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ARTICLE 219 OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

Many correspondents besides "Lex Scripta" have been inquiring where, in our reports of the proceedings of United Grand Lodge, will be found the Grand Registrar's ruling concerning Article 219 of the Book of Constitutions, to which we had occasion to refer in our article of a few weeks since on the "Surrender of Warrants." The decision, however, though no doubt it is filed in the archives of Grand Lodge, was not contained in the report of any meeting of that body that we are aware of, but will be found in a letter addressed by our Grand Secretary to the District Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, North Island (N.Z.), on the 4th November last, in reply to one addressed to him by the latter, on the 14th June previous. It was published in the *New Zealand Craftsman* of the 1st February of the current year, and it was the ruling contained in this letter to which we took exception in the article referred to. From this important communication we gather that the District Grand Secretary of Wellington (N.Z.), having requested the opinion of our Grand Lodge authorities on "the subject of the majority of a lodge having the power to transfer it to the jurisdiction of a local Grand Lodge," our Grand Secretary delayed sending a reply until he had had "the opportunity of conferring on the point with the Grand Registrar," and having so conferred, that he then replied as follows: "The question was raised during the formation recently of the various Australian Grand Lodges, and it was then officially decided that it was a case where the majority of the members had a right to decide the matter on behalf of their lodge, and that the rule contained in Article 219, Book of Constitutions, which allows three members to hold the warrant, did not apply, as the majority were not 'retiring' from the lodge, but were merely transferring its allegiance to another Masonic power. And the Grand Registrar considers that this ruling should apply to the case of the New Zealand lodges. I must mention that it was always ruled in the Australian cases that such a question cannot be discussed in open lodge."

When we wrote our article on the "Surrender of Warrants" our remarks were based on the recollection of what we had read in the *New Zealand Craftsman* of February 1, 1890. We have, however, since read the letter in question again most carefully, and though we are always most ready to defer to the opinion of so enlightened a legal authority—especially in a strictly legal question of this kind—as the Grand Registrar, we are more convinced than ever that his decision cannot be justified by anything contained in Article 219 itself or in any other Article in our Book of Constitutions. We have already pointed out that the said Article lays it down clearly, without any reservation whatsoever of any kind or in favour of any particular class of cases, that "Should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three the warrant becomes extinct." But, the Grand Registrar is represented to have argued, it was decided when "the various Australian Grand Lodges were being formed that this law did not apply, seeing that the majority were not 'retiring' from the lodge, but merely transferring its allegiance to another Masonic body. To this we rejoin that (1) there is nothing in the wording of the Article itself to indicate that the word "retire" possesses, or is intended to possess, the particular meaning assigned to it by the Grand Registrar in this or any other class of cases, and (2) it is not in the power of a majority of the members of a lodge to "merely transfer" its allegiance from the Grand Lodge which constituted it to "another Masonic power." It is the warrant which constitutes the lodge; it is the warrant which bestows on the members the authority to meet as a lodge of Freemasons, and exercise their rights and privileges as such; and it is the warrant which places it in subordination or allegiance to the Grand Lodge which granted

it. Therefore, to transfer the allegiance of a lodge from the Grand Lodge to which it is due by virtue of its warrant to some other Masonic power is equivalent to transferring the warrant, which is the written authority for constituting and holding the lodge, and Article 221 provides that "No warrant can be transferred under any circumstances."

Again, in this very letter it is mentioned by the Grand Secretary "that it was always ruled in the Australian cases that such a question cannot be discussed in open lodge"—that is to say, that the brethren cannot meet together *as a lodge* for the purpose of discussing the question whether they shall or shall not transfer their allegiance as a lodge from one power to another. Therefore, if this question cannot be discussed, it cannot be resolved either in the affirmative or in the negative, either by a large or by a small majority. What can be done is this. The members of a lodge, meeting together, not in their corporate capacity as a lodge, but as individual Freemasons, may assemble for the purpose of discussing and resolving the question whether or no they shall transfer their allegiance as Masons from the Grand Lodge which constituted their lodge to some other Masonic power. They may resolve this question in the affirmative, unanimously, by a large majority, or by a bare majority, and they may, if they choose, determine that, whatever the result of the resolution, whether it be carried unanimously or by a large or small majority, it shall be regarded as binding on the whole body. They may make it a condition of their joining the other Masonic power that they shall be allowed to retain their organisation such as it was under the power they are desirous of leaving. But they cannot do any of these things *as a lodge*, and therefore they cannot transfer the allegiance of the lodge from the power which constituted it to another power. They are bound by the tenour of their Masonic obligation to obey the Grand Master and his duly authorised representatives, as well as the laws and ordinances of Grand Lodge; both those which are on the Statute Book at the time of their initiation and those which may thereafter be placed thereon. But the acts of individual Masons are not binding on those members of a lodge who may elect to dissent from those acts and refuse to be governed by the consequences; and as it is impossible for those who have made up their minds to transfer their allegiance as individual Masons to carry their purpose into execution without quitting the body to which they belonged, that is, without "retiring" from their lodges; those who do not retire become the lodge—in diminished numbers, of course—and with them Article 219 declares that "the power of assembling remains," provided they are at the time, and continue to be always, not "less than three" in number.

A further remark may be conveniently added, leaving other remarks which have occurred to us to some future occasion. The other night United Grand Lodge declined to recognise the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand. If then, just for the sake of argument, we accept the ruling of the Grand Registrar in the case of the Australian lodges which have constituted for themselves Grand Lodges whose status we recognise—and it is undoubtedly expedient that in their case it should be accepted—how will it be possible for Grand Lodge to recognise the act of those New Zealand lodges, which by the votes of a majority have transferred their allegiance to an irregularly-constituted Masonic power, to a body which, by our refusal to recognise it, we virtually affirm is not a "Masonic power" at all? "It was always ruled," the Grand Secretary tells us in the letter referred to, "in the Australian cases that such a question"—to wit, the question of transferring the lodge allegiance—"cannot be discussed in open lodge." But if the majority of the members of a lodge, or indeed any number of them, acting collectively, but as individual Masons, resolve on transferring their allegiance, what is this but a secession or retirement from our ranks to a body which it has been virtually settled has no business to exist? And if such a secession or retirement takes place, on what

grounds, we ask, are those who remain, *i.e.*, who do not secede from us, to be denied the exercise of the right conferred on them by Article 219? Is it because, in the face of a disloyal majority, they have elected to remain loyal to our Grand Lodge that they are to be punished by deprivation of this right and, as a natural consequence, of all the other rights and privileges they possess as a lodge of Freemasons under the English Constitution?

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

There was a brilliant gathering of brethren at Plymouth, on the 11th instant, on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire being held there. The Provincial Grand Lodge assembled under the banner of St. John's Lodge, No. 70, and the arrangements for the reception made by the local brethren were of the most efficient character. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at two o'clock, prior to which the Committee of Petitions met, and transacted a large amount of business.

The attendance of Masons of the province was very large, and the accommodation which the new hall affords, ample though it is, was taxed to the uttermost. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, was, through indisposition, unable to attend, and his absence was a source of regret to all the brethren. His place was occupied by Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M., and the Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. H. M. Imbert-Terry, P.S.G.W., and Capt. Ivimy, P.J.G.W. Bro. Major Tracy, P.P.S.G.W., occupied the D.P.G.M.'s chair.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. G. ROGERS, expressed deep regret, in which he was sure he should be joined by every brother present, at the absence of the Provincial Grand Master on account of ill-health.

Bro. G. C. DAVIE, Prov. Grand Secretary, presented the report for the year, which showed that at the end of the year there were in the province 2920 Masons, being an increase of 49 over the previous year. There had been 255 initiated, being a decrease of 36. There were on the roll 706 Past Masters, and the members returned in arrears were 382, being an increase of 52 over the preceding year. The report was adopted unanimously.

The report of the Treasurer, which was also adopted, showed a balance of £244.

The SECRETARY of the Fortescue Annuity Fund presented his annual statement, which was adopted.

The statement of the Committee of Petitions was also presented by Bro. GOVER, together with the following report of the London representative of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire (Bro. the Rev. W. Whittle, P.G.D. England, and P.P.S.G.W.):—"In presenting another annual report your London representative has again the gratification of declaring the Province free from debt. The two candidates adopted by the Committee were duly elected—Alberta Dale in April, and Thomas Chapman in May last. Fortunately for the province the friends of Alberta Dale worked so well that only 110 votes were required from the province to secure her election. For Bro. Chapman 3041 votes were polled, thus placing him fifth on the list of successful candidates. The votes received from the province by your representative were as follows: October, 1889, boys' votes, 570; October, 1889, girls' votes, 329; April, 1890, boys' votes, 505; April, 1890, girls' votes, 327; May, 1890, men's votes, 559; May, 1890, women's votes, 697—total, 3047. As before stated, the votes polled were—Alberta Dale, 110; Bro. Chapman, 3041; total, 3151. The 104 votes required to make up the number polled were secured from other sources, without incurring further liability. The increasing difficulty attending the elections renders it more and more desirable that all the lodges and brethren in the province should be loyal to the Committee, and especially that all proxies should be sent to the Secretary as early as possible after the date of issue. It is always necessary to exchange votes with some other province, and it places your representative at a great disadvantage when, having arranged for such exchange, he is unable to forward the votes required. If the brethren will be prompt in forwarding their proxies they will greatly aid your representative in what is every year a more difficult task. Your representative was able, without touching the votes of the province, to render assistance in the election of Mrs. Helmore, also a Devonshire case. The remaining fact to be noted is that some proxies have this year been received the day after the election."

On the motion of Bro. JONES, the report was adopted.

Bro. Powell, P.M., Sec. 1205, was unanimously elected Treasurer, on the proposition of Bro. J. STOCKER, seconded by Bro. MERRIFIELD.

Bros. S. Jew and Cornish were elected Auditors by the unanimous vote of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Before proceeding to invest the officers for the year, the D.P.G.M. said it was to their great regret that Bro. Hughan, of Torquay, who was to have been appointed Prov. S.G.W., was prevented by ill-health from taking that office. The collar had been offered to him by the P.G.M. as some slight recognition of the services rendered by him to Masonry in general and the West of England in particular.

The following were then duly invested by the D.P.G.M.:

Bro. Capt. Kersteman, 303	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Stocker, 39	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. P. Hood, 248	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. Newman, 494	...	...	...
" W. Powell, 1025	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Locke, 444	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. C. Davie, 251	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Bassett, 1212	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" P. G. L. Pearce, 1247	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Westcott, 70	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Sampson, 1254	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. C. Palmer, 372	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. G. Kevern, 1550	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" S. Tapley, 1885	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" R. Dixon, 1205	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" B. S. Johns, 159	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. Berwick, 164	...	...	...	Prov. G. St. Brs.
" J. Stapleton, 1666	...	...	...
" G. Morgan, 402	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. Ashford, 1254	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" R. W. Pitcher, 230	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. J. Kitt, 105	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" H. Langmead, 202	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. H. G. Churchill, 106	...	...	...
" J. Osborn, 194	...	...	...
" H. Marley, 1358	...	...	...
" W. Bond, 1486	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Gidley, 2025	...	...	...
" F. Shooter, 112	...	...	...

At the conclusion of the ceremony of investiture the D.P.G.M. proposed a vote of condolence with the Dowager Lady Carnarvon on the death of the Pro Grand Master, who was for many years the ruling head of English Freemasonry.

The Earl of Carnarvon had been closely associated with our Order as long as he could recollect, and certainly as long as he had occupied a prominent position in the Craft. His name was a household word, and he was universally beloved. A tribute of respect to the memory of the late noble Earl was also paid by Bro. the Rev. Langley Pope, a Mason of 45 years' standing, who had been associated with the Pro Grand Master, both in Masonry and in their old University, of which Lord Carnarvon was High Steward for many years. The vote was carried unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks to Lodge No. 70, under whose banner the Provincial Grand Lodge had met that day, was carried unanimously.

It was mentioned by Bro. H. L. FRIEND that on the third Monday in October the Dawlish brethren would dedicate the new Salem Lodge, and he hoped the brethren of the province would do their best to celebrate the event, and make it a red-letter day for Dawlish.

In the course of further proceedings a hearty greeting was given to Bro. McLeod, the newly-appointed Secretary of the Boys' School.

Bro. McLEOD, in acknowledgment, thanked the brethren of the province for their assistance in placing him in the position he now held. He expressed the hope that they would continue to support the Institution of which he was now an executive officer.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

In the evening the annual banquet was held in the large dining hall of the Masonic Club. Over 100 brethren were present. The acting Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M., presided, supported by the newly-appointed Provincial Grand Officers and several prominent Past Provincial Grand Officers, including Bros. H. M. Imbert-Terry, P.P.S.G.W.; Major M. Tracy, R.A., P.P.S.G.W.; the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G. Chap. and P.P.J.G.W.; S. Jones, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Lane, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Stocker, P.P.G.T.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T.; E. T. Fulford, P.P.G.T.; and J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T.

After the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. ROGERS proposed "Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. of Devon." The absence of the Prov. Grand Master from their gathering that day was, he was sure, as regrettable to his lordship himself as it was to all the brethren. But the orders of the R.W. brother's medical advisers were precise as to his abstention from work for some time, as well as from the excitement of public meetings. With proper attention to the course thus advised, they hoped in a few months to restore his lordship to perfect health, when their P.G.M. would have as much pleasure in meeting his provincial brethren as they would have in meeting him.

Bro. F. B. WESTLAKE proposed "The Presiding Officer, our D.P.G.M., and the P.G.L. of Devon." He said he felt certain that all were pleased at the admirable manner in which the business had been carried out that day. They were also pleased at the appointment of officers that had been made.

Bro. ROGERS acknowledged the compliment, and, having done so, he said the next toast was one indigenous to the province. He had himself been a member of three other provinces, in neither of which had he heard the compliment extended of toasting their neighbours. No one in the Province of Devon, however, held in higher respect Bro. the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, P.G.M. of Cornwall, than he did himself. He proposed with much pleasure "The P.G.M. and Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall."

Bro. IMBERT-TERRY, in the absence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who had been obliged to leave, gave the toast of "The Visitors," and the toast was acknowledged by

Bro. McLEOD, the recently-appointed Secretary of the Boys' School. Bro. McLeod thanked the Devonshire Province for the kind support he received at the election. He promised his best exertions to justify the selection they had assisted in making. The continued education and rearing up of 265 boys was a matter of considerable moment, and he hoped to obtain the aid of the Masons of Devon; indeed, he thought he should be able to show them that he had a claim on their assistance. In the first place, there was the yet unsettled difficulty in reference to the last Secretary. Bro. Whittle, their representative in London, had joined in adopting the arrangement for the settlement agreed upon. Yet out of the 52 lodges of Devon only 19 had rendered the small individual assistance required, and he hoped that the representatives of the other 33 lodges would, on their return to their lodges, earnestly impress upon their brethren the claim there was upon them to render that aid to that excellent Charity. Then there was a large revenue required to meet the current expenditure needed in maintaining the school, notwithstanding the careful and searching inquiry there had been made by the Committee to carry it out with all economy consistent with efficiency. The newly-appointed Head Master who was endeavouring to mould the School after the best modern models of educational establishments, so that it might prove most creditable to the high and honourable body it represented, had discovered many alterations in the buildings which would require further expense. He had recommended a swimming bath as most desirable for the health and future training of the lads, but for the present it had to be set aside for still more essential work. He called the attention of the brethren to the great need there thus was for present pecuniary aid. He hoped they would kindly do their best to thus aid him in proving his ability for the position they had assisted in conferring on him. Two brethren of the province, Bro. Truscott, from Exeter, and Bro. Taylor, from Torquay, had undertaken Stewardships in aid of the Charity, and he hoped they would be well supported, and he should be glad if another brother at Plymouth would undertake a similar Stewardship.

The toast of "Masons' Wives and Masons' Sweethearts" followed, and Bro. Dr. LEMON replied.

"Absent brethren, and those who need our sympathy," followed.

Bro. Imbert-Terry then had to retire, and left Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon in the chair.

Bro. A. Liddiard's band entertained the brethren throughout the evening. Bros. Revill, Debnam, J. Leonard, W. C. Lavers, and others also rendered vocal aid.

FELLOW CRAFT.—In French "compagnon," in Italian "lavorante," in Dutch "medgezel," in Swedish "medbroder," is the second grade in English Freemasonry, and is apparently of considerable antiquity. It is identical with the Scottish fallow, or fellow of Craft, and the German gesell. Whatever may be the exact antiquity of the three grades, it is quite clear to us, that the argument is not really tenable which makes all Freemasonry consist until 1717 in one common grade. It seems to us that even by the evidence of the Scottish minutes, the Masters, the Fellows of Craft, and the Apprentice have each distinct existence. Some difficulty is occasioned by the words "Master and Fellow of Craft," being apparently used as identical; but still it is apparently the fact that the "Maisters" were a distinct body, and probably had meetings of their own. It may be a question whether there was not a distinction then as now, though somewhat different of course, as between the Master Mason and the Master of the lodge. The matter is, however, still far from plain or clear, and we do not think any one can dogmatise on the subject. The Second Fellow Craft's Degree, says Bro. Archdeacon Mant, as Oliver points out, is rendered interesting by those scientific instructions and philosophical lectures which characterise later parts of the mysteries, though both of these Degrees were made to tend to the glory of that God who had given such wonderful faculties to them, and to the welfare of their fellow-creatures. We may observe, that though the rule was not uniform, the Second or Fellow Craft Degree was given only in the Grand Lodge or Grand Assembly in England.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

RECEPTION OF AMERICAN VISITORS AT THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE.

A special meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when there were present—

Bros. Robert Freke Gould, P.G.D., in the chair; William James Hughan, P.G.D., as I.P.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., S.W.; John Lane, as J.W.; G. W. Speth, Secretary; Dr. William Wynn Westcott, S.D.; E. Macbean, I.G.; W. M. Williams, Stwd.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; C. Kupferschmidt, S. T. Klein, and the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. C. P. MacCalla, Grand Master Pennsylvania; J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master Canada; J. P. Horner, P.G.M. Louisiana; Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, D.G.M. Malta; J. B. Mackey; A. Howell; F. H. Miller; W. H. Kempster; S. Saunders; F. King; Felix Weiss; W. Watson; C. Baxter, G. Stwd. (S.C.); F. W. Levander; C. W. Mapleton; J. Seymour; C. B. Barnes; J. J. Pakes; J. Taylor; J. Barnett, jun.; J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C.; G. W. Taylor; F. A. Powell; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; E. T. Edwards; R. A. Gowan; W. Lake; A. Hart; and J. S. Cumberland. The following visitors were also present: Bros. S. Scott-Young, P.M. 226; C. N. McIntyre North, W.M. 1559; A. Clark, P.M. 2191; J. Balfour Cockburn, P.M. 84; C. W. Hughes, 2243; W. W. Lee, 1897; W. Klein, P.M. 238; M. Hart, 205; and J. M. McLeod, P.M. 884.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. in the chair introduced to the brethren the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania and Canada, and the Past Grand Master of Louisiana, who were duly welcomed and saluted.

Bro. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Grand Master of Pennsylvania: It has been my good fortune during my stay of four days thus far in your grand jurisdiction to visit four lodges of Freemasons. I scarcely could have visited any more. I would not have visited any less. From the time that, accompanied by my distinguished friend, Bro. Horner, I visited a lodge at York, subsequently the United Northern Counties Lodge in London, and subsequently the United Grand Lodge of England, I have been honoured, and now you have honoured me by an invitation to your midst. I appreciate this honour both as the Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, and also as a member of your own Correspondence Circle. As you are aware, I have had the largest interest in this Circle from the commencement. I was one of the earliest members, and I trust, with your approval, to continue a member to my life's end. My sympathies have been with the purposes of this lodge as with all the purposes of Freemasonry, and it is one of the glories of our Institution that it has so many sides—each of them running into one groove—and offering to brethren of different inclinations an opportunity of gratifying those pursuits to improve themselves and derive instruction and pleasure from anything that Freemasonry offers. I beg to return my acknowledgments for the honour accorded to my Grand Lodge, which meets upon the same evening as your own Grand Lodge, because the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is a close follower, as far as may be, of every step of the Grand Lodge of England. We meet on the first Wednesday in September, and every three months consecutively after that. I knew my Grand Lodge would be interested in my visit, and, therefore, cabled to them, and in five hours received a reply from the acting Grand Master, the elected Deputy Grand Master, which I will read—"The Freemasons of Pennsylvania, in Grand Lodge assembled, send their fraternal salutations to their Grand Master, and wish him a pleasant sojourn and a safe return." It was kind of my Grand Lodge thus to remember me. I think they also intended to honour you, for they knew that such good news I could not keep to myself.

Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, G.M. of Canada (Ontario): I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing my gratitude to you for the flattering and gratifying reception accorded to me as Grand Master of Canada. I can assure you that ever since my first visit to this lodge—as a member of the Correspondence Circle—I have had pleasant recollections of meeting with so many brethren, and I have endeavoured in an humble way to further the interests and make the work of this lodge known through my jurisdiction. I am pleased to state I have been able in some measure to contribute to Masonic literature, and I should like to mark my visit by presenting to your library a copy of my "History of the Knights Templar of Canada." We in Canada are well informed as to the work of this lodge, and we appreciate its labours, and look forward to the time when a larger number of our jurisdiction will be contributing members. I can only say I shall, as I said last night in Grand Lodge, retain pleasant recollections of my visit, not only to this, but to other lodges in England. My lips fail me in expressing my thanks, but I can assure you that my heart is ever grateful to you for the generous welcome you have extended me.

Bro. J. T. HORNER, P.G.M. Louisiana: I do not know what I can say in addition to what has been said. As a member of the Correspondence Circle, I endorse all that has been said. I am trying in my own jurisdiction—away down South—to increase your Circle, and I think your roll will show we have numerous members there. I hope we shall do more, as the aim and object of the lodge commends itself to all. It reminds me, particularly as an American Mason, that in our American lodges we have a special Degree, in which we obligate our members to a practical diffusion of Masonic life, and we call them Most Excellent Masters.

Bro. R. F. GOULD, acting W.M.: This is our first lodge of emergency, and I think you will all agree that there has been a good reason for the meeting called to-night. The brethren will no doubt wish to enjoy the pleasant society of the distinguished brethren who have addressed you, and I therefore do not propose at the present moment to take up your time by alluding to them, but at a later period I shall say a little with regard to them. I am aware it is customary for a W.M. to introduce the lecturer, but on the present occasion the lecturer—Bro. MacCalla—is sufficiently well known to need no introduction. Bro. Robertson has been kind enough to say that he retains a pleasant recollection of his last visit. You will remember he addressed us in eloquent terms, and we listened to him with delight. This meeting has been called for a particular purpose, and we can enter upon no other business. We will next proceed to the business on the summons—the lecture—and here I must observe we were glad to have the opportunity of holding a meeting to welcome the Grand Master of Pennsylvania—for one must always have an eye to the main chance—and so we put it to him whether he would read a paper, and he consented. We are consequently much indebted to Bro. MacCalla, and I will now call upon him to read the paper which he has been kind enough to promise.

Bro. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA read a most interesting paper, which occupied about half an hour in delivery, but which was full of details of more than ordinary value and importance. What was done was done well, and evidently by a past master in the art of compiling historical essays. First, the extraordinary growth of the population of the United States of America and Canada, and the corresponding enormous increase of the Craft were skilfully portrayed and described, so as to prepare his audience for due appreciation of the numerical position of the American Craft just now as compared with the same portion of that vast territory about a century and a half ago. Time Immemorial lodges were unquestionably working in Philadelphia and elsewhere in 1730, and in that year Daniel Cox was appointed by the Grand Master of England to the responsible position of Premier Prov. Grand Master of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. From this small beginning, and at Massachusetts have arisen the mighty host of the present time, consisting of 50 Grand Lodges in the United States of America, and with those of Canada 57 in all, with over 630,000 subscribing members. His own Grand Lodge, first of time immemorial origin, but later on (1764) of "Athol" Constitution, has now nearly 400 lodges and 40,000 members. "Liber B., of

one lodge dating from 1731, discovered by the gifted author, was naturally referred to at length, and we were glad to find that a later discovery was spoken of as the so-called "Bell Letter." The three great Charities in Pennsylvania were duly noted, one of the latest donors of \$25,000 (Bro. J. H. Patton, Grand Treasurer) being a member of the Correspondence Circle of 2076. The fees and dues, customs and rules, and many other important points were noted, but as the able paper will doubtless be printed in the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge before it was read we must not reproduce our notes at any greater length. It was a treat to hear, but will be a greater one still when it comes to be read.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in the chair: At the conclusion of a paper we are glad to hear any remarks which may be offered, but on the present occasion we have had what I may characterise as an excellent paper, and one of its great merits is that Bro. MacCalla has steered so clear of controversial matters that he has not roused much of our combative instincts. I can therefore fancy that the brethren present will not comment upon the lecture with a great deal of energy. We have had much interesting information about the lodges in America, and perhaps our Bro. Robertson may be inclined to supplement it with some observations on the same subject in Canada. There was one subject which was not touched upon in any length, and upon which no doubt Bro. Robertson will say a few words. In America and Canada a Mason is supposed to belong to some lodge, and if he does not it is looked upon as an offence. I should like to invite an expression from Bro. Robertson, who will no doubt give us a few facts, and doubtless there are many points upon which he can enlighten us. As our brethren may be aware, a member here who leaves a lodge, although according to the Book of Constitutions he must not visit any other lodge more than once, is practically a dead letter, and he is not looked upon as incurring any reproach. I will now invite a few observations from our Bro. Robertson.

Bro. ROSS ROBERTSON, in compliance with the W.M.'s request, gave a succinct account of the history of Freemasonry in Canada, bristling with facts and figures, which, as an extempore effort, was simply marvellous and elicited loud approbation. This interesting contribution will also be printed at length in the Transactions.

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.: I do not feel in a position to say much under the circumstances, as our American friends are gifted with great oratorical ability and we are content to listen. I have always made a good listener, and they are scarce. It was easy to listen because we had something good to listen to. I think in Bro. MacCalla's paper he has displayed very considerable skill as well as ability. There are a few points on which I should like to say a few words. With regard to the latter portion, we dare not refer to any extraneous matters. We stop at the Royal Arch, and I think we are wise. It is very difficult in regard to origins to tell the origin of anything, so it is difficult to tell and fix the origin of Masonry in this country or any other. It is certainly difficult in America, and I think, under the circumstances, as expressing in some measure the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which takes rather a different view to Pennsylvania—there was scarcely a statement made by Bro. MacCalla which would not be supported by Massachusetts. If there is one thing more difficult than another it is to do that, and I therefore congratulate him. I believe Daniel Cox was the first Provincial Grand Master appointed by the Grand Lodge of England in America, and Bro. MacCalla admits that fact, so that whether Cox did any work or not he was the first Provincial Grand Master who governed the Province of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. I feel sure Massachusetts will admit that also. There are a number of questions he has only mentioned, and only glanced at by him. I did not believe there was any man in existence who could have written such a paper from the American view and please us. Bro. Robertson has done uncommonly well with regard to Canada, and it has been the pride of Canada to trace their direct allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, and if there is one Grand Lodge more than another which prides itself on its English descent it is the Grand Lodge of Canada under English rule, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in America. Under the circumstances we ought to propose a vote of thanks, first to Bro. MacCalla for his excellent paper, which I hope and believe will be printed, for we shall "bone" that paper. We shall have it in our proceedings, and we shall then consider all its points. I beg to propose a hearty vote of thanks to our gifted brother, the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, for his admirable and interesting paper, and to my old friend and corresponding Brother Robertson for enlightening us so clearly as to Masonry in Canada, and I make bold to say he is the only man in Canada who could have done it. There are points which have not been touched upon: personal jurisdiction has not been mentioned. We do not believe in personal jurisdiction. I was glad to hear Bro. MacCalla refer to our W. Master's history, for it is the only real history of Freemasonry, and that I am prepared to substantiate. I have no doubt a brother will second the proposition I now make. I do not know that I have ever spent a more agreeable evening, and I make the proposition with a great deal of pleasure.

Bro. BYWATER, S.W.: I have much pleasure in seconding the proposition, as we have had a great Masonic treat.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Before putting it I will add to what has been said that there is one little matter which has been quite overlooked—the doctrine of physical perfection. Under some of the Grand Lodges of America it is considered that every candidate should have no physical defect. We in this country look upon it differently, but in America the practice is not uniform, though in some instances I think the loss of one joint of the little finger would render a candidate inadmissible. I endorse what Bro. Hughan has said of the great merit of Bro. MacCalla's paper. The excellence of a paper is to steer clear of controversy—to sum up as a judge rather than to plead as an advocate—and from what is known of Grand Master MacCalla's own views on many points, I think all those who are aware of them will say what a masterful essay has been read. Whilst holding strong views on some points, he has, nevertheless, allowed the advocate to recede into the background, and spoken to us as a judge. On the question of Masonic tramps Bro. Robertson gave us a quantity of information the last time he was with us. There may be some of you who are unable to stop after the lodge is closed, hence I will mention what perhaps you do not all know—that, in addition to the powers our distinguished brethren possess in eloquent speech, they are both well-known authors. I think you should know that. They are brethren who, were they English Masons, we should feel it in each case an honour for them to become full members. I need not put the motion, I am sure, but declare it carried by acclamation.

Bro. MACCALLA: I do not desire to inflict upon you any further remarks from myself, but, at the same time, I must thank you for the excessively kind and cordial reception which my paper has received at your hands. I do not like to read papers. I think the chief difficulty of notes is that I have other things in my head, and speak them from my heart. Although my relations have been not merely formal with your lodge, I have been connected with those who have been my Masonic friends for years past, and whom I have prized as the choicest of my correspondents. I beg to return you sincere and hearty Masonic thanks.

Bro. ROBERTSON: Votes of thanks are so often the reward of unsatisfactory efforts, that I have some diffidence in accepting, but if the sincerity of your expressions of thanks are equal to the sincerity of my desire to interest you, I regard your thanks with great pleasure. I thank you heartily for your cordial and fraternal reception.

Apologies for unavoidable absence from the W.M., Bro. Col. Pratt, and other brethren were then read, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Queen and the Craft," and in proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said that 15 years had elapsed since the installation of his Royal Highness. Whatever their M.W.G.M. took up was performed with earnestness and determination, and amid

the cares of his exalted station he found time to exercise a wise and prudent control over the largest and oldest of Masonic jurisdictions.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "The Grand Masters of Foreign Jurisdictions," and said: We have present this evening the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, the Grand Master of Canada, and the Past Grand Master of Louisiana. I shall ask you to drink all their healths, but at the same time I shall only call upon Bro. MacCalla to respond, because the names of the others will come on at a later period. I think it would be your wish that I, on your behalf, should make it clear to them that we are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to the addresses they will deliver, and do not want their speeches curtailed. It will devolve upon me, therefore, mainly to speak of Pennsylvania. Its Grand Master is the distinguished brother on my right, and I think I shall only be doing what is most agreeable to you if I take a closer view of the eminent services he has rendered to Freemasonry. Bro. MacCalla was initiated in Concordia Lodge, Philadelphia, in 1869, was W.M. in 1874, and in 1876 accepted the position of Sec., which he occupied for 12 years; but higher Masonic honours were in store for him. In 1882 he was elected J.G.W.; in 1884, S.G.W.; in 1886, Dep. Grand Master; and in 1888, Grand Master. He is, therefore, in his second year of service as Grand Master and eighth as a Grand Officer. Very early, indeed, in his life he drifted into literature, but I have not time to tell you about that. He is the author of a number of Masonic pamphlets and books, including "Historical Sketch of the Concordia Lodge of Philadelphia," "The Life of Daniel Coxe," "Early Newspaper Extracts of Freemasonry in America," and other books. But I may say that of all the services rendered to Freemasonry by him, the most notable, with one exception, to which I shall presently return, was the discovery of Liber B., the Secretary's ledger of St. John's Lodge, dating from June 24th, 1731, and extending to June 24th, 1738. A little later he discovered a code of by-laws proposed in 1732, in the handwriting of Benjamin Franklin, and thus proved to demonstration that the earliest lodge in America was established in Philadelphia. This would have well sufficed to endear him to the Masons of his own State, but he has done far more than this, and I now come to what I consider to be the most notable service he has rendered to Freemasonry. For the last 20 years he has been the editor of the *Keystone*, and I challenge contradiction when I affirm that his work in that capacity is the most important and notable he has yet performed. I have pursued his record, and I will now say why we meet to-night. For a good many years a number of brethren have been in close and intimate communication with him. In writing to say he was about to pass through London, we felt it was one of those occasions on which to have a special meeting and ask him to be present. He kindly consented to read a paper, and that we did well in asking him is proved by the attendance, and especially of several who have travelled very long distances to be present. I have gone over these things a little more briefly than I should like, but there is something I have forgotten. He told us there were 50 Grand Lodges in America and seven in Canada. The Grand Lodge of New York has 718 lodges and 74,000 Masons, and is the largest, whilst the Grand Lodge of Arizona is smallest, where there are only eight lodges and a membership of 424. The second largest is Illinois, and the third is Pennsylvania, the Grand Master of which is present. This jurisdiction has 394 lodges and a membership of about 40,000, and the importance of this can be made a little clearer by comparison. I may mention that in the whole of Germany, including eight Grand Lodges, there are only 390 lodges, and the membership is only just over 40,000. You will therefore see that Bro. MacCalla presides over a body of Masons in excess of that of Germany, and it will bring the idea home to you that the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania must be an important one. I have told you at the beginning of my remarks that I should couple with the toast the name of our Bro. MacCalla, and although the other names will come in later, I must say a word or two respecting them. You will drink the healths of Bros. Robertson and Horner. Bro. Horner was Deputy Grand Master of Louisiana in 1872, and Grand Master in 1886. He is the Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Law, and Chairman of Foreign Correspondence in Grand Chapter. Bro. Robertson was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1888, and Grand Master in 1890, and there is just a word or two I have to say with regard to him before bringing my speech to a close. I have told you in lodge that the two brethren who addressed us to our great satisfaction—Bros. MacCalla and Robertson—are distinguished authors. The titles I gave you of the works by Bro. MacCalla will give you but a very imperfect idea of his ability. Bro. Robertson is the author of two valuable works which were reviewed in the last number of the proceedings of the Quatuor Coronati. I will read a few words from that review: "But the record of the Grand Master of Canada would be incomplete without a passing allusion to the fame he has also acquired as a lecturer. During the last two years he has lectured in 100 different places, and travelled over 10,000 miles in the jurisdiction. He has talked to about 10,000 Masons, and shaken hands with more than half of them. His visits, as I learn from various sources, are always productive of good. They awaken a new interest in Masonry, quicken the zeal of those brethren who are apathetic, and altogether produce a beneficial effect which is lasting."

Bro. CLIFFORD MACCALLA, Grand Master of Pennsylvania: It is the misfortune of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be represented by a brother from whom you have already too much, notwithstanding I have cause to feel grieved, because the W.M. has taken my life and laid it before you, but he has done it for the best, and perhaps you think he has exposed me to you as a little Masonic author, of whom, probably, you would not have heard if it had not been mentioned. However, we know it is the motive that should be judged, and is judged by the G.A.O.T.U., and, therefore, His example should be copied by us who are His mortals, and, therefore, I know the W.M.'s motive was what it should be, and forgive him for taking my life. While I have no doubt that I as a member of the Correspondence Circle should be greeted as a brother beloved, at the same time I know it is also because I am Grand Master of the great Masonic jurisdiction of Pennsylvania that you have coupled my name with the toast. I assure you, you could not be prouder, or as proud, of that jurisdiction as I am myself. Born a Pennsylvanian, raised a Pennsylvanian, made a Mason a Pennsylvanian, now a Pennsylvanian, and also its present Master, sojourning on your shores, no Pennsylvanian will be as proud as I am myself when in my annual address on St. John's day next, I detail the manner in which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been received in the person of its Grand Master by this lodge, the way not only in which this toast has been proposed, but when we consider by whom it has been proposed. I must also allude to the individual attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom I notice Bro. Ramsay, D.G.M. Malta, who had the honour of presiding in the United Grand Lodge last night. I also see the Grand Master of Canada, Bro. Horner, the P.G.M. of Louisiana, and those distinguished English brethren who have left their vacation homes, and when we are upon our vacation you have neglected yours, and have come here to testify your fraternal love for us. We never can forget, and never would forget if we could; and I assure you it is the happiest moment of my life, and I shall treasure in my memory the recollection of the hours I have spent at labour and refreshment with this lodge. And what is the feature of this lodge. Why, it belongs to that class of individuals who are connected with origins. It might presumably be said of whatever origins that they are obscure, but this is the exception which proves the rule. This is not obscure, and to it must be allowed the credit of causing the largest of the wide-developed interest in the antiquities of Freemasonry, and of numbering those Masons who have thought out those tenets and principles which, long lost, are now found, and are now spread at large before the Craft. I have only to hope and pray that the influence of this lodge may go on increasing, and that it will permeate the entire Masonic Fraternity, and may we

more and more devote our attention to those ideas which are at the foundation of our Fraternity, for when we have laid the foundation then we should prepare and understand the superstructure and value its entirety. I thank you for the honour done me and my *confrères*, Bros. Robertson and Horner, and I assure you if it shall be the privilege of any, as I trust it will be, the privilege of many of the brethren who surround this table to come to America, I will promise you we will endeavour to receive you with as firm a grip of the hand and brightness of the eye as you have received us this evening.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving "The Grand Officers," said: You will have noticed that I have given the toast in a different form to which we are accustomed, but it arises from the decease of that worthy and excellent brother, the Earl of Carnarvon. We have been so accustomed to hear it given in one way that it comes as a shock to those who have not been present in lodge. The death of the Earl of Carnarvon is one of those calamities for which an expressive silence will be perhaps the most fitting recognition. Happily, however, I can ask you to drink the healths of the remainder of the Grand Officers, among whom we have still our excellent Deputy Grand Master To-night we have present Bros. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, Hogard, and Bywater, while one or two have left us. When we have something out of the common, and in the presence of three distinguished visitors, I feel sure you do not wish me to give at any great length the toasts which come before us on ordinary occasions. Therefore, without further delay, I shall ask you to drink to the Grand Officers, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Ramsay.

Bro. Col. MARMADUKE RAMSAY, D.G.M. Malta, in reply, said they all had to deplore the loss of their Pro Grand Master, which will be most sincerely felt throughout England, for his amiability and geniality, and the immense amount of tact he showed, and it would be a long time before they found a successor who would fill the post as he had filled it. In presiding last night it was a matter of extreme gratification to preside at the Grand Lodge which had the honour of receiving three guests, whom he met again that night, and he was certain, and he trusted they would return to their country feeling that the Grand Lodge of England did everything in their power to render them that fraternal welcome which it should be the desire of all Masons to confer to any brother coming amongst them as a visitor. He did think that amongst all Masons visiting was one of the very obligations which devolved upon a brother. He found that when they visited a lodge they felt they had received or imparted some instruction of a valuable nature, and had seen some work which had been conducted in a manner different to what they had been accustomed. They sought to know why the variety exists, and by enquiring of the members endeavoured to find out the reasons why the alteration had taken place. He would not occupy their time further, but thank them for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

Bro. SPETH, Secretary: In the absence of the I.P.M., it falls to my lot to propose a toast which I am sure you will receive with the greatest enthusiasm, and which will require all the less eulogisms on my part, as it is one you will thoroughly appreciate without the eloquence to which I am a stranger. I wish to give you the health of the brother who has so ably presided over us—"The Acting Worshipful Master of this Lodge." Whilst doing so, I wish once more to repeat what I have said in lodge—that the Worshipful Master has written me saying how sorry he was he should be so far away as to render it impossible to be present. Bro. Gould has filled the chair on this occasion with all that urbanity, accompanied with a masterly decision, to which we are accustomed, and which we expect from a Master whose early life was devoted to commanding the rank and file. He always presides with a certain amount of decision and urbanity, which renders the work simple, and he is gifted with a larger share of eloquence than I think should fall to any one man as depriving us of our portion, and he is, therefore, able to place the various toasts in a manner which must commend our approval. For this we are all indebted to him, and I will, without further words, ask you to join me in drinking his health.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in the chair: A little more than three years ago I was at Torquay, a place well known by our J.W., Bro. Lane, to-night. I visited a lodge with Bros. Lane and Hughan, and I thought I should like to hold Bro. Hughan up to even higher admiration than that which he was regarded at Torquay, but before I could do so he jumped up and said such excellent things of myself that my plans were defeated. To-night I hoped to have had my revenge, and I had in my mind to say how much we love him and how much he has done for the cause of Freemasonry, but for the second time I am foiled. To-night our Bro. Speth—a very great personal friend—has been sitting on my left, acting as the I.P.M., and has discharged the duty of proposing the health of the W.M. in the chair. I thank you very much for the kindly expression of opinion, and for the hearty manner in which the toast has been received. I shall go on and proceed to the next toast, which is that of "The Visitors." In preparing for these proceedings we hoped that several brethren would be present who are not here, and it was my wish that at any meeting, especially of this kind, we should have as many speakers as possible. But any arrangements I made have been put out of gear, and therefore I must apologise for addressing you so often. The number of visitors, as taken with the numbers of the Correspondence Circle, is small indeed. With this toast I propose to couple the name of Bro. Robertson. I have a special motive in doing so, as I said I wished to give each Grand Master an opportunity of speaking. In acting in this way I can assure him I have no idea of calling him a visitor, but I am simply using this toast as a medium for bringing out the eloquent discourse you will hear from him. With regard to Bro. Robertson, I said a few things about him while proposing an earlier toast, for I thought that to which he would be called upon to respond would be proposed by someone else. He has written a "History of the Cryptic Rite" and also a "History of the Knights Templar of Canada." Those who possess the proceedings of the Quatuor Coronati will perceive that I have already alluded to him over my own name, an extract of which I read just now. He has travelled over a vast country doing good in Masonry. I believe that no greater amount of good is done than by brethren who travel from place to place and endeavour to extend the mysteries of our Fraternity, and when a brother does that he is deserving of much credit. I have in my mind the 354 lodges and 20,000 Masons of which our worthy brother is the Grand Master. It is not every Grand Master who can travel about as he has done, as you will not often find brethren who can give up so much valuable time to Masonry. But our Bro. Robertson sets an example which I think all Grand Masters who have the requisite leisure might follow with benefit to their jurisdictions. I will now call upon you to drink the toast, coupling with it his name.

Bro. ROBERTSON, Grand Master Canada: What can I say for this wealth of welcome extended to me? No brother who was ever selected for position in any Grand Lodge has had more reason for pleasure, in that during the past four years I have been called to fill many offices in Grand Lodge—four years ago as District Deputy Grand Master of one of the more extensive districts in our jurisdiction, then for two years as Deputy Grand Master, and finally, by the unanimous voice of Grand Lodge, as Grand Master. As District D.G. Master I was enabled to pay 78 visits, and, in doing so, travel over 3000 miles, and if I did criticise the work I feel assured that it has had most beneficial results. As Deputy Grand Master my visits to about 100 lodges, covering nearly 15000 miles of railway travel, were chiefly confined to lecturing to my brethren on the History of Canadian Freemasonry. My other duties as D.G.M. were of a happy character, and were confined to signing orders on the Board of Benevolence, and in so doing it often occurred to me in providing for the relief of our widows and orphans that they were given as a sacred charge for us to shield. As I said yesterday,

in reply for the toast of "The Grand Lodge of Canada," you will all agree that the good of Masonry is not seen to its best advantage in days of prosperity, but the darker adversity lowers, the better and brighter shines the light of Freemasonry. On my return in a few days I shall commence a series of 100 visits, 50 of which must be paid before the last day of this year, so you will see that the duties of the Grand Master of a jurisdiction like Canada are not of a light character. In our work we are endeavouring to follow closely the footsteps of the Mother Grand Lodge of England, and I can assure you my communications with this lodge have given me new impetus, and inspired me with a longing to undertake work, and carry it on so that I may do good to my brethren in Canada, the greatest good to the greatest number. Washington—a city close to the jurisdiction of which my friend and brother on my right is connected—is a city of magnificent proportions, and mine is the jurisdiction of magnificent distances. The work that we have in Canada is different to a certain extent to that which you have in England. We are young in Masonry, and cannot claim the antiquity you can, or that Pennsylvania claims, but we celebrate our centennial next year. We trust that when we celebrate our centennial we shall go further, and endeavour in every manner possible to follow the example of our brother Masons, and, in remembering the kindly feelings you have for us, remember that if we are not the oldest son of England, we are at least one of your sons. We shall endeavour to carry out the principles of the Order, and continue to work in a cause which we all love so well.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge," and, in doing so, said: This toast is always given, and in somewhat different ways. The list of toasts presents some difficulties, and these are not lessened by the fact that Bro. Hughan, who had undertaken, at my request, to propose the present toast, has been obliged, owing to delicate health, to leave. I therefore regret, not only that he is not here, but that I am standing here as his substitute. I find it difficult to give it in the way generally given, as the Circle suggests the name of Bro. Speth, and I should go on, I think, in a mighty digression, for perhaps the greatest thing he has done for us is the creation of this Correspondence Circle. However, his time will come at a later period. What it has done I need hardly tell you. We thought that we might perhaps reach three figures. The idea of Bro. Speth was to create a society that would enable us to print our proceedings. What it has ripened into I need hardly tell you. We find that the proceedings of our lodge are well and ably edited, and yet this is hardly a proper expression, because the editor contributes perhaps more literary matter than any other member. We have a large circle of subscribers and a large circle of regular attendants, and we have also a large number who attend when they can. If I might name one who comes frequently it would be Bro. Bodenham, who never misses an opportunity when he can make an excuse to come to town. Bro. Robertson has found two occasions to come here. On the first occasion he put off his visit to Paris to be with us, and I am glad we received him in a way to induce him to repeat his visit. I hope he will so time his movements as to come here again when we are in session. Bro. MacCalla said he believed he was one of the earliest members of the Correspondence Circle, and I think he joined the moment it was brought to his notice. The brother with whose name I will couple the toast is the third of the Grand Masters present. I allude to Bro. Horner, who occupied the distinguished position of Grand Master of Louisiana, and occupies the second chair of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States. The Correspondence Circle is going on increasing, and I am sure the three distinguished brethren present will speak of it in the kindly terms it deserves to our brethren in the West. I give you "The Correspondence Circle," coupling the name of Bro. Horner.

Bro. J. P. HORNER, P.G.M. Louisiana: To be called upon to respond to the toast of the Correspondence Circle is a high honour, and one I fully appreciate, and I am going to give you an example of the influence of this Circle. Bro. MacCalla, my worthy brother from Pennsylvania, and myself you would imagine to be old friends. We are old friends, but it is scarcely two weeks since we first met. We live 1200 to 1500 miles apart, and when he knew I had some idea of visiting Europe this summer he wrote to me of his projected visit to the Masonic bodies, and said he would like me to accompany him. That is the reason I am here, and he urged why I should come, that I was a member of this Circle, and that concluded me. I do not know that I can say more than has been said by my brother of the pleasure we have received from our visit to the various Masonic bodies here. The principal city of Louisiana is New Orleans, which is in close connection with England—principally in cotton. It is a large jurisdiction numerically speaking. Our Grand Lodge is now some 90 years old, as Masonry was established in Louisiana in 1793, and the Grand Lodge formed in 1812, which has been in constant operation since. We have 200 odd lodges and 10,000 to 12,000 Masons. We have lodges working in at least five different languages and working favourably and well, and doing their best to spread the principles of Masonry. A remark was made by your Worshipful Master in lodge with reference to a subject on which I might perhaps, in a few words, give you some little light—the question of unaffiliated Masons. That has been a subject of great trouble in America, and perhaps a brief history would not only be interesting but of advantage in showing what trouble we have had, and which some day may be yours. When I first became a member of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in 1860, a lodge was then allowed under our laws, in case a brother did not pay his dues, to strike him from the roll. It was a remedy rarely pursued and not favourably looked upon. The actual framing of the rule was that if a brother was not satisfactory and neglected his duties, his name was to be struck off. The result was to deprive him of membership of his lodge, and that only, and it did not affect his Masonic standing in any way. Masonically it deprived him of his membership that he could not vote. He could attend and was entitled to Masonic burial and relief, but he was not a member of any lodge. A few years after that it began to be mooted that there should be a remedy for stated delinquencies, and various measures were proposed, and finally it was thought to be best to create a new Masonic offence. The Masonic punishments which were then in vogue were four. First, expulsion; second, suspension; third, suspension for a definite period; and fourth, reprimand. Suspension for non-payment of fees was then proposed, and no brother could have the rights of membership or vote, and was not to be entitled to Masonic relief or burial. It was decided it should be inflicted at any meeting. The suspension at that time could not be effected without due trial—a real formal trial. It worked badly, as it was not generally understood how it should be carried out. There was great opposition taken to it, and was opposed by all the prominent Masons, and to this day the discussion now goes on although the question is settled. Finally, more severe measures were decided upon, and now a brother who does not pay his dues can be suspended and placed in the position of one expelled from the rights and privileges of the Order. That is the result of the legislation, and such is the law to-day, and the further result is that we have in America a list of members suspended for non-payment of dues that is terrific to contemplate. That is why Masons in the United States become non-affiliates, and in my own Grand Lodge the law now stands that a non-affiliated Mason, whether by his own free will or not, ceasing to contribute, forfeits all rights. I think I have answered the question of the Worshipful Master. In my own Grand Lodge we are composed of Masons from every part of the known world, and not only that, but Masons of every Rite—the Scotch, York, French, and others. I could take you round and show you different working every evening for a week, and perhaps for weeks. We had a system in 1848, by dispensation, and the power that may shock you, and that was the power of the Past Masters. The Past Masters had the equal right to vote, and they governed, as there were so many, and the actual representatives were in a

minority, and as the French language was the predominant language in Grand Lodge we worked in that. My lodge, formed in 1793, was in the French language until 1886, when it was re-organised, and we changed everything except the name—language, work, and time of meeting and fixed it up, and so it will be in days to come. The speaker then gave many amusing particulars of different forms of working, which we are naturally precluded from printing, and which greatly interested his hearers. Bro. Horner, continuing, said, I hope I have not been too long in detaining you with little reminiscences, but I have tried to give you an idea of what Masonry is in the far Southern States, and how we hope to progress in the future. In 1793 we were the Spanish Dominion, and my lodges were held in the utmost privacy, as it would be a heavy penalty to be caught, but we have gone on and prospered. Some words have been dropped in a good many speeches, not only here, but at your lodge meetings, as to Charity. I have not said anything about that in connection with my jurisdiction. For 30 years I have been a member of my own lodge, and most of the time have held office. I must say to you that we have a lodge in Louisiana, organised some 40 years, which we call the Louisiana Relief Lodge. It was founded in New Orleans when brethren were continually applying for relief from other Masonic jurisdictions. There wanderers from all nations congregate, and it was the custom for them to apply to the lodges in session for relief, until the tax became very heavy. It was thought the correct thing to sanction the Grand Lodge to organise a Grand Lodge of Relief. A good deal of money is spent, and a great deal of good done, and an attempt made to clothe the needy and feed the hungry.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then said he wished to propose the health of the brethren who had come from a considerable distance to attend this meeting. They were Bro. John Lane, the author of "Masonic Records," who had travelled a long way, and there was Bro. Baxter, a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and several others. He should not speak at great length, but among the satisfaction which had been afforded the visitors, one of the most pleasant recollections was that brethren had been present who had put themselves to considerable inconvenience to attend. Bro. Lane they did not see as often as they should like, but he had come although living at a considerable distance, and was one of the first to announce his intention of being present. Bro. Lane was one of those modest men who did good by stealth and blushed to find it fame, and his work was one of those books which would be much missed. It gave them the key to the English ancestry of all lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, and was a grand work which they as members of their lodge were proud to know had been compiled by a member. Although Bro. Lane had not attended so regularly as they could wish, he had contributed one of the most valuable papers that had ever been read there. The paper was a little dry, but to the student who looked into it they found a useful contribution to their Masonic knowledge. He (the W.M.) did not hesitate to say that that paper was one of the very best essays they had had for three or four years. With regard to Bro. Baxter they took no little pride to themselves that brethren should travel so far as from Edinburgh to be present.

Bro. JOHN LANE said he had risen in response to the too flattering observations made by the W.M. with regard to the little services he had rendered. As Bro. Gould had told them, it had been his pride and desire to advance anything he could. He appreciated the great honour conferred on him in giving him the J.W.'s chair that evening. It had been a great treat to meet the brethren from across the water, whose books he had read, and to see them in the flesh, although they had known them for some time. He regretted more than he could tell them the absence of Bro. Hughan, who was responsible to a large extent for anything he had done in Masonry. When he first saw Masonic light the student's light was not developed until he came into contact with Bro. Hughan. He would convey the W.M.'s kind expressions and kind regards to him.

Bro. BAXTER said that though he had been a paying member of the Correspondence Circle, he had not yet visited them, but having been with Bro. Speth in Edinburgh he thought it incumbent upon him to see them. He had special license from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to appear in Grand Lodge clothing as their representative. The Quatuor Coronati Lodge was held in high esteem in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which fully appreciated the good work being done. He would add, if he was not held to be presumptuous, that there seemed to be a "boom in Americans" that evening. He had some claims to be included in that, for he represented the Grand Lodge of New York at the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Bro. MACCALLA: I have been honoured with the privilege of proposing a toast which I know all visitors will join. It is the lodge whose guests we are to-night, and prosperity to it, and in that connection I desire to make honourable mention of the W.M., the S.W., Bro. Bywater; the J.W., Bro. Lane; and the Secretary, Bro. Speth; four brethren who deserved to be, and will be, crowned—although I hope not crowned martyrs. I desire to couple the name of Bro. Speth.

Bro. SPETH: In returning thanks for the good wishes expressed for the prosperity of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, I feel somewhat over-burdened, inasmuch as my special work in the lodge is scarcely that of orator, but rather that of the business man, who sees to your correspondence and gets in the cash when he can, and duns you when he cannot, and generally tries to keep the course clear. Gratified as we must all feel that such eminent judges of what is bright and glorious in this world as are the brethren from across the Atlantic, should speak so highly of this lodge, I think perhaps the lodge has this day proved its *raison d'être* in rather a novel manner by affording our guests an opportunity of entertaining us in the admirable way they have. To parody the epitaph on Sir Christopher Wren—if you require a monument look around you—I would merely say with respect to this lodge that if you require a warranty for its existence look around you. The mere fact that this lodge is able to assemble such an intellectual assembly—the cream of Masons—as we have this night, putting aside all other objects, warrants our existence. We have not attained the height of our ambition, therefore there is every room for the good wishes expressed. We have not yet gathered into our net every reading Mason. We shall get a large proportion in time, and when that time arrives I hope we shall make one great advance, and that is to be able to open a home of communication for brethren from all parts of the world—a local habitation, where they can meet throughout every day in the year, and where we can place our library, which is already large, and in a fair way growing. When that day arrives we shall then be the central point for every English Mason. It can arrive next year if every brother would do one thing—i.e., if every member of the Correspondence Circle would bring one member we could open our premises.

The Tyler's toast followed; but even then the brethren seemed reluctant to part, and little knots remained chatting for some considerable time afterwards.

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To Correspondents.

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for initiation, are balloted for, and if a reason is to be given
for rejection, what becomes of the ballot? We fear our
correspondent must be content to accept the decision.

Several communications, including the Notes on the
Revised Rules of the Boys' School, stand over until next
week.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The Quatuor Coronati Lodge is to be congratulated
on the very considerable progress which its Correspond-
ence Circle has made. We understand that the 1001st
application for election to this body was received and
entered by the Secretary (Bro. G. W. Speth) towards
the close of last week.

In the early days of next month, the City of Wor-
cester will be the scene of certain proceedings of
unusual interest to the Masonic fraternity. In the first
place, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire
will be held there on Wednesday, the 8th prox., under
the presidency of Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P.,
Prov. G. Master, when due honour will be paid to the
Lodge of Harmony, No. 280, which was founded by
the "Modern" Grand Lodge in 1790, and thus com-
pletes the first century of its existence. Then there
will be a conversazione and ball in honour of the same
auspicious event, the conversazione, as we understand,
on the evening preceding the meeting of Provincial Grand
Lodge, and the ball the evening following it. We
trust the gathering of our Worcestershire brethren will
be worthy of the occasion, and that the arrangements
will be carried out successfully.

We are in receipt of copy of the report of proceed-
ings of the District Grand Lodge of New Zealand
South under the Scottish Constitutions, and it is almost
needless to say that the recent establishment of a so-
called Grand Lodge of New Zealand occupies a pro-
minent place in the report. Indeed, with the exception
of a few matters of local interest, the addresses, reso-
lutions, and correspondence all relate immediately to
this subject, on which and the circumstances attending
the fulfilment of the movement they throw much addi-

tional light. We shall have occasion to look more
narrowly into these particulars, which, on the assump-
tion that they accurately represent the facts, show that
the movement has far less support than has hitherto
been supposed from the lodges warranted by our Grand
Lodges at home. In this case it seems all the more
reprehensible that the promoters of the said Grand
Lodge should have pressed their scheme forward instead
of waiting patiently for a more favourable opportunity.

According to returns obtained by Bro. J. P. Clarke,
District Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge of
Auckland (N.Z.), under the English Constitutions, who
has been in correspondence with the other District and
Provincial Grand Secretaries in the colony, the result of
the voting on the question as to the establishment of a
Colonial Grand Lodge shows 36 lodges in favour of
the scheme, 29 lodges undecided one way or the other,
and 79 lodges in favour of remaining under the Grand
Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. These
figures are far less favourable to the new Grand Lodge
than any we have seen as yet.

The report of the proceedings of the annual Pro-
vincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire, held at Sutton
Bridge on the 5th June last, under the presidency of
Bro. Major W. H. Smyth, P.G.M., contains a full
account of what passed on the occasion, as well as full
particulars of what has been done during the past year in
aid of the local and general Charities, as well as re-
lating to the Oliver, Smyth, and Sutcliffe Funds, which
are the local funds just referred to. The account is
most creditable to our Lincolnshire brethren, whom we
warmly congratulate on the zeal and energy they have
shown in the conduct of their lodges, and the generosity
with which they have contributed to the Charities.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Robert
Bradley, Provincial Grand Secretary of the late com-
bined Province of Berks and Bucks. Bro. Bradley was
a Mason of long standing, and had held the important
office of Provincial Grand Secretary under the late
Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch for many years. His services
in this capacity had been most valuable, and when the
meeting was held at the Royal Albert Hall on the 18th
June, 1887, for the purpose of commemorating the
Jubilee of her Majesty, he had conferred upon him the
brevet rank of Past G.S.B. of Grand Lodge.

There will be grand Masonic doings at Douglas, Isle
of Man, to-morrow (Saturday), when Bro. the Earl of
Lathom, D.G.M., and Provincial Grand Master of
West Lancashire, will lay the foundation stone of the
approach tower to the proposed suspension bridge with
Masonic ceremonial, and when, no doubt, the brethren
of the Province of the Isle of Man will assemble in
considerable force under their chief, Bro. Major
Goldie-Taubman, P.G.M., in honour of the occasion.

After an interval of about 11 years, the Provincial
Grand Lodge of Cheshire has paid a visit to Stockport,
and there held its annual meeting, under the presidency
of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Provincial Grand
Master. It was reported that during the past year
warrants had been granted for two new lodges, of
which one had been, and the other shortly would be,
consecrated. The number of subscribing members in
the province had also increased from 1683 to 1737, while
the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institute is in a most
gratifying condition of prosperity. This is satisfactory
news, showing, as it does, that, while our younger pro-
vinces are making steady progress, those of old stand-
ing are well able to maintain their prestige.

The Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Lord
Ebrington, paid a flattering but well deserved compli-
ment to Bro. Hughan at the meeting of Provincial
Grand Lodge last week, by offering him the collar of
Senior Grand Warden. Although Bro. Hughan's
Masonic work is more cosmopolitan than provincial,
he has found time to devote special attention to the
interests of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon and
its neighbouring county of Cornwall, and the desire to
recognise those services is not surprising. We are
glad to learn that although Bro. Hughan has not been
in good health for some time, it was not on that
account he declined the honour, but from a charac-
teristic wish on his part not to stand in the way of
others to whom it would mean promotion. It would,
we feel sure, be valued by him, but one who has filled
the office of Senior Grand Warden in Cornwall, and
in three Foreign Grand Lodges, to say nothing of his
Grand Lodge honours, can well afford to be generous.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Highgate Lodge (No. 1366).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 8th inst., at the Gate House Hotel, Highgate, when the popularity of the W.M. elect was evinced by a numerous attendance. The members present included Bros. J. H. Lugg, W.M.; F. Ashton, S.W.; A. Cook, J.W.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Chas. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; E. Wareham, J.D.; T. Underwood, P.M.; R. W. Galer, P.M.; J. Yates, P.M.; J. H. Gregory, P.M.; W. B. Trick, P.M.; E. H. Ryde, P.M.; W. Hillier, P.M.; E. Rushton, Org.; J. Culverwell, Steward; F. Cracknell, I.G.; E. L. Shelton, P.M.; and A. Garratt, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. Kinsley, I.G. 1728; J. Carey, 179; F. Bailey, 1426; J. H. Clemens, 183; G. T. Thorburn, 1604; E. Schultz, I.P.M. 1745; L. F. Otteley, 353; Burton Lodge, U.S.A.; H. W. Parker, D.C. 2048; J. Godwin, S.D. 1343; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507; E. C. Hilsley, P.P.G.D. Middlesex.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Alfred Cook was presented as W.M. elect and duly installed by Bro. James Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. J. C. Yates, S.W.; E. Wareham, J.W.; C. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; J. Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; F. Cracknell, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; R. P. Walkden, I.G.; J. Culverwell, D.C.; S. Rushton, Org.; A. Eves and W. Parish, Stwds.; and J. J. Marsh, P.M., Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Terry, then rendered the usual addresses in his well known excellent style. The newly-installed W.M. proved his knowledge of the ritual and his ability to render it in an impressive manner by initiating Messrs. Bishop and Parker into Freemasonry.

The lodge was closed, and an admirable banquet was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., replying for "The Grand Officers," said the toast was a most comprehensive one, comprising brethren from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., down to the humble individual addressing them. In the words of the quotation, "some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them," and the truth of this was exemplified in the toast, inasmuch as they had Lord Lathom, the Grand Chamberlain, and other distinguished brethren throughout the length and breadth of the land who presided over provinces to the great satisfaction of the Craft and advantage to those over whom they rule. Personally he thanked them for coupling his name with the toast, which the Craft always heartily honoured whenever a Grand Officer was present to respond. He thanked them very heartily and sincerely, and hoped to be similarly favoured in the future.

Bro. J. Lugg, I.P.M., said he had pleasure in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Worshipful Master." In the Highgate Lodge they had been blessed with first class Masters, and they had an excellent Master now, who intended to do his duty. He trusted that at the end of the year Bro. Cook, the W.M., would be as successful as many of his predecessors. He would not detain them, as he knew it was the wish of the W.M. that the speeches should be brief, but would simply ask them to heartily drink the health of their W.M.

Bro. Alfred Cook, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind and flattering manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. The I.P.M. had been pleased to speak of his abilities in a manner very far-fetched, but he could assure them he valued at the utmost the honour conferred upon him. He also felt the responsibility of the great duties attaching, for there had been so many good and able Masters in the lodge that it was a serious matter to fill the chair. After the kind remarks which had greeted what little he had done that evening he was encouraged to go on, and anything he could do to advance the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren he should strive to do, and endeavour to conduct himself so that at the end of his year they would not regret having placed him in the chair.

"The Initiates" was cordially honoured, after which the W.M. gave "The I.P.M.," remarking that few words would be required to ensure for it an enthusiastic reception. During the past year Bro. Lugg had won the esteem and approbation of every member for the excellent manner in which he had performed his duties. It had not been an idle year, for he had initiated those who would have impressed on their minds his excellent working. He (the W.M.) had a pleasing duty to perform, as the members had unanimously resolved in open lodge to present Bro. Lugg, I.P.M., with a jewel for valuable services rendered, and, on behalf of the brethren, he had very much pleasure in investing him with that token of their esteem. He trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would give the I.P.M. health and strength to wear it during many years of useful life. He had also a beautiful presentation to make to Bro. Lugg of a handsome clock and candelabra, presented by the members of the lodge, and trusted that when he looked at it it would remind him of the kindly feeling with which he was regarded by them.

Bro. J. Lugg, I.P.M., thanked them most sincerely for the extreme kindness, not only on the present occasion in presenting him with that magnificent testimonial, which he little deserved, but more particularly for the extreme kindness he had received from the hands of all the brethren during his year. He did not know if any Master of any lodge had received a more friendly feeling during his year, and if so he must be a happy man. When he accepted the privilege placed at his disposal a year ago he accepted it with misgivings, feeling his incapacity. He then assured them he would do his best, and he had done it, and if his efforts had met with their approval he was more than gratified. There were several incidents which took place which had given him great pleasure, more especially the assistance they had been able to give to deserving cases of distress. To look at his year in a Masonic point of view it was something for it to be so successful with respect to benevolence, and they also had a nice balance in hand at the present time. He trusted the W.M. would be in a similar

position at the end of his term of office. He thanked them most sincerely from the bottom of his heart for their extreme kindness during his year and the handsome testimonial, which he should always look upon as a reminder of a red letter year in the grand old Highgate Lodge, in which he had spent many years of his Masonic life.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., replying for "The Installing Master," said the W.M. was one of nearly 2000 brethren he had installed. When the I.P.M., under stress of business, said it was utterly impossible for him to perform the installation ceremony he accepted the position. It was something like 19 or 20 years ago that he installed his brother on his left in that lodge, and he had been present at every installation ceremony from the consecration to the present occasion. He could look round as the father of the lodge with a great amount of pleasure and gratification to witness its prosperity and see it growing, and also to know there was the same kindly good feeling existing as at its consecration. The good feeling then existing now continued, and he hoped would do so for many years, and to his latest period he hoped the members would have but one interest at heart, and that was the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. L. F. Otteley, 353, Illinois, U.S.A., replied for "The Visitors," and said that two years ago, when he first took the obligation that he might travel in foreign countries and receive Master's wages, he did not think he should be the honoured guest of such a lodge in the great City of London. Away from home 5000 miles for two months among strangers, and once almost at the point of death, they could appreciate the feeling which possessed him at that moment when he found himself among brethren of the fold. The cordial reception he had received he took to be one given not to himself personally, for none of them knew him, but to the great army of his brethren dwelling across the sea, all of whom he could say with sincerity held the Masons of England in the highest esteem, for here was the mother, and there the child. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their reception. Might their lodge prosper and live long, and might all the members achieve distinction as the one who had spoken.

Bro. G. R. Langley, P.M. 183, thanked the members for the cordial reception he had received on that and former visits, and the W.M. for enabling him to be present to see the work of initiation, which had been conducted in a style worthy of the lodge. It was his pleasure to be a member of a lodge in which the W.M. was also a member, and where he was appreciated as a good worker. They knew, however, that they only received the reflected glory of the Highgate Lodge, but they were proud to acknowledge it and take all the advantage of it they could. He hoped the W.M. would have a prosperous year, and that the officers would be as well up to their duties as that evening, and that it might be in every way an entire success.

Bros. Turner, S.W. 1605, and T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507, also replied, and "The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast closed a successful gathering, which augurs well for the continued prosperity of the lodge during the coming year.

Trinity College Lodge (No. 1765).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Trinity College, Mandeville-place, on the 4th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Burritt Lane. The following officers assisted: Bros. Biddlecombe, S.W.; J. Sarjeant, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, Treas.; J. Mills, Sec.; C. J. Ozanne, S.D.; S. J. Wilford, J.D.; W. C. Hutchinson, Stwd.; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

The immediate business being the initiation of three gentlemen who had been proposed and recommended, the lodge was duly opened, and votes were taken. The ballot proving unanimous in their favour, Messrs. J. Geary, J. Bennett, and Scott-Hatley were then duly instructed in the mysteries of the First Degree in Freemasonry. Bro. Burritt Lane, W.M., performed this duty with the precision and eloquence that always signalise his working. This being done, and no other business being in hand, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony.

The first part having been satisfactorily enacted, as there was not as usual in this eminently musical lodge any set programme, the W.M. called on various brethren to contribute to the pleasures of the evening. Volunteers were not wanting. Bro. Sinclair Dunn, whose voice was in splendid condition, owing doubtless to the ozone he has lately laid in store, sang "Let me like a soldier fall," and "The moon hath raised her lamp above." In the latter he was ably supported by Bro. J. Sarjeant, whose range from the tip-top note of an alto to the lowest depths of the basso-profundo make him so useful an adjunct wherever there is a gap. Bro. Arthur Carnall (Organist pro tem., in the absence of Bro. Warren, sen., who, like so many members of the lodge, is benefiting by the "superb atmospheric conditions," as a constructor of "Telegraphese" lately termed it), performed his task with pleasure to his hearers and credit to himself. The W.M., Bro. Burritt Lane, gave a sample of his musical qualities, and Bro. Eckstein sang several very humorous ditties of the style peculiar to "Lal" Brough, who we believe is also a Brough-er. Several other brethren also no less distinguished themselves, and the evening closed in harmony. The meeting was necessarily at such a time and season but a small one, but those present were consoled by the maxim "fit but few."

Among members present were Bros. L. J. Vander Heyden and Arthur Carnall, and among visitors Bros. Eckstein, 1196; J. Allen, 1716; and J. Shand, P.M., Sec. 1503.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BIRMINGHAM.

Temperance Lodge (No. 739).—A meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when the following were present: Bros. J. C. Stackhouse, W.M.; T. Locker, S.W.; A. E. Parkes, J.W.; F. North, Sec.; C. Wrighton, S.D.; W. A. Parker, J.D.; Thomson, I.G.; W. E. Thomason, Org.; Lamsdale and Reading, Stewards; Chapman, Tyler; Bragg, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Srawley, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Bowley, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Taylor, P.M.; Thomason, P.M.; Candelent, P.M.; Skevington, Brooke, Towey, Cox, Butler, Laughton, S. Cox, E. Booth, J. Booth, Townsend, Trevitt, Bayliss, Hetherington, Connolly, Brampton, and Felton.

The lodge being duly opened, and the minutes of the last

meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Connolly and Brampton were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. Felton passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. and his officers in the same efficient manner which has so long marked the administration of the Masonic rites in this lodge. The by-laws of the lodge and of Provincial Grand Lodge were then read by the Secretary, and other formal business transacted, after which the Charity Steward, Bro. Srawley, read his annual report, which showed that nearly £100 had been raised in the lodge during the past year for charitable purposes, and that the W.M., Bro. J. C. Stackhouse, had attended the Boys' School Festival in July with a list of £78 15s., being the largest contribution this year from the Province of Warwickshire in aid of any of the great central Charities.

At the conclusion of the proceedings the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Bragg, in proposing "The Grand Lodge," alluded in feeling and eloquent terms to the eminent services rendered to Masonry by the late Earl of Carnarvon, and earnestly exhorted the brethren to maintain their own lodge in its present efficient state.

The toasts were interspersed with music and recitations.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The third regular meeting of this successful lodge was held at Didsbury Hotel, on Saturday, the 13th inst. There was a large gathering of members and visitors, including Provincial Grand Officers from East and West Lancashire and Cheshire. The work done was one passing and two raisings.

Amongst those present were the following: Bros. G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M.; C. E. Towell, S.W.; E. L. Littler, Sec.; G. A. Myers, S.D.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.D.; F. Stretch, D.C.; John Walker, Stwd.; F. Thomas, P. D. Langley, Joseph Ward, James Sharples, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Among the visitors present were the following: Bros. Ralph Andrew, 336, P.S.G.D. Cheshire; John Robinson, P.P.G.D.C.; George Langley, J. E. Jack, and James Mitchell, of 163; A. H. Duffield, S.W. 1134; J. Woodward, 1325; L. Suthers, 1170; C. Heywood, 1387; and James Renshaw, 2231.

EAST MOLESEY.

Frederick West Lodge (No. 2222).—At the meeting of this lodge, on the 9th instant, at the Castle Hotel, the Worshipful Master, Bro. David Hughes, P.M. 901, and his officers had the opportunity of showing their proficiency. There were two candidates named on the summons, but only one came up for initiation, viz., Mr. C. Stanley Yeates, who, having been elected, was enlightened in an impressive manner by the W.M. There was no other business, and the brethren betook themselves to refreshment supplied in Bro. Mayo's usual good style.

ELSTREE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The last regular meeting of the season was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. John Petch, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br., W.M.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; J. G. Cobb, S.W.; C. M. Coxon, J.W.; W. Pheasant, Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., S.D.; G. T. Chretien, acting I.G.; E. H. Moore, D.C.; G. A. Parkinson, W. Sammes, W. Kennedy, T. B. Smooty, J. W. Rattenbury, A. J. Robinson, N. Pearce, and T. Williams, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. Duncan, S.D. 59; H. Rawes, 1353; F. Dewsbury, P.M. 1599; and W. Merrick, P.M. 1729, D.G. D.C. District Grand Lodge Natal.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Mr. Nicholas Pearce, a candidate for initiation, was duly elected, and initiated by the W.M. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., thanked the brethren for having done him the honour of making him an honorary member of the lodge. Some communications having been read, the lodge was closed.

After an interval the brethren re-assembled to dine, which duty to themselves having been satisfactorily performed, the usual toasts were proposed by the W.M.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said every one present knew the large amount of interest which the W.M. took in all matters connected with the lodge. Indeed, he might say that had it not been for him they would not have been assembled that evening at a meeting of the Kingswood Lodge. He asked them to drink cordially and heartily the health of their W.M.

Bro. John Petch, W.M., in reply, said he hardly knew how to thank the brethren for the warmth of their reception of the toast. He could only conclude that his services in the chair had met with their approval. He deprecated Bro. Mather's remarks as to the preponderance of his influence on the formation of the lodge. The founders had worked harmoniously to make the lodge a success, and their labours had not been without reward. He was proud to occupy the position he did as their W.M.

"The Initiate" was next proposed by the W.M., who said that a lodge must have new blood introduced from time to time, but it behoved them to see that the right sort of men were admitted. Of their initiate that evening he could say from personal knowledge that he would prove a credit and an ornament to the lodge, one who would become an efficient Mason, and who would carry out the principles of Freemasonry.

Bro. Nicholas Pearce, in reply, said the brethren could well understand the mingled state of his mind at that moment. He thanked the W.M. for the compliments he had paid him, and the brethren for the cordiality of the reception they had given him. He hoped to prove a good Mason and a credit to their lodge.

"The Visitors" was the next toast proposed. The W.M. said that they had not a large number of guests that evening, but quality was well represented if they lacked quantity. They were pleased to greet Bro. Merrick, a District Grand Officer of Natal. They had welcomed visitors from several of our other Colonies, but Bro. Merrick was their first guest from Natal. He hoped he would carry back with him pleasant recollections of that meeting. The toast was warmly received.

Bro. Merrick, P.M., D.G.D.C. Dist. Grand Lodge Natal, replied that it was the first time he had visited a lodge in the old country. His mother lodge consisted of some 45 members, and he was the only member who had had that privilege. He was interested in seeing that some of

his elders present enjoyed themselves thoroughly; he had done so, and he certainly should never forget that evening.

Bro. J. Duncan, S.D. 59, said he had enjoyed the working he had witnessed, the dinner, the wines, and the scenery surrounding their place of meeting. Altogether he had spent a delightful time on that his first, and he trusted not his last, visit to the Kingswood Lodge.

Bro. Dewsbury, P.M., said he was present at the consecration of the lodge, so that he felt, in some degree, at home amongst them. It had been a very pleasant meeting to him. Bro. Merrick was an old friend of 25 years' standing, but that was the first time they had met within the walls of a Masonic lodge. It was a coincidence that they were both Past Masters of a Skelmersdale Lodge, one in London and the other in Natal.

"The Health of the I.P.M."—absent in body, but present in mind—was given by the W.M.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was next proposed in complimentary terms, and replied to by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

The Tyler's toast followed, and closed the proceedings. The vocalists of the evening were Bros. Moore, Parkinson, and Kennedy.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, when a large number of visitors and brethren from the neighbouring lodges assembled, amongst whom were the following: Bros. T. H. Wills, W.M.; J. McKellar, S.W.; John Taylor, J.W., W.M. elect; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; T. J. Crossman, S.D.; S. Wills, J.D.; W. Winget, D.C.; W. Hersey, I.G.; G. West and J. Risdon, Stwds.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; Jno. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.R.; F. S. Hex, P.M.; R. D. Renwick, W.M. 328; W. Taylor, P.M. 328, P.G.D.C.; J. Salter, P.M. 328; W. Wakeham, P.M. 328, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. J. Way, W.M. 797; R. Light, W.M. 1358; J. T. Janes, W.M. 248; F. Crowe, J.W. and Org. 2189; H. R. Beer, J.D. 328; W. Thomas, 189; F. T. Hyne, 1341, Hong Kong; Dr. Pitt-Palmer, 328; George Burt, 328; J. G. Turle, E. J. Pratt, R. Pickard, T. Brooks, W. J. Nosworthy, R. L. Mugford, P.M. 328; T. Gale, W. H. Rowland, C. Hill, and W. Richardson, of Denver, Colorado.

The lodge being opened by the W.M., the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A successful ballot was then taken for Bro. W. Thomas as a joining member, after which the Treasurer's balance-sheet was presented and approved, and which showed—after dispensing its charities in the most liberal manner—a good balance in hand. The ceremony was then proceeded with, when the retiring W.M., Bro. T. H. Wills, assisted by Bro. Jno. Lane, very ably installed Bro. John Taylor as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, and he invested and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. H. Wills, I.P.M. and Sec.; John Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D., S.W.; S. Wills, J.W.; F. S. Hex, P.M., Chap.; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; W. Hersey, S.D.; W. Winget, J.D.; John Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., D.C.; E. J. Pratt, Org.; G. West, I.G.; J. Risdon and J. D. Beer, Stewards; and J. E. Newton, Tyler. Bro. J. Lane was elected Charity Steward and representative on the Committee of Petitions. Letters of apology were then read from several brethren regretting their absence, including one from Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D. England, the distinguished Masonic historian, and honorary member of the lodge, and another from Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England, &c., the celebrated Masonic author and antiquarian, also honorary member of the lodge, in which he expressed his sorrow that the state of his health prevented his attending, expressing his high sense of the admirable manner in which the I.P.M. had discharged his duties, and conveying his assurance that the newly-installed W.M. was in every way qualified for that onerous and honourable position, and his appreciation of the W.M.'s career as a Freemason. The brethren expressed their deep sympathy with Bro. Hughan, and hoped the change would have the much desired effect, and restore him to his former state of health. The W.M. then presented Bro. T. H. Wills with a Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the lodge, as a token of their appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had filled the Master's chair during the year.

After receiving the "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-hall of the lodge for the annual banquet, which was decorated with flags, banners, plants, and shrubs, Bro. W. J. Nosworthy providing a handsome repast, which reflected great credit upon that brother.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the D.G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were given by the W.M.; and, in proposing the latter toast, he referred in feeling terms to the loss the Craft had sustained through the death of the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon.

Other toasts followed; and, in responding to the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. J. Lane, the W.M. announced his intention to act as Steward for one or more of the great Charities during the year, and alluding to the capital custom which has existed in the lodge for some years upon the installation of the W.M., he handed to the Treasurer a cheque for five guineas for the lodge Charity Fund.

The visitors and brethren generally expressed themselves highly pleased at the admirable manner in which the whole of the proceedings had been carried out, this being the first festival held on the lodge premises.

The musical arrangements were ably carried out by Bro. E. J. Pratt, Bros. W. Thomas, Crowe, S. Wills, and J. G. Turle contributing towards the harmony of the evening.

YORK.

Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st instant, at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, for the purpose of according a Masonic welcome to the Grand Master of Pennsylvania and other distinguished visitors from America. Bros. MacCalla, Grand Master of Pennsylvania; J. P. Horner, Past Grand Master of Louisiana; W. M. Fleming, of New York (accompanied by their wives); and J. L. Hunt, of Philadelphia, arrived in York on the evening of the 31st ultimo, and on the following day, under the guidance of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, they visited the cathedral, the abbey, the fortifications, and other places of archaeological and Masonic interest, concluding the day's doings by inspecting the ancient records of the Grand

Lodge of York, which were exhibited to them by Bro. J. Todd, P.M. In the evening the American visitors were entertained at dinner by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, after which they adjourned to the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate. Here the Eboracum Lodge had been opened by the W.M., Bro. George Chapman, and a goodly number of members and visitors had assembled, including Bros. S. J. Dalton, P.M.; W. Brown, P.M.; W. B. Dyson, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; G. Lamb, as S.W.; W. Storey, J.W.; J. H. Shonksmith, S.D.; P. Pearson, J.D.; F. W. Halliwell, I.G.; G. G. Pook and James Smith, Stwds.; W. S. Child, Org.; C. Garrood, H. L. Challenger, J. T. Chambers, G. H. Chapman, J. H. Scott, C. Hollander, W. Sykes, J. Colahan, J. R. Dow, T. Milner, J. Horner, H. Scott, A. Archer, J. Mais, C. Palliser, P.M. 1337; J. Todd, P.M. 236; W. H. Cowper, P.M. 1848; J. M. Goldie, P.M. 660; T. Archey, 236; H. Longford, P.M. 1416; A. M. Foster, 534; J. Masterman, P.M. 1019; J. F. Watson, 566; H. E. Cousans, P.M. 1386; G. W. Purnell, 236; C. Anderson, 236; A. Buckle, P.M. 236; F. R. Hansell, W.M. 1416; J. E. Jones, 2326; and others.

The chair having been taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, G.S.B., the American visitors were escorted into the lodge and saluted with the customary honours. A candidate was then raised to the Third Degree by the acting W.M., and Bro. Whytehead expressed the great pleasure experienced by the lodge at having amongst them so many visitors, some of whom were of such eminent fame. Bro. MacCalla replied, thanking the brethren for their kindly reception, and saying that he did not feel at all like a stranger amongst them, seeing that he had the honour of being an honorary member of the lodge.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the dining room, where light refreshments were served, and where the usual international toasts were honoured. Bros. MacCalla, Horner, and Fleming made eloquent speeches, dwelling on the universality of Freemasonry and the kindness and cordiality exhibited towards themselves, referring also to the pleasure which they had in visiting York, the mother city of Freemasonry, as it is now known.

Considerable alterations and additions have lately been made to the hall and its surroundings. Two additional rooms for working the ceremonies in the Christian Degrees have been connected with the lodge room proper, and a small sitting room added on the ground floor for private meetings of Committees. A recess has been formed in the entrance for the reception of a powerful stove, which will add greatly to comfort during the winter months, and a new lavatory has been formed behind the main buildings. A 3-manual organ, by Denman, has been placed in the lodge room, and was used for the first time, everyone being delighted with its mellow qualities.

Royal Arch.

CROYDON.

Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 15th inst. Among those present were Comps. R. J. Hoare, M.E.Z.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., H.; F. Weiss, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., S.E.; G. Alliston, P.S.; T. W. Richardson, 1st A.S.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.Z., P.G. Org.; and Lane, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas., and F. Costello, S.N.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a well-served banquet. The First Principal proved to be an able and fluent Chairman.

Comp. Dr. Lott responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Comp. Shirley acknowledged the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

A few other toasts were duly honoured, and the companions separated at an early hour.

HAMPTON COURT.

Lebanon Chapter (No. 1326).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 6th inst. The members present were Comps. J. W. Hartley, Prov. A.G. Soj., Z.; H. Hooper, H.; G. R. Langley, J.; R. F. Potter, S.E.; C. W. Baker, S.N.; J. T. Briggs, P.Z.; E. Hopwood, P.Z.; T. Moody, P.Z.; J. J. Marsh, P.Z.; A. Blenkarn, R. Brown, John Bott, J. Amey, C. O. Burgess, G. H. Reynolds, B. Forster, and W. H. Moore.

The chapter having been opened, the sanction of Grand Chapter to the removal to the Greyhound Hotel was duly reported. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The S.E. elect having declined the office, the following elections consequent thereon were unanimously made: Comps. John Bott, S.E., and A. Blenkarn, 2nd A.S. Bros. B. Forster, S.W. 196, and W. H. Moore, J.D. 1625, having been regularly approved at a previous convocation, were exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comps. H. Hooper, G. R. Langley, and R. F. Potter were next installed into the chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively, a noteworthy feature being that each Principal was installed by his immediate predecessor in office. Each ceremony was rendered in a highly creditable and impressive manner, and fully maintained the excellent standard of working attained by the chapter. The following are the other officers for the year: Comps. John Bott, S.E.; C. W. Baker, S.N.; Hammond, P.Z., Treas.; G. Reynolds, P.S.; Wilson, 1st A.S.; A. Blenkarn, 2nd A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor.

The prosperity of the chapter was evinced at the last convocation, when Past Principals' jewels were voted to all companions entitled to them who are still subscribing members. On the present occasion Comps. J. J. Marsh, P.Z.; Moody, P.Z.; and Hartley, I.P.Z., being in attendance were duly invested, and the M.E.Z. was instructed to take an early opportunity of investing Comps. J. Hammond, P.Z., Treas.; C. W. Fox, P.Z.; and J. C. Woodrow, P.Z. Comp. J. T. Briggs, P.Z., moved that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded to the three companions who had installed their successors in the Principals' chairs, remarking that he had seen many chapters, but there were few in which that took place. This having been seconded and unanimously carried, the chapter was closed.

After banquet, the customary toasts were briefly honoured.

Comp. Hartley, Prov. A.G. Soj., replying for "The Provincial Grand Officers," said of course he was a very humble Provincial Grand Officer, but he returned sincere thanks for the way in which their endeavours were appreciated. His presence as a Provincial Grand Officer showed that if companions were inclined they had a chance of filling a similar position. He had gained his Masonic honours from that chapter, and it would be an incentive to him to take a deeper interest in its welfare, and if those officers coming on would follow his example, when it came to their time for honours, he should be as heartily pleased.

Comp. J. T. Briggs, P.Z., also replied, and referring to the fact that the Grand Superintendent had proposed his son for initiation in the province, said they were looking forward to seeing the son follow in the footsteps of their beloved chief. It was a privilege to be a P.Z. of the chapter, and more so to receive those high honours in the province.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was given by Comp. Hopwood, P.Z., who said that Comp. Hooper had done his duty in the most efficient manner, which they all appreciated, and trusted he would have health and strength to carry out his duties.

Comp. H. Hooper, M.E.Z., said he rose at once to return thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. With the excellent examples he was following he ought to do very well, and it would be his earnest endeavour to see that the work was kept up. He could only say that if a man did his best he could do no more, and he would do his best to maintain the high position the Lebanon Chapter had attained. He hoped with the assistance of his officers to do so, and would try his utmost to succeed.

"The Exaltees" was next honoured, and having been replied to by Comps. Forster and Moore, the M.E.Z. proposed "The H. and J."

Comp. G. R. Langley, H., responding, said that, as the Second Principal of the chapter, he could assure them he had to tender his cordial and hearty thanks for the reception he had received from them, not only upon that occasion, but ever since he was exalted in the chapter. It had been to some small extent his endeavour to do the best he could in the interests of the chapter from the time of his exaltation, and although it might appear somewhat egotistical, he felt that if he had failed to do his duty, they would not have placed him in the position he held as Second Principal. He could assure them that as he had endeavoured to do his duty since his exaltation, so he would continue to do his best in the future. As their Second Principal he would fulfil the duties if possible with credit to himself and satisfaction to them. If it should please them to elect him to fill the higher office he would also endeavour to discharge those duties to his own credit and to their satisfaction, and if he failed he would ask them to believe that it was not from unwillingness but incapacity. He thanked them for the cordial reception always accorded him as representing the brotherly love prevailing in the Craft, and more especially in this Degree. He also thanked them for the kind remarks always made in respect to his small services, and would leave the J. to respond for the other portion of the toast.

Comp. R. F. Potter, J., thanked the companions, and particularly for electing him to his present proud and exalted position. It had been his endeavour to do his duty, in whatever capacity in which he had been placed, to the utmost of his ability, and nothing should be wanting in the future to do his duty with satisfaction and credit to the chapter. He did not expect to arrive at the perfection his predecessors had attained, but their success would be an incentive to him to do his utmost.

"The Visitors" was cordially given, and duly responded to by Comps. Fruen and Lee.

In introducing "The Past Principals," the M.E.Z. expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to present the jewels in the chapter to the P.Z.'s present. Comp. Briggs, P.Z., had rendered great service on many occasions, and was one of the most worthy.

Comp. J. T. Briggs, P.Z., said that at this time of the year companions were looking to their holidays and pleasures, and that had kept some away, but if required they would have attended from a distance to render assistance. The Past Principals were all qualified to carry out their duties, and performed whatever services were required of them with great pleasure. They attended to give assistance, and would do so during the coming year. It had been a pleasant meeting that evening, and the officers had carried out their work very ably in the installation of their successors. The P.Z.'s wished the chapter every success, and were assured that in those coming forward good work was certain for years to come.

Comp. J. J. Marsh, P.Z., also replied, and joined in the expression of regret made by a previous speaker that Comp. W. H. Lee, the Prov. G.S.E., was unable to be present, as they had expected him, and would have been delighted to have seen him with them. With regard to the jewel presented to him, he had placed it next to his heart, and whenever he looked upon it he should regard it with great pleasure and delight, and think of the many happy moments he had spent in the chapter. He thought he must have rendered some little suit and service or he would not have been presented with the jewel.

Comps. Baker and Blenkarn replied for "The Officers," after which a pleasant and successful gathering was closed by the Janitor's toast.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. W. H. Kirby, W.M.; J. W. Drysdale, S.W.; D. D. West, J.W.; C. E. Bulling, Treas.; W. Baker, acting Sec.; C. F. Cox, S.D.; J. Thompson, J.D.; R. Horne, I.G.; H. Neville, S. B. Levy, H. G. Cubitt, J. Bates, J. H. Passmore, T. Stallabass, and T. Parker.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed in the First. Bro. Stallabass kindly consented to act as candidate, and having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted and retired, when the lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing carefully and thoroughly rehearsed. The W.M. gave the

explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was called off and immediately called on again, when the W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The Treasurer, Bro. Bulling, then reported that the funds of the lodge had in a most satisfactory manner increased to such an extent as to warrant the brethren considering in which direction it was most desirable the surplus cash should be expended, and he proposed that the purchase should be made of a complete set of collars and collar jewels for the use of the officers of the lodge. This proposition was seconded by Bro. Horne, and supported by Bro. Kirby. Bros. Drysdale, Stallabass, Passmore, Cox, and Neville each expressed their desire to make a presentation of a jewel, their kindness being duly acknowledged by the W.M. and brethren. The brethren then proceeded to the election of Master for the next meeting, who appointed his officers in rotation, and announced that the work would be the third ceremony and the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, on Thursday, the 11th inst. Many of the members being on holiday pleasures intent, the attendance was not so large as is customary in this lodge. Work was, however, carried on in the Second Degree. Bro. J. La Feuillade presided as W.M., in the absence of Bro. C. G. Sheppard, and was supported by Bros. Walter Robin, S.W.; S. Lancaster, P.M.; J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; Charles, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; and S. C. Bedford, I.G.. The ceremony in F.C. was rehearsed, and part of the Lecture in that Degree was worked by the brethren. Bro. Robin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and on the 25th instant, Bro. Stevens will preside. A vote of thanks was passed in favour of Bro. La Feuillade for his working on this occasion, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; F. A. Barth, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; John Smith, S.D.; J. W. Belsham, J.D.; O. W. Battley, I.G.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425, Acting Preceptor; and James Sims, P.M. 834. Visitor: A. A. Westwater, 898.

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. Westwater being candidate. The W.M. gave the explanation of the 1st tracing board in a very lucid, clear, and able manner. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Allman, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Westwater was elected a member, and returned thanks for the compliment. Bro. Barth was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers to be in rotation. A communication was read from Bro. Hillier, thanking the brethren for their congratulations on the occasion of his silver wedding, and marriage of his daughter. 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 11th inst., when there were present Bros. R. E. Cursons, W.M.; J. McNacman, S.W.; G. S. Reed, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, Asst. Sec.; H. Simmons, S.D.; C. Smales, J.D.; G. A. Bergholz, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. J. Thrussell, A. Clark, G. H. Reynolds, and R. Kirk.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. A. Clark having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. James McNacman, 1788, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. James McNacman was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, appointing his officers in rotation, and announcing his intention of working the ceremony of initiation. On rising for the third time, the W.M., in the name of the lodge and the lodge of instruction, offered their sincere congratulations to Bro. W. Brindley, P.M., their worthy Preceptor, on his restoration to health, and that it had pleased T.G.A.O.T.U. to give him again strength to be once more amongst them, to which all the brethren concurred, hoping that Bro. W. Brindley will be spared many years to assist in the working of the lodge of instruction as their Preceptor. Bro. W. Brindley, P.M., with emotion, thanked the brethren for the kind sympathy which had been shown to him in many ways, assuring the brethren with deep regret he had been compelled, through severe illness, to be away from them, but his thoughts had many, many times been with them on Thursday evenings. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill. Present: Bros. G. Gardner, W.M.; J. Powell, S.W.; H. Armfield, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; E. Rogers, P.M. 1238, P.G.S., Treas.; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656, J.D.; W. P. Hatton, I.G.; R. H. Broom, G. English, W. Middleweek, H. D. Smith, and F. A. Barth. Visitors: Bros. C. T. Butt, 2246; J. W. Curtis, 733; and Flack, 1656.

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. Flack being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge to the initiate. Bro. Flack answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and then retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. C. T. Butt being the candidate. Bro. C. T. Butt answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bros. Butt, Curtis, and Flack were elected members. The S.W., Bro. J. Powell, was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. A. Barth, W.M.; W. G. Jennings, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; John Davies, W.M. 169, Preceptor; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. Higginson, S.D.; R. Josey, P.M., I.G.; Manning, Stevens, T. Jobson, and H. Cotton.

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. Manning candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Barth then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Davies, Preceptor. Bro. Jobson was examined and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on the 12th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z. 2246, J. 2203, S.N. 179, M.E.Z.; J. Cruttenden, 779, H.; John Davies, J. 733, J. and Treasurer; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, Scribe E.; W. Hillier, 834, S.N.; J. C. Tilt, 862, P.S.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, 1st Asst. Soj.; C. G. Hatt, 733; C. E. Betts, 733; J. Smith, 890; and O. W. Battley, 2206. Visitor: Comp. J. J. Thomas, M.E.Z. 749.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Thomas being candidate. Comp. Thomas was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment, at the same time expressing his entire approval of the manner in which the ceremony had been rehearsed. A vote of thanks to Comp. Tilt was passed for the manner he had rendered the duties of P.S. A communication from Comp. Williams was read. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 12th inst., when there were present Comps. F. J. Eedle, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, J. 1329, H.; Scott-Young, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, S.N. 172, Preceptor; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; Goodwin, S.N.; North, 1275, P.S.; G. Powell, P.Z. 1185; T. Grumman, P.Z. 1275; Towers, 1275; Dickson; H. Martin, 1275; and W. Eckersall, 1275.

The chapter was regularly opened. A conclave of Third Principals was formed, and Comp. J. Hill rehearsed the ceremony of installation of J. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell as candidate. Comp. Hill was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Each companion was presented with a copy of the by-laws. All other business being ended, the chapter was regularly closed.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

MARYPORT.

W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).—The quarterly meeting of this council was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 8th inst. Bro. J. C. Thompson, W.M., occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.I.G., as S.W.; Jas. Dickinson, J.W.; P. de E. Collin, P.M., P.G.W., Treas. and Sec.; Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M., P.G.D., as S.D.; T. Atkinson, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; J. O. Scott, Stwd.; J. Messenger, Tyler; J. Nicholson, P.M.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M.; E. B. Penrice, and J. Abbott.

The council was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, four candidates were balloted for and accepted, and two had the Degrees of St. Lawrence the Martyr and Knight of Constantinople conferred, viz., Bros. Scott and Swainson. Two candidates were proposed, and other general business transacted, and the council was closed.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President; the chair of Junior Vice-President was occupied by Bro. Valentine, A.G.P. There were also present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.; and William Dodd, representing the Grand Secretary's office; and also Bros. George B. Chapman, Henry Garrod, William P. Brown, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, E. Shedd, L. C. Haslip, George Read, Walter Hopekirk, W. G. Lemon, A. C. Woodward, J. Bunker, Charles Dairy, T. W. Whitmarsh, C. H. Webb, George Corble, R. H. Harland, H. Higgins, Charles J. R. Tijen, C. W. Mansfield, G. M. E. Hamilton, H. Massey, Fredk. T. Reade, R. Saxton Besant, Robert Griggs, John E. Fells, E. Holsworth, Samuel H. Parkhouse, T. W. Ockenden, C. N. McIntyre North, Edward J. Dodd, and Charles Rawle.

The brethren first confirmed a recommendation to the Grand Master for £40 made at the last meeting in August. There were 18 new cases on the list qualified through lodges in the London district and at Willington Quay, Ilford, Dum Dum (India), Prince Town (Dartmoor), Halifax (N.S.), New Mills, New Milford, Hanley, Hull, Jersey, Tynemouth, Gloucester, Hampton Court, Leyton, and Lowell (Massachusetts, U.S.). One of these cases was deferred for the attendance of the visiting brother. The other 17 were relieved with a total of £360. There were two recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and four of £30 each, four grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, and five of £10 each.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LODGE OF THE THREE GLOBES.

"Vojersche Zeitung," Berlin, 14th September, 1890.

The celebration of the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes, which took place yesterday in their hall in the Splittgerbergasse, was attended by about 500 Freemasons, and was presided over by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Gerhard, county syndic of the Province of Brandenburg, and was divided into a solemn sitting and in a banqueting lodge, which kept the members together until a late hour.

Both ceremonies were opened with a "hoch" upon the Emperor, and the Grand Master did not fail in his toast upon his Majesty's health to refer to the protecting position which the House of Hohenzollern had taken towards Freemasonry. The German lodges had deputed large numbers of delegates, and the numbers of written and telegraphic congratulations were likewise not a small one. Among them was a congratulation of the Duke Ernest of Coburg-Gotha, whereas the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England had deputed in the person of Dr. Wendt, of London, a special representative to the jubilee. Likewise arrived a telegraphic dispatch from the Civil Cabinet of the Emperor, now at Breslau, in which the Emperor, thanked them for the address submitted to him on the occasion of the jubilee, and for the expression of true loyalty contained therein, and assuring to the lodge his continued protection.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION AT LEEDS.

MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE.

On Monday, the 8th inst., the members of the Leeds lodges entertained their brother Masons connected with the British Association at a conversazione in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, of that town. From 200 to 250 guests, amongst them many ladies, accepted invitations and were present. They were received by Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; Bro. Rev. Canon Bullock, W.M. 1211; and the Worshipful Masters of the other Leeds lodges, who acted as hosts on the occasion. Besides the many brethren of the British Association, there were also present Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M., and numerous Provincial Grand Officers, both present and past. Other provinces were also represented, Oxford by Bro. Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.G. Chap.; and North and East Yorks by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, Grand Sword Bearer of England.

The handsome hall was elegantly adorned with fashionable upholstery, pictures, and luxurious and beautiful greenhouse plants. Bros. W. E. Smithson, G. Deacon of England, and Richard Jackson, I.P.M. 289, lent a choice array of water-colours and black and white sketches, and the original design of the Leeds Town Hall, also in water-colours, was exhibited by Bro. Thorp. Some specimens of rare china, various documents connected with the Lodge of Fidelity, including a register of the officers since 1792; some very attractive silver vases, left to the province by the widow of the late Bro. Lee, D.P.G.M. West Yorks, together with ornaments, bronzes, &c., were some of the many objects which ministered to the pleasure and enhanced the attraction of the assembly.

After the reception of the guests, in which pleasant duty Mrs. Bullock gracefully took part,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER delivered an address of welcome, which we regret we cannot give *in extenso* owing to pressure on our space.

Bro. Tew explained that he stood there as the spokesman and representative of West Yorkshire Freemasons, but particularly on that occasion of the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and brethren of the Leeds lodges, who had requested him in their name to offer a fraternal greeting to the members and associates of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. After pointing out that the Province of West Yorkshire, to the jurisdiction over which he had succeeded Bro. Sir Henry Edwards in 1885, contained an area of 1,875,000 acres and a population of over 3,000,000; that it had 4000 Craftsmen organised in 75 lodges in 43 of the largest towns of the West Riding, and that its contributions to the three Masonic Charities since 1870 amounted to £42,000.

Bro. Tew went on to say that this, the second meeting of the British Association at Leeds, afforded the whole Craft of the province an agreeable opportunity to say to every scientific brother, and to every lady visitor, the hospitable words of "Welcome, welcome to our division of the County of York, and thrice welcome to our Great George-street Hall, the central Masonic temple of the eight Craft lodges in Leeds."

Bro. Tew next referred to the marvellous increase in size and population of the town of Leeds, quoted Leland, who, in 1533, described it as "reasonably well builded and as large as Bradford, but not so quick as it," and declared on the authority of Bro. Sir George Morrison, the Town Clerk of the Borough, that since the last visit of the British Association in 1858, a visit made famous by the sojourn amongst them of such illustrious names as Owen, Herschel, Brewster, Murchison, Brodie, Darwin, Stephenson, and Nasmyth—the population had positively doubled, and now numbered close upon 370,000. That with this had gone hand in hand, an improvement in the social condition of the people and a progress in education which was not the smallest part of the marvel. That Leeds possessed

many local advantages, and that its rulers were fully alive to its interests, was shown by its abundant supply of excellent water, its parks and recreation grounds, and its expenditure on sanitation and sewage. The Yorkshire College, which has its home at Leeds, the Public Library, the Art Gallery, the Museums, all showed the powerful intellectual forces at work, as did also its daily press, which was acknowledged to hold a very high rank in journalism. Leeds had a great future before it, greater perhaps than other northern towns, owing to its excellent geographical situation, its facilities of railway and canal accommodation, and its proximity to valuable coal and ironstone fields. "May the good old town," continued Bro. Tew, "realise the expectations of her well-wishers, and that her future may be characterised by that prosperity and stability which the enterprise and determination of her citizens so worthily deserve is the aspiration of all here, and that of every citizen in every other town of the West Riding."

Bro. TEW then went on to say that the invitation on the part of the 420 Masons of Leeds, and its cordial acceptance, as illustrated by the brilliant gathering before him, was only the working out of truly Masonic principles. The desire of Masons was Brotherhood, and they offered it; Loyalty, and they showed it; Peace, and they pursued it; Charity, and they practised it. Further they desired Light, meaning knowledge, and as that Association banded together the deepest thinkers, the closest reasoners, the most unwearied experimentalists all uniting in one eager desire, the advancement of intellectual inquiry, surely that was a bond in common between them, for the true Mason sought to enlighten his understanding and to prosecute "researches into the more hidden mysteries of nature and science." As to the marvellous advance in science, language was feeble. It had modified, purified, sweetened life. It had created a band of enthusiastic devotees, who gave time, energy, aye sometimes even life itself to its pursuit. It had lightened man's manual labour, increased his facilities for transmission and locomotion, multiplied his creature comforts and ameliorated the condition of the whole civilised human race. It had inspired the pen of the writer, touched the lips of the preacher with eloquence, and sent out the dauntless explorer to the ice of the Arctic Seas, to the untrodden wilds of the densest African forests. Workers in so great a cause as the advancement of science should not then fail of a welcome in the town of Leeds. And foremost amongst those whom it delights to honour Bro. Tew pointed out Sir F. A. Abel, C.B., D.C.G., Sc.D., F.R.S., President of the Association, who had not only rendered signal service to his country as an eminently practical scientist, but had specially made his mark as chemist to the War Office and originator of economical reforms in the system of supply of war material. Next Bro. T. W. L. Glaisher, Professor of Mathematical and Physical Science, worthy son of the worthy Mason and world-renowned aeronaut, James Glaisher, whose daring and successful balloon ascents have remained unequalled. Of others were named Professor T. E. Thorpe, whose work has placed him in the first rank of living experimentalists; Professor A. H. Greene (geology), to whose inquiries in the department of mining science the town of Pomfret owes much; Professor Milnes Marshall, of Biology; Col. S. R. Lambert Playfair, of Geography; Professor Alfred Marshall, M.A., F.S.S., of Economic Science and Statistics; Capt. Noble, of Mechanical Science and Marine Engineering; Professor John Evans, D.C.L., LL.D., &c., President of the Anthropological Section; and many others. To all, continued Bro. Tew, we Freemasons accord brotherly friendship and fervent appreciation of their distinguished attainments in the liberal arts and sciences; their devotion to which claims the respect and gratitude, not of the Craft alone, but of all mankind.

Bro. TEW concluded a very eloquent address, which was listened to with the closest attention, in the following words: "Not a word that is uttered by human lips can ever die; the pulsations of the air once set in motion never cease; its waves of sound travel the entire round of earth and ocean's surface, taking council of the stars and keeping company with the hours; the air itself is one vast library on whose pages, as it were, are stamped in imperishable characters all that science has ever spoken or that man has ever whispered. These—until the heavens shall have been folded together like a screen, until the atmosphere which now wraps our globe in its soft embrace shall have perhaps passed away for ever—will still live, the beautiful language of our scientists filling even the new heavens with their praises of Jehovah's wonders, and the new earth with their hallelujahs. This is the Mason's hope and this is our exceeding joy, that no good work or word ever dies, that honest efforts to master the attributes of God and His creatures never fail, and that the Eternal One will not lose any of those even in the grave who have worked for His cause in love and mercy and for His children's good, but will cause them to 'rise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever' in the firmament of the Grand Lodge above. To all members and associates then of this great British society of inquiry into science, whether it be to the brethren of our Craft or to the ladies whose presence is a charm and an inspiration, we, the members of the Masonic lodges of Leeds and West Yorkshire, offer to-night words of cheer, songs of praise, reciprocity of love and friendship, and respectful compliments. We acknowledge their ardent and devoted service to science and their persevering and unwearied search after truth. We

deem them indeed not deserving of respect only, but of reverence for brethren beyond and before all others; of them it may be said that 'these men see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep.'"

The address was supported by Bro. the Rev. Canon BULLOCK, W.M. 1211, who spoke in the name of his colleagues, the Worshipful Masters of the Leeds lodges.

Bro. T. W. L. GLAISHER, Professor of Mathematical and Physical Science, acknowledged the hearty welcome the members of the British Association had received in Leeds, and thanked his brethren as a Freemason for the expression of their fraternal feeling, and as a scientist for the sympathetic appreciation of the work of the society of which he had the honour of being a member. He assured the Masons of Leeds and of West Yorkshire that their abundant hospitality was duly appreciated and their kindly feeling warmly reciprocated, and added in conclusion that the steadfast attention to scientific development shown by the hard-working business and professional men of Leeds had excited the admiration, not only of himself, but of all the earnest band of fellow workers whose names had been mentioned so respectfully by Bro. Tew and received so enthusiastically by the assembly before him.

Then followed a programme of excellent music, both vocal and instrumental, in which a Leeds glee party, Bros. Blagborough, Rickard, and Dr. Spark took part. Refreshments of a *recherché* character were provided, and shortly after eleven the brilliant company began to disperse.

We ought not to omit to mention that the very arduous duties of Secretary in connection with the evening's entertainment were most ably discharged by Bro. J. W. Fourness, P.M. 1211, P.P.G. Treasurer.

Obituary.

THE EARL OF ROSSLYN, PAST GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND.

The late Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, to whose death we referred last week, and whose funeral took place at Kirkcaldy on the 11th inst., was initiated in the Lodge Oswald of Dunnikier, No. 468, Kirkcaldy, in the year 1851, at a meeting held at the residence of Bro. J. T. Oswald, its R.W.M., from whom we presume it derives its name, and in due course rose to be its Master. He also, according to the account in Bro. D. M. Lyon's "Freemasonry in Scotland," held the same office in one of our lodges in Malta, of which he had become a joining member, and by which, in recognition of his services, he was presented with a collar and jewel. He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1853, Junior Grand Warden in 1854, and Substitute Grand Master in 1855. The last-named office his lordship held for 11 years, when, in 1867, he was appointed Deputy Grand Master, and it was while occupying this position that he entertained some 600 brethren with their wives and daughters and sweethearts within his ancestral domain at Roslin, near Edinburgh, the fête being honoured by the presence of the Countess of Rosslyn and the Grand Master (the late Earl of Dalhousie) and other dignitaries of our Order. On the retirement of Lord Dalhousie, his lordship was elected to the office of Grand Master, one of his earliest official acts being to pay a grand visitation to the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1 (Mary's Chapel), on the 14th January, 1871. In the month of May following he was present at the celebration of the centenary of Lodge St. Andrew, Kilmarnock. In February, 1872, the Grand Lodge of Scotland recognised the Past Master's ceremonial of installation, its object in doing so being to remove the disqualification which heretofore had prevented Scotch Past Masters being present at the installation of Masters in English lodges. In October, 1872, his lordship laid the foundation-stone of the Watt Institute, Edinburgh, and in honour of the event was entertained at a public banquet, at which Lord Ardmillan presided. His great desire, however, was to reduce the heavy debt of over £13,000 which then existed on the Grand Lodge buildings, and when this was accomplished to apply the proceeds to the Institution of Charities for the benefit of members of the Order. He, therefore, brought forward certain proposals calculated to have this effect, the principle of which Grand Lodge recognised, and though the Earl of Rosslyn did not remain at the head of our Society in Scotland to see his project carried out to a successful issue, it was continued by his successor (Bro. Sir M. Shaw-Stewart, Bart.) to the very great advantage of the Craft, both at the present time and for the future. His lordship was also, as we stated last week, representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the Grand Lodge of England, and in that capacity was present in the Royal Albert Hall in April, 1875, on the occasion of the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master; Past Grand First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Scotland; Grand Master of the Order of the Temple; Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; and Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland, and an honorary member of Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, as well as of many other lodges, chapters, &c. Thus his lordship had obtained the highest offices in all the various branches of Freemasonry, and as he was only in his 58th year, the Craft in Scotland by his death have sustained a very great loss, the loss of a most distinguished member, who

had done it brilliant service in the past, and who from his age we might have expected would be able to render it equally if not more brilliant service in the future.

His funeral took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., and was attended not only by the members of the family and his friends, but also by representatives of her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, of which he had been captain, and of the various Masonic Orders and many lodges in Scotland; among those present being Lord Loughborough and the Hon. Fitzroy St. Clair-Erskine, the eldest and second sons of the late Earl; the Marquis of Stafford, Bros. Lord A. Gordon-Lennox and Lord Brooke, and Mr. Randolph Wemyss, who acted as pall-bearers; the Countess of Rosslyn, Lady Loughborough, the Marchioness of Stafford, Lady A. Gordon-Lennox, Lady Brooke, Lady Sybil St. Clair-Erskine, Lady Angela St. Clair-Erskine, Sir H. Ewart, K.C.B. (representing her Majesty the Queen), Col. George Gordon (representing Prince and Princess Christian), Col. Oldham (representing the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms), and Sir A. Haskett. The funeral was conducted with Masonic ceremonial, there being present representatives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the various bodies to which the late Past Grand Master belonged, while among those who sent wreaths were the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke and Duchess of Buccleugh, and others. Our deceased brother was a most courtly gentleman and accomplished scholar, and in the various capacities he had filled—as Ambassador-Extraordinary to the late King of Spain, as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Episcopal Church of Scotland—had borne himself always with the utmost dignity.



The production of a new comic opera by Planquette, the author of "Les Cloches de Corneville" and "Rip Van Winkle," is always regarded with interest. His latest work, "Captain Thérèse," which is running at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, is exhilarating as a spectacle, and is well acted and sung by competent artistes. However, we confess to a feeling of disappointment in the new contralto, Miss Attallie Claire, who hails from Canada. She seems nervous in manner and her voice is thin, not rich and full, like Miss Huntington, who was sprung upon English musical audiences at the same theatre two years ago. Miss Claire has a becoming face, and is possessed of good stage manners, but her singing, which is refined and of excellent quality, is, while sympathetic, weak, and we fear from this her capabilities to be the prima donna. Mr. Hayden Coffin is, as of yore, the delight of the ladies. He sings with ardour and gallantry "The Song of the Butterfly" and in many duets. To our mind one of Mr. Coffin's best features is that the words of his songs can always be heard distinctly. Mr. Joseph Tapley's tenor voice is heard with much appreciation, particularly in the love ballad, "Thérèse, Thérèse." Bros. Henry Ashley and Harry Monkhouse are very droll in the comic parts, of which they have made the most, for Mr. Burnand has not supplied the opera with many quips. Mr. Burnand's humour is best seen when he is burlesquing another play. Miss Phyllis Broughton, who ought not to attempt singing, gives several most graceful and piquant dances. The scenery of "Captain Thérèse" is pretty, the dresses picturesque, and the chorus singing excellent. Mr. Charles Harris is responsible for the production, which is done in his efficient and, we have no doubt, costly way. "Captain Thérèse," though not one of their strongest pieces, quite deserves to rank amongst the repertoire of the Carl Rosa Light Opera Company.

Many contributions have recently been received towards Bro. the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at Salonica, while the Sultan has formed a Relief Committee at Salonica under his Majesty's presidency, and has himself contributed £500 to the fund. According to the latest reports, 2000 houses, valued at £480,000, were destroyed, and the lives of many aged and sick people and women and children were lost.

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Bro. W. A. Baskcomb has returned to town from Hunstanton.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall is fixed for Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at Helston. The P.G.M., Bro. the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe, will preside.

Bro. the Rev. the Marquis of Normanby has resigned his benefice since succeeding to the marquise, and has taken a chaplaincy on the Continent again for the winter months.

Bro. H. C. Richards, who has been spending his holiday in the Tyrol and at Oberammergau, has been this week engaged at the Old Bailey as prosecuting counsel for the Post Office.

Messrs. Hovenden and Berridge, architects and surveyors, have removed from 181 to 30, Bishopsgate-street, the former premises having been taken by the Great Eastern Railway Company.

Bro. Lord Brassey is to be married to the Hon. Miss Capel, daughter of the late Lord Capel, and grand-daughter of the Earl of Essex, on the 28th inst., at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge.

The Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire and Lady Lechmere have been the guests of the Very Rev. the Dean and Mrs. Gatt, at the Deanery, for the Festival of the Three Choirs, held this year at Worcester.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland will be held at Penrith, under the banner of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 339, on Friday, the 26th inst.

Bro. McLeod, the newly elected Secretary of the Boys' School, had a very encouraging reception at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon last week. He secured the services of four Stewards for the next Festival, with every promise of a substantial contribution.

On Tuesday Bro. James Hamilton Townend, clerk to the Haberdashers' Company, was married at the parish church of Bunbury, Cheshire, to Miss Sarah Louisa Williamson, second daughter of Mr. Thomas Williamson, of Beeston, Cheshire.

Bro. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale has been staying at Sir Joseph Bailey's place, Glanusk Park, Brecknockshire, during his visit to Cardiff, and returns to his rooms at York at the end of the week to do duty with the 10th Prince of Wales's Own Hussars.

On Sunday morning last in the Royal Dockyard Church, Sheerness, two handsome brasses were dedicated to the memory of the officers and crew of the gunboat Wasp, which was lost with all hands on a voyage from Singapore to Hong Kong, in October, 1887.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley, General Williams, and staff visited Caterham and district last week for the purpose of viewing sites for the erection of fortifications for the defence of London, and it is said that Tiburston Hill was regarded as a favourable place for the erection of a fort.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Wednesday, October 8th. The P.G.M., Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., will preside, and as the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, celebrates its centenary that week, a large gathering is expected.

A bazaar was opened at Wick on the 10th inst. in aid of the building fund of the Volunteer Hall. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. Clarence Sinclair, younger. Previous to the opening of the bazaar, a memorial stone was laid with Masonic honours by Bro. Sheriff Thoms, assisted by the brethren of St. Fergus Lodge, No. 466.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales, Eastern Division, was held at Cadoston-Barry on Thursday last, when the usual business was transacted and officers for the ensuing year appointed. A new lodge was also consecrated, and the proceedings passed off with much spirit. We hope to give a full report in our next.

The match between North and South at Hastings terminated on Saturday last, the latter, after a most exciting finish, securing the victory by nine runs. Among the Northern representatives was the redoubtable "demon bowler," Spofforth, who now resides in England, and on this occasion hit up 21 runs in a very short time when runs were greatly needed. The scores were: South, 210 and 116, and North, 152 and 165.

The Queen of Roumania was the guest of Lord Penrhyn, at Penrhyn Castle, Bangor, on Monday and Tuesday, and during her visit went to Carnarvon, where, after receiving a congratulatory address from the Mayor, she viewed the ancient castle, over which she was conducted by the constable, Bro. Sir John Puleston, M.P., and saw all the objects of special interest. Luncheon was served in the banqueting hall, after which the Royal party returned to Penrhyn Castle.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., is prepared to enter into arrangements with Metropolitan and provincial lodges (however distant) for the delivery of his lectures on the ritual and ceremonial of the symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry (two hours), in respect of which most favourable criticism has been published by the Masonic and local journals. "Bro. Stevens must be heard within the four walls of our respective lodge rooms, for there only can his most useful work be understood and appreciated." Address in first instance to the care of the Editor of this paper.

A numerous and influential representative gathering of the Benevolence and Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held on Friday afternoon, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, under the presidency of Bro. R. Wylie. Petitions for grants from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund in aid of the widows and distressed brethren were considered, and it was resolved to recommend to the Prov. Grand Lodge that sums amounting to £70 should be voted. The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire, which is expected to be of a very important nature, takes place at Preston on Wednesday, the 1st October.

We regret to learn that Bro. R. Paget (Vestry clerk of Clerkenwell) is suffering from ill-health.

Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., is staying at the Royal Saxon Hotel, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Bro. Surgeon Parke, of the late Stanley Expedition, is now attached to the 2nd Life Guards as medical officer.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., has been spending a few days at Eastbourne, and will resume his duties as Town Clerk at the Guildhall this week.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Isaacs, who have been staying at the Hôtel Métropole, Brighton, returned to the Mansion House last Saturday.

The Princess Louise has been forbidden by her medical attendants from taking an active part in any public ceremonies during the autumn, and will, therefore, to the great regret of the county folk, be unable to pay her promised visit to North Staffordshire.

Bro. J. B. Scriven, of the firm of Barclay, Perkins, and Co., has been made the recipient of a handsome inscribed vellum, presented by the Board of Management of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum in recognition of his services as Chairman at the 63rd anniversary festival on behalf of the asylum at the Crystal Palace.

According to a report which has been recently issued, the parish of Hammersmith, which in 1801 had 871 inhabited houses and a population of 5600, has now a population estimated at 103,000. In 1861 the rateable value of house property was £77,084; in 1881 it had risen to £355,718, while in 1890 it is £510,604.

On Friday, the 12th inst., Davis Dalton, who recently swam the Channel between Folkestone and Boulogne, accomplished the feat of swimming from Blackwall to Gravesend Town Pier in 6 hours 16 minutes. Dalton swam on his back, and was loudly cheered by the crews of the various ships he passed on his journey.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Abergeldie Castle on Saturday afternoon last, being accompanied by Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P. On the arrival of the train at Ballater the Prince was received by a guard of honour. His Royal Highness has since joined Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife's party at Mar Lodge, Braemar.

There are in Paris altogether 81,291 houses, divided into 1,141,955 tenancies, of which 28,159 are workshops and manufactories, 303,328 are shops and places of business, and 810,468 are *appartements* or "hotels" for human habitation. Half of these *appartements*, or flats, do not bring in a higher rental than £12 per annum.

The Porchester Mark Lodge held their first meeting since the vacation on Friday, the 5th inst. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the chair was occupied by Bro. S. Knight, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Eng. A vote of sympathy was passed from the chair to the widowed Countess of Carnarvon and family, and also to the widow and family of the late Bro. Montagu H. C. Palmer.

The Flying Squadron sailed from Spithead last week for their two months' autumn cruise, and will call at Gibraltar, Algiers, Carthage, and Mogador, returning to England the second week in November. The Channel Squadron are under orders to assemble at Portland, on Tuesday next, and will go on a cruise to the North, visiting Dublin, the Clyde, Liverpool, and other ports, and returning on the 1st November.

The Mansion House Fund which is being raised for the erection of a memorial statue to the late Field-Marshal Lord Strathnairn has reached the sum of £2800, a very considerable proportion of the subscriptions having come from both the naval and military services, while the Indian Civil Service has also most generously supported the scheme. The Dukes of Edinburgh and Connaught, as well as the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge, are patrons of the fund.

There will be an Exhibition of Fruit in the Guildhall on the 6th, 7th, and 8th October, the object being to extend and improve the culture of useful fruit in the homesteads and cottage gardens of the United Kingdom. The Queen is patron of the undertaking, and among the vice-patrons are Bros. the Earls of Lathom and Jersey and Lord Egerton of Tatton. Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., Master of the Fruiterers' Company, is at the head of the Executive Committee, and Bro. the Lord Mayor will open the exhibition.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale left York for Abergavenny on his promised visit to Bro. Sir Joseph R. Bailey, Bart., M.P., at Glanusk Park, on Monday. On the journey the train stopped by arrangement at Hereford, where the Duke alighted, and was presented by the Mayor, on behalf of the Corporation, with an address, to which his Royal Highness made a most graceful reply. On reaching Abergavenny the Duke was received with the usual honours, and in the evening there was a display of fireworks in the ruins of the old castle of Abergavenny.

Silchester is the most remarkable relic of a town which the Romans left behind them in Britain. Silchester, "the buried city," is in Hampshire, near Strathfieldsaye, which is the property of the Duke of Wellington; and the excavations which were begun long years ago on the site of the old town, but which were suspended, have been resumed, and have been making considerable progress. But the process of excavating is very costly. When completed, however, it will show what all Roman towns throughout Britain were like; for, as is well known, they were all built on a uniform plan. One thing, at any rate, the buried town shows—the total collapse of the externals, at least of civilisation after the Romans left. Architecture and all the graces of life vanished with them. Britain was far more populous, more rich, more busy, and better tilled during the four or five centuries of Roman domination than during the thousand years which followed it.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion.—How much thought has been bestowed, and what voluminous treatises have been written upon this universal and distressing disease, which is with certainty and safety dispelled without fear of relapse by a course of this purifying, soothing, and tonic medicine. It acts directly on the stomach, liver, and bowels—then indirectly, though no less effectively, on the brain, nerves, vessels, and glands, introducing such order throughout the entire system that harmony dwells between each organ and its functions. Dyspepsia need no longer be the bugbear of the public, since Holloway's Pills are fully competent to subdue the most chronic and distressing cases of impaired digestion, and to restore the miserable sufferer to health, strength, and cheerfulness.

Bro. Henry Wright read the lessons at St. Katherine's Church on Sunday last.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Robert Berridge, is confined to his house with an acute attack of *gouti iritis*.

Bro. Admiral Lord Alcester, G.C.B., S.G.W., has been one of the house party at Wortley Hall, Lord Wharncliffe's, for the Doncaster races.

Bro. Viscount Wolseley, P.G.W., has appointed Mr. Fielden, of the Scots Greys, as his Aide-de-Camp on taking over the command of the forces in Ireland.

Bro. the Right Hon. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., and the Baroness Henry de Worms are staying at Ripwick Park, Yorkshire, on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Warner.

The rain that fell on Wednesday evening was the first we have had during the present month, but it is on the cards we may have more. The temperature is still high, that in the shade in London on Wednesday having been 74 degrees.

Administration of the estate of the late Bro. the Earl of Milltown, P.G.W., who died intestate on the 30th May last, aged 55 years, has been granted to his widow, the Countess of Milltown. The personality was sworn at £25,811.

Prince George of Wales was waited on by the Mayor and Council of Quebec on Wednesday morning, and presented with an address of welcome, concluding with an expression of loyalty to the British Crown. His Royal Highness made a suitable reply to the address.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., desires us to notify that he is now making arrangements for the delivery of his lectures on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry in several provincial towns, and would be pleased to hear from any lodges on the respective routes he proposes to travel during the ensuing session.

The quarterly meeting of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held in Edinburgh on Wednesday, the 17th inst.; 106 entrants have been registered during the quarter. The income for the same term amounted to £113 10s. 10d., and the expenditure to £87 13s. 8d. The Supreme Committee recommend the granting of two charters which have been petitioned for.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley has issued an Army order, in which his Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief expresses his satisfaction with the manoeuvres of the cavalry division under Major-General Sir Baker Russell, and thanks Bro. Lord Wantage and the Berkshire farmers for having offered facilities enabling the operations to take place.

The funeral of the late Bro. Enoch Walker, Vestry clerk of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, took place at Abney Park Cemetery on Monday, in the presence of a large gathering of friends, among whom were a majority of the Vestrymen of the parish. Bro. Walker was a founder and P.M. of the St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, and among the friends and societies which sent wreaths was the St. Leonard Lodge.

The only testimonial which Bro. Lord and Lady Carrington have consented to accept on their departure for the colony of New South Wales, is an illuminated address presented to their little daughter, aged one year, who was born in Australia. In accepting this gift Bro. Lord Carrington promised that it should be "built into the wall of their little Australian sister's English home."

On and after October 1st the "Flying Dutchman" express from Paddington will, for the first time, carry third-class passengers. The triumph of the third-class passenger is now almost complete. He cannot travel by the Irish Limited Night Mail to Holyhead, but otherwise he can now travel by all trains except in the domain of the Brighton, South-Eastern, and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways.

After a lapse of 10 months a private mail bag belonging to Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, which was stolen while being conveyed between Newton Stewart Post Office and Baron's Court, has been recovered on the confession of the wife of the man who took it, and who afterwards went to America, where he now is. He burned all the securities and letters, and spent some coin which the bag contained.

It is a matter of history that in the reign of James II. the office of Grand Master of Scotland was granted to William St. Clair of Rosslyn, &c., and his heirs and successors, by the King's charter. In 1736, however, the then representative of the family renounced his claims lest the exercise of the privilege should be prejudicial to the Craft. It was then (1736) the basis of the present Grand Lodge of Scotland was formed, and during the first year William St. Clair of Rosslyn presided over the Grand Lodge.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale arrived at Cardiff shortly after noon on Wednesday, and was met at the railway station by the Mayor, the Marquis of Bute, Lord Windim, Bros. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P.; Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P.; and other notabilities. His Royal Highness was at once conducted in procession to Grange-town, where he unlocked the gates and formally declared open the new bridge, which has been erected at a cost of £50,000, and will be henceforth known as the Clarence Bridge. He was afterwards conducted to the Bute Docks, of which he made the circuit, not in the saloon carriage provided, but on the engine. Thence he went to luncheon at Park Hall. Later on his Royal Highness was presented with the freedom of the borough, and afterwards paid a short visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Bute, at Cardiff Castle.

The present month has been the warmest September since 1875. In that year the thermometer in London during the first 17 days of September was decidedly higher than it has been of late, the mean of the daily maxima being 73.9 deg., as against 72.6 deg. this year, while the number of days on which the thermometer exceeded 70 deg. was 15, or two more than we have had this month. The actual maximum for the period in 1875 was 81 deg., or 4 deg. higher than anything observed recently. It, however, the weather of the present month has been remarkable as regards warmth, it has been still more so with respect to dryness. From the 26th August to the afternoon of Wednesday only two-hundredths of an inch of rain fell in London, half of this very trivial quantity being collected on the 27th of last month and half on the 2nd September. Since that time until Wednesday evening, when there was a decided change, the atmosphere has been very dry. About seven o'clock heavy rain fell in London and some parts of the province. In the Metropolis there were vivid flashes of lightning, but the rain was almost unaccompanied by thunder.