the petition, and designating Bro. the Hon. Alan Egerton, M.P., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., W.M. designate; Bro. H. Gordon Small, S.W.; and Bro. F. W. Markland, J.W.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER enquired of the brethren ranged before him whether they approved of the officers named in the warrant, and the brethren having signified their approval in Masonic form, the CHAPLAIN, at the request of the Presiding Officer, gave an impressive oration, exhorting the members of the lodge now consecrated ever to strive and maintain the principles of Charity, and trusted that each of its members would be a faithful exponent of the moral features of which he had reminded them.

The Presiding Officer proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge, and an anthem having been sung,

The P.G.M. duly constituted the lodge, and the ceremony was brought to a close with the Patriarchal benediction.

The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree.

Bro. the Hon. Alan Egerton, P.M., W.M. designate, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Thos. Marwood, by Bro. G. H. Browne, P.G.D.C., and duly installed first W.M. of the Alan Lodge, and in that capacity was proclaimed and saluted. The working tools were presented by Bro. James Salmon, P.M. 424, P.P.S.G.D. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. H. Gordon Small, S.W.; T. W. Markland, J.W.; A. Lawley, W.M. 1140, Treas.; F. Baxter, Sec.; A. Keymer, S.D.; J. B. Gemmell, J.D.; W. Urquhart, I.G.; W. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; and M. Aspen, Stwd.; and they were addressed also by Bro. J. Salmon. The Installing Master presented the W.M. with the warrant and Book of Constitutions. The Prov. Grand Master was invited to become an honorary member, to which he graciously consented. All other business being at an end, the lodge was closed.

The handsome furniture which is of dark polished oak, beautifully carved, is of the highest order, of correct design and finish, and was greatly admired. The officers' jewels also attracted great attention and interest, they being of special design and finish, of solid silver, and were presented to the lodge by the Worshipful Master. The furniture and jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

In the evening a banquet was held in the ballroom of the hotel, and was excellently served by Mr. James Bourne, the host. The tables were profusely decorated with roses and other rare flowers and plants, which gave a most brilliant and picturesque appearance.

The Worshipful Master of the new lodge presided, and about 50 members and visitors were present. The healths of "The Queen" and of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Royal Family," were loyally pledged.

The toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," was also duly honoured.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The P.G.M. of Cheshire, Lord Egerton," said he believed his brother (the noble lord) had done his fair share of work for the province in every way connected with Masonry. He was sure it would give Lord Egerton very great pleasure when he learned that the lodge asked him to become an honorary member. Their Prov. Grand Master was a man full of business, but no amount of business had been able to keep him from taking part in the philanthropic work of Masonry.

The toast was very cordially pledged.

The JUNIOR WARDEN submitted "His Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M., and The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Col. WILKINSON, P.S.G.W., acknowledged the toast. He said he sincerely hoped that the new lodge would be most successful. He had known many of its members, principally in connection with an older lodge or lodges, and he knew them as brethren well qualified to secure the prosperity of any undertaking with which they might be connected. They were proud to have had Lord Egerton with them on so auspicious an occasion. The province was highly honoured, too, in having so excellent a D.P.G.M. as Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd.

The SENIOR WARDEN proposed "The W.M. of the Alan Lodge," a toast which was received with unbounded enthusiasm. He said that three or four years ago the idea of a Masonic lodge being established in that neighbourhood was laughed at. But "they laugh best who laugh last." The founders had confidence that they had every promise of success. The W.M. whom they had got to conduct the affairs of the lodge for the first year was no stranger to the district. Most of them had worked with him and were ready to work with him again. He had taken the position in the readiest and most cheerful manner, and he deserved their cordial thanks and their cordial co-operation in the working of the lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER rose amid much applause to respond. He said the brethren might be certain that he would try and do to the utmost everything he could to promote the welfare of the Alan Lodge. They were all aware that he had many engagements to fulfil, and that he was not the master of his own time, and they would, he felt sure, give him every help he needed as head of the lodge.

Bro. LAWLEY next gave "The Consecrating and Installing Officers."

Bro. the Rev. J. GRANT BIRD, P.G. Chap., responded in a fine oratorical effort, and also proposed "Success to the Alan Lodge," which was acknowledged by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who said that the consecration of every new lodge was a strengthening not alone of Masonry, but of the Empire under which they lived.

Bro. BAXTER proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. HOLBROOK, P.G.M. British Columbia and Vancouver Island, responded with some remarks on his own experience of the value of Freemasonry to colonists.

"The Health of the Officers" of the lodge was afterwards pledged by the company, and the list concluded with the Tyler's toast.

The musical party gave an enjoyable selection of vocal music during the evening.

BIBLIOGRAPHY.—The bibliography of Freemasonry is a much larger subject than even Freemasons themselves seem to suppose. Thory may be said practically to have led the way in his "Acta Latomorum," but very little was done in the matter until Kloss, in 1844, issued his famous "Bibliographie," &c., at Frankfurt. That invaluable work deserves the highest praise, and he may be fairly termed the "facile princeps" of bibliographers, and his work the great authority on Masonic bibliography. In England we have nothing of the kind published; in America one or two contributions have appeared, meritorious, but only contributions. We must not omit to notice Bro. Carson's publication. Kloss gives us a list of about 6000 volumes. His laborious work must always remain the standard work on the subject.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT.

On Wednesday, the 30th ult., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent was held at Sittingbourne, a number of companions from all parts of the county being present. The official business was performed at the Masonic Hall, the list of officers being as follows:

Comp. Earl Amherst	...	...	...	...	Grand Supt.
" J. S. Eastes	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. J. Harris	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" T. S. Warne	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" R. S. Davey	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. Russell	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Watson	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Henry Mason	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Harry H. Green	...	...	...	...	Prov. 1st G.A.S.
" W. J. Smith	...	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd G.A.S.
" J. W. T. Chapman	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. Eltham	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. J. Lane	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. Cessford	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" E. B. Hobson	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. E. Wiltshier	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" John Cook	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

A banquet followed at the Town Hall, at which there was a large company, Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent, in the chair.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the above Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 7th inst. The following brethren occupied the leading chairs: Bros. James T. S. Elliot, of Wolfelee, acting Grand Master; Dr. James Middleton Stow, acting Depute Grand Master; Major F. W. Allan, acting Substitute Grand Master; J. Dalrymple Duncan, S.G.W.; Col. John Campbell, J.G.W.; and there were also present Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Reid, Grand Cashier; J. MacIntyre, Grand Architect; Henry G. Christie, Grand Marshal; David Hume, Grand Bible Bearer; Dr. Dickson, acting G.S.B.; James Melville, Past President of Grand Stewards; and others.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., G.M.; the Earl of Haddington, D.G.M.; Sir Charles Dalrymple, of Nevrailles, Bart., M.P., Sub. G.M.; John Graham, of Broadstone, Prov. G.M. of Glasgow; Col. J. Clark Forrest, of Auchentraith, Prov. G.M. of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire; Capt. M'Lean, Prov. G.M. of the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire; Dr. Carmichael; Rev. John Glasse, Grand Chaplain; and others.

Grand Lodge ordered that charters be granted to the following new lodges—Randolph, Buckhaven; Wemyss, West Wemyss; and Vryheid, South African Republic.

In accordance with the petition of the lodges in Syria, Bro. Emile Frank, P.M., of Beyrouth, was appointed Prov. G.M. of Syria.

It was reported that the lodges in Ross and Cromarty had recommended Bro. Sir Hector Munro, of Foulis, Bart., for appointment as Prov. Grand Master of Ross and Cromarty, and that the Grand Master had heartily endorsed the recommendation. On the motion of Grand Committee, Grand Lodge gave effect to this recommendation.

It was reported by Grand Committee that as the Provincial Grand Lodge of Banffshire was in a disorganised condition, the Grand Master of Forfarshire, Bro. James Barry, had been appointed to preside at the laying of the foundation-stone of a Masonic Institute, and Grand Secretary had been directed to bring the state of the Provincial Grand Lodge under the notice of the Grand Master, with the view of having matters put upon a satisfactory footing.

It was reported that the Grand Secretary had prepared a vidimus of the information from lodges under returns ordered by Grand Committee relative to meetings for Masonic purposes in licensed houses, and as to the fees charged for initiation, and consideration thereof had been deferred.

The GRAND SECRETARY submitted an elaborate report which he had prepared on the instructions of the Grand Committee in regard to the constitution of the Grand Committee and the charges which had been made in the composition of it. It showed that 12 of the 28 home provinces are represented on Grand Committee by members resident in each province respectively; and that the six Masters and 30 proxy Masters sitting on the Committee represent 15 home and eight other provinces. In the 10 home provinces from which there is no direct representation on Grand Committee 115 lodges are embraced, and the 15 that are represented embrace 254 lodges.

It was reported that a Special Committee had under a remit from Grand Committee held a conference with the lodges in the Inverness Province, with a view of having the Provincial Grand Lodge reorganised.

From a vidimus by the Grand Cashier it appeared that the income for the quarter ending 26th July had been £1245, being £579 in excess of the expenditure. There had during that period been 1360 entrants to the order. The income for the first eight months of the year had been £3890, compared with £3687 during the corresponding period of the previous year, an excess of £203 for this year. The sum of £1395, being one half of the free income of Grand Lodge for the year ending 28th November last, had been withdrawn from the General Fund and placed to the credit of the Annuity Fund. It was reported that at last meeting 21 annuities had been granted, four of £15 and 17 of £10 each. The death of three annuitants had been reported. During the quarter £140 had been given in grants from the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence.

A report was submitted in regard to negotiations between a Sub-Committee of Grand Committee and a Committee of Lodge St. John, Melrose, in regard to a proposed union of that lodge with Grand Lodge. The matter had come up in 1887, and the Committee now submitted a basis of union on the footing that Grand Lodge should not interfere with the funds or property presently belonging to Lodge St. John, and that in consideration of the documentary evidence of the antiquity of this lodge the position of No. 1 (2) be assigned to it on the roll of Grand Lodge. The Committee stated that the records of the lodge, which commence with a minute of a meeting held at Newstead, date in almost unbroken sequence from 26th December, 1674. The union of this ancient independent body with Grand Lodge would efface the last vestige of Masonic schism in Scotland, and, in the opinion of the Committee, no more auspicious day could dawn for the Scottish Craft than that which recorded the incorporation of the Melrose fraternity under the banner of Grand Lodge. Grand Committee had adopted the report and thanked Dr. Middleton, the Convener of the Committee, for the trouble he had taken in the matter. On this coming before Grand Lodge, Dr. Dickson, as an office-bearer of the Lodge of Edinburgh Mary's Chapel, No. 1, moved that the proposal that the Melrose Lodge be enrolled as No. 1 (2) be not adopted meantime, and this was seconded by Bro. Jas. Drummond, W.S., P.M. of Lodge Canon-gate Kilwinning, No. 2. After some discussion the report was adopted, and Dr. Middleton was accorded the thanks of Grand Lodge for the excellent work which he had accomplished.

The other business was unimportant.

DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

The tenth annual meeting of the General Committee of this Charity was held at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, on Thursday, the 31st ult. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. W. Dugdale, the Chairman, the chair was taken by Bro. Zillwood Milledge, the Vice-Chairman, who was supported by Bros. R. Case, 417, Treas.; S. R. Baskett, 1367, Hon. Sec.; R. Smith, W.M., C. J. Woodford, P.M., and D. Hitchin, S.W., of 137; W. Smith, W.M. 170; A. Graham, P.M. 170; B. A. Hogg, P.M. 417; M. C. Preston, P.M. 665; T. Giles, P.M. 707; C. J. Freeman, W.M. 1037; E. Mills, P.M. 1037; T. Eveleigh, P.M. 1037; T. S. Briggs, P.M. 1146; T. Farrell, P.M. 1168; and J. M. Luff, P.M. 1266.

Telegrams and letters regretting inability to be present were received from Bros. Montague J. Guest, P.G.M., W. D. Dugdale, and others. The Hon. Secretary announced that the Right Hon. the Earl of Eldon, a Vice-President, and one of the original Trustees of the Charity, now wished to be relieved from the Trusteeship, but had kindly sent a further donation of £25 towards the funds. The Committee, in accepting with very great regret his lordship's resignation, unanimously passed a hearty vote of thanks to his lordship for the great services he had rendered as Trustee from the formation of the Charity, and also for his exceedingly handsome further donation. Bro. W. E. Brymer, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was unanimously elected as Trustee in Lord Eldon's place.

The annual report for 1889, showing very satisfactory progress, was drawn up and ordered to be printed for distribution.

On the recommendation of the Relief Sub-Committee grants amounting to £50 were made to three petitioners. It was agreed that the mid-winter meeting should be held at Dorchester.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and to Bro. W. Smith, the Worshipful Master of All Souls Lodge, No. 170, who had most hospitably provided luncheon for the refreshment of the brethren.

THE GRAND MASTER OF CANADA ON HIS VISIT TO ENGLAND.

Grand Master Walkem, in his long and interesting address to the Grand Lodge of Canada on the 16th ult., thus refers to his recent visit to England:

"On the 24th of May last I left New York for London to pay a visit to the Grand Lodge of England and to confer with leading brethren in the Old Land respecting matters of importance to the Craft. I was received by the English Grand Lodge and its officers with great cordiality and with the distinction due to my position as your Grand Master. Propriety forbids any attempt to institute a comparison between our own and our mother Grand Lodge. Indeed, so like are the composition and procedure of the two bodies, that while sitting in the Grand Lodge of England I felt convinced that a comparison between them would be impossible.

"An opportunity having been given to me of addressing Grand Lodge, I used it for the purpose of acquainting our English brethren with the origin and history of the Grand Lodge of Canada and the present position and prospects of Masonry in this province. I am thankful that the task was a pleasant one; and I was informed that the information which I gave, and which was necessarily new to most of the members of the English Grand Lodge, was fully appreciated by them, and had surprised many brethren who had but an imperfect idea of the strength of our organisation. I found myself perfectly at home amongst my English brethren, not only in the Grand Lodge, but in the private lodges which I had the opportunity of visiting. Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ray, of Port Arthur, I was present, by invitation, at the installation of the officers of the Anglo-American Lodge, and the consecration of the Cornish Lodge recently formed in London. The installation was a remarkable event, inasmuch as W. Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, the newly-installed Master, was the first American-made Mason who had been elected Master of an English lodge. The consecration ceremony was very ably and impressively performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, who is as great a favourite with his brethren in England as our own Grand Secretary is with us. I was obliged to decline many hospitable invitations which I received from various lodges, as my stay in England was abridged by the necessity for meeting my own Grand Lodge. I shall ever preserve a pleasant recollection of my visit to my brethren in the Mother Land, and of the unbounded hospitality accorded to me; and I should be ungrateful indeed if I did not pay a tribute to the excellence of the refreshment which in England invariably follows labour in the lodge."

THE FREAKS OF HERALDRY.

Freemasonry is traced by some of its more imaginative professors far back through the ages to the luckless time when the sons of men set about the erection of the Babel Tower, but even then its antiquity is as nothing to that claimed for heraldry by the old rhapsodical writers who dated its inception from before the creation of the world among the "Vordeirs of Aungetis." Most people had the impression that, in his state of innocence, Adam did not trouble himself about even a coat—being "a stocke unsprayed and unflashed"—much less a coat-at-arms; but Morgan,

in his enthusiasm to clothe everyone with due distinction, has assigned him a plain red shield, described in the modern parlance of heraldry as "Gules," while a white shield is given to Eve, "the mistress of feast and favour," she being a heires. After this it is not surprising to find Noah set down in the "book of St. Alban's," as "a gentleman in kyndi," or "Duk Joshua," Gideon, Samson, and David each credited in Leigh's "Accedent of Armory" with a distinct device.

Heraldry has a natural history all its own, and it tells of strange animals and birds, which are not to be found in "the Zoo," and which only existed in the "once upon a time" of fairyland. Such are "the cockatrice," a cock with a dragon's tail and wings; the "dragon," a mixture of beast, bird, and reptile; the "griffin," half bird, half beast; the "harpy," half woman, half bird; "the martlet," a legless bird; "the mermaid," half woman, half fish; "the centaur," half man, half horse; and "the wivern," a variety of the dragon. Added to these must be "the nependis," half ape, half swine; "the minocane," or "homocane," half child, half dog; "the lanya," a compound of a woman, a dragon, a lion, a goat, a dog, and a horse; "the dragon-tyger" and "dragon-wolf," the "lyon-wyvern," the "winged satyr fish," the "ass-bitern," the "ram-eagle," and the "falcon-fish," with a hound's ear.

It would hardly be thought that a science of such hoary antiquity, and such undoubted dignity, would ever permit the use of puns in its literature, but heraldic name devices are fruitful in such tricks of tongue. Here are a few. The Cavendishes: Cavendo tutus (safe by caution). Charteris:—with crest, an arm brandishing a sword—(This is our Charter); Wake, of Somerset: "Vigila et ora" (Watch and pray); Purefoy, of Leicestershire: "Pure foy ma joy" (Sincerity my delight); Rivers, of Kent: "Secus rivos aquarum" (By the rivers of waters); Pole, of Devon: "Pollet virtus" (Valour holds sway); Tey, of Essex: "Tais en temps" (Be silent in time); Wisemen, of Essex: "Sapit qui Deum sapit" (He is the wiseman who is wise towards God); Pagitt, Surrey: "Pagit Deo" (He covenants with God); Maynard: "Manus justa nardus" (A just hand is a precious ointment); Mosley, of Northumberland: "Mos legem Regis" (Agreeable to the King's law); Roche: "Mon Dieu est ma roche" (God is my rock).—*Nottingham Daily Express.*



Bro. Penley, like Bro. Beerbohm Tree, is not seen at his best on first nights. We are, therefore, glad we did not wend our steps to Terry's until this distinguished member of the Asaph Lodge had settled down as "The Judge." As a plot Mr. Law's new piece is very weak, but it has many smart lines in it, and Bro. Penley in his newest character is quite as droll as in any other play he has ever appeared in. The little theatre resounds with laughter at his comicalities and facial expressions, and we shall not wonder if "The Judge" remains on circuit some considerable time, and gives vent to his jokes to a crowded court. Miss Cissy Grahame has contented herself, like a wise woman, with a smallish part, for which she is suited, and left the main part to Miss Emily Thorne. The rest of the cast include Mr. W. Herbert, Mr. Kinghorne, and Bro. Lestocq, P.M. 1319, who shines in the opening farce—"Nearly Severed."

The London Pavilion is overflowing in the matter of its programme. Liberal seems to be the watchword of the directors. All tastes are well catered for. There are M. Treway, in his clever shadows on the screen; Miss Jennie Hill, the favourite of the gallery; Mr. Dan Leno, with two new songs full of innocent fun; Messrs. Brown, Newland, and Le Clerq in a sketch all nonsense, but very droll and quite free from vulgarity; Miss Minnie Mario sweetly warbles "Cherry Ripe" and "Comin' thro' the Rye"; Little Tich, who is still the belle of the ballet; and Miss Bessie Bellwood, who always comes on late, but no one goes away until she has done her "turn." A very pretty dancer we also saw, who was redemanded, which she quite deserved, but we cannot give her name as we could not get a programme.

Anything coming from the pen of Mr. Davenport Adams is sure to be worth reading and instructive. In the current issue of the "Theatre" he discusses in his able style the subject of dramatic criticisms from a dramatic critic's point of view. Mr. Bindon (whose name we know not) contributes an article at some length on the subject of the amateur stage as a feeder of the professional ranks. He appears to lament that there is no proper training for professionals, which is true, and he therefore urges that more affinity should exist between amateur clubs and managers of theatres. We are aware that some very famous men and women now on the stage were once members of amateur clubs, and we incline to the belief that if amateurs show talent they will not find great difficulty in getting it recognised amongst the profession. Mr. Cecil Howard in his able way criticises all the new plays. Some of the more recent portraits have been those of Miss Sylvia Grey, Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, Miss Leyshon, and Miss Olga Brandon, and Bro. Willard in costume in "Judah." The photographer, Mr. Barraud, has now

taken to the platino process and produces thereby softer likenesses. The "Theatre" as a monthly review of the drama, music, and the fine arts is unrivalled.

"Baby" would have been an appropriate title for the new Criterion play which Bro. Wyndham has unearthed out of his stock of unacted pieces. Mr. Albery's "Welcome, Little Stranger," is quite of the Criterion order of plays—excruciatingly funny. It is not for the young lady of 15, but there is nothing indelicate for adults' ears. We noticed the ladies laughed much more and louder than the men. Mr. Buck has just married his only child, Cecilia, to Dartle Roe. Having no son, he strongly desires a grandson, and while the couple are on the honeymoon he has designed Roebuck Castle for his posterity. He tells his son-in-law that he must have a grandson. Old Buck's silver wedding day is being celebrated, and amongst the presents is a box with a legend upon it that the wife who first opens this will have a son within a year. Mrs. Buck accidentally touches the spring, and when next we see her, a year having elapsed, we find her the mother of a boy, and old Buck delighted. The young couple arrive on a visit, and bring also a boy, at whom old Buck will not now look. As the children were born within a few hours of each other and are much alike, their identity becomes mixed up, and it becomes difficult to "tell t'other from which," so that the rival fathers are obliged to shake hands after quarrelling on the qualities of the two infants, and agree lest they should be condemning their own child. All ends happily by the intervention of the respective mothers, who do know their own offspring. Bro. Blakeley has decidedly a fat part, and is highly comic in it. Miss M. A. Victor successfully glosses over what might be made the reverse of delicate as old Mrs. Buck. The rest of the cast—Bros. G. Giddens and E. Maurice, and Misses Helen Forsyth and V. Featherstone—are all good in their characters. "Welcome, Little Stranger," may run for a few months. Many a much worse play has done so, but this latest of London farces is well worth going to see to have a hearty laugh.

When two such eminent dramatic authors as Messrs. Buchanan and Sims work together, the public may expect something good, and will not be disappointed in that expectation. "The English Rose" is a regular Adelphi piece, and the Messrs. Gatti have reason to be proud of their latest melodrama. In a way it is very similar to those which have gone before, but it has been brought up to date by allusion to the wrongs of the Emerald Isle. Nearly all the good characters are Irish, and nearly all the bad ones Saxons. But besides we have another element introduced. In the "Village Priest" Mr. Grundy has touched upon the subject of the priest in the confessional. "In Judah" Mr. H. A. Jones goes into another direction, and makes his minister of religion swear an untruth for the sake of love. Messrs. Sims and Buchanan have also a priest in "The English Rose," who takes Orders because the lady he loves loves his brother. Mr. Philip Kingston is an English Baronet, and has become the owner of the estates in Ireland of the Knight of Ballyveaney, and by endeavouring to rack-rent his tenants has made himself unpopular. Captain Macdonell, his agent, aids him in this, for he would wed Sir Philip's niece and ward, Ethel, who is in love with Harry O'Mailley, the Knight's son. Macdonell plans the murder of Sir Philip by a gang of moonlighters. Harry O'Mailley hears of this evil deed whilst he is on the racecourse. He gallops off to save Sir Philip's life, but is too late, and is accused of the murder. Ethel attends the trial of her lover, whom she believes to be innocent. He is condemned, and rescued by his friends from the Irish Constabulary at the instigation of Ethel. The dying confession of the real murderer, makes him a free man, and re-unites him to his sweetheart. Mr. Leonard Boyne, who is an Irishman himself, splendidly plays the hero, and is well supported by Miss Olga Brandon. These two maintain the prestige they made a few months since when acting together in "Caste," at the Criterion. Miss Mary Rorke is almost thrown away on her small part, but plays with much sympathy. Bro. Beveridge makes a genial Knight of Ballyveaney. Mr. Thalberg acts all right, but his dress is all wrong for an Irish country priest. He makes himself look like a London society curate. If he would come with the writer next week to county Waterford he would see how to dress the part he is playing. Bro. Shine, Bro. Lionel Rignold, and Miss Clara Jecks have about equally divided amongst them the low comedy parts. But at the Adelphi it is not all dialogue and acting that tell. The scenery is beautiful, and includes lovely stage pictures of the chapel by the sea, the ruins of Ballyveaney Castle, and the Devil's Bridge and waterfall. For months to come, when roses has ceased to bloom in England, "The English Rose" will be in full vigour at the Adelphi.

The annual meeting of the National Artillery Association began on Saturday last, when the first of the detachments that will take part in the various contests for the Queen's and other prizes, moved into camp and soon settled themselves down in their quarters. A severe thunderstorm broke over the camp on Sunday, lasting the whole of the morning, but when the sun came out later, the moisture soon evaporated. On Monday, the work of the meeting began with shell firing from 64-pounder rifled muzzle-loader, and on Tuesday the competitions were with the 16-pounder and 40-pounder. To-morrow (Saturday) the remaining detachments will reach the camp.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., in his speech the other day at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, referred in the kindest terms to the late Earl of Carnarvon, and more startling testimony to the virtues and abilities of the late earl could not have been furnished. Bro. Beach retold the brethren on that occasion that he initiated, passed, and raised his lordship in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, installed him as its Master in 1857, and installed him as Prov. Grand Master of Somersetshire, being afterwards himself installed by him as Prov. Grand Master in 1869. He had known him, therefore, during the whole of his Masonic career, and though he was senior to him at Oxford, may very probably have known him at the University. Thus, the earl's death was a personal loss to him as well as a loss to the Craft generally.

The rumour that Bro. Beach may be appointed to the office of Deputy Grand Master of England, in succession to the Earl of Lathom, who will be appointed to the vacant post of Pro Grand Master, must have a considerable amount of probability in it, or we can hardly imagine that Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer, Past Grand Chaplain, would have referred to it in such pointed terms at the late Hampshire meeting. Men, with a due sense of responsibility, do not give form and substance to a mere rumour. Certainly, if the report turns out to be correct, Grand Lodge will be well pleased at the appointment. Few men have done greater service to Freemasonry than the respected brother who has presided over the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight for the last 21 years. He has frequently presided in Grand Lodge, and is at the same time a practised speaker, and is certain to command the sympathy and support of the members. We have no doubt the appointment will be extremely popular, and should it be made we shall heartily join in the congratulations which will be showered on Bro. Beach from all sides.

We referred last week in one of our notes to the festivities in connection with the coming of age of Mr. Francis Burdett, eldest son and heir of Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. We have much pleasure in announcing that at the last meeting of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Sir Francis proposed his son as a candidate for initiation. We hope that the son may in time prove as worthy and respected a Mason as his father before him.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held on the 7th inst., the Grand Committee submitted several recommendations as a basis of union between Lodge St. John, Melrose, and Grand Lodge, which were adopted by a majority. The Convener was

thanked for having brought about the union. The Grand Committee, in submitting the recommendations to Grand Lodge, strongly urged the claims of this lodge in seeking for union with Grand Lodge to be dealt with in a considerate and liberal manner. Their records, which commence with a minute of a meeting held at Newstead, date in almost unbroken sequence from 26th December, 1674. "The union of this ancient independent body with Grand Lodge," they said, "will efface the last vestige of Masonic schism in Scotland, and, in the opinion of your Committee, no more auspicious day could dawn for the Scottish Craft than that which records the incorporation of the Melrose fraternity under the banner of Grand Lodge."

The inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania took place on the 27th June, the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris being installed as first Grand Master by Lord Carrington, assisted by Lord Kintore, Chief Justice Way, and Sir William Clarke. In the evening a banquet in celebration of the event was held in the exhibition building. There was a large gathering, and the proceedings passed off most successfully.

The proceedings of the 34th communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas for 1890 shows that there are 300 constituent lodges in the state with a membership of 16,000, with peace and harmony within its borders. The dissemination of the work and lectures by custodians has been discontinued, and the Grand Master is empowered each year to appoint a Grand Lecturer. The Masons of Kansas city are about to build a temple to cost \$500,000.

The representatives of 720 lodges, comprising a membership of nearly 75,000 Master Masons, were present at the recent session of the Grand Lodge of New York. This is the largest jurisdiction in point of numbers in the United States, and second only to the Grand Lodge of England.

Almost every Grand Lodge in the United States has its association of Masonic Veterans, and the reunions are said to be among the most pleasant of all Masonic gatherings, for aside from every other consideration great pride is felt in being able to show and to affiliate with an organisation which requires 21 or more years continuous Masonic service.

The letter which appears in our Correspondence columns this week from Bro. John J. Williams, P.M., P.Z., dated Hokitika, Westland, New Zealand, is the reverse of flattering to the promoters of the New Zealand Grand Lodge. He has been kind enough, in his opening paragraph, to speak of "the soundness and impartiality" of our contentions, and, therefore, in order to preserve our character in respect of the latter quality, we can only accept his views subject to such qualifications as are necessary to all *ex parte* statements. The severe criticisms he indulges in were referred to in the speeches of the Installing and Grand Masters at the inauguration of the new Grand Lodge, but quietly and in a manner not altogether wanting in dignity. We do not, therefore, join with him in condemning the manner in which the New Zealand movement was carried out, until we have heard the other side and are satisfied that the proper course to pursue is to condemn.

What concerns us more immediately is the result of a movement which has rendered the interchange of such little "amiableness" as our correspondent gives vent to possible. He, being on the spot, in the very centre as it were of the disturbance, is influenced by its warmth, and writes accordingly from his point of view, as well as from what he no doubt sincerely believes to be the facts. But before we can express any opinion one way or the other on the methods employed we must give both parties a hearing.

There is no doubt whatever that whether these methods have been good or bad, the result of setting up this irregular Grand Lodge will be for a time most detrimental to the interests of Freemasonry. If there was any friction before—and our correspondent tells us it did not exist—with three Constitutions, there will be more now there are four Constitutions, and a strong and bitter feeling of resentment has been excited among the loyal brethren. We shall have plenty more to say about this unfortunate New Zealand business without being in a hurry to condemn the methods that were employed.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for 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.]

FESTIVAL STEWARDS' ACCOUNTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have served several times as Steward of the Boys' School, but have never been able to attend a meeting of the Board, in consequence of the distance from London at which I reside. Neither have I at any time had an opportunity of seeing a statement of accounts. Bro. Gardner, the Treasurer to the Board, in his reply to Bro. Harrop's letter of the previous week, admits in your paper of Saturday last that it is desirable that a statement of income and expenditure at the Festivals should be circulated amongst those who have served the office of Steward. The accounts being closed, if Bro. Gardner cannot see his way to sending out a printed statement, you, Bro. Editor, I am sure, will not hesitate to afford him the small space requisite for the publication of a balance-sheet. If you will kindly do this, Bro. Gardner will doubtless be only too ready to furnish the figures, and you will thus together give great satisfaction to numbers of others who, besides myself, would sign themselves gratefully and fraternally yours,

STEWARD OF R.M.I. FOR BOYS.

August 12th.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND BRO. R. WOLFE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Under the head of "Knights Templars" (August 2nd), my friend, Bro. Hughan, gives some notices about a sketch of Bro. R. Wolfe. I am very much astonished to see that even Bro. Hughan has not studied my "History of Freemasonry," for the charter of transmission of Larmenius is a pure forgery, and all assertions as to the continuity of the Order of Knights Templar absolutely without foundation.—Fraternally yours,

J. G. FINDEL.

Leipzig, August 4th.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read from time to time your very interesting remarks on this subject, and am much impressed with the soundness and impartiality of your contentions. You are, however, not altogether well informed as to the movement, and I notice occasionally quote from a paper styled the *New Zealand Craftsman*, which is not a reliable authority, but, on the contrary, rather a biased production, being run in the special interests of the malcontent section of the Craft, the reports being frequently garbled and "dished" up for the edification of its supporters.

The malcontents—for I can call them by no other name—claim the majority of the lodges in this colony. Now, as a matter of fact, they have neither a majority of lodges or brethren. They certainly may have a majority of little coteries of Freemasons, who, by their want of discretion and good taste, when discussing the subject at their meetings, have practically for the time being converted the lodge assemblies into "bear gardens" by their obnoxious attitude, want of respect, and deference to the opinions of those brethren who differ from them, the result being, as a matter of course, that many estimable Masons stand aloof, rather than be subjected to the annoyance of such un-Masonic proceedings.

I need only quote the figures supplied by Sir Harry Atkinson, District Grand Master of Wellington, to prove the correctness of my assertion. They are as follows, and the actual result of the voting on the question in that district—134 brethren voted for the New Zealand Grand Lodge; 125 against it, whilst 363 have expressed no opinion whatever, having been absent from the meetings. The same state of things applies to every other Masonic district under the various Constitutions, and goes to prove how ill-advised the movement is from its inception to the present time.

The fact of the matter is, the promoters as a body do not or never did constitute an element of Masonic strength or enlightenment. They have simply emerged from an ambitious obscurity, and now with loud voice proclaim from the house tops the wonderful Masonic acrobatic feat which they have accomplished, which properly interpreted means a Masonic revolt. In their zeal for the unity and regeneration of the Craft they have not forgotten that all-important factor in matters mundane—I mean £ s. d. Sir, therein lies the secret of all the undue haste, the stubborn determination, and the vain glory; for printers have bodies and souls, and printers' bills, amounting to hundreds of pounds, must be paid, and the thousand and one other "trifling" expenses must be provided for. Yes; and the innocent, guileless, self-sacrificing promoters relieved of the responsibility, like the rest of the grand army of promoters in this world of excitement and ambitions.

The experience of this district is unique, one lodge only having seriously considered the question, all the rest having scouted the idea of being governed by such an insignificant combination. The lodge in question is the youngest in the district, with some 30 odd members on the roll. When the question was discussed

13 brethren were at the meeting, seven voted for the new movement, six against it. Strange to say the secessionists are the W.M. and his officers. This result is immediately proclaimed through the *Press Agency* "that the lodge in question had joined the New Zealand Grand Lodge." At any rate, they are like the man in possession—they claim everything, and in their desire to promote the New Zealand Grand Lodge they have laid violent hands on the funds and paid their registration fees, not out of their own pockets and with that sincere conviction of honesty of purpose, but out of the accumulated savings of the 30 odd members. Need I say more, but simply ask the question of impartial brethren: What is the great secret that underlies the movement?

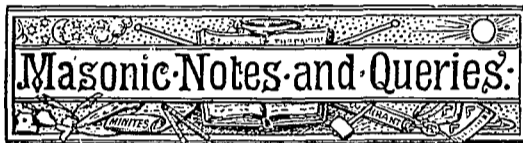
I trust you will pardon the length of my letter, but I feel it is only right that you, as the exponent and voice of the Masonic world, should at least know the truth in this ridiculous agitation for Masonic autonomy in New Zealand. Before this unhappy event the greatest goodwill prevailed. Masonic Charity in its most ample and unobtrusive sense has been practised, and the highest principles of Masonic affection existed from Foveaux Straits to the North Cape. How seriously ought the Masons of to-day to take to heart the oft repeated warnings of Col. Shadwell Clerke at his many consecration ceremonies—"To be careful whom we admit to the privileges of our Masonic circle."

Again apologising for the length of this letter,—I remain, yours fraternally,

JOHN J. WILLIAMS,
P.M. 1229 and 1689,
and P.Z. 1229, E.C.

Hokitika, Westland, N.Z.,

June 14th.



910] OLD WARRANTS.

I am pleased that our old and valued friend, Bro. W. F. Lamony (of Melbourne), author of "Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland," has come across the old warrant granted by the Earl of Drogheda, as Grand Master of Ireland, on April 5th, 1759. *Lord Moore* did not succeed to the earldom until October, 1758, and in the *Freemason* for October 27th, 1888, will be found a copy of a charter issued by the same nobleman on August 3rd of that year, and likewise other references to his lordship that I had been able to trace. The No. 317, as noted by Bro. Lamony, was re-issued in 1823, having previously lapsed. Of its previous history I know nothing during the period 1759 to, say, 1780, when records would be so acceptable. The name of the Grand Secretary was *Fno. Calder*, the names else transcribed by Bro. Lamony being correct. From the earliest dated warrant (A.D. 1731) the Grand Lodge of Ireland nominated the Master and Wardens of all new lodges.

W. J. HUGHAN.



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PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CHINGFORD.

Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2184).—Bro. W. Smith, W.M. of the above prosperous lodge, concluded a most successful year of office at the Royal Forest Hotel, on Thursday, the 24th ult., by installing his successor, Bro. C. H. Canning, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of the lodge. The business commenced (after the lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed) with the passing of Bros. McNab and Dunlop and the raising of Bros. Mollik, Caddy, Hill, Lord, and Barrett, admirably worked by the W.M. A very fair start for an installation day. It was then announced that Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec., was in attendance, and the Prov. Grand and P. Prov. Grand Officers present received him and ushered him to his place at the right of the W.M., and he was saluted, and returned thanks. Bro. Canning was then presented to the W.M. to receive the benefits of installation at his hands, and carefully and well did Bro. Smith carry out his important office. Bro. Canning invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. T. Dale, S.W.; T. Ringrose, J.W.; H. Lewis, Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Eedle, P.M., J.D.; J. T. Barnes, I.G.; C. Taylor, A.D.C.; C. T. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., and S. Carlton, Stwds.; Barrett, Org.; and J. Ives, P.M., Tyler. Bros. Hammond and Buxton were nominated, the former for S.D. and the latter D.C., but as they were not in attendance their investiture was postponed. Bro. Smith then delivered the addresses, and concluded the ceremony, for which he received a vote of thanks. He was also presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. Kenning), of the value of 10 guineas, for valuable services rendered during his year of office, for both of which he suitably returned thanks. Bro. Canning was appointed to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and after the Secretary had read letters of regret at inability to attend from Bros. Philbrick, D.P.G.M.; Lucking, P.G.D.C.; and others, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was superb and splendidly served, and

after its discussion the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts.

Bro. Ralling, in responding for "The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he had very great pleasure indeed in so doing, although the pleasure upon that occasion was marred by the black badges they were wearing as mourning for the loss of the late regretted and esteemed Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and those who were Past Masters knew how great a loss that was to the whole of the Craft. Now, with respect to the Province of Essex, he was proud to say that they had a model Grand Master in Lord Brooke, while in Bro. Philbrick they had an excellent and energetic D.G. Master. It afforded him much pleasure to be present that day, although he must acknowledge that he had not visited them so much as he should have liked to. They launched their ship, "The Royal Victorian Jubilee," some three years ago with flying colours, and although it had been obliged to remove from its original location, yet it was now well and, he hoped, comfortably placed. The ambition of the Past Masters of their lodge had been very forcibly expressed by one of them, when he, on that occasion, said they would not rest until they made the Royal Victorian Jubilee one of the strongest lodges in the province, and he believed it was best at all times to take a rather high standard of perfection as a guide that a low one. Theirs was a growing province, and it was only recently that their Prov. Grand Master sanctioned the formation of another lodge, and he had no doubt but that H.R.H. the Grand Master would grant the petitioners their prayer. He hoped the lodge would be well represented at Provincial Grand Lodge, that the W.M. might have a good year of office, and that he might be present that day 12 months. Our distinguished brother then resumed his seat amid a round of cheers.

Bro. Manning, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.S.G.D., in responding for "Bro. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," said it was a very high honour to be entrusted with such a toast, but would rather that it had been left in the hands of Bro. Ralling. Ever since he had been a member of the province, he knew that everything that could conduce to the welfare of it had been the especial care of Bro. Ralling and the Prov. Grand Officers. There was not a single case brought before them that was not taken note of and enquired into. The Prov. Grand Officers did not want to see strong lodges so much as good members, members such as they would not mind taking home to their wives and families, and that he believed to be the motto and intention of the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, which lodge, with its Master, officers, and brethren, he wished every prosperity.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said it would be out of place for him to go into details of the many good things they might expect from their W.M. during his year of office, and so he would ask them to drink his health.

The W.M., in reply, said he hoped sincerely that his year of office would be a happy one, at any rate he would try to make it a prosperous one. He should endeavour to work the ritual to their satisfaction. As one of the Past Masters, Bro. Manning, said they did not want quantity but quality, and if they succeeded in getting good candidates he would do the work.

Bro. Smith having eloquently responded for a very hearty reception of the toast of "The Installing Officer," he and Bros. Westfield, Lewis, Jolly, and Eedle responded for "The Past Masters."

Bros. Dale and Ringrose responded for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the pleasures of the evening, which had been enhanced by some excellent singing and reciting.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. G. Westfield, P.M., P.P.G. Std. B.; J. W. Joyce, Catt, W. Reynolds, W. Volckman, G. Penny, C. J. Edwards, P.M. and Sec. 1457; F. R. Jarvis, W.M. 276; C. Wood, W.M., A. T. Ives, P.M., J. Savage, P.M., and C. H. Powling, J.W. of 1472; H. Stallard, W.M. 1613; W. Harvey, 174; T. J. Cracknell, 169; G. R. Lambert, J.D. 228; and B. C. Kirby, 228

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—It is not often that Freemasons' lodges in the provinces are held on a Saturday afternoon, but such is the case with this young lodge, and it was a great pleasure to see so many brethren assemble together last Saturday, 9th inst., some to assist and others to witness the work which was accomplished. The W.M. took the chair, and, assisted by his officers, opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. James Sharples, which proved favourable, and subsequently he was initiated. There was also two passings. The whole of the ceremonies were performed by the W.M., the Senior Warden, Bro. C. E. Towell, giving the working tools in each Degree respectively, and Bro. John Fletcher, J.W., delivered the charge in the First Degree. Bro. A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas., acted as I.P.M. All business being at an end, the lodge was closed.

Amongst those present were the following: Bros. G. S. Smith, W.M.; C. E. Towell, S.W.; Jno. Fletcher, J.W.; A. H. Jefferis, Treas.; Jno. Walker, Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.D.; F. Stretch, D.C.; H. W. Jack, Stwd.; F. Thomas, P. D. Langley, Joseph Ward, and James Sharples. Visitors: Bros. G. Hunt, P.M. 1009, P.P.G. Treas.; Edwin Barton, W.M. 2109; W. Craig-Royle, S.D. 992, 1170; T. R. B. Vermont, 1633; Jas. Willcox, J.D. 1140; and N. F. Clegg, I.G. 1345.

FRIZINGTON.

Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Bro. J. Wilkinson, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. H. Hartley, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; J. Wakefield, S.W.; D. Tolson, J.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.S.G.W., Treas.; M. Jones, Sec.; W. Shaw, S.D.; W. H. Jones, J.D.; S. Hastings, I.G.; J. Armstrong, Steward; C. Bland, Tyler; Dr. J. J. Lane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Harper, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Singers, R. Douglas, B. Craig, P.M.; R. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Jukes, 1267; A. Johnston, S.D. 872; and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and three candidates were balloted for and accepted, and two initiated and one raised. The work was done by the W.M. in an able manner, and, with other general business, the lodge was closed.

GREAT STANMORE.

Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Abercorn Hotel. There was a large attendance of brethren, among whom were Bros. W. R. Soames, W.M.; C. Veal, S.W.; G. Sturman, J.W.; W. A. Rogers, P.M., Treas.; C. A. Woodbridge, Sec.; C. T. Tolman, I.P.M.; E. Bamford, P.M.; W. Mansfield, H. W. Bleaney, G. Midgley Taylor, J. Best, J. Blackburn, B. C. Gowan, W. G. Webb, Raymond H. Thrupp, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Lee, Prov. A.G. Sec.; and the following visitors: Bros. T. Henry, 2048; A. J. Oliver, 1702; J. A. Wilson, 1326; F. Honeywell, 889; W. Chapman, 889; B. Colbrow, 889; J. King, 889; J. Chilcott, 1512; J. Bellis, 1901; and W. T. Massey, 160 and 1928.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Taylor was raised, after which the S.W. was ably installed W.M. for the year. The newly-installed W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. G. Sturman, S.W.; A. Murtrie, J.W.; W. A. Rogers, P.M., Treas.; C. A. Woodbridge, Sec.; Dr. Gowan, S.D.; Mansfield, J.D.; Blackburn, I.G.; and Middleton, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the members of the lodge had their photographs taken.

After the brethren had done ample justice to a capital banquet,

The Worshipful Master gave "The Queen and the Craft," and, in doing so, said the loyalty of Middlesex was proverbial.

The toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was heartily received.

In giving the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said the toast bore a certain amount of discomfort with it, inasmuch as they were in mourning for their Pro Grand Master. In speaking of him, nothing could be said to add to the value he was to the Craft. Referring to the Earl of Lathom and the other Grand Officers, the W.M. said they were the best of officers.

The next toast was "The Prov. G.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." The W.M., in giving the toast, said, with regard to Sir Francis Burdett, they knew what a dear old friend he was. They knew the many benefits they had received from him, and, in his absence, they had the D.P.G.M. He thanked him for coming amongst them. He asked them to be upstanding to drink to his health, and he wished him to convey to the Provincial Grand Master their regard and esteem.

Bro. Thrupp, in responding, said it was a very great pleasure for him to be present on that occasion after so many years of absence. They knew that in the Province of Middlesex there were some 47 or 48 lodges besides chapters, and it was simply impossible for him to attend them all regularly. He worked very hard to support the Provincial Grand Master. Whenever Sir Francis Burdett went into the province he always had the right hand of fellowship not only for the Master but also for the youngest Freemason in the lodge. He certainly would, on the next occasion, carry to him the assurances the W.M. had made that night how much he was respected in Great Stanmore. As far as he was personally concerned he could assure them it was a great pleasure to come among them and to see the Abercorn Lodge was prospering. They must support the W.M. if they wanted to make the lodge a success, and all the officers must be perfect in their work. They had installed a most excellent old Mason, one whom he was sure had the welfare of the Abercorn Lodge at heart as much as any other member of the lodge. They must do all they could to make the present year the most prosperous and the most harmonious ever known in the lodge. He must remind the brethren that next year was the coming of age of the Middlesex Province, and he hoped they would be ready to support the Provincial Grand Master to make it a grand jubilee in the province. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, he returned them his hearty thanks.

In proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," the I.P.M. said he had known the W.M. personally a great many years. If ever there was a gap to fill, Bro. Veal was always ready to fill it. He was certain that the future of the Abercorn Lodge was perfectly safe in his hands. He hoped he would drill his officers, and if he succeeded in that he and the lodge would have something to be extremely proud of. He wished him every success in his year of office. The lodge had always been harmonious and always fairly prosperous, but this year he hoped it would be more prosperous and more harmonious than ever.

Bro. Veal, in his reply, said he knew not how to sufficiently thank the brethren for the manner they had drunk his health. He hoped during the year they should have lodges of instruction, and that it would be a question of pulling well together. It was not right to the Past Masters that some of the brethren should come and some should not. There would be nothing lost during the coming year, and at the end of the year he hoped they would show that success which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had wished them.

The next toast, that of "The Visitors," was proposed by the W.M. He alluded to the presence of three or four brethren, members of the Dobie Lodge, who had come all the way from Kingston-on-Thames. He took it as a great compliment that they should come that distance to see him installed. He hoped the brethren would drink the health of the visitors, and say that they were very glad to see them and welcome them.

Several brethren responded.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was the next on the list, and the W.M., in proposing it, said that through Bro. Soames absence in the lodge they were unable to present him with the Past Master's jewel which they had voted him. On the minutes they mentioned that it was not only passed unanimously, but also with a vote of sympathy with him for the infliction he was suffering from. They sympathised with him thoroughly, and thanked him for what he had done for the lodge. He had very much pleasure in placing the Past Master's jewel on his breast. Referring to the Past Masters as a body, the W.M. said they could not do much without them.

Bro. Soames, in reply, said he had always endeavoured to do his work as well as he possibly could under the circumstances, and he thanked them for appreciating the fact. Whenever he had come into the lodge he had been treated with the greatest possible kindness.

Bro. Rogers, the Treasurer, and the other Past Masters present also responded.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Officers," and the Senior Warden, Bro. G. Sturman, responded.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening, during which several brethren enlivened the proceedings with songs.

HASTINGS.

Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when there present Bros. W. S. Allen, W.M.; F. C. Edwards, S.W.; G. Randell, J.W.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; R. Walmsley, S.D.; G. H. Gaze, J.D.; W. H. Russell, P.P.A.G.D.C., acting I.G.; W. Leslie, Tyler; T. W. Markwick, P.M.; P. Robinson, P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; Capt. Hennah, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. A. Beck, L. O. Glenister, A. G. Foord, H. Boyce, E. J. McCormick, J. H. Tendall, J. J. Whitehouse, J. T. Edmond, R. J. Reed, G. Heaphy, and T. Southcombe. Visitors: Bros. D. Belinfante, P.M. 435; J. Easton, P.M. 817, New South Wales; G. J. Hilliard, P.M. 174; H. G. Hollard, J.D. 2353; and R. Roberts, P.M. 742.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Southcombe was passed to the F.C. Degree by the W.M. with his usual ability. Three candidates were proposed. The Secretary read the appeal from Bro. Terry for the services of a member as Steward at the forthcoming festival.

NEWTOWN.

Caedewain Lodge (No. 1594).—The brethren of the above lodge held their anniversary festival at the Masonic Temple, on Thursday, the 17th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. A. D. Dawson, W.M. The business of the meeting included the initiation of Dr. Frank U. Purchas, but the principal event was the installation of Bro. Richard Jones, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Danily, P.M., was the Installing Master. Bro. Chapman presided at the organ, and the choir sang a selection of suitable odes, &c., also the anthem "Behold how good and joyful." The following officers were invested: Bros. A. D. Dawson, I.P.M.; Richard James, S.W.; James M. Milnes, J.W.; J. Pughe Morgan, Chap.; John Danily, P.M., Treas.; T. A. Foster, P.M., Sec.; W. B. Fergusson, S.D.; C. W. Norton, J.D.; E. Buckley, I.G.; E. Elwell and H. Chapman, Stewards.

After lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Public Rooms, which was largely attended, and followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, that of the new Worshipful Master being received with much enthusiasm.

We are informed that this, the first anniversary in the new temple, was attended by many brethren from the neighbouring lodges, and some from the Province of Shropshire, and that the gathering of Freemasons which did honour to Bro. Richard Jones was the largest held in Newtown since the consecration of the lodge by the late Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn.

The banquet was supplied by Mr. Evan Bebb, The Restaurant, Newtown.

PARKGATE.

Dee Lodge (No. 1576).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., in the Town Hall, Neston, the W.M., Bro. J. Clarke, being supported, among others, by the following officers, members, and visiting brethren: Bros. R. G. Hawkins, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Morris, P.M., Treas.; G. Forrester, Sec.; J. W. Evans, S.D.; F. M. Gibbs, J.D.; J. Mayers, I.G.; G. B. Richmond, I.P.M.; the Hon. H. Holbrook, P.M., P.G.M. British Columbia; S. W. Ramsden, P.M., P.S.G.D.; W. Jones, P.M.; J. Barnes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Johnson, P.M. 721, P.P.J.G.D.; H. A. Ellis, P.M. 721; R. De Board, 605; W. J. Joyce, 117 and 2311; E. Robinson, 721; J. R. Curnow, 721; T. M. Atkinson, 721; and A. J. Phipps, Mus. Bac.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. elect, Bro. R. G. Hawkins, was then presented by Bros. the Hon. H. Holbrook, P.M., and W. Jones, P.M., and duly installed W.M. by Bro. J. Morris, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Joseph Clarke, I.P.M.; J. Shaw, S.W.; G. Forrester, J.W.; J. Morris, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Evans, Sec.; J. M. Gibbs, S.D.; J. Mayers, J.D.; John J. White, I.G.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C.; and A. J. Phipps, Org. The charges to the officers on their investiture were delivered most effectively by Bro. Ramsden, P.M.

At the close of the proceedings the brethren were driven in wagnettes, provided by Bro. Jones, P.M., to the Union Hotel, where a banquet was served by Mrs. Acton in a most efficient manner.

The cloth being removed, the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair.

"The Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution and all other Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Richmond, P.M., and responded to ably by Bro. Morris, P.M.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and expressed the opinion that Bro. Hawkins would prove one of the most popular Masters the lodge had possessed, and would receive the hearty support of the brethren, to which the W.M. heartily responded.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. Ramsden, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Morris, Treas.

The other toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," "The Past Masters," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Clarke for his services during the past year.

The harmony of the meeting was well sustained by Bros. Robinson, Curnow, Ellis, and Phipps, and one of the most successful meetings of the lodge was then brought to a close.

ROCHDALE.

Probity and Freedom Lodge (No. 367).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Trafalgar Hotel. Bro. G. T. Dews, W.M., occupied the chair, and in addition to the officers and brethren, the following visitors were present: Bros. James Sutcliffe, Richard Chadwick, Robert Buckley, John Turner, John Shore, Ainsworth, and Thomas Mabbett, who are all worthy members of the Craft in Rhode Island, U.S.A., and who are at present visiting friends and relations, having left this country some 25 or 30 years ago.

They evidently came to do honour to Bro. James Butterworth, who, although an American Mason, is a P.M. of the lodge and P.P.J.G.D. of East Lancashire.

At the dinner following the lodge ceremonies, in response to the toast of the visiting brethren, Bro. Sutcliffe, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Master Masons of Rhode Island, invested Bro. Butterworth with a gold and enamelled badge, and, on behalf of the visiting brethren, a watch pendant in gold and enamel, to show the respect in which he is held by the Fraternity across the Atlantic.

YORK.

York Lodge (No. 236).—At a special meeting of this lodge, held on the 5th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, the business was the election of trustees. Bros. C. M. Forbes, W.M., was in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. H. L. Swift, acting S.W.; E. W. Purnell, J.W.; W. E. Sampson, S.D.; H. Churchill, J.D.; Jos. Todd, P.M., Treas.; C. Linley, D.C.; M. Bryson, I.G.; T. G. Hodgson, acting Org.; and H. Foster, P.M., Sec. There were also present the following P.M.'s: Bros. Wm. Lawton, P.P.G.R.; J. S. Rymer, P.P.G.S.R.; Geo. Balmford, P.P.G.O.; Geo. Kirby, P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. Garbutt, P.P.S.G.D.; T. G. Hodgson, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Draper, and H. Foster. The members present were Bros. J. Biscomb, M. D. Jefferson, T. Russell, A. G. W. Procter, T. W. Wilson, S. Crummack, and W. N. Stimpson.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the Secretary read a circular convening the meeting of the lodge to the effect that the lodge was called together to elect and choose "as many trustees as will make up the number of ten trustees out of the subscribing members of the said lodge in accordance with the provisions of the deed of conveyance of the lodge premises bearing date, 18th February, 1863." Bro. Lawton, in moving names which follow, explained that in consequence of the death of Bro. Hollon, to whom the lodge had been so much indebted, and also in consequence of the voluntary resignation of Bro. W. B. Richardson, who had expressed his conviction that younger men should be appointed to trusteeship, it became necessary, owing to the conditions of the trust, that, when the elected trustees were reduced to three, the required full number of trustees should be appointed. There were eight trustees now required. At an informal meeting of Past Masters it had been resolved to submit names for election. Bro. Russell interposed with the desire that the clause in the deed relating to the appointment of trustees should be read, and, this having been done, Bro. Russell inquired who were the present surviving trustees?—the W.M., Bro. Sir Jas. Meek, and Bro. Lawton. After some further conversation, Bro. Lawton proposed the following for election as trustees: Bros. Todd, Buckle, Rooke, Rymer, Kirby, Garbutt, Sir Joseph Terry, and John Biscomb. Bro. Draper seconded the motion. Bro. Russell proposed that the vote be taken by scroll. Bro. Rymer considered that there was no need for this as they had only to propose additional names to those now before them and vote as they thought fit. Bro. Crummack proposed that the names be dealt with separately, and the Secretary seconded this, Bro. Crummack adding that, although the brethren had great respect for the names proposed, it would be much better if a further list was before them. Bro. Rymer objected to taking the names separately. He would prefer a fresh list. Bro. Russell then proposed the following: Bros. Rooke, P.M.; Border, P.M.; Rymer, P.M.; Foster, P.M.; Forbes, W.M.; Sir Jos. Terry, Geo. Seller, John Biscomb, and T. J. Russell. This having been seconded, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Rymer, seconded by Bro. Russell, that Bros. Purnell, Bryson, and Linley be appointed Scrutineers of the scroll voting. Bro. Linley observed that in the formation of a new trust it was very important to select young men. In the list before them he found the names of men far advanced in life, and, in the ordinary course of nature, their places would become vacant. It would be encouraging to young men if they were placed in the honourable position of trustees. He spoke the more freely because he felt that from his own age he was "out of the running." The Secretary read the lists of the names before the lodge, and the W.M. (Bro. Forbes) said he wished to withdraw. He did not agree with Bro. Linley's remarks. He felt that in a matter of trusteeship they ought to leave it in the hands of Past Masters. The scroll having taken place, the work of the counting followed in the ante-room. During the interval Bro. Rymer proposed hearty thanks to Bro. Lawton for taking care of the lodge deed since 1871, and, on their brother resigning it to their keeping, he proposed it be placed in their iron safe. Bro. J. Todd seconded the vote of thanks and referred to the deep interest that Bro. Lawton had for many years displayed in Masonry. The resolution was adopted unanimously. Bro. Lawton, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, expressed his deep interest in the welfare of the lodge, and assured them that he should, as long as he lived, continue a subscriber to it. The deed was then handed to Bro. Todd, Treasurer. Subsequently it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Todd, seconded by Bro. G. Kirby, that the necessary authority be given the trustees for the disposal of the deed, and that Bro. Swift be instructed accordingly. The result of the voting for the trusteeship was as follows, the W.M. declaring the brethren "elected with a clear majority in each case," according to the report of the Scrutineers: Bros. J. Biscomb, S. Border (P.G.R.), Geo. Garbutt, Geo. Kirby, M. Rooke, J. S. Rymer, Sir J. Terry, and Jos. Todd. On the motion of Bro. Lawton, seconded by Bro. Rymer, a vote of thanks was passed to the Scrutineers, and Bro. Purnell acknowledged the compliment.

The lodge was then closed.

The official concession of Heligoland to the representatives of the German Emperor took place on Saturday last. The ceremony was very simple. Governor Barkley, C.M.G., read the articles of the Anglo-German convention relating to it, and the German officials took possession, the English and German flags flying side by side till the departure of the last of the English Governors. Mr. Barkley was entertained at a banquet previous to leaving, and on his way to embark on the Calypso, both he and Mrs. Barkley were enthusiastically cheered by the Heligolanders. On Sunday the Emperor William landed and inspected this latest addition to his empire, the inhabitants receiving his Majesty right loyally.

Royal Arch.**STONEHOUSE.**

Elliott Chapter (No. 1205).—The annual meeting of this chapter took place at the Masonic Rooms, Caroline-place, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., to install the Principals for the ensuing year: Comps. F. Crouch, Z.; W. Powell, H.; and A. W. King, J. The Installing Officers were Comps. J. R. Lord, P.Z. 70; W. Allsford, P.Z. 202; R. Pike, P.Z. 230; and J. Gidley, P.Z. 2025. Among the installed Principals present were Comps. S. Jew, P.Z. 105, 2025; W. H. Listen, P.Z.; G. Wilson, P.Z.; R. Dickson, P.Z.; E. J. Knight, P.Z. 202; J. Bray, P.Z. 202; W. Browning, P.Z. 223; T. C. Lewarne, P.Z. 223; W. Coath, P.Z. 230; H. Langmead, Z. 202; and A. Trout, H. 223. The officers were invested as follows: Comps. D. Cross, P.Z. Treas.; J. Gidley, P.Z., S.E.; G. Gurney, S.N.; J. J. Facey, P.S.; A. Revill, 1st A. Soj.; A. W. King, 2nd A. Soj.; and J. Gidley, Janitor.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on the 31st ult. at Tupp's Restaurant, S. Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. H. H. Nuding, W.M.; J. W. Cooper, S.W.; D. G. Imlay, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; Cox, S.D.; Neville, J.D.; F. Mason, I.G.; Passmore, Edwards, J. Corp, J. B. Corp, and Taflow.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First, when Bro. J. Corp volunteered to act as candidate, and the W.M. having examined and entrusted him, and resumed the lodge in the Second Degree, very perfectly rehearsed the ceremony of passing, the explanation of the tracing board being rendered by Bro. Kirby. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and Bro. J. W. Cooper undertook working the 1st Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and a ballot was taken for Bro. Stevens, to whom was extended a hearty welcome on his becoming a joining member. Bro. J. W. Cooper was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, giving notice that the work would be the ceremony of raising and the first three Sections of the First Lecture. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered the W.M., the lodge was closed, a good record of useful work being noted in connection with this meeting.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 1st inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; E. Fox, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec., acting Preceptor; H. Blackman, S.D.; F. Barth, J.D.; H. Dyne, I.G.; Bone, Hide, Reid, and H. J. F. Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Reid offering himself as a candidate for raising, was questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a very able manner. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Blackman offering himself as a candidate for passing, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Blackman acting as candidate, and Bro. R. Reid officiating as S.D. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. E. Fox was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425, W.M.; Edmond Coleman, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; M. T. Tuck, J.D.; H. Campbell, I.G.; John Davies, W.M. 109; Edward Gilbert, and John Smith.

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. Davies being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. worked the 1st Section, and Bro. Read the 2nd, both being assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Coleman was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Allman and Davies for their services in working the Sections. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Hoggins, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; R. E. Cursons, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, Asst. Sec. and S.D.; G. A. Bergholz, I.G.; and T. E. Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. E. Weeks having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. G. A. Bergholz offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, and was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Foan, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, appointing his officers in rotation, and announcing his intention of working the third ceremony. 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 12th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present:

Bros. H. Wake, W.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., S.W.; C. G. Hatt, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; G. A. Knight, S.D.; J. B. Cory, J.D.; J. Spraggs, I.G.; Samuel Cochrane, P.M.; G. Swann, W.M. 865; James Sims, P.M.; J. H. Morrish, H. F. Williams, and Joseph Cox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wake vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. H. F. Williams. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Swann offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Spraggs was elected a joining member. Bro. R. H. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst. at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Jno. Davies, W.M. 109, Preceptor and W.M.; G. E. Higginson, S.W.; A. Love, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Jennings, S.D.; Redfern Hollings, J.D.; F. Woodard, I.G.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; D. Stroud, P.M.; T. Stevens, L. Cox, and H. P. Gilbert, W.M. 1828.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were recorded to the W.M., and congratulations upon his return to his usual good health, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when there were present Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M.; C. E. Barber, S.W.; W. G. Danby, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; George McCrowe, S.D.; L. Nathan, J.D.; J. N. Baxter, I.G.; and James Sims, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form in the First and Second Degrees. A brother offered himself as a candidate for raising, and proving his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Danby was elected a joining member, and Bro. Barber was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. John Davies, W.M. 151; J. N. Baxter, S.W.; H. Bright, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Dep. Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); A. Williams, P.M., S.D.; G. E. Higginson, J.D.; W. S. Whiteley, I.G.; and Louis Lee.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Sims and the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections were worked in the same manner as in the Second Degree. The 3rd Section was worked by Bro. Higginson, the questions being put by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Baxter was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The regular weekly meeting of this emulative and progressive lodge was held on Monday evening, the 11th inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.Z., W.M.; H. F. Bromhead, S.W.; Chas. H. Bestow, J.W.; William Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas., Preceptor; James Pinder, P.M., P.Z., S.D.; T. C. Edmonds, P.M., P.Z., J.D.; John Ives, P.M., I.G.; Wm. Blenkinsop, Hon. Stwd.; E. Gray; G. J. Westfield, P.G.S.B.; W. W. Cook; T. Scoresby-Jackson, Prov. S.G.D.; Geo. Long; Carlo Tichiaz, P.M.; S. D. Parsons, P.M.; G. W. Knight, P.M., P.Z.; Walter Goulding; H. J. Hallows, P.M.; D. P. Holness, P.M., P.Z.; Richard Kershaw, and others.

After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a most perfect manner. Bro. T. C. Edmonds, P.M., P.Z., so justly celebrated for his excellent working, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Bromhead was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. G. W. Knight, P.M., P.Z., in a few well chosen remarks, gracefully alluded to the fact that the majority of members present were Past Masters, and included three Prov. Grand Officers. Nothing further offering, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, M.E.Z.; W. H. Williams, Z. 733, H.; John Davies, J. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Swann, P.S. 733, P.S.; J. Davies, 733, Treas.; John Cruttenden, 779; O. W. Battley, 2246; and John Smith, 890. The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cruttenden being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks, Comp. W. C. Williams, M.E.Z. The by-laws were ordered to be printed. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Bro. J. Gibson Youll, P.M., P.Z., P.E.P., &c., was on the 6th inst. unanimously appointed Clerk of the Peace for the city and county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. His predecessor, Mr. John Clayton, held the appointment for about 66 years.

Order of the Secret Monitor.**BRIGHTON.**

Royal Sussex Conclave (No. 10).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, when there were present Bros. A. F. Lamette, S.R.; C. F. Goode, G.; H. Pearce, Treas.; J. A. Thilthorpe, Sec.; E. Mitchell, Org.; W. Wright, V.D.; R. Weston, Guarder; H. H. Hughes, Sentinel; I. Zacharie, M.D., G.S.R. (Hon. Mem.); W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., G.R. (Hon. Mem.); W. E. Morrison, Stephen Peters, Alfred Upton. Visitors: J. J. Thomas, A. Brokenshire, J. M. Collins, and J. M. Bastone.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for three candidates, and they were duly inducted into the Order. The officers of the Second Degree were appointed and invested. The reports of the Visiting Deacons and of the Permanent Committee were received and adopted, and the by-laws considered and passed. The G.S.R., Bro. Dr. I. Zacharie gave a most interesting account of the rise and progress of the Order.

Ireland.**MASONIC SERVICE IN WARRENPOINT CHURCH.**

On Wednesday, the 6th inst., a Masonic service was held in the parish church, Warrenpoint, the offertory being devoted in aid of the Irish Masonic Orphan Schools. The proceedings were held under the auspices of the St. John's Lodge, No. 697. At half-past seven o'clock a large congregation had assembled from Newry, Warrenpoint, Rostrevor, and Killeel, and the surrounding districts. The brethren, of whom there was a large attendance, comprising representatives of Nos. 18, 23, and 77, Newry; No. 144, Killeel; and No. 697, Warrenpoint, besides members of other lodges from other districts, filed in pairs along the aisle, when they faced each other to allow the following members, who formed the rear of the procession, to pass to their allotted places—the Rev. T. B. Naylor, B.D., rector; the Rev. R. E. Glenny, M.A., rector of Clonallon; the Rev. E. T. Naylor, Five-mile-town; the Rev. J. Davison-Cowan, B.A., rector of Donaghmore; the Rev. C. F. Langford, curate of Killeel; the Rev. Frank Wales, B.A., curate of St. Mary's, Newry; the Rev. Henry W. S. Givan, Ematrix, Clogher; and the Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, M.A., rector of Seapatrick, Banbridge. The service was opened by the singing of the hymn, "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," after which the first part of the service was said by the Rev. T. B. Naylor. The special Psalms for the evening having been chanted, the first Lesson was read by the Rev. E. T. Naylor, and the second Lesson by the Rev. Mr. Grierson. The Rev. Mr. Cowan having read the remainder of the service, the hymn, "With one consent let all the earth" was sung, after which the Rev. Mr. Grierson ascended the pulpit, and selecting his text from a portion of the 26th verse of the 7th chapter of Acts—"Sirs, ye are Brethren"—preached an appropriate and eloquent sermon. At the close of his remarks the reverend gentleman made a touching appeal on behalf of the object for which they had assembled. The offertory was then taken up, the following brethren acting as collectors: Bros. Dr. Douglas, J.P.; G. W. Francis, J.P.; Dr. Crossle, Dr. Evans, Killeel; J. L. D. Meares, C.E.; H. V. Mervyn, and Emra Holmes, F.R.H.S., and a substantial sum was realised.

BELFAST MASONIC CHARITIES.

A sermon on behalf of this noble object was preached on Sunday, under the auspices of the Lambeg Masonic Lodge, No. 565, by the Rev. J. Helby, P.P.G.C., Portrush, in the Lambeg parish church. The sacred edifice was well filled in every part. At eleven the brethren assembled in the schoolhouse adjoining the church. The following lodges were represented: Nos. 40, 54, 98, 121, 29, 178, 59, 602, 121, 811, 317, 272, 106, 356, and 606, and proceeded to the church wearing the splendid regalia of the Masonic Institution. As they entered the sacred portals the choir sang the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers," during which the brethren seated themselves in the pews placed at their disposal. The lessons were read by the Rev. Bro. Banks, rector of the parish. The reverend brother, on entering the pulpit, chose as his text the 13th chapter of St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, from which he preached an appropriate and eloquent discourse, basing his remarks on the word "charity," and concluded by making an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Belfast Masonic Charities. The offertory was then taken up, the following officiating as collectors: Bros. Robert Macartney, P.P.J.W.; David Hannay, P.P.S.G.W.; Hugh Smyth, P.L.J.G.D.; W. J. Stokes, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Knox, P.J.G.W.; John D. Barbour, John Arnott Taylor, J. B. Wilkins, A. Mussen, E. J. Charley, James Pryde, and others. It is believed a hearty response was made to the earnest appeal for the noble object.

Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Strathallan are leaving Maids Moreton Lodge, near Buckingham, where they have resided for the last 13 years, for their seat in Perthshire. Indeed, his lordship has left, and Lady Strathallan and family follow him on the 20th instant. In view of their departure they gave a large and fashionable garden party, and following this, on Wednesday the 6th inst., an entertainment to the school children and villagers.

Straits Settlements.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

The installation and investiture of the District Grand Officers for the ensuing year took place on the 30th May, and were as follows:

Bro. J. D. Vaughan	...	Dist. D.G.M.
" A. Knight	...	Dist. S.G.W.
" F. St. G. Cautfield	...	Dist. J.G.W.
" E. J. Khory	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" G. A. Derrick	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" D. G. Presgrave	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" J. P. Joaquim	...	Dist. P.B. of G.P.
" A. Huttenbach	...	Dist. S.G.D.
" J. Motion	...	Dist. J.G.D.
" G. S. H. Gottlieb	...	Dist. G.S. of W.
" C. G. Garrard	...	Dist. G.D.C.
" F. G. West	...	Dist. A.G.D.C.
" S. R. Robinson	...	Dist. G.S.B.
" J. G. Boyd	...	Dist. G. Org.
" A. R. Adams	...	} Dist. G. Std. Brs.
" H. W. C. Leech	...	
" C. W. Banks	...	Dist. G. Purst.
" E. M. Lyon	...	Dist. A.G. Purst.
" R. D. Hewitt	...	} Dist. G. Stwds.
" A. J. W. Watkins	...	
" S. Behr	...	
" J. M. Campbell	...	
" F. W. Hill	...	
" S. B. Bailey	...	
" J. Lannon	...	Dist. G. Tyler.

**CRAFT MASONRY.
PENANG.**

Shadwell Clerke Lodge (No. 2336) was consecrated on the 2nd May, by Bro. J. P. Joaquim, acting for the Dist. G.M. The following have been invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. H. Gottlieb, W.M.; D. Comrie, S.W.; A. Huttenbach, J.W.; H. L. Christiansen, Treas.; J. G. Koch, Sec.; G. S. H. Gottlieb, Org.; W. C. Brown, S.D.; R. G. Watson, J.D.; E. C. Harte, D.C.; M. E. Holmes, I.G.; R. D. Hewitt and F. G. Somerville, Stwds.; and R. Fiddes, Tyler.

**ROYAL ARCH.
SINGAPORE.**

Dalhousie Chapter (No. 508).—The annual installation of Principals and officers of the above chapter was held on Friday, the 4th ult. The following are the officers: Comps. E. J. Khory, P.H. Rangoon Chapter, Z.; D. G. Presgrave, H.; G. Thompson, J.; G. A. Derrick, S.N.; S. R. Robinson, S.E.; E. M. Lyon, Treas.; C. G. Garrard, P.S.; H. G. Diss, 1st A.S.; W. Allan, 2nd A.S.; and J. Lannon, Janitor.

**St. Helena.
CRAFT.
JAMESTOWN.**

Old Rock Lodge (No. 912).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, in Napoleon-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult.—St. John's Day—for the purpose of installing the W.M. and officers for the ensuing 12 months. There were present on the occasion Bros. W. H. Congdon, W.M.; G. Weston, I.P.M.; S. Young, S.W.; T. Scullard, J.W.; G. C. Bruce, Treas.; F. J. Broadway, Sec.; E. Thomas, S.D.; R. M. L. Pritchard, P.M., J.D.; T. Clayton, Tyler; W. Ackely, P.M.; Wallace, Russell, Percy, Sheriff, Driver, Wood, and Muir. The visitors were Bros. T. L. M. Adams, W.M., R. Dowling, P.M., A. S. Brady, P.M., James Truebody, P.M., Thomas Carr, P.M., R. A. Clarke, J. F. Smith, J. S. Truebody, S. Cross, and R. P. Hopewell, all of 488.

The usual routine business being ended, the retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Congdon, in a very creditable manner carried out the duties of installation. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. S. P. Young, W.M.; W. H. Congdon, I.P.M.; G. C. Bruce, S.W.; Thos. Scullard, J.W.; Thomas Clayton, Treas.; F. J. Broadway, Sec.; T. J. A. Percy, S.D.; G. N. Driver, J.D.; E. Thomas, D.C.; B. Wood, I.G.; and R. M. L. Pritchard, P.M., Tyler.

The installation being finished, the brethren and their guests retired to the banqueting-room, where a well-laid table of the good things of this life awaited them, provided by the retiring Master, at which all seemed to enjoy themselves.

The room was prettily and tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens. Mrs. A. S. Brady presided at the piano, which she had kindly lent for the occasion, and played some excellent music, which much enhanced the enjoyment of the evening.

The tables being cleared, the usual toasts, recitations, and songs filled up the remainder of the time, and the brethren retired after having spent a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

**MARK.
JAMESTOWN.**

Jamestown Lodge (No. 370).—The brethren of this lodge, serving under the constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England and Wales, met at the Masonic Hall in Napoleon-street, on Thursday, the 26th ult., being the regular monthly meeting night. Bros. B. Wood and T. J. A. Percy were advanced to this Degree. This being also the fourth anniversary of the lodge the W.M. and his officers were installed and invested for the ensuing year as follows—Bro. Richard Dowling performing the office of Installing Master: Bros. R. A. Clarke, W.M.; William Ackely, I.P.M.; S. P. Young, S.W.; Thomas

Clayton, J.W.; Edward Thomas, M.O.; John Smith, S.O.; T. M. L. Adams, J.O.; W. H. Congdon, Treas.; S. P. Young, Sec.; B. Wood, S.D.; T. J. A. Percy, J.D.; W. Ackely, I.G.; and James Truebody, jun., Tyler. Bro. A. S. Brady, P.M., presided at the harmonium. The business of the evening being finished, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then repaired to the banqueting-room and sat down to a nice little supper provided for them by the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the J.W. in his toast making special mention of the founders of the lodge, namely, Bros. Capt. Reynolds, R.A., P.M.; Major Gardner, Royal Scots; and T. Jarvis, R.A., to whose kindness and generosity the brethren are much indebted for introducing the Degree of M.M.M. in the island.

After supper a few songs were sung and the brethren enjoyed themselves in social converse and the weed, and broke up, after spending another pleasant evening in connection with Mark Masonry.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The adjourned meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, the 9th instant. Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, Patron, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. George Everett, Alfred C. Spaul, W. Masters, C. F. Hogard, G. Gardner, G. Adamson, W. A. Scurrah, J. S. Cumberland, A. Ridgway, W. M. Bywater, Capt. J. P. Airey, Geo. P. Gillard, Stanley J. Attenborough, H. Dickey, W. W. Morgan, A. Torkington, J. Glass, F. Orchard, G. Gregory, H. F. Nash, W. H. Saunders, Edwin Storr, W. M. Stiles, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The minutes of sundry meetings having been read and verified, and those of the Quarterly General Court read for information, one petition was submitted and approved, and the name directed to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in April, 1891. One application for a sum towards expenses of outfit was made by an ex-pupil and granted.

It was resolved that 250 copies of the Book of By-laws, as revised by the Provisional Management Committee, should be printed for distribution among the Provincial Grand Secretaries and those brethren who generally attend the meetings of the Institution.

It was proposed by Bro. Col. RIDGWAY, and seconded by Bro. ABNER TORKINGTON, that a quarter's salary be voted to Bro. F. Binckes in recognition of his services as Honorary Secretary since the 30th June last. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting terminated with the usual compliment to the Chairman for presiding.

In the course of the proceedings the CHAIRMAN introduced the newly-elected Secretary, Bro. James Morrison McLeod, who was congratulated by the brethren present, as he thus formally entered upon the duties of his office.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE, No. 1379.

On the 26th ult. the members of this lodge, accompanied by ladies, had an excursion to Malton, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Hill Drury, W.M. The party left Darlington in a saloon carriage by an early train, arriving at Malton at half-past ten, when brakes were in readiness to take them to Castle Howard, the magnificent seat of the Earl of Carlisle. After a pleasant drive along the country roads, and through the beautifully wooded park, with its stately avenues of trees, the castle was reached. The palatial pile, built by Sir John Vanbrugh, in 1702, near a picturesque lake, is after the style, but smaller, of Blenheim, also built by Vanbrugh. It is one of the grandest and richest country seats in England. The party were then conducted over the castle, which contains a large collection of art treasures by Bellini, Bol, Canaletti, Holbein, Rubens, Salvator Rosa, Sir J. Reynolds, Tintoretto, Vandyck, and worthy of especial note, the celebrated pictures—"The Adoration of the Kings," by Mabuse, and "The Three Marys," by Carracci.

The beautiful domestic chapel which has been renewed and decorated, brought the visit to the castle to a close, and, after an inspection of the gardens, the party returned to the Malton Hotel to dinner.

A most enjoyable day was spent, the memory of which will not be soon effaced.

A MASONIC WELCOME TO BRO. TOOLE.

Bro. J. L. Toole was entertained at luncheon on the 20th June, at the New Masonic Hall, at Sydney, New South Wales, by Bro. Dr. Tarrant, Pro Grand Master of New South Wales, nearly the whole of the Grand Officers being present by Bro. Dr. Tarrant's invitation. Among the other guests, besides Bro. Toole, were the Mayor of Sydney (Bro. Sydney Burdekin), Bro. Billington, and Bro. George Rignold.

Bro. Dr. TARRANT, who presided as host, having the brethren named seated on either side of him, proposed "The Health of Bro. Toole," and gave him a hearty and cordial welcome. He had only invited the Grand Lodge Officers to meet him, for if he had invited the whole Craft he did not know how many thousands would have come. But those present were representative men, and were supposed to form the Parliament of Masonry in New South Wales. As a representative body, they could, in the name of Masonry, give Bro.

Toole a hearty welcome to those shores. He wished him long life, happiness, and prosperity, and wished to couple the name of Bro. Billington with the toast.

Bro. TOOLE, in responding, thanked them for their very hearty welcome. He was able to attend lodge but seldom, owing to his having to preach sermons every evening. The grippe was very prevalent when he left London. He had escaped it there, but had come in for a very warm grip when he met the Masons of Sydney. His health had been drunk so often since he came there that he ought to be the healthiest fellow in the land. He thought after he got home to London he would come back and see them every 20 years.

Bro. BILLINGTON, in responding, said though he could not make as good a speech as his Bro. Toole, he was an equally bad Mason.

"The Health of the Mayor of Sydney and of Bro. George Rignold" were also given and acknowledged.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT DENVER, COLORADO.

The dedication of the Masonic Temple, Denver, Colorado, took place on the 3rd ult., and a handsome souvenir of the event has been issued in the shape of a printed account of the ceremonies. Bro. Wm. D. Todd, G.M., assisted by the Grand Officers, dedicated the new Masonic Temple, and Grand Master Todd and Past Grand Master Bro. H. P. H. Bromwell, of Illinois, delivered addresses. The Temple Fund began with the small sum of \$360, in 1873, and reached the large sum of \$475,000. The cost of the temple and furniture was \$250,000, and of the lots on which it is erected, \$225,000. Our Colorado brethren have every reason to be proud of their home for the Craft.

Obituary.

BRO. ROBERT COLLIER, P.M.

We regret to announce the death on the 1st inst. of Bro. Robert Collier, P.M., &c., at the advanced age of 92. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 320, Mottram, on the 5th December, 1821, being at the time 23 years of age, and was installed as Worshipful Master in 1837, and again in 1848. From 1850 to 1859 inclusive he was annually elected Treasurer, and from 1860 till the present date had served as Tyler, the number of years in which he had held office of one kind or another in his lodge being 51. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree on the 19th March, 1823, in the Chapter of Integrity, No. 320, and here also served many and various offices in the course of his long career. He was also a Mark Mason, being a member of the local lodge of that Degree. His funeral took place at Mottram on the 5th inst., his remains being followed to their last resting place by a large number of his brethren and companions, who take this opportunity of testifying their respect for a worthy Mason. Bro. Collier was the oldest Freemason in Cheshire, and there are living but few members of our Society who can boast of having been connected with it for a longer period.

BRO. HAROLD KING, P.G.D.

It is not very long since we noted in connection with the proceedings, on 31st March last, of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay the resignation of Bro. Harold King, P.G.D. of England, as Deputy District Grand Master of Bombay, and his installation of Bro. Barrow as his successor; nor had we at the time the slightest idea that after so short an interval the sad duty would devolve on us of recording his death. Bro. King resigned office not on account of his health, or because of old age, but merely that he might spend a few months in England. He was, indeed, on the return voyage to Bombay, when at or near Aden he was seized with heat apoplexy, was landed, died, and was buried, so that the steamer that should have conveyed him to Bombay, conveyed instead the unexpected news of his death. He was only about 38 years of age, but had long enjoyed a reputation as a good man of business—he was head of the Bombay branch of the firm of H. S. King and Co., of Cornhill and Pall Mall—had occupied one of the Government seats on the Municipal Corporation of Bombay, was a keen sportsman, very popular with all classes of the community in which he had resided for the last eight years, and what concerns us more immediately,—a distinguished Mason. He was initiated in this country, and, on joining the Calcutta branch of his firm, became a District Grand Officer in Bombay. He arrived in Bombay in 1882, and having at once become a joining member of the St. George's Lodge and the Lodge of Concord, was elected, and, by special dispensation, was permitted to preside as W.M. of them both in the same year. After serving as District Grand Treasurer for about 18 months, he was appointed firstly District S.G.W. by the late Bro. E. Tyrrell Leath, Dist. Grand Master, and shortly afterwards his Deputy Dist. G.M. He had the honour of installing the Duke of Connaught in office as Dist. Grand Master of Bombay, and was continued in the office of Deputy by his Royal Highness till quite recently, when he resigned in order that he might visit England. In the year of the Queen's Jubilee he received brevet rank as a Past G. Deacon of England, and was also an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. He was also a P.Z. in Keystone Chapter Royal Arch Masonry, a P.M. in the Mark, and Past M.W.S. of the Bombay Chapter of Rose Croix, so that his death will create a void which it will be difficult to fill.



The Prince of Wales is expected to leave England shortly for Germany.

We are pleased to learn that the report in the *City Press* of the serious illness of Bro. Lovegrove is incorrect, that brother being in his usual health.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland arrived last week at Dalnavert, Inverness-shire, where they propose making a stay of some six weeks.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., delivered a political address at Chatsworth, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire, when about 1000 excursionists were addressed by his lordship.

Bro. Sir E. Baldwin Malet, H.M.'s Ambassador at Berlin, entertained a large number of the British physicians attending the International Medical Congress at dinner in the ball room of the British Embassy on the 7th inst.

The Corporation of London is at length in the full swing of its holiday, and Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs will probably be absent from the Mansion House until about the 18th September, which is the date fixed for the first Court of Common Council to be held after the holidays.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey, who will succeed Bro. Lord Carrington in the Governorship of New South Wales, will be entertained at a banquet by the St. George's Club on the 16th October next, on the eve of his departure for Australia to take up his appointment.

The steamship *Morayshire* arrived in the Albert Docks last week from Auckland, New Zealand, with 40,000 carcasses of mutton and 2300 quarters of beef. This is the largest consignment of frozen meat which has reached this country in a single ship.

General the Hon. Sir Leicester Smyth, temporarily commanding the Southern Military District, has accepted the appointment of Governor of Gibraltar, vacant by the resignation of General Sir Arthur Hastings. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will succeed General Smyth in the command of the Southern District.

The German Emperor took his leave of her Majesty on Friday, the 8th inst., and the Prince and Princess of Wales gave a dinner party on the Royal yacht *Osborne* in honour of his Majesty on the evening of the same day, the guests invited to meet the Emperor including the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, the German and Danish Ministers, and Bro. Admiral Lord Alcester.

The Worshipful Company of Girdlers celebrated their great day in their ancient hall in Basinghall-street, on the 7th inst., when the Clerk of the Company solemnly crowned the Master and three Wardens for the ensuing year. The Company was incorporated in the first instance by a charter granted by Edward III. in 1327, which was confirmed by Henry VI. in 1449.

A special meeting of the Huyshe Chapter, 1099, was held recently at the Masonic Hall, Stoke, to install Comp. H. W. Pengelly, as the Third Principal for the year ensuing. Among the installed Principals present were Comps. E. Aitken-Davies, P.Z.; S. Panter, P.Z.; Thomas Walters, P.Z.; W. H. Gillman, P.Z.; Thomas S. May, P.Z.; W. J. Stanbury, P.Z.; and H. Blackell, P.Z., all of Chapter No. 1099; J. R. Lord, P.Z. 70; and J. Gidley, P.Z. 2025.

Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie is a diligent and methodical worker at his profession. It is said to be an easy day for him when he gives less than 14 hours to his professional duties. Bro. Mackenzie is like an American in the value that he puts upon time. He says: "I like the Americans because they know what time means; they waste no words, go straight to the root of the matter, and they know as well as I do when the conversation is at an end."—*Keystone*.

It is with deep regret that we hear that Bro. W. Brindley, P.M. 1604, and the worthy Preceptor of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, is lying seriously ill. He has the deep sympathy of the many brethren with whom he has been associated for a long time in connection with lodges of instruction, and all wish him a speedy recovery.

The German Emperor visited the Dockyard and Naval Establishments at Portsmouth on the 7th inst. His Majesty was accompanied by the Prince of Wales, Prince Henry of Prussia, Prince Waldemar of Denmark, and the Duke of Connaught, and in the Dockyard was joined by the Archduke Stephen of Austria and the Admiral and Captains of the Austrian Squadron. His Majesty visited several of our ships, and after luncheon with Bro. Sir Edmund and Lady Commerell at Admiralty House, visited Whale Island, and inspected the large battery and new buildings, and subsequently witnessed some torpedo practice.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited Portsmouth on Saturday last for the purpose of opening the new Town Hall, and business was entirely suspended, even the dockyard being granted a full holiday for the occasion. Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied by Prince Waldemar of Denmark, the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, Bro. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, the Hon. H. Tyrwhitt-Wilson, Bros. Lord Suffield and Sir Francis Knollys, Miss Knollys, and others. The Royal Yacht *Osborne* entered the harbour somewhat before the appointed time, and was received with the customary salutes. On landing the Royal party were met by Bro. Admiral Sir E. Commerell, General the Hon. Sir Leicester Smyth, and other officers. A procession having been formed, the party, headed by Hussars, moved on to the Hall, and thence made their way to the Town Hall, amid the utmost enthusiasm. On entering the Hall, their Royal Highnesses were received with the National Anthem, which was almost inaudible owing to the cheers and clapping of hands, among those present on the dais being Bro. General Sir Frederick and Lady Fitz-Wygram, Bro. Sir William Crossman, M.P., Bro. General Sir George Willis, and Bro. Colonel Crease. The addresses having been presented and acknowledged, the Prince declared the Hall open, and having partaken of refreshment, their Royal Highnesses left for the harbour, but by a different route, amid the same demonstrations of loyalty.

Early next month the Duke of Cambridge will be the guest of Bro. the Marquis of Breadalbane, and will shoot over the Blackmount estates.

King Charles of Roumania and the Crown Prince have left Bucharest for Ischl, on their visit to the Emperor Francis Joseph, being accompanied as far as the frontier by the Ministers.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn has resigned the office of Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, and has been succeeded, with the approval of Her Majesty, by the Earl of Yarborough.

Lord and Lady Loughborough have left Easton Lodge, Dunmow, for Dysart House, Fifeshire, where there are to be great rejoicings at the home-coming of Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn's eldest son and heir with his newly-wedded wife.

It is expected that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will remain with the Queen at Osborne till about Wednesday next, when they will leave for London, and after staying there for a few days will rejoin her Majesty in Scotland.

The Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg have consented to attend the annual ball, which will be held today (Friday), at the Town Hall, Ryde, in aid of the funds of the Isle of Wight Infirmary.

Bro. the Lord Mayor of London has received a letter from the Home Secretary to the effect that her Majesty has approved of the appointment of Lieut.-Colonel Henry Smith to be Chief Commissioner of the City Police.

Madame Adelina Patti gave a concert at Gwyn Hall, Neath, on the 7th inst., for the benefit of the poor of Neath and in the vicinity, and for the Home for Convalescent Poor at Porthcawl. The proceeds amounted to about £300.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the honour of K.C.B., Civil Division, upon Sir Henry Percy Anderson, K.C.M.G., in recognition of the services rendered by him in connection with the conclusion of the Anglo-German Agreement.

The 51st anniversary meeting of the Royal Botanic Society of London, was held on Monday in the gardens, Regent's Park. The reports presented showed that the Society was in a very flourishing condition, and that, in spite of a wet season, its exhibitions of spring and summer flowers has this year been most successful.

It had been arranged that the Duke of Clarence and Avondale should visit Cortachy Castle for the purpose of having some days' shooting with Bro. the Earl of Airlie, but in consequence of his Royal Highness not having sufficiently recovered from his indisposition, the visit has had to be postponed.

The Duchess of Edinburgh, accompanied by Prince Alfred and her daughters, arrived at Dover shortly after noon on Saturday last, and embarked on board the mail packet for Ostend. Unfortunately an accident occurred to one of the ladies in attendance on Her Royal Highness, a box falling on her foot and causing her such pain that she had to be carried on board.

The Prince and Princess Christian will leave Cumberland Lodge for Wiesbaden towards the close of the current week. They will remain in Germany for the autumn, and during their stay will visit the Empress Frederick, returning to England in time to bid farewell to their eldest son, Prince Christian Victor, who goes to India in November.

The Queen's dinner party to the Emperor on the 7th inst. prior to his departure for Germany included the Archduke Stephen of Austria, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince Henry of Prussia, Prince Waldemar of Denmark, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), the Princess Victoria and Maud of Wales, the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Marquis of Salisbury, the German and Austrian Ambassadors, Bro. Lord Suffield, and Bro. Captain Markham, A.D.C.

What was very appropriately described as a "Masonic Combination" Picnic took place on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at Hawkstone, Salop, the lodges represented being the Wavertree, No. 2294 (Bro. Eli Brooke, W.M.); the Cycling and Athletic, No. 2335 (Bro. R. Foote, W.M.); and the Prince Arthur, No. 1570 (Bro. W. McGanley, W.M.). The indefatigable Secretary had made arrangements which proved most satisfactory to the numerous brethren and ladies who were present. The Masonic "outing" was voted one of the most enjoyable of the year.

The naval manoeuvres, which will terminate at five p.m. on Monday next, the 18th instant, commenced at five p.m. on Friday, the 8th instant, in accordance with orders transmitted by the Admiralty. The hostile squadrons will be commanded by Admirals Sir M. Culme-Seymour and Sir George Tryon respectively. The object of the enemy's fleet under the former is to blockade, if possible, the trade routes to this country, while Admiral Sir George Tryon's fleet's duty will be to protect them.

The Mansion House Fund for providing a memorial in London of the late Field-Marshal Lord Strathairn continues to make satisfactory progress, and donations are coming in from India. Among the more recent contributions are the following: The Administration of the State of Rajpipla, Bombay Presidency, £25; Messrs. D. Sassoon and Co. (second donation), £15 15s.; the Armourers' and Braziers' Company, £10; the Officers of the 92nd Gordon Highlanders (second donation), £12 10s.; the Duke of Sutherland, £10; the Duke of Bedford, £10; the Hon. Mark and Lady Gertrude Rolle, £10; Sir Wm. Fraser, £25; the Marquis of Waterford, £5; the Duke of Leeds, £5; the Earl of Home, £5; the Earl of Pembroke, £5; General Sir R. Meade, £5; General Sir G. S. White, V.C., £5; Brigadier-General Protheroe, £5; General Sir Claud Alexander, £5 5s.; the Earl of Powis, £5; and Sir W. Cunliffe Brooks, £5.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Any dyspeptic sufferer aware of the purifying, regulating, and gently aperient powers of these pills, should permit no one to cloud his judgment or to warp his course. With a box of Holloway's Pills, and attention to its accompanying "Directions," he may feel thoroughly satisfied that he can safely and effectually release himself from his miseries without impairing his appetite or weakening his digestion. This most excellent medicine acts as a nerve and bodily tonic by aiding nutrition, and banishes a thousand annoying forms of nervous complaints. An occasional resort to Holloway's remedy will prove highly salutary to all persons, whether well or ill, whose digestion is slow or imperfect, a condition usually evidenced by weariness, languor, listlessness, and despondency.

"Edna Lyall," the novelist, is now so far recovered from her long illness as to be able to leave her house at Eastbourne for inland air at Dartmoor. She is still, however, too prostrate for literary work.

Bro. the Duke of Fife has recently opened the "Stephen Cottage Hospital" at Dufftown, Banff. The hospital has been erected and endowed at a cost of £5000 by Sir George Stephen, Bart., of Montreal.

A dispatch was received at Heligoland on the 8th instant from the Colonial Secretary (Lord Knutsford), in which his lordship conveyed the farewell of the Queen to the islanders, and expressed a hope that they might flourish under the rule of the German Emperor.

The Emperor William of Germany, before concluding his visit to the Queen at Osborne, very graciously accepted the invitation of the Duke of Edinburgh to permit himself to be enrolled in the list of patrons of the Portsmouth Royal Sailors' Home.

Mr. H. M. Stanley has written to Major Jones, Cardiff, in reply to an invitation to dine at Cardiff, that he would rather tramp a thousand miles than undergo another public dinner. When Mr. Stanley comes back from Switzerland he will once more be asked to visit the town.

Bro. F. D. R. Copestick has placed on Bro. Sharpe's list for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the sum of five guineas, part of the profits arising from the sale of the "History of Cheshunt Great House," otherwise the home of the Gresham Lodge.

Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, M.W.G.M. of Pennsylvania, has promulgated his edict against the Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis, 90°, pronouncing it clandestine, and requiring all members of that body to renounce the Rite within 90 days.

Bro. E. C. Walthew has been elected W.M. of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, and the installation will take place at the Foresters' Hall, Whitstable, on Thursday, 11th September next.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held at Southport on Wednesday, the 1st of October, when business of considerable importance will be transacted.

The Grand Lodge of Utah, on June 22nd, laid, with impressive ceremonies, the corner-stone of a new Board of Trade building, at Salt Lake City, which will cost, exclusive of land, about \$50,000. Every officer of the Grand Lodge was present and representatives of seven lodges. The Grand Orator, Bro. Parley L. Williams, delivered an appropriate oration.

The *Masonic Record*, of San Francisco, California, says: "The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will not allow its lodges to admit visitors from other jurisdictions without written credence of Masonic standing. Recently one of the best and brightest Masons of California being in Boston, desired to visit a lodge of 'Hub' Masons. Although he had more Masonry in his head and heart than the Examining Committee had in a century, he could not visit the lodge because he did not have Masonry in his pocket."

The Bible Women and Nurses' Mission has had the misfortune to lose one of its most generous patrons, a gentleman who during the 30 years the institution has been in existence has regularly contributed to its fund, his donations during a very considerable part of the time having amounted to about £3000 a year. He always insisted on preserving his incognito, and his wishes in this respect were most religiously respected. This year he failed to pay his usual visit to the offices of the Mission in Adelphi-terrace, and an advertisement elicited the fact of his death, his widow who, however, is not in a position to continue the subscriptions, calling in person and giving the information.

At the Cardiff county-court, on Friday, the 8th inst., before his Honour Judge Owen, an action was heard in which John H. P. Simpkin, Samuel Dyer Churchill, Matthew Clay, and W. R. Corfield, members of the Windsor Lodge, sued Bro. W. G. Johns, late Treasurer of the lodge, for a sum of £73 14s. 5d., alleged to be due from the defendant to the lodge. There was a counter claim for rent and damage to premises. The case was not fully gone into, his Honour ordering a non-suit, though with liberty for a fresh action, on the ground that the plaintiffs had not been duly authorised by resolution to proceed against defendant. The latter's claim shared the fate of the original claim. Mr. William Evans (instructed by Mr. M. Rees) was for the plaintiffs, and Mr. M. Bailhache (instructed by Mr. Belcher) for defendant.

Bro. J. R. Dore, of Huddersfield, has made another "find" in relation to the special subject in which he is so great an authority. This time it is an edition of the New Testament, hitherto unknown, of Tyndale's translation. The book is small octavo, and unfortunately imperfect, beginning at Folio V., Chap. iv. of Matthew, and lacks the Epistles of James and Jude, and also the book of Revelation. Hebrews in this copy follows Peter and John. In some portions the text reads almost exactly as the "authorised" version of A.D. 1611, but in others the departures are both marked and curious, some being exceedingly quaint and forcible. It appears to be mainly on the same lines as the well-known edition as revised in 1734 by Tyndale. Bro. Dore considers that the printers were foreigners, unacquainted with the English language, for otherwise it seems impossible to explain the typographical errors. Strange to say, these are chiefly in Mark and Luke, a list of 42 having been already noted by the present owner. The type, too, is peculiar, for in not a few instances it appears that two letters have been cast in one piece of metal, as if a survival of the "block printing." The woodcuts and initials are from the press of Martin Keyser, Antwerp. Bro. Dore's "Old Bibles" continues to "hold the field" as the best general work on translations into English of the Bible extant.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.—ADVT.