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MASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

We have had transmitted to us two documents which throw very considerable light upon the present state of the Craft in New Zealand, or, to be as precise as possible, in the District of the Colony to which they relate. One of these documents is the Report of the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland at its annual Communication at Freemasons' Hall, Dunedin, on the 20th May last, and the other a letter which appeared in the *Otago Daily Times* on the 23rd of the same month, and in which the writer, who signs himself "A Brother Mason," comments freely and at great length on the so-called "Masonic Grand Lodge of New Zealand." From the former we gather, with much satisfaction that, notwithstanding the strife which has prevailed among the Fraternity throughout the Colony during the past 12 months, the section of the English Craft which has remained loyal, though diminished in numbers, is in excellent working order, and prosperous beyond what might have been expected. Until the inauguration, in April, 1890, of the interloping Grand Lodge which absurdly claims to regulate the affairs of Masonry in the Colony, there were 16 lodges on the roll of this District Grand Lodge and of these eight remain true to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England as represented by Bro. THOS. SHERLOCK GRAHAM, Dist. G. Master, and the District Grand Lodge of which he is the appointed chief. These eight lodges muster altogether some 300 members, or if we take what is described in the "Synopsis of Lodge Returns" for two years ending May 12th, 1891, which is appended to the Report, as the "No Financial," some 260 members. The statements of account show that the balance in hand on the Fund of General Purposes on the 12th May last was a fraction over £27, and on that of the Fund of Benevolence within a fraction of £64; and though these are small amounts, we regard the statements in the face of the violent disruption which preceded and has followed the establishment of the aforesaid irregular Grand Lodge, as being very satisfactory. The proceedings in District Grand Lodge included the appointment of District Grand Officers for the new year, and the delivery of the usual address by the District Grand Master, in which he referred in sympathetic terms to the sudden death of Bro. G. P. PIERCE, Prov. Grand Master of New Zealand under the Irish Constitution, and ordered that his District Grand Lodge should go into mourning for three months as a mark of respect to his memory. He also mentioned the circumstances connected with the recent grave irregularity committed by Bro. Sir ROBERT STOUT, P.A.G.D.C. of England, and Deputy District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, his deprivation of the rank and station of a Grand Officer by the Grand Lodge, his vacation of the office of Deputy District Grand Master, and his complete severance from the English Constitution as terminating "a subject painful indeed" to the District Grand Master "both officially and privately," and one which he felt the brethren must deeply regret had ever occurred.

The letter of "A Brother Mason" is most important, as it shows both how small is the claim of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand to be accepted as a sovereign and independent body having supreme control over the Masonic affairs of the district or colony in which it exists, and how little it has gained by precipitating a crisis which it should have been the business of every Mason to prevent if possible. The writer points out that this Grand Lodge, after having been started irregularly by a section of the brethren which by no means represented a majority, or anything approaching to a majority, of the Craft in the Colony, has done little or nothing to justify its establishment. The writer appears to be actuated by no other desire than that of endeavouring to promote the well-being of Freemasonry. He writes calmly and judicially, and in the whole of his long letter there is evident everywhere a spirit of fairness and impartiality. As "to the progress of the Grand Lodge of New

Zealand," he writes thus: "What has it done for, or what good has it effected in, Freemasonry since the 1st May, 1890? After all the conundrums in figures, the fair promises and attractions of Grand Lodge collars, it evidently does not even carry the hearty support of the brethren connected with it, and those at present standing aloof can have no feelings of even common respect for the body framed as it is, but rather the reverse. If the objects had been to injure a new career and split up an old well-managed Society, in no better way could the promoters of the Grand Lodge have secured these than they have done. This conduct may be put down to ignorance, want of discretion, over-zeal, &c., &c., but the result is all the same. Why is the Book of Constitutions not printed and in the hands of the brethren? What guide is there to go by? What reference in case of questions arising? It should have been prepared by the promoters, submitted to the first communication of Grand Lodge, and put in force at once. Yet a year has gone past without it. Surely there is laxity here in a most important matter. It is no use shelving the question; a Book of Constitutions of another body will not suit, and the re-hash of such is not applicable to the internal working of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand. Besides, there has elapsed more than time to have had the book printed, and it is a wrong to the brethren not to have it in their possession to study and consider. Less important matters should be put aside until the foundation is laid and members know on what terms and by what laws they are bound together. Brethren have been drawn into a system of which the controlling rules and regulations are submitted to them after they are caught. This is not right or fair. Yet it proves my previous statement how easy it is to get the flock of sheep together without due consideration." Coupling what is written thus temperately with the evidence we receive from time to time in the shape of Reports of Proceedings of District Grand Lodge meetings, we feel that our past strictures on the conduct of those who have plunged New Zealand from a state of comparative harmony into one of violent dissension have not been undeserved. If we compare the manner in which the other Australasian Grand Lodges were established, with what an approach to absolute unanimity the movement for their establishment was entered upon, the earnest manner in which it was carried out, and the business-like character of the work which has since been done by them when established; with the ill-considered feverish haste with which the party determined at all hazards to found an independent Grand Lodge in New Zealand acted at the outset, the lack of dignity which has marked their conduct from the very beginning, and the absence of everything like energy and a business-like mode of procedure, we feel that we have not too severely condemned those who have preferred the interests of a mere clique to the permanent interests of the Craft. Had there been anything like unanimity on the part of our New Zealand brethren in their desire for a Grand Lodge of their own, it would have been established and recognised by our Grand Lodge just as those of South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania have been recognised. The relations between the daughter Grand Lodge of the Colony and its mother Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom would have been of the most friendly nature, and the Craft in the Colony would no doubt have been as prosperous as in Victoria and its sister Colonies. As it is, the act of a few ambitious brethren has had no other result than to plunge Freemasonry in New Zealand into that condition of discord in which the late Bro. the Earl of CARNARVON found it on his visit to Australia, and which he so materially helped to put an end to. Surely it was unnecessary to establish a state of dissension as a preliminary stage to the establishment of another Colonial Grand Lodge and the restoration of harmony! Our New Zealand brethren cannot surely be so stupid as to quarrel with each other all round just for the pleasure of making up the difference at some future time, and then congratulating themselves on the restoration of peace and goodwill!

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M., supported by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec. Sussex; R. T. Clowes, P.P.G.W.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; Lennox Browne, P.P.G.W.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; T. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., P.G. Sec.; A. Lucking, P.G.P.; E. Acworth, P.G. Stwd.; T. Scoresby Jackson, P.P.G.W.; J. Glass, P.M.; W. Buck, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Shurmur, P.G. Treas.; Rev. Dr. Dunbar; F. Philbrick, jun.; T. Courtenay Warner, P.M.; Geo. Corble, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. M. Scarlett, P.P.G.W.; C. E. Keyser, P.P.G.W. Herts; Rev. T. Lloyd; Rev. M. Rees; F. C. Dixie, I.P.M. 453; and a large attendance of members of lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers having entered Provincial Grand Lodge, it was opened in ample form, and they were saluted by the brethren.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, and the roll of lodges was called over.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes was presented, showing a balance on the General Account of £166 3s. 3d., and on the Charity Account of £51 15s., and recommended that 50 guineas should be given from the General Fund to the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and 10 guineas from the Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a like sum to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was further recommended that £15 should be voted to the joint Committee of the entertaining lodges towards defraying the expenses of the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

In the last clause of the report the Board expressed their opinion that it was desirable that the lodge or lodges entertaining Prov. Grand Lodge should submit their arrangements to this Board for approval before they were finally settled. A motion was made that this clause should be expunged from the report, but after some discussion it was agreed to, and the report was adopted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in addressing the brethren, drew attention to the great progress made in the province since Prov. Grand Lodge last met at Chingford in 1882 under the presidency of Lord Tenderden, when there were 19 lodges on the roll. There were now 32 lodges in the province, and during the last year the number of members had been increased from 1440 to 1573, as compared with about 800 in 1882. About £1200 had been contributed to the Charities during the year, including a list of 500 guineas taken up by Bro. Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas., and several other large lists. Next year being the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he was glad to find that 50 guineas had been voted to that Institution. He should have much pleasure in acting as Steward on that occasion and placing that amount on his list. The Provincial Grand Lodge would, next year, be held at Harwich, the invitation to meet there having been accepted with much pleasure, remembering as they did the successful meeting held there some years ago, under the banner of Lodge No. 650, when Bro. Clowes was the W.M.

Bros. W. Buck, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Gowers, P.P.G.O.; W. D. Merritt, P.P.G.W.; and J. J. C. Turner, Prov. S.G.W., were elected members of the Provincial Board of General Purposes.

Bro. E. J. Acworth, P.M. 153, 1612, 2077, and 2265, was unanimously elected as P.G. Treasurer, after which the P.G.M. appointed and invested the following officers:

Bro. T. Courtenay Warner (High Sheriff of Essex),			
P.M. 2256	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. J. Crump, W.M. 2006	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Thos. Lloyd, P.M. 2342	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. M. Rees, Chap.	...	...
" E. J. Acworth (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. B. Page, P.M. 214	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C.			
England (15th year)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. C. Dixie, I.P.M. 453	...	...	} Prov. S.G.D's.
" A. G. Hayman, I.P.M. 2005	...	...
" C. H. Canning, W.M. 2184	...	...	} Prov. J.G.D's.
" M. C. Meaby, W.M. 2255	...	...
" H. Pfrrench Bromhead, I.P.M. 2318	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lucking, P.M. and Sec. 1000, P.G. Purst.			
England (18th year)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. Foster, W.M. 1280	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" Fred. Horsman, I.P.M. 51	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Newton Berridge, W.M. 1817	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" M. L. Sanders, P.M. and Sec. 650	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" James Howell, P.M. 1343	...	...
" Walter Latter, Org. 2318	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. J. Nunn, W.M. 2063	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" H. J. Day, W.M. 1457	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. H. de Caen, P.M. 1024	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" S. D. C. Ablitt, W.M. 51	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" Walter T. Christian, W.M. 453	...	...
" Thomas Hood, W.M. 1000	...	...
" A. R. Chamberlaine, Treas. 2255	...	...
" J. J. Briginshaw, S.W. 2256	...	...
" C. J. Dale, W.M. 2184	...	...
" A. W. Martin	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Officers were saluted, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

A banquet was followed by the customary toast list, the speeches being interspersed with items from a programme of music performed under the direction of Bro. Walter Latter, Prov. Grand Organist, assisted by Madame A. Vaudrey, Mademoiselle M. Vagnolini, Mr. A. Medcalf, and Bros. Henry Prenton, H. M. Hind, and G. Corble.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master" having been heartily honoured, the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER proposed "The Grand Officers," coupling with it the name of Bro. Cooper, P.S.G.D. He knew personally what a hard-working Mason Lord Lathom was, for besides his other duties, he was the head of a splendid province, which contained over 100 lodges. The Earl of Mount Edgumbe was an excellent Mason, and his recent appointment was a popular one. He was only too glad to see on the right and left of him that evening several Grand Officers, to all of whom he gave a hearty welcome, and he hoped they would always see success and good fellowship in the Essex lodges.

Bro. GEORGE COOPER, P.G.D., in returning thanks, said the list of appointments at the last investiture of Grand Officers was a guarantee that the work and reputation of Grand Lodge would be carried out in a consistent manner. He regretted to have to mention that since they last met in the province they had lost a prominent brother in Bro. the Rev. T. Cochrane, but he had pleasure in stating that the province had gained a Grand Officer by the appointment of Bro. Clowes to Grand office. The Grand Officers had but one aim—to increase the usefulness of the Order, and to assist the brethren who had but recently become Freemasons.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, O.C., Deputy Prov. G.M., then said the brethren would understand why the emblem of authority had been entrusted to him. It was to propose "The Health of their respected and beloved Prov. Grand Master." As Masons of that province since the period when Lord Brooke was placed upon the throne, they had owed him a debt of gratitude which he was sure the province had never been reluctant to acknowledge. They had always felt that they had a man and a brother of sincere Masonic attachment and great personal popularity at their head, and from the very first all those who had been intimately associated with the prosperity of that province had felt that its career, under the guidance of their well-beloved Prov. Grand Master, had been one of great success and prosperity. The American father, when he cautioned his son not to prophesy until after he knew the event, and thereby put dollars into his pocket, was no wiser than the simplest of the Essex Masons when he ventured to predict a prosperous career for the province under the auspices of Lord Brooke. In 1881, which was the last year that Lord Tenderden presided at Prov. Grand Lodge, and in 1882, when they had the honour in a storm of hail equalled recently of seeing their Provincial Grand Master installed by that most excellent Mason whose early loss the Craft might well deplore—he meant the Duke of Albany—there were 19 lodges, but they now had 32. He hoped they would be 33 soon, which was a still more perfect Masonic number, but they had increased even at a greater rate than the population. He would say that a great deal was due to their having a Provincial Grand Master who was at once respected and beloved, and under whom, if Masonry was ever to flourish, it would prosper under him. They had increased not only in the number of lodges, but also in the due proportion of the number of members of those lodges, and when they heard that day that there was something over 1570 now on their returns, he thought they as members of the province might well be proud of this magnificent result. He might venture to say without being the death's head at the banquet of the Egyptians, that prosperity had its duties and its dangers, perhaps, the greater because of the feeling of easiness it encouraged. Whenever he had been privileged to visit an Essex lodge he had seen work done which had reflected credit upon the province, and he had seen in the lodges at Chingford ceremonies rendered in a manner that could not be surpassed, but let him say how dangerous it was for individuals, how still more dangerous for a community or a body which rested upon its oars. Individual exertions which made a body what it was, and the great responsibility which each lodge felt, rendered the province a power in the great power of Masonry in the land, because none who were Masons and had a worthy conception of what they were as Masons but knew that Masonry was a great and progressive and an increasing power in the community at large. He felt as one of the officers that the great position which Masonry had taken generally, and the great position it had absolutely achieved in Essex, was in no small sense due to its head, and that the province recognised it in the most loyal manner he trusted the Prov. Grand Master would feel assured. On behalf of every brother he would express inadequately their delight and pride in their head, assuring him of their intense loyalty and devotion to the great Order of which amongst them he was the great exponent, assuring him too of their loyalty to the principles of their great Order, and while the success on which they congratulated themselves under him had been in the past great and appeared bright prosperity in the future, he would say that the Essex Masons, with Lord Brooke at their head, would yield nothing in their devotion to the great principles of the Order to any province in the country.

Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, said his excellent Deputy had proposed his health in a kind and cordial way, and the brethren had received it in the hearty manner they always did. He confessed that whenever he met them on those occasions it was extremely difficult for him to return thanks in appropriate terms for their kindness, not only on that day, but their kindness shown to him throughout the year. He was well aware of his shortcomings in his high office in which he was placed, but he was sure he always had their kind indulgence, and that they would always believe that whatever he did was after consideration with those with whom he was brought in contact Masonically in the work he performed in this province. Whatever Provincial Grand office was given by him it was given without any thought, save an earnest belief that it was given to the best man and the one most suited. There must always be some heart-burnings, but they were too loyal to let them exist for any time, and it would always be his wish, without favouritism, to appropriate those honours in the best way he possibly could. They had increased wonderfully and marvellously in the province. They had a number of lodges of whom any Provincial Grand Master might well be proud. He was thankful to say there was a go and energy about them which stirred them up to do the best they could in whatever position they were placed, and he was confident there was no more loyal or more excellent body of Masons than in the Province of Essex. In any increase in numbers they should be careful not to lose quality, but select with judgment and care those whom they proposed and introduced to their lodges, because, although Freemasonry was by no means an exclusive body, they wished to see in all candidates that the mark of nature's gentleman was upon him. He was sure that as Lord Lathom the other day bestowed upon their province words of praise privately, those words were what he considered deserving, and from the record of the Masonic Charities they were. He hoped they would always be ready to support Freemasonry by means of their purses and by means of kindly help and assistance, because Charity did not always consist of money, but a kindly hand held out when wanted, and he was convinced these principles were those which ought and would always guide every Mason in the province. In a great empire like theirs—great because it embraced within its folds countries which had been acquired by energy and power of colonisation—they were specially impressed with the importance of their Order when they saw their fellow countrymen coming over and attending Colonial lodges in London, their first feeling naturally was one of pleasure at belonging to the great body of the Old Country. The next feeling was that they were all bound together with the same bond of Freemasonry, and that they not only felt that it placed together the two names—the Queen and the Craft—in their far-away countries in the same way they did here. He trusted that might always be so, and could only say that so long as he presided over them

it would be his endeavour to maintain those great and noble principles. Before he sat down he would propose a toast which they would all welcome with the greatest cordiality and enthusiasm. It was a toast which had been drunk often, he was sure, in those rooms, and would be drunk again—"The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master." The Deputy Prov. Grand Master had said a few kindly words about him—more kind than he deserved—which he could most cordially reciprocate. There was no one who worked harder for Freemasonry than Bro. Philbrick, not only in his distinguished position in the province, but also in his distinguished position in Grand Lodge. Bro. Philbrick, like most of his brethren of the same cloth, had a most pleasant facility of talking, and could speak in an excellent manner, and what was also pleasant was that they felt all he said came from the bottom of his heart. He also had to join with this toast the names of the Provincial Grand Officers. They had an excellent Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Ralling, in whose praise he could not say too much, for he knew the tact and judgment exercised in the duties of his office. It was a great pleasure to be supported by such brethren as the Provincial Grand Officers, including an old friend, Bro. Lucking, Prov. G.D.C., and he most cordially gave the toast, coupling with it the name of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, O.C., D.P.G.M., on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, returned thanks. To study the interests of Masonry in the province had been to them a pleasant task, and that pleasure had been increased by their having the Provincial Grand Master at their head. They were now a province which was looked up to, and which was respected amongst other provinces, and that would stimulate them to further exertions—exertions which would redound to them as Masons of Essex and to the Provincial Grand Master as its head. It was with pleasure he alluded to the fact that out of 14 elected members of the Board of General Purposes Essex had three, which was an indication of their Masonic position.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.P.G.W. Herts, responded for "The Visitors," remarking that he was not aware of the great progress made in Essex, but he heartily congratulated them, and hoped they would continue in the same path.

Bro. J. TERRY, P.G.S.B., also responded, and thanked the province heartily for the vote of 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. CORBLE, P.P.G.W., replied for "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges of Essex," after which the Tyler's toast was given.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., Grand Supt. Oxon, acted as M.E.G.Z.; Comp. Thomas Fenn, as M.E.G.H.; and Comp. Col. J. Elliott, P.G. Sojourner, as M.E.G.J.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th April to the 14th July, 1891, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance Grand Chapter...	£394 9 7	By Disbursements during the	
„ „ Unappropriated		Quarter	£320 7 9
„ „ Account	181 17 1	„ Balance	496 19 2
„ Subsequent Receipts	431 18 1	„ „ Unappropriated	
		Account	190 17 10
	<u>£1008 4 9</u>		<u>£1008 4 9</u>

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have also to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. William John A. Baldwin, as Z.; William Whiteside, as H.; Richard Townley, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Baldwin Lodge, No. 1398, Dalton-in-Furness, to be called the Baldwin Chapter, and to meet in the Masonic Rooms, Castle Hotel, Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire (Western Division).

2nd. From Comps. Idris Bey Raghieb, as Z.; Hasan Hosny, as H.; Emilius Anselm, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Star of the East Lodge, No. 1355, Cairo, to be called the Star of the East Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Esbekiah, Cairo, Egypt.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, from the Criterion, Piccadilly, to the Hôtel Métropole, Northumberland-avenue, London.

The Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, from the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, to Blanchard's Restaurant, Beak-street, Regent-street, London.

The Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 742, from the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, to the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, Surrey.

The Stockwell Chapter, No. 1339, from the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

The Bedford Chapter, No. 157, from Freemasons' Hall to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of the above-named chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have also to recommend that, in consequence of a vacancy in the number of Trustees, caused by the death of M.E. Companion the Earl of Carnarvon, the M.E. Companion the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Grand H., be appointed a Trustee of the funded property of Grand Chapter, the surviving Trustees being the Earl of Lathom and Companion Robert Grey.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

15th July, 1891.

The recommendations of the Committee were, on the motion of Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, carried unanimously.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., said he had to report to Grand Chapter that at the last meeting, by inadvertence, a companion was proposed and elected as a member of the Committee of General Purposes

who was afterwards found not to be eligible. That companion was not aware that he was going to be proposed, or that he was proposed. On writing to ask him what chapters he had served as M.E.Z., the companion replied that he had not served a chapter as Z., and that he was not aware that he had been proposed. Another companion would, therefore, now have to be elected.

Comp. Capt. WALLS proposed Comp. Capt. Thos. Richardson, Comp. CLOWES proposed Comp. Henry Garrod, and Comp. DICKEY proposed Comp. J. S. Cumberland. Comp. Henry Garrod was elected.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE KINGSLAND CHAPTER, No. 1693.

The Kingsland Chapter, No. 1693, was consecrated on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E, assisted by Comps. Col. J. Elliott, D.G.M. Barbados, as H.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., as J.; J. L. Mather, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; and W. H. Lee, Prov. G. Scribe E. Middlesex, as S.N.

The founders present were Comps. J. Cooper, P.Z., M.E.Z. designate; Charles Fruen, H. designate; W. T. H. Mayer, J. designate; F. Brown, J. H. Collingridge, J. S. Anthony, and G. R. Dix.

The chapter having been opened, the Consecrating Principal addressing the companions said: We are met on an occasion of very great importance to all lovers of Royal Arch Masonry. We are assembled to give effect to a charter issued by the authority of the United Grand Chapter to form and constitute a chapter under its organisation. It is now 14 years ago since the Kingsland Lodge was established at Islington, and since then it has had a very prosperous career. The brethren have determined to add the cope stone to their Masonic structure by having a chapter attached, and have petitioned the Grand Chapter for this purpose. The charter has been granted and issued for the formation of a chapter to be attached to the lodge, and we are met to-day for the purpose of carrying out the orders of Grand Chapter. I hope the same excellent work which has been carried out in the lodge will also exist in the Kingsland Chapter, and that it will in course of time rank high among the chapters of the Order.

The D.C. having stated the wishes of the founders, they signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and charter, after which an excellent oration on the principles of Royal Arch Masonry was delivered by Comp. Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G. Chap.

The ceremony was proceeded with, and the chapter dedicated and constituted, the musical portions being rendered by Comps. H. W. Schartau and Egbert Roberts.

The Grand Scribe E. then installed the following companions into their respective chairs, viz.: Comps. J. Cooper, M.E.Z.; Charles Fruen, H.; and W. T. H. Mayer, J.

The officers elected and invested were Comps. F. Brown, S.E.; J. H. Collingridge, S.N.; J. S. Anthony, P.S.; G. R. Dix, Treas.; Robertson, 1st A.S.; and Fenner, 2nd A.S.

On the proposition of Comp. COOPER, M.E.Z., seconded by Comp. FRUEN, H., the Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected honorary members.

The G.S.E., on behalf of his colleagues, said they were extremely obliged for the compliment, which they accepted with many thanks, and trusted to have an opportunity of witnessing the success of the chapter.

A Committee having been elected to frame by-laws, and several propositions received, the chapter was closed.

A well-served banquet was followed by the customary loyal and Masonic toasts.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. alluded in cordial terms to the services rendered by them. They were all pleased to see Col. Elliott with them, whose part of the ceremonial was rendered as if it came from his heart, and whose name he coupled with the toast.

Comp. Col. J. ELLIOTT, D.G.M. Barbados, in reply, said that by virtue of his office in the Order, he had had to respond to that toast more than once or twice. He wished to express to the chapter his high appreciation of the kindness he had received. The work they had seen had been thorough enjoyment, and the banquet was excellent. The M.E.Z. had been pleased to make some observations as to his work in the chapter. He had heard it said before, and therefore it was not a novel thing, for the fact was he had been a reader in the Church, and more than that he had a licence which empowered him to do any work in the Church that a Deacon could do. He considered that a very great privilege, and he hoped he had appreciated it as such. The address he had heard that night from the Third Principal must have struck all companions very seriously and solemnly with their duties. They heard about brotherly love, relief, and truth. It was only the previous night that he had said that there was nothing nearer to his heart than to promote brotherly love and harmony wherever the opportunity presented itself. He further said that he could not understand how angry jealousy and rivalry could exist among Masons. To worship the Great Architect and love all His creatures, and raise their Order to its highest credit, to serve every brother and succour his widow was the care of every Mason, and the only rivalry into which he was permitted to enter. He thanked the M.E.Z. for coupling his name, and assured him that none could feel more thoroughly the interest of the chapter than he did himself.

"The Consecrating Principal and his Assistants" was next given by the M.E.Z., who said he had always hoped that whenever the Kingsland Chapter was formed it would be consecrated by Col. Clerke, and that had been fulfilled that evening. He thanked Col. Clerke on behalf of the chapter for the excellent manner he rendered the ceremony, and Comp. Rev. R. J. Simpson for his admirable oration, and he was sure that if the companions carried out the teachings contained in it, they would have one of the best chapters that had ever been formed. The officers would endeavour to do so, for they were not going in for numerical strength, but for true Masonry.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Scribe E., thanked the M.E.Z. for the far too flattering way he had spoken of him—they were in fact terms which to a modest man were a little trying. He was, however, obliged to the companions for so kindly receiving the remarks made. It was, he need scarcely assure them, a great pleasure to him as an executive officer to do all he possibly could for the advantage of, and to further the Order, and not only was it an imperative duty but a great personal pleasure. Taking an intense interest in the prosperity of the Order, he was delighted to see any movement to further their great Institution, and the foundation

of a chapter attached to a lodge which had for 14 years done excellent work must be a matter worthy of congratulation. The founders had a strong connection and had a very excellent First Principal, who had already gone through the First Principal's chair with great experience and who would do his work excellently, and supported as he was by old Masons, it would be their own fault if their chapter did not attain the success they wished it to have. The companions present would join in wishing all success to the new enterprise, and also express the hope that they would visit it to see the progress made. He gave them "Success to the Chapter and the Health of the Three Principals."

Comp. J. COOPER, M.E.Z., thanked the Grand Scribe E. very sincerely for his kind remarks. The fact that the S.W. and the J.W. of the Kingsland Lodge had been proposed that evening was enough to show the lines on which they were going, and they had also two or three other officers of the lodge who were now officers of the chapter, having been founders. It could be seen from this that the mother lodge was to the front and it was their intention to get the best members they could from it. He hoped and was sure they were looking forward to a very prosperous and happy time. It would not be his fault if they failed, for he had had the pleasure of doing the duties before, when it was said he carried them out efficiently and well, and he hoped to continue to do so in the Kingsland Chapter. He could not, however, do it by himself, but must be supported by his officers. He had not a very great knowledge of Comp. Fruen, H., but he had found him to be a good Mason and a thorough worker. They were indebted to their good friend, Comp. Mayer, J., for founding this chapter, for he had taken the greatest possible trouble, being anxious that it should be established while he was in the chair of the mother lodge. Comp. Mayer, J., had to continue a second year in the chair of the lodge, and had thereby seen his wishes gratified.

Comp. W. H. LEE, Prov. G.S.E. Middlesex, replying for "The Visitors," thanked the M.E.Z. for the kind and complimentary manner in which he proposed the toast, and also acknowledged the cordiality with which it had been received. It was at all times a very pleasurable feeling to receive an invitation to a lodge or chapter, but that pleasure was enhanced when it was an invitation to a consecration—and that consecration to be performed by Col. Clerke. They all expected a treat, for they knew the admirable manner in which it was always performed, and it was a great privilege to assist on such occasions. It was his pleasing duty to acknowledge the very hearty and cordial manner in which the visitors had been received, and he was expressing their sentiments when he wished the Principals a happy year of office and the chapter every prosperity.

Comp. H. P. ISAAC, P.Z. 288, said it gave him great pleasure to hear of the formation of this chapter, for he was one of the founders and the first J.W. of the Kingsland Lodge. He was also delighted to hear that Comp. Cooper was to be the First Principal. Although an old Royal Arch Mason he had never before attended the consecration of a chapter, but it reminded him of many things connected with the ancient race to which he belonged, and he was struck with the ceremony. He knew the M.E.Z. to be a zealous and worthy Mason, and was sure the chapter would flourish under him.

Comp. C. FLECK, P.Z. 172, having also responded, "The Officers" was given by the M.E.Z.

Comp. T. Brown, S.E., in response, said he knew the M.E.Z. would set an example, which he trusted would be followed by the officers, and if this was done the chapter would be one of the best. If the companions would place themselves in his hands and work, then they would conduce to the welfare of the chapter.

Comp. DIX, Treasurer, having returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him in electing him Treasurer, the Janitor's toast closed the meeting.

Under the direction of Comp. H. W. Schartau, assisted by Madame Johnson, Miss E. Bevans, and Comp. Egbert Roberts, an excellent programme of music was carried out.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Masons of Cornwall was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at Liskeard, under the banner of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 379. The brethren assembled in the Guildhall, which was tastefully fitted up as a Masonic lodge. Bro. Sir Chas. Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., 30°, P.G.M., presided, supported by his officers as follows: Bros. T. Chirgwin, 18°, D.P.G.M.; Major J. J. Ross, P.S.G.W.; Capt. G. H. B. Reed, P.P.J.G.W., as P.J.G.W.; J. G. Henwood, P.P.S.G.W., as P.G.M.O.; H. P. Vivian, P.S.G.O.; F. W. Thomas, P.J.G.O.; Rev. J. Core, M.A., P.G. Chap.; W. J. Johns, P.G. Sec.; W. J. Watts, P.S.G.D.; S. Trehane, P.J.G.D.; J. Adams, P.G. Std. Br.; G. William, P.G. Std.; A. Hunter, P.G. Std. Br.; and J. Langdon, P.G. Tyler.

There was a large number of brethren present.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, on opening the Prov. Grand Lodge, expressed his regret that his illness and that of his Deputy prevented the meeting from being held in May. He was afraid that the members of the Liskeard Lodge and some other brethren were inconvenienced by the consequent delay. He could assure them that the incident had been very annoying to himself. He very highly appreciated the warm fraternal feeling which the brethren exhibited towards him, but he sometimes doubted whether they were not occasionally over indulgent to him. He could not but feel that he was getting up in years, and a younger brother might carry out their business better.

Bro. E. Milford-Milford, P.G. Treas., was not able to attend, being on his holiday, and his report was read by another brother. The report was very satisfactory, there being a balance of over £8 in hand, after paying all liabilities.

The Worshipful Masters of the lodges or their representatives presented the reports of the lodges, which were all satisfactory, and showed promising progress of the Order in the province.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. W. J. JOHNS, reported that a new lodge, Mount Edgcumbe, No. 417, was consecrated at Camborne on January 8th in this year by the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and other distinguished brethren. It now numbered 25 members. The other lodges were progressing, and there were at present 360 contributing members in the province.

The reports were all received and adopted.

Bro. E. Milford-Milford was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The usual five guineas each were awarded to the Mark Benevolent Fund and the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and three guineas were voted to the St. Martin's Lodge towards the expenses incurred in the

holding of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge. The D.P.G.M. proposed that Prov. Grand Lodge should be asked to hold its next annual meeting at Truro. Invitations were also received from Penzance and St. Austell to hold Prov. Grand Lodge under their respective banners next year.

The brethren appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers were:

Bro. T. Chirgwin, 78	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" E. Venning, 379	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. P. Vivian, 417	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. G. Hancock, 379	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. H. Roberts, 379	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" G. Williams, 87	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. Core, 206	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. Milford-Milford, 73	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. J. Johns, 78	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. W. Hocken, 78	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Rowe, 87	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Sholto H. Hare	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Stribley	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" R. Pearce Couch, 404	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. W. C. Dudley, 175	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. P. Lillicrap, 351	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. R. Sobcy, 379	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. White, 404	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. H. Williams, 379	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" G. R. Mockridge, 404	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. J. Adams, 379	...	...
" J. W. Gill, 351	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Langdon, 78	...	...

It was pointed out that since 1883 no register of the Mark lodges had been printed. After discussion, it was decided that a report should be brought up on that question at the next meeting, with any suggestions which might be practicable.

In the evening the brethren dined together at Webb's Hotel. The Prov. G.M. presided, and the usual toasts were submitted.

THOMAS DUNCKERLEY: HIS LIFE, LABOURS, AND LETTERS.

Being the Substance of a Lecture delivered before the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 68, at Freemasons' Hall, Bristol, May 11th, 1891.

BY BRO. F. H. FULFORD, J.D.

Worshipful Master,—

We are taught in the Volume of the Sacred Law that the hearts of men, eminent either as regards their station in life, their abilities, or wealth, are under the governance of the G.A.O.T.U., who disposes and turns them as it seems best to His Divine wisdom. It was with this axiom in my mind that I commenced the study of Bro. Sadler's latest and already famous work on Thomas Dunckerley. I have endeavoured so to proceed that, as an E.A., I might be encouraged in my duty towards God, to my neighbour, and to myself; as a F.C. to seek further enlightenment in the paths of virtue and science; and, as a M.M., to improve in the most interesting of all human studies, the knowledge of one's self. And, having derived both profit and pleasure from a perusal of this valuable contribution to Masonic literature, I am doubly blessed this evening in being permitted to place in review before you some of its principal features. The work is embellished with a number of plates, the most important being a portrait of Dunckerley, which forms the frontispiece to the volume. It is an excellent reproduction from a portrait painted by Thomas Beach, and engraved by John Jones in 1789. It is a later work, by several years, than the portrait in the Masonic Hall at Poole, of which Bro. Sadler has given a graphic and characteristic description. You will probably have remarked that an engraving of this portrait hangs in the Committee Room of our hall. It appears to be an excellent likeness, and is undoubtedly a work of considerable merit. Those curious in such matters will have no difficulty in discovering a striking resemblance between Dunckerley and his reputed father, whose portrait is given in another part of the book. In the room in which our lodge of instruction meets is another portrait of our truly eminent brother, an engraving by C. West, from a painting by P. Van Dyke, and hanging on the west wall of our lodge room is an oil portrait, apparently the original of the engraving last mentioned. You will readily notice this "gentlemanly looking personage, of a somewhat florid countenance, cleanly shaven and rather expressive features, with very light brown eyes, which have a humorous twinkle in them." The book also contains a portrait of H.R.H. Frederick Prince of Wales, Dunckerley's half brother, assuming the story of his parentage to be correct. This Prince was the first of our Royal Family who was initiated into Freemasonry, and on that account the portrait should be of special interest to the Fraternity of the present day. Among other well executed heraldic illustrations and seals Bro. Sadler has given us a facsimile of Dunckerley's book-plate, a rarity even to collectors. It was originally engraved on copper in what is known as the "Chippendale" style, and bears upon the lowest central ornament the name of the engraver—Levi, of Portsmouth. The arms are those of King George II., with the addition of the baton sinister, or badge of illegitimacy. Below is the name "Thomas Dunckerley FitzGeorge," and the motto *Fato non merito* (By fate, not merit), applying very aptly when thus placed. His armorial seal bears the same shield, crest, and motto. Bro. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A., an expert in these matters, thinks it was engraved at a later period than the book-plate. There is also a Masonic seal or paper-stamp containing various emblems of Craft Masonry and two other seals used by Dunckerley in connection with other grades with which he was identified. The memory of our long deceased brother is cherished by the members of our Order in this province, and rightly so, as it was through his efforts that the "city and county of Bristol" was constituted into an independent Masonic province, in 1786 separate and distinct from the county of Gloucestershire. The wisdom of this step is fully exemplified by the fact of its having so remained down to the present day. Even to the younger recruits in our ranks his Masonic titles alone are sufficient to indicate that he must have been at least "a head and shoulders above his fellows" to have received such marks of distinction. "Hampshire was the first province placed under Dunckerley's care, and he was its first Provincial Grand Master, his patent bearing date 28th February, 1767." He was Provincial Grand Master of Essex in 1776, and made his first appearance in Grand Lodge in that capacity on the occasion of the dedication of Freemasons' Hall (London) by Lord Petre, then Grand Master, on the 23rd of May in that year. In 1786

the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden of England was conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge "in grateful testimony of his zealous and indefatigable exertions, for many years, to promote the honour and interest of the Society." Dorset, Gloucester, Hereford, Somerset, Wiltshire, and the Isle of Wight were also placed under his care and supervision by the several noblemen who at that period presided as Grand Masters of the Fraternity in England. A perusal of these pages will plainly show how well he deserved these honours, which, as Bro. Sadler observes and conclusively proves, were not always of his own seeking. In Royal Arch Masonry, then a distinct and independent Society, his services appear to have been in even greater request, he having been appointed Grand Superintendent of no less than 18 different provinces. The Masonic Knights Templar, now a compact and influential body, are indebted to him for having first brought them into prominence. He it was who first conceived the idea of consolidating this branch of the Order under a recognised head. The foregoing may be taken as a fair summary of who and what he was Masonically; that he was possessed of good principles is evinced by his letters, and it is our province this evening to consider whether our brother put them into practice. In his valuable work Bro. Sadler allows Dunckerley to speak, in the main, for himself, being satisfied, in his own mind, "that the series of original letters, which now for the first time appear in print, will furnish a far more accurate estimate of his character and Masonic achievements than any words of 'his own,' as well as throw considerable light on the early history and progress of the Order in many of the counties over which he so ably presided." Bro. Dunckerley was born in London, probably at Somerset House, on the 23rd of October, 1724. Of his early life we know but little more than that it was passed in the Naval service, and that his character and conduct were such as to have procured for him, at the age of 22, the important post of gunner of one of his Majesty's ships of war. In this capacity he took part in the siege and capture of Quebec in the year 1759, and on his return to England in January, 1760, he received intelligence of his mother's death, and obtaining leave of absence he went to London and attended her funeral. Among the very few that he invited to that ceremony was his mother's old friend and neighbour, Mrs. Pinkney. This lady communicated to him the full particulars appertaining to the incidents of his birth, given her by his mother on her death-bed, and which I do not think it would be well to repeat here. Suffice it to say that he was led to believe he was a natural son of King George II., who, when Prince of Wales, had known his mother intimately before her marriage. He was fortunate enough in April, 1767, to get his mother's declaration laid before King George III. (George II. having died without knowledge of Dunckerley's existence). His Majesty having read it seemed much concerned, and caused enquiry to be made respecting the character of the petitioner, which proving satisfactory he was graciously pleased to order him a pension of £100 a year, subsequently increased to £800 from his privy purse. It was during his naval career that Dunckerley was made a Mason, at the age of 29 years, in an old lodge at Portsmouth, now defunct, and so well did he apply himself to a study of the principles of our Craft that in 1757, not much more than three years after his initiation, we find him eminently qualified to deliver a charge in a lodge at Plymouth, of which he was then Master, on the occasion of the dedication of a room for the purposes of Masonry. This charge, entitled "The Light and Truth of Masonry," Bro. Sadler has reprinted, and I cannot forbear making a few extracts from it.* Dunckerley's love of Masonry, its principles and ceremonies, was of so ardent a nature as to induce him to take a most unique step, that of applying for a warrant to hold a regular lodge on board the ships in which he sailed. Two lodges were thus constituted at his request, one on board the Vanguard, of 70 guns, the other on board the Prince, of 90 guns. On his retirement from the service Dunckerley resuscitated these lodges on shore, and they are now in a flourishing condition in the Metropolis, one being the Royal Somerset House Lodge, No. 4 (so named from having met for a short time in Dunckerley's rooms at Somerset House), and the other called the London Lodge, No. 108 (from having been held for many years at the London Coffee House). With regard to these ship-lodges Bro. Sadler thinks there are many points which if light could be thrown on them would be of interest to the Fraternity. For instance, he would like to know in what part of the ship the lodge was held? Were the members summoned in the ordinary way—i.e., by letter from the Secretary or by the shrill pipe and stentorian cry of the boatswain's mate, something after this style: "D'ye hear there, fore and aft? All you Freemasons 'll muster in the after cockpit at seven bells, or some other bells." We notice that in the Lodge of Friendship (No. 6), of which, in 1767, Bro. Dunckerley became a member, an interesting presentation was made to the Duchess of Beaufort, as lady Patroness of the lodge, of a pair of gloves, at a cost of five guineas. In the records of the same lodge we also find that on December 9th, 1767, the Duke of Beaufort (Grand Master) being present, the brethren requested the Grand Master to indulge them with the privilege of wearing their swords in lodge hours, which his Grace was pleased to comply with, but being afterwards informed that this was an innovation and contrary to the ancient usages and customs of the Society, he withdrew his dispensation at a subsequent meeting of the lodge. Our ancient brother seems to have frequently used the quaint term "serious brother" in his correspondence. In a letter addressed to the Grand Secretary, in 1785, he writes: "When our Lodge of Harmony, at the Toy (Inn) Hampton Court, is increased, and can work, which, I hope, will be very soon, we shall be happy to see you and any serious brother." In that letter he also mentioned that a man named Tombs had behaved very ill at Bristol; and concludes another letter with "Greetings to all serious Brethren." Another of his lodges, the Prince of Wales's (No. 259), affords an interesting item in the shape of the first list of members returned to Grand Lodge by the Secretary, the Rev. William Peters, Grand Portrait Painter. Against the name of each member on the list is written a brief description of the individual, from the artists' point of view. For instance—Francis Broderip, 37, musical instrument maker, is "a good, jolly fellow;" John Hickey, 20, sculptor, "a very genteel young man;" George Saunders, 26, carpenter, "a smart dapper lad;" Thomas Hammersly, 41, banker, "much the gentleman, but go not near him with forged drafts;" Thomas Dunckerley, 63, gentleman, "something royal about him;" Henry Holland, 36, architect, "a comely man;" Thos. Ogle, 40, surgeon to the Prince of Wales, "very well—not too tall;" William Addington, 50, Justice of the Peace, "go not near him at Bow Street." The records of the Medina Lodge (No. 35) contain some quaint items. On the 12th of March, 1739, "Bro. Carter, on his marriage, generously treated the lodge to a gallon of wine." 1st Nov., 1753—"Bro. Seymour, being intoxicated with liquor, interrupted our R.W. Master in the

course of his lectures on Masonry, therefore it was unanimously agreed that he should be fined one bottle of wine for such offence." 18th April, 1754—"Bro. Wright proposed that every member or visitor who bring a Dogg into this Lodge shall be fined in the sum of one Shilling. A Ballot was demanded, and carried by a majority, that there should be no Dogg brought." . . . * Another memorial of Bro. Dunckerley in this city is St. Paul's Church in Portland-square, the foundation-stone having been laid by him in the year 1794, an account of which Bro. Sadler reprints from the "Freemason's Magazine" for August of that year. The ceremony having been performed in the customary manner, the brethren proceeded to St. James's Church to hear a sermon by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Small. During the service a Masonic hymn, and an hymn upon his Majesty's happy recovery, written by Bro. Dunckerley, were sung by the choir. The Fraternity then dined together at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, and we learn "that the greatest harmony, good humour, and brotherly love prevailed, and the brethren departed at an early hour, not without uniting in the grand design of being happy themselves and of communicating happiness to others," a donation of 20 guineas being sent to a widow in great distress. . . . There were impostors in those days, for Bro. Dunckerley writes under date 16th November, 1786, "That a person travelling by the name of Clark, who sometime since, kept a tavern in London, having fraudently obtained money from the lodge at Wells, notice of the same is given to prevent farther imposition, and whereas several persons disguised like Turks, who pretend they were made prisoners in attempting to relieve Gibraltar, have imposed on lodges at Bristol and Bath; notice of the same is hereby given that such itinerant mendicants may be detected." . . . Our brother had that well grounded comprehension of religion which is the surest protection against infidelity, and I take it that he would do nothing, be nothing, or say nothing that he would wish his dearest not to do, be, or say, and if we follow him in this respect our lives will prove one continuous blessing to ourselves as well as to those around us. He died at Portsmouth in 1795, in the 71st year of his age, deeply regretted by the brotherhood. "Brother Dunckerley's Masonic example was lost on his son, whose follies embittered the last years of his existence. Extravagance straitened the means, disorderly conduct afflicted the mind of the fond, unhappy parent. Every means were tried, ineffectually, to reclaim the wretched son. At his father's death, there being no provision left, he became a wanderer and an outcast. Being a Mason, he was ever besieging lodges and individuals. At last he became a brick-layer's labourer, and was seen carrying a hod on his shoulder ascending a ladder. This poor fellow's misfortunes and misconduct at length terminated, and the grandson of a king died in a cellar in St. Giles's. Worshipful Master and brethren,—I thank you very much for your kind attention this evening, and cannot do better than close with a recital of Henry W. Longfellow's "Psalm of Life," which breathes so much of the true Masonic spirit that one would be led to believe that he was of our Order, or to express an opinion that if he was not he ought to have been. Bro. Fulford then recited the beautiful poem mentioned, with which our readers are doubtless familiar.

THE AMERICAN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE.

The party, about 200 strong, of our American brethren, who, under the auspices of Temple Commandery, No. 2, Albany, N.Y., arrived in these islands last week by the City of Berlin, have timed their visit at such an awkward period of the year, and made their stay in London so short, that it has been found almost impossible to entertain them Masonically, as more than one lodge would have liked to do. So many of them were, however, members of the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle, like Bros. MacCalla and Strasser, or candidates for membership in the Circle, that it was felt by Bro. W. M. Bywater, the W.M. of the lodge in question, that a supreme effort must be made to give our visitors a welcome. The only possible way to do this at the short notice available was to ask them to an informal meeting for a chat, and to ask those of the members who were still in London and therefore get-atable to assist him in entertaining them. As events proved, this departure from the ordinary ways of Masonic hospitality was a great success, and much enjoyed by all present, not the less so probably as the occasion allowed of the American brethren being accompanied by some of their relations of the fairer sex.

On Friday, the 31st ult., therefore, the following brethren of the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle assembled in one of the private rooms of the Holborn Restaurant: Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., W.M., accompanied by Miss Bywater and Miss K. Bywater; Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Dr. B. W. Richardson; Colonel Sir Norman Pringle, Bart.; R. A. Gowan; C. B. Barnes; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; G. J. McKay, G. Std. Br.; and W. Lake. The visitors arrived about five p.m., viz.: Bros. C. H. Armatage, E.C. 2, the leader of the pilgrimage; A. N. Guthrie, Gen. 2, second in command; C. P. MacCalla, P.G.M. Pennsylvania; H. H. Ingersoll, P.G.M. Tennessee; Miss Mabel R. Ingersoll; B. F. Atkinson, P.G.C., Arkansas; Solomon Strasser, P.M. 3; W. H. Perry, P.E.C. R.I.; Hosea Q. Sargent, 32°, Ohio; Miss Mabel H. Sargent; and G. W. Clark, P.E.C., P.J.G.W. Arkansas.

Tea, fruit, ices, and general conversation served to pass an hour or so very agreeably, after which Bro. BYWATER, W.M., addressed the visitors, expressing his sorrow that the necessarily short notice had deprived the lodge of the pleasure of entertaining their guests in a more worthy manner, but bidding them heartily welcome, and trusting that this would not be the last occasion on which the lodge would be favoured with their company.

Supplementary addresses of welcome were then delivered by Bro. R. F. GOULD, and by the Secretary, Bro. G. W. SPETH, and replied to by eloquent speeches from Bros. C. P. MACCALLA, H. H. INGERSOLL, C. A. ARMATAGE, B. F. ATKINSON, and A. A. GUTHRIE.

The speeches concluded with an eloquent oration, which was loudly applauded, by Bro. Dr. B. W. RICHARDSON, on the purposes of the Masonic Institution, the ladies especially being much amused by his description of the way Miss St. Leger arrived at the distinction of being made a Mason.

The ladies having been presented with handsome bouquets, at which they expressed their delight, and previous engagements calling the visitors elsewhere, the guests bid their entertainers adieu, although with manifest regret. The little impromptu entertainment was an evident success, and all who took part in it appeared to have enjoyed themselves to the full.

Bro. William H. Avery, P.E.C. Cincinnati, and Miss M. Atkinson were unfortunately prevented at the last moment from attending.

* The Editor of the *Freemason* regrets that he is unable to afford space for these interesting extracts.

* We regret that we cannot find space for the lecturer's remarks on the Bristol lodges, which should be given here.—Ed. F.M.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

We have to thank Bro. E. J. Altman for a highly interesting account of the Craft in Johannesburg, South African Republic. It seems there are in that distant but flourishing town three lodges belonging to the Dutch, English, and Scotch Constitutions respectively. These own in common a Masonic Hall, standing in its own grounds, and capable of conveniently holding quite 200 brethren, which is devoted entirely to the uses of the Craft. The meetings, he says, are very frequently held, there being "one nearly every evening," but there are no banquets—except, we presume, on special occasions—and the lodge is merely "called off" for the purpose of taking some light refreshment, and then work is resumed till the whole of the programme has been exhausted.

Bro. Altman further describes the relations existing among the lodges of the three Constitutions as being of the most harmonious character; there is "the utmost unanimity and fraternity existing" amongst them, while the Master, Wardens, and brethren of each lodge "visit the others officially at least once during the year." He speaks of the working of the different lodges as being always "efficiently performed," the W.M.'s "always being perfect in their work, and the tracing boards always given in each Degree." In short, the picture he draws of Freemasonry is most satisfactory, and we shall be very pleased if in future letters he may have leisure to indite he will kindly favour us with other particulars of the Craft in Johannesburg.

Bro. Jos. L. Carson has forwarded us the following account of an "ancient Hebrew" ceremony. "When a contract was about to be made, to be equally solemn and binding on both contracting parties in its performance, it was ratified by the slaughter of an animal selected for that purpose. The animal was slaughtered by cutting the throat across at a single blow, so as to divide the windpipe, arteries, and veins without touching the bone. The breast was then cut open and the heart plucked out, and if there was the least imperfection found, the body would be considered unclean. Should all be right, the

animal was divided into two parts and placed North and South that the parties to the contract might pass between them from East to West." Perhaps some of our readers who are well posted in "ancient Hebrew" ceremonies will be kind enough to enlighten our worthy correspondent as to the accuracy or otherwise of this account, which he tells us he obtained "from a very old Mason," who had received it "when a young man himself from another old Mason."

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We have been favoured with a communication from Bro. Maurice Spiegel on the subject of the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution, and that of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., but as a definite appeal has been addressed to lodges and chapters in relation to the former, we do not consider it advisable to lay his letter before our readers.

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"A Cheshire Steward" has favoured us with a second letter, in which he takes us to task for having commented on his previous communication—about the surplus Stewards' Fees at the recent Boys' School Festival—without publishing it in our Correspondence columns. He concedes us the right to exclude letters which, in the exercise of our judgment, we may consider are best left uninserted, but denies us that of commenting on their statements. With due deference to our correspondent, we think he is wrong in this matter. We stated fairly the main purport of his letter, and we expressed our opinion that his complaint against the grant of 100 guineas as an honorarium to Bro. McLeod was uncalled for. His is not the first letter of complaint we have received on this subject, nor were our opinions on it made known for the first time last week. We therefore see nothing in the course we thought proper to adopt to which exception can reasonably be taken.

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There is, however, just one point on which it may be as well we should disabuse our correspondent's mind. We did not exclude his letter because his opinions and ours were at variance, but, if he will excuse us for saying so, because one or two of its paragraphs were not, in our humble judgment, conceived in quite the best possible taste.

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The following paragraph appeared in our last week's issue, but as no result has followed up to the time of going to press, we repeat it in our present issue: "We are asked to make known through our columns that a Past Grand Deacon, who was a visitor at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey last week, lost his full dress Grand Deacon's apron. As it was no doubt accidentally taken up by one of the Grand Officers and put in his case, it will, of course, be discovered, but probably not until the meeting of Grand Lodge in September, unless this should meet the eye of the said brother, in which case we shall be pleased to place him in communication with the owner."

Reviews.

REMINISCENCES OF TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF FREEMASONRY. By A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICER OF NORFOLK. London: J. Andrews and Co., 84, St. John-street, Smithfield, E.C. 1890.

The aspirations of the author of this volume are very modest. His ambition has been to interest his readers with matters of everyday Masonic life, and as he has served as W.M. of two Norfolk lodges and one in London, and appears to have exhibited a special liking for lodge work, his reminiscences, though relating to matters of very slight historic importance, are pleasant reading, while his experience will, no doubt, serve as a guide to those who may read his compilation, and are desirous of emulating his example as a painstaking and conscientious member. The book is light and chatty, and introduces to our readers many of the more distinguished brethren of the Province of Norfolk. No attempt has been made at fine writing, and the book is what it purports to be—a narrative of personal experiences which show satisfactorily the inner life of our private lodges without disclosing what may not be lawfully divulged. We have to thank the author for a leisure hour spent to excellent purpose in studying his reminiscences of Freemasonry during upwards of a quarter of a century.

ANTECEDENTS OF FREEMASONRY. A Paper read by Bro. THOMAS H. COLE, M.A., P.M. 40, P.P.A.G.D.C. Sussex, in the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, on Monday, October 13th, 1890. Hastings: Printed by Bro. C. J. Ticehurst, 21, Havelock-road. 1891.

There is nothing new in this paper. Indeed, the author, in his Introduction, frankly states that he is indebted for the information it contains to the first volume of Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry,"

which he justly eulogises as a work of pre-eminent merit. The title, too, is not sufficiently precise. The author in his lecture or paper does not concern himself about the antecedents in the sense of what preceded Freemasonry, but about the early forms of Freemasonry "antecedent to the Modern authorised" system as established in the early years of the Georgian era. But though the title is to this extent misleading, and the matter contained in the paper derived from the published history of a distinguished brother, the lecture is worth reading, and it would be well if other brethren who have devoted time to Masonic study followed Bro. Cole's example, and occasionally read a paper in lodge when there was no ordinary work to do.

FREEMASONRY: ITS NATURE, OBJECTS, AND PRINCIPLES. Oration delivered at the Dedication of the Masonic Rooms, Ramsey, Isle of Man, Tuesday, April 21, 1891, by W. Bro. THOMAS H. NESBITT, P.M., Dep. P.G. Master. Douglas: Printed by Bro. F. W. Spencer, at the *Manx Sun* Office.

Bro. Nesbitt is known and respected as an able executive officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man, but the oration before us, which he delivered at the dedication of the Masonic Rooms, Ramsey, in April last, places him before us in a new character, and gives him an additional claim on our regard as a painstaking student of the history and principles of Freemasonry. The oration is of greater length and somewhat more ambitious than usual, but Bro. Nesbitt's auditors must have been too deeply interested in his remarks to have noticed what, in a less carefully prepared address and one containing less valuable material, might have somewhat tried their patience. Bro. Nesbitt has travelled over the usual ground in his historical sketch of our Society, but he by no means adopts the grand ideas as to our origin which enthusiasts have fashioned for us out of their imagination, any more than he adopts as actual Grand Masters the long line of illustrious personages who have had the office assigned them by writers of the same imaginative school. The oration, indeed, is one that will be perused by all friends of Masonic literature, and we trust that Bro. Nesbitt may find many other opportunities of enlightening our Manx brethren on the "nature, objects, and principles" of Freemasonry: they will most assuredly derive great benefit from his instruction.



Cratt Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Corinthian Lodge (No. 1382).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, on Wednesday, the 15th ult., under the presidency of Bro. R. J. Pitt, assisted by Bros. W. J. Millington, P.M.; C. McLeod, P.M.; G. Smith, P.M.; and J. Morrison, P.M. The following officers were present: Bros. G. A. Saunders, S.W.; J. Carnaby, Treas.; A. Hoakley, Sec.; B. Barcham, S.D. (*pro tem.*); W. Bliss, J.D.; and E. Brindley, Stwd. Among the brethren present were Bros. A. Harper, Lewis Griffiths, W. C. Flint, W. H. Horner, H. Hawkins, H. K. Duan, J. W. Reynolds, C. Wheeler, W. Lea, G. Carter, G. T. Crayford, Jas. Hoods, J. H. Knightscales, Jno. Mills, 1765, and others.

The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Harper, Wheeler, and Norman were passed to the Degree of F.C. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an ample and well-served repast, which reflected credit on the purveyorship of the worthy host, Bro. Innocent.

After banquet the W.M. proposed the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which were enthusiastically received.

Bro. Millington, P.M., then, in his usual earnest and impressive way, proposed "The Health of the W.M." and congratulated the lodge that in him they had a successor worthy of those who had preceded him. Bro. Pitt was always at his post, and anxious to forward the business and promote the success of the lodge.

Bro. Pitt, having suitably replied, he proposed "The Past Masters."

In response, Bros. McLeod, Millington, and Geo. Smith spoke briefly.

Other toasts were proposed, and various brethren contributed to the harmony in the intervals, the proceedings terminating with the Tyler's toast.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The regular meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Criterion (Masonic Temple), Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. James J. Woolley, W.M.; Theodore H. Tilton, I.P.M.; W. Hancock, S.W.; George H. Reynolds, J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; J. Skinner, S.D.; A. Harris, J.D.; F. Jackson, I.G.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; J. Rowe, G. A. Bergholz, and C. O. Burgess, Stewards; J. Walkely, Tyler; F. Kedge, P.M.; H. Vilain, A. H. P. Snow, C. G. Rotter, W. J. Thrusell, G. T. Atkinson, S. Spooner, F. Hansen, H. E. Sanders, C. D'Alton, C. Hirsch, H. Lewis, G. A. M. Bowles, G. P. Bertini, C. G. Sherwood, W. S. Lincoln, J. Woodward, J. Williams, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. C. Connor, 32, Past G.M. Tennessee, U.S.A.; G. R. Langley, W.M. 2381; S. F. Cross, 1306; J. Dawe, 1288; W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321; F. J. Williams, 101; D. Haslett, P.M. 145; and E. D. Dalzell, P.M. 1549.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer reported the state of his account. A ballot was taken for Mr. C. G. Sherwood, a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous, and, being in attendance, he was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The P.G.M. of Tennessee, U.S.A., Bro. G. C. Connor, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge, and presented with the jewel of the lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Prince's Room, where a capital banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, assisted by his deputy.

After the brethren had done justice to the good things placed before them, the Worshipful Master gave the usual toasts in a most happy manner, and in reply to the toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada," Bro. G. C. Connor, P.G.M. of Tennessee, U.S.A., said it had afforded him much pleasure to be amongst them, and he wished the Anglo-American Lodge every success. He should have been sorry not to have been with them that evening, for it had been one of the happiest he had spent while in Europe. The idea of the lodge was grand, and he hoped at some future time again to visit them. He should always remember with delight the great honour conferred upon him of being unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge, and being presented with the jewel, which he should wear on his breast and take back to America as a memento, to remind him of how English Masons had received him. He was delighted with the work, although it differed somewhat from that in America, but it had the same meaning. The evening had been to him one of enjoyment and geniality, and would always remain in his memory as a happy visit to the Anglo-American Lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close, which had been much enlivened with some excellent singing by Bros. Curtis D'Alton, H. Bagge, E. D. Dalzell, W. H. Schartau, Org., under whose direction the music was arranged, and other brethren.

Scots Lodge (No. 2319).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Scottish Corporation Hall, Fleet-street, on the 23rd ult., and another success in every sense was scored by this energetic and prosperous lodge. As usual the proffers of hospitality were widely extended, and while there was a full assemblage of the lodge members, brethren representing all parts of the Empire were present as well. Had it not unfortunately been the day of meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey at Croydon, which caused many eminent brethren regretfully to decline the hearty invitation of the Scots Lodge the meeting would have been a record one for attendance. As it was, however, the company numbered nearly 60, amongst whom were the following: Bros. John Whitehead, P.M., M.E.Z., W.M.; John Page, P.M., W.M. elect; Lord Saltoun, Prov. G.M. Aberdeen City, S.G.W. Scotland, S.W. designate; D. F. Gellion, J.W.; James Thompson, Secretary; E. Johnston Gordon, Asst. D. of C.; D. R. Duncan, Org.; Peter Greig and Joseph Whitehead, Stwds.; David Charteris, Gray, F. Fainfull, Begg, Jas. MacArthur, J.P., W. S. Beaton, J. Plenderleith, Wm. B. Smith, Dan McKay, A. Gordon, Balfour Allan, Wm. Craig, William Laurie, T. Drummond Duff, Capt. G. P. Airey, T. Sandiland, Major F. W. Allan, C. de Bels Brownlie, John Milton, Piper; and Peter McLean, Piper. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Peter MacLagan, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Linlithgowshire; James Hozier, M.P., W.M. 20 (S.C.); J. Parker Smith, M.P., Partick Lodge; H. Goddon, P.M. Felix Lodge, Aden; John Gordon, P.M. 4 (S.C.); J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; James Edmeston, P.M. 1035; Dr. Nathaniel Goodchild, P.M. 704; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Frank Whitehead, 110 (S.C.); Jos. Whitehead, S.D. 1446; E. Churchman, A.D.C. 1425; John Milton, 259 (S.C.); J. William Stevens, 2234; W. Brooks, W.M. 766; Earnest Flint, S.D. 33; W. D. Church, W.M. 1365; E. Gabriel, 1818; J. M. Hanks, 2256; Donald McKay, St. James's Lodge (S.C.); Wm. Robertson, 2310; and H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1920. Letters of apology expressing their willingness but pleading inability to attend, owing chiefly to absence or pressure of Parliamentary duties, were read from over 30 eminent brethren, amongst whom were Bros. the Duke of Fife, Sir Archibald Campbell of Blytheswood, G.M. Scotland; Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Substitute G.M. Scotland; the Lord Mayor; John Aird, M.P.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec. Scotland; David Reid, G. Cashier Scotland; Lord George Hamilton; Geo. Shaw, C.C., Treasurer; Dr. D. M. Forbes, I.G.; Capt. Fletcher Campbell, D.C.; T. Grant, S.D.; John Wilson, M.P.; Seager Hunt, M.P.; J. Corbet, M.P.; W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P.; Col. Lumsden of Pitcaple, W.M. 2310; Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Scotland; the Earl of Mar and Kellie; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; and Lord Euston, I.P.M.

The lodge was opened, and after letters and communications and the Auditor's report, which showed a balance to the good, had been read, the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Whitehead, who duly installed Bro. John Page into the chair of K.S. The Worshipful Master then invested the following as his officers: Bros. Lord Saltoun, Prov. G.M. Aberdeen City, S.G.W. of Scotland, S.W.; D. F. Gellion, P.M., J.W.; Geo. Shaw, P.M., Treas.; J. Gray, P.M., Trustee; Jas. Thomson, Sec.; W. B. Smith, S.D.; Joseph Whitehead, J.D.; Jno. Whitehead, I.P.M., D.C.; D. Charteris, I.G.; Peter Greig, D. R. Duncan, and W. Craig, Stewards; E. Johnston Gordon, A.D.C.; Ashley Gordon, Org.; and Wm. Robertson, Tyler. Bro. Lord Saltoun having had a four-line whip sent him from the House of Lords, and he having four amendments in charge upon the Scotch Bill under discussion there, his lordship said he was deeply grieved to leave before the banquet, but he thanked the brethren for the high honour conferred upon him in having been appointed S.W., and he hoped that as S.W. he would be found an active and willing worker. He assured the lodge that his investiture as S.W. was looked upon as a great compliment to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and he trusted that every Scots Mason resident in London would rally round the national banner, and make the Scots Lodge what it ardently desired to be—the natural home of all Scots brethren, and the representative lodge of Scotland in the Metropolis. Bro. Lord Saltoun then nominated, and Bro. Major F. W. Allan, Prov. G.M. Gibraltar, seconded, for election as joining members of the lodge Bros. Peter MacLagan, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Linlithgowshire;

James Hozier, M.P.; J. Parker Smith, M.P.; and John Gordon, P.M. Lodge No. 4, Glasgow. There were also several other nominations for initiation and joining membership, while Bro. John Fergusson, of the Eccleston Lodge, and Bro. David MacDonald, Lord Dean of Guild of Aberdeen, were duly balloted for and elected members of the Lodge. Bro. John Whitehead was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel from the lodge by the newly-installed W.M., who said that Bro. Whitehead had endeared himself to every member of the lodge by his steady perseverance and great exertions in the pioneer work of the new lodge. Bro. Peter MacLagan, Prov. G.M. Linlithgowshire, was saluted with the honours due to his rank, and in acknowledging the salute he said it had given him very great pleasure to be present during the ceremonies, and he would carry the message to Grand Lodge of Scotland, and advise a judicious emulation of the English Constitution working. Bro. the Earl of Euston, the first W.M., having written resigning membership of the lodge, the resignation was accepted. The following lodges in Scotland specially deputed brethren to write or telegraph giving heartiest good wishes to the new W.M. and to the brethren of the Scots Lodge, viz.: Nos. 4, 5, 23, 110, and 223.

Masonic business being concluded, the usual procession, headed by the glorious Pipers and two Tylers in Highland costume, followed by the W.M., visitors, and members, proceeded to the banqueting hall, the walls of which were, as usual, bedecked with the flags and tartans of the clans. The menu, as usual, consisted of entirely Scottish dishes. It was catered for by Bro. Clemow, of Anderton's Hotel, and was served in excellent style. The haggis was brought in with Highland honours, Pipers Milton and McLean playing "Pibroch o' Donal Dhu."

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured,

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," in so doing he predicted that just as a Scotsman's heart warmed to the tartan so would all Scots Masons' hearts warm to the Scots Lodge and rally round the standard.

Bro. Peter MacLagan, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Linlithgowshire, in responding, expressed the extreme delight he felt at being able in the midst of his Parliamentary duties to visit the Scots Lodge, and he assured its members of the active sympathy and support of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He admired the Masonic working of the English Constitution, and hoped all Scots lodges north of the Tweed would emulate their southern brethren.

Major F. W. Allan endorsed the remarks of the brother, and added that there was a very successful bazaar held in Scotland in the early part of the year, which was entirely for Masonic Charity. The amount collected was over £20,000. He hoped they would have the same Masonic Benevolent Institutions in Scotland as they had in England.

Bro. Hozier, M.P., said he was perfectly charmed with the whole of the evening's programme, and he was only anxious for the time when he could sign himself a member of the lodge.

Bro. J. Parker Smith, M.P., remarked that Lanarkshire was to the front on that occasion just as it had been at Bisleigh all the week. He thanked the brethren for their invitation and their very hearty welcome.

Bro. John Gordon, of Glasgow, expressed his more than pleasure at visiting an English lodge (which was a Scots one) for the first time. After telling several racy anecdotes about some old minute books 169 years old, he concluded with Burns' farewell to the brethren of the mystic tie:

"May peace, harmony, and love
Unite you in the grand design."

Bro. Whitehead, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and personally thanked him as one of the founders of the lodge for the interest he had taken in the working of the lodge, and assisting the W.M. and Secretary in furthering the welfare of the lodge, and bringing the lodge to the front. He promised the W.M. the same vigorous assistance that he had himself given the lodge during his year of office, and he wished Bro. Page as entirely hearty and prosperous a year as he had himself had.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked Bro. Whitehead for his kind expressions, and the brethren for their very hearty response to them. He expressed his determination to keep the ball rolling, and to do his utmost for the good and welfare of the lodge. He then proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," and presented Bro. Whitehead with a beautiful jewel. It was, he said, through Bro. Whitehead's instrumentality in the first instance that the Scots Lodge was founded; but not content with that, Bro. Whitehead had worked to bring it to the state in which it now was. It was due to his untiring zeal and energy, aided by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Thompson, that it was in a flourishing condition. Bro. Whitehead never hesitated to sacrifice time and trouble on behalf of the lodge, and he was proud to think that the lodge was in such a flourishing state.

Bro. Whitehead, I.P.M., in reply, said his heart had been in the lodge and in its welfare, and he was proud to see that what he had done had met with the satisfaction and approval of the brethren. In leaving the chair he had the gratification of thinking that the Scots Lodge was now in a proud position. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said at its consecration that he saw no reason why the Scots Lodge should not be second to none. The time was not far distant when the Scots Lodge in London would be second to none in the Craft, and so long as he was spared to be a member of it he should always do his best for the interest of the lodge and for the honour of Scotland generally.

Bro. Whitehead, I.P.M., presented Bro. Jas. Thomson, the Secretary, with a copy of "Dr. Jamieson's Scottish Dictionary" and "Dr. Chambers' English Dictionary" very handsomely bound in Masonic blue morocco, as a mark of his appreciation of his services and assistance.

During the evening Bros. Jas. MacArthur, J.P., F. Faithfull Begg, J. Balfour Allan, E. Johnston Gordon, and others enlivened the evening with auld Scots songs, and the proceedings terminated with a Scots reel and "Auld Lang Syne."

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 9th ult., when there were present Bros. S. A. Auty, P.M.; W. M.; Alfred Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Edwd. P. Peterson, as S.W.; John Niven, J.W.;

John Haigh, P.M., Chap.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C.; Thos. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; Charles. H. Ellis, Treas.; John T. Last, Sec.; John Thornton, S.D.; Alfred J. Boyle, J.D.; Robert Smith Hird, as I.G.; John Morton and James B. Fearnley, Stwds.; and John Hill, Tyler.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge by-laws were read, and notice of motion given by the Secretary regarding the constitution of the lodge of instruction. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

JERSEY.

Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 491).—On Monday, the 27th ult., there was the usual large attendance at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's. There was no work on the agenda, but the brethren went to enjoy the harmony and good feeling which prevails in this lodge, and the excellent working for which the Royal Sussex is looked upon in the province. The ceremonies of the Stability ritual are always gone through in a most exemplary, perfect, and impressive manner, and the precision with which every officer, from the W.M. to the I.G., performs his work is remarkable. The exertions of their indefatigable Secretary, Bro. J. H. Goldsmith, P.M., make themselves everywhere beneficially felt.

Among those present were Bros. T. Palmer, W.M.; E. L. Bisson, I.P.M.; F. A. Jubal, S.W.; P. G. Hamilton, acting J.W.; G. F. Baker, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Goldsmith, P.M., Sec.; J. Taylor, S.D.; J. Tocque, J.D.; H. Mather, I.G.; H. E. Baker, E. H. Drake, J. W. Tyacke, and J. Le Poidevin. Visitors: Bros. Rev. O. M. Holden, 357; W. G. Vowles, 103, P.P.S.G.W.; F. S. Bott, W.M. 1388; W. H. Chapman, P.P.S.G.W.; H. M. Walden, 958 and 1003, P.P.S.G.W.; P. E. Sohler, 877, P.G.S.; P. G. Hamilton, P.M. 1003; L. P. Hespriadoux, P.M., Sec. 244; D. Sullivan, 245; A. Hadley, J.W. 958; and several others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the heavy routine business having been disposed of with the usual dispatch of the Secretary, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors being expressed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent cold collation, under the able caterership and supervision of Bro. G. Rogers, the custodian of the Temple.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, interspersed with songs and recitations by the musical brethren, and one of the most pleasant evenings was thus spent, which the Tyler's toast brought but too soon to a termination.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. J. H. Bletcher, W.M.; A. L. Peace, I.P.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, S.W.; J. Constable, J.W.; Rev. J. G. Littlewood, Chap.; A. P. Robotham, Sec.; G. Kenyon, S.D.; W. Martin, J.D.; A. Goodhead, Org.; W. Pickering, I.G.; W. Livingstone, Almoner; R. N. Brunyee, Stwd.; F. T. Turner, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. Barley Maskill was initiated, the work being performed by Bros. Bletcher and Peace, and the charge given by Bro. Ashlin. A vote of condolence to the P.G.M., Bro. Tew, in his affliction, with sincere hopes for his speedy recovery, was unanimously passed. Bro. Robotham presented a beautiful gong to the lodge.

The brethren afterward sat down to an excellent banquet.

Royal Arch.

JERSEY.

Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 491).—A meeting of this prosperous chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Monday, the 20th ult., when there were present Comps. Samuel Gilley, M.E.Z.; Oliver Dodge, H.; P. G. Hamilton, J.; W. W. Richardson, S.E.; Dr. Thomas Aubin, P.Z., Treas.; Adolphus Curry, P.S.; Thomas Leat, S.N.; George Rogers, Janitor; and several members. Visitors: Comps. L. P. Hespriadoux, P.P.S. 491; Capt. J. Ford, 244; Capt. J. C. Barrette, 244; O. M. Holden, 357; and others.

The minutes of the regular convocation held on April 20th were read and confirmed. Much disappointment was felt by the companions, owing to the enforced absence of a candidate for exaltation that evening. Routine business therefore having been transacted, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banqueting room, to partake of the usual repast, presided over by Comp. S. Gilley, M.E.Z., and during the evening the different loyal and Royal Arch toasts were interspersed with songs by Comp. A. Curry and others, and recitations by Comps. Dr. Maxwell, Le Cronier, and George Rogers.

The Janitor's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

The working of the above chapter is according to the Stability ritual, and the execution of the ceremonies in every respect faultless.

SHIPLEY.

Moravia Chapter (No. 387).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Salthaire Institute, on Wednesday, the 1st ult., when, amongst others, the following officers were present: Comps. Wm. Oddy, Z.; J. L. Atherton, P.Z., Prov. G.H., H.; John Tillotson, J.; Thos. Denby, P.Z., Treas.; John Hey, P.Z., as S.E.; Joseph Wilson, P.Z. 302, as S.N.; and John P. Last, P.S.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. G. R. McGregor, W.M., John Tillotson, P.M., and Walter Slicer, all of 439, which proved unanimous in each case, and Bro. McGregor and Slicer being in attendance, they were respectively exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by Comp. Atherton, Prov. G. H., in a manner which left nothing to be desired. A candidate was proposed for exaltation at the next convocation, after which the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Mark Masonry.

HARWICH.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 413).—This lodge, which was constituted about this time last year, held its first installation meeting at the Great Eastern Hotel, on the 30th ult., when Bro. A. J. H. Ward, P.A.G.D.C., was installed W.M. by Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, G. Sec. of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. The officers of the year were invested as under: Bros. R. Clowes, G.O., Prov. S.G.W., I.P.M.; W. Murray, S.W.; G. T. Helsdon, J.W.; J. H. Vaux, M.O.; H. G. Everard, S.O.; Harold Gurney, J.O.; Morgan Jones, Chaplain; W. Groom, Treasurer; M. L. Sanders, Secretary; S. Winter Parker, Registrar; J. R. Watson, S.D.; E. J. Rant, J.D.; R. Pattle, D.C.; C. R. Salter, Org.; Beaumont, I.G.; R. Wilson and W. Green, Stwds.; and J. Smith, Tyler. At the close of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Grand Secretary for his kind attendance, with other Grand Officers. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Richard Clowes, Grand Overseer, Prov. S.G. Warden East Anglia, for the kindness and geniality he had shown as the first Worshipful Master of the lodge, and he was presented with an extremely pretty founder's jewel, inscribed as follows: "Presented to W. Bro. R. Clowes, G. Std. Br. England, first W.M. St. Nicholas Lodge, by the brethren, as a token of affection and esteem." Bro. Clowes, in responding, said that, wishing to leave some memento of his Mastership, he had had a banner made for the lodge, which he asked them to accept at his hands. The W.M., in the name of the lodge, thanked Bro. Clowes for his kind gift. It was also understood that an adverse balance in the accounts of a little over £5 had been generously paid by Bro. Clowes. Several candidates having been proposed for advancement, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to dinner, which was elegantly served at the Great Eastern Hotel, under the superintendence of Bro. Cooksey, the manager.

Among the brethren who attended the meeting besides those already mentioned were Bros. Robert Berridge, G.D. of C.; Gordon Miller, G. Treas.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.G.C.; T. J. Ralling, P.G.D.; J. P. Lewin, G. Std. Br.; H. W. G. Abell, P.G. Std. Br.; R. D. Poppleton, W.M. 145, Prov. S.G.O.; W. Sowman, P.M. 145, P.P.G.O.; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 145, P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

Lord Euston had accepted an invitation to be present, but at the last moment was prevented from attending.

JERSEY.

Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—This old and very prosperous Mark lodge met at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Wednesday, the 15th ult. Bro. Peter Bois, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Thos. Stone, I.P.M.; F. J. Godfray, S.W.; L. P. Hespriadoux, P.M., acting J.W.; F. Vincent, M.O.; C. Roberts, acting J.O.; J. H. Goldsmith, S.O.; W. J. Pugsley, Treas.; P. G. Hamilton, acting Sec.; Captain J. C. Barrett, S.D.; J. Mayler, acting J.D.; E. H. Drake, I.G.; Geo. Rogers, Tyler; and numerous members and visitors.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot for advancement was taken for Bros. Captain C. E. Malet de Carteret and Captain Withington, both of 877, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. Captain C. E. Malet de Carteret being in attendance, was then most ably and impressively advanced to the honourable Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., Bro. Peter Bois, assisted by a complement of most able officers. The ceremonies were gone through in such perfect manner and style on this occasion that everyone assisting enjoyed a mental treat of no mean capacity. This work being completed, the acting Secretary read several communications.

Candidates for advancement having been proposed, and "Hearty good wishes" for the welfare of the Cæsarean Lodge expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board, under Bro. Rogers' special and excellent supervision.

The usual loyal and Mark toasts were duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast brought a very sociable and pleasant gathering to an end.

The conviviality of the evening was pleasingly diversified with music and songs.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Steele, W.M.; F. Reeves, S.W.; Lyell, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Windsor, J.D.; Ellison, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, Balcombe, Nettleship, Folkard, Evans, Bate, and Gilbert.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Balcombe having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Folkard having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Folkard duly raised to the Degree of a Master Mason, Bro. Windsor acting as S.D. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. F. Reeves was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 10th inst.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th ult., at the Somerset Arms, Fulham-road, when there were present Bros. Morrish, W.M.; Witts, S.W.; Ambler, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Tucker, Sec.; F. Thomas, S.D.; Ollive, J.D.; Ingram, I.G.; F. Bramley, 1585; Styles, and Neville.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Styles being the candidate. Bro. Bramley answered the usual questions

leading to the Second Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were then worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was called off and resumed. The 3rd Section of the First Lecture was then worked. The W.M. rose for the first and second times. It was proposed by Bro. Witts, seconded by Bro. Tucker, and unanimously agreed, that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of Bro. P. Kirke, P.M. 144, who recently died. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. C. F. Cox, W.M.; H. H. Nuding, S.W.; J. W. Drysdale, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; D. G. Imlay, acting Sec.; H. Leighton, S.D.; H. Neville, J.D.; D. Carter, I.G.; H. Sadler, F. Oviedo, and Freemantle. Visitors: Bros. Price, 2182, and Fraser.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Alison Lister, 1965, which was unanimous in his favour. Bro. Freemantle having offered to act as candidate, he was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The candidate returned, and the ceremony of passing was very ably rehearsed by Bro. Cox. The explanation of the second tracing board was given by Bro. H. H. Nuding. Bro. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, then worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture, and Bro. Kirby the 5th Section of the same Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Price was proposed as a joining member. This being the first occasion on which Bro. Cox had occupied the chair of W.M., Bro. Kirby proposed that a congratulatory vote of thanks be accorded him for the able manner in which he had worked the ceremony and presided over the lodge that evening, and that the same be recorded on the minutes of the meeting. This was unanimously carried, and Bro. Cox responded in suitable terms. Bro. H. H. Nuding, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the third ceremony and the 6th Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. R. Reid, W.M.; T. Jobson, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; Phillips, S.D.; Hyde, J.D.; Bone, I.G.; F. Craggs, M. Speigel, J. Banks, W. Blackman, and J. Davies, P.M. 169.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Banks offering himself as candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was then worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies. Bro. T. Jobson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; J. Bartlett, S.W.; W. L. Crowe, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Davies, P.M. 169, S.D.; E. F. Ginder, J.D.; M. Rosenberg, I.G.; H. Campbell, Stwd.; F. C. Watts, P.M. 91; and M. J. R. Dundas.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dundas being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Campbell candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. A vote of thanks to Bro. Conway was passed for the admirable manner he had rehearsed the duties of W.M., which compliment was duly acknowledged. Bro. Bartlett was elected W.M. for the 10th inst. A letter from Bro. Jubal Webb was read, thanking the brethren for their congratulations on the occasion of his only daughter's marriage. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—At the usual meeting of this lodge, held at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Thursday, the 30th ult., there were present Bros. Hill, P.M., W.M.; Emden, S.W.; Ives, P.M., J.W.; Pitt, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); Colley, Hon. Treas. and Sec.; Williams, Asst. Sec.; Relf, S.D.; Gaskell, P.M., J.D.; Carlton, I.G.; W. Smith, Tyler; Dornier, Fades, Andrews, Stafford, Miller, and Wildbore.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Williams then answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted, and retired. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Williams was raised to the Degree of M.M., the W.M. giving the full ceremony in an able manner. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Hill and Andrews were unanimously elected joining members, and returned thanks. The dues were collected. The W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Emden was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. Upon the W.M. rising for the third time, a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for the able work he had performed during the evening, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. T. W. Hambly, W.M.; W. Hoggins, S.W.; J. H. Warwick, J.W.; G. H. Foon, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treasurer and Secretary; A. Schwerze, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; J. Wise, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Daniel J. Avery, P.M. 411, Chicago,

U.S.A., D.D.G.M. 2nd Division, Illinois, U.S.A.; C. Corby, and R. Kirk.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Wise offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Hoggins was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the Secretary proposed that Bro. Daniel J. Avery, P.M. 411, Chicago, D.D.G.M. 2nd Div., Illinois, U.S.A., be elected an honorary member of this lodge, and, in doing so, regretted that he had not known of Bro. Avery being in London, or otherwise he would, on behalf of the Anglo-American Lodge, have given him a welcome on the previous Tuesday, when he would have met the P.G.M. of Tennessee, U.S.A. Seconded by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, J.D., and carried unanimously. Bro. D. J. Avery thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and should take back with him to America the remembrance of a pleasant evening in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Avery gave a most interesting account of how Masonry was carried out in the United States of America, and the great assistance given the brethren in Chicago at the great fire in that city. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, S.W.; James Wiggins, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; J. H. Morrish, S.D.; E. J. Green, J.D.; H. Wake, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; G. Swann, P.M.; P. J. Davies, W.M. 865; C. E. Betts, S. Sidders, A. C. Brown, and H. F. Williams.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. A brother offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having been duly examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A communication from Bro. Danby having been read, the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M.; Jesse Collings, P.M., S.W.; B. H. Davies, J.W.; G. Swann, P.M., I.P.M.; F. Craggs, Sec.; C. Woods, S.D.; J. B. Cory, J.D.; T. C. Dyer, I.G.; C. C. Barber, P. J. Davies, W.M. 865; and W. G. Foster.

The lodge having been opened in due form, was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Barber offered himself as a candidate for raising, and he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, inclusive of the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. Collings, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Davies was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. S. Whiteley, W.M.; Powell, S.W.; T. W. Biggs, J.W.; James Sims, P.M. Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); John Davies, P.M., S.D.; M. Speigel, P.M., J.D.; J. N. Baxter, I.G.; and W. Cochrane, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; R. Reid, and S. F. Harbord.

Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Cochrane offered himself as a candidate for passing, and proving proficient on examination, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. P. Trickett, W.M.; G. J. Westfield, S.W.; W. W. Cook, J.W.; Wm. Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas., Preceptor; N. Fortescue, Treas.; W. P. Allen, Sec.; J. Ives, P.M., S.D.; C. H. Bestow, J.D.; T. H. Lloyd, I.G.; J. Collett, Steward; T. W. Stacey, Org.; Dr. Dunbar, R. Jeremy, W. J. Short, T. How, W. Smith, W. T. Lewis, J. Clark, A. H. Wilson, S. C. Bateman, Baillie, F. Taylor, W. F. Stauffer, C. Horst, J. Wilson, P.M.; W. Gouling, G. W. Knight, P.M.; J. King, J. Pinder, P.M.; C. MacCalla, J. Kempthorne, and G. McGowan, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Oakden having offered himself as candidate, answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was called off, and having been duly called on, Bro. C. H. Bestow occupied the chair, and Bro. Clark answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Clark raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Westfield was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A very hearty and cordial vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the very excellent way in which Bro. Trickett had worked the second ceremony for the first time. There being no further Masonic business, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

The yachting season proper at Cowes opened on Monday, and the pretty little town has been looking its best and lightest during the week.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWPORT.

Ivor Hael Chapter (No. 34).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 29th ult., when the members of the Supreme Council held a meeting in the 30°. The members present were Ill. Bros. H. D. Sandeman, 33°, G. Secretary General; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Chancellor; F. Richardson, G. Treasurer General; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, G. Marshal; together with Ill. Bro. James H. Matthews, 33°, G.D. of C., and Inspector-General of the South-Eastern District.

These brethren conferred the Degree upon the following brethren: Bros. Alfred Taylor, Charles Callum, W. G. Flanders, J. H. Taylor, L. W. Paynter, Robert Lock, John James, J. Morrison McLeod, J. M. Gerhold, F. R. Tidd Pratt, and Arthur H. Roberts. The ceremony was performed by Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman in an impressive manner. There were also present at the meeting Bros. T. G. Jones, George H. Llewellyn, Capt. S. G. Homfray, 32°; W. H. Richards, F. E. Renfry, the Rev. W. L. Stradling, D. Rces, 30°, M.W.S. Perseverance; Richard Price, W. Anstice, A. P. Fabian, and several others.

Later in the afternoon a meeting of the Ivor Hael Chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Past M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bros. Sandeman, 33°, as Prelate; Capt. S. G. Homfray, as Marshal and Raphael; and Col. T. Perkins, 32°. The following brethren were also present: Bros. Alfred Taylor, 30°; T. G. Jones, 30°; G. H. Llewellyn, 30°; W. G. Flanders, 30°; Chas. Callum, 30°; Arthur Roberts, 30°; L. W. Paynter, 30°; Richard Price, 30°; Wm. Austice, 30°; A. B. Fabian, 30°; C. H. Oliver, 30°; F. A. Powell, J. J. Williams, J. Munday, George Hazell, Edward J. Whitley, G. F. Green, J. A. Miller, T. Kerman, F. Phillips, and A. Thornton, together with the following visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, F. R. Tidd Pratt, John James, Robert Lock, W. H. Richards, J. Renfry, J. H. Taylor, the Rev. W. L. Stradling, and Wm. Watkins, Baldwin Chapter, T.I.

The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for several candidates. Bros. Gardner, Thomas Jones, W. H. Williams, S. D. Churchill, H. P. Roberts, Alfred Freke, Henry Peach, and E. W. Evans being in attendance, were passed through the intermediate Degree by Ill. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, who conferred upon them the 18° in a most effective manner. Bro. T. G. Jones, 30°, M.W.S. elect, was then presented by Ill. Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, and duly installed by Ill. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke in a very able and impressive manner. The following officers were appointed: Ill. Bro. G. H. Llewellyn, 30°, as Prelate; Bro. G. Hazell, 1st General; Ill. Bros. Gerhold, 30°, 2nd General; S. G. Homfray, 32°, Treas.; Bro. F. Phillips, Grand Marshal; Bro. A. Thornton, Raphael; Ill. Bro. Flanders, 30°, as D.C.; Bro. Munday, Herald; Bro. Miller, C.G.; Ill. Bro. C. H. Oliver, 30°, as Organist; Bro. Shackell, as Almoner; and Bros. Fletcher and Richards as Outer Guards. The M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Major T. G. Jones, then handed to Ill. Bro. Sandeman the orders and fees of the 32°, on behalf of the lodges of the province, to invest Ill. Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray on his preferment by the Supreme Council to the 32°. Ill. Bro. Homfray returned thanks for the great kindness shown him by the brethren of the lodges of the province, and assured them that he would continue to use every effort in the interest of the province, and hoped that he would be spared many years to assist in that great work of Charity. Ill. Bro. Col. Thrale Perkins, 32°, then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Supreme Council for their presence, and named especially Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, for his past services as first M.W.S. of the chapter; and also for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremonies, in perfecting the candidates, and installing the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke then suitably replied, and the chapter was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Westgate Hotel, presided over by Ill. Bro. Major T. G. Jones, 30°.

WHITEHAVEN.

Border Chapter (No. 102).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., when E. and P. Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, 18°, M.W.S., presided, supported by Ill. Bros. P. de E. Collin, 30°, P.M.W.S., Prelate and Recorder; J. Paterson, 18°, S.G.; Rev. J. Anderson, 18°, J.G.; Geo. Starkey, 18°, as G.M.; Spencer Broadbent, 18°, Capt. of Guard; and J. Casson, O.G.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ballot was taken for M.W.S. and Treasurer, when E. and P. Bro. R. J. Nelson, 18°, was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Ill. Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, 31°, P.M.W.S., Treas., and Bros. Usher and Casson, O.G.'s. Bro. Starkey was presented with his Grand Council Certificate. The M.W.S. said since the last quarterly convocation Ill. Bro. Col. Sewell had received the Degree of 31°, and Ill. Bro. Collin, 30°, and he could not allow the opportunity to pass without moving that the hearty congratulations of the chapter be given to these worthy and distinguished brethren. It was a high honour, and one they all felt sure they highly prized. Bro. Rev. James Anderson, 18°, said it gave him much pleasure to support the motion made by the M.W.S., as he considered it not only an honour to their illustrious brethren, but also to the chapter, and hoped they would be long spared to wear their badge of office. The motion was put and carried with applause. Ill. Bro. Collin, 30°, being present, briefly replied on behalf of Col. Sewell and himself, and said he felt much pleased at being a member of the 30°, and he should not fail to convey to Bro. Sewell the hearty good wishes of the Border Chapter. Two members were elected to audit the accounts, and the chapter was closed.

The Prince of Naples arrived at Plymouth on Friday, the 31st ult., and was received at the station by the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince George of Wales, Prince Alfred of Edinburgh, and the chief naval and military officers. His Royal Highness, who was the guest of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, dined at Admiralty House, and was afterwards present at a dance given by General Harrison. He returned to town on the following day, and on Sunday dined with the Duke and Duchess of Teck at the White Lodge, Richmond Park. On Monday the Prince paid a second visit to the Queen at Osborne.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

This annual event took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at Eastbourne, and, as a result of the marked progress made by the lodge, was attended with great success, as Bro. Ben Johnson, the W.M., at the festive board found himself supported by a company numbering but a unit or two short of a hundred. The place selected for the summer festival was Eastbourne, and thither the members, friends, and ladies, were conveyed in saloon carriages, which enabled them to enjoy the advantage of fraternal instinct in the customary chat, the lubricating laugh, and the genial good humour which it should be said was obviously abundant among the brethren, and found demonstration in the usual way, song and recitation relieving the railway journey.

On arrival at Eastbourne the company distributed themselves according to their taste, but as was subsequently shown all had found the necessary appetite for the capital banquet which was ready at 2 p.m. at the Queen's Hotel, the principal chairs being taken by Bros. Ben Johnson, W.M.; T. Green, S.W.; and Maxfield Mead, J.W. Amongst the members present were Bros. John Collier, Treas.; W. J. Roberts, Sec.; G. E. Warn, S.D.; John Bussey, I.G.; E. Hambridge, D.C.; A. Peterken, P.M.; H. B. Forbes, P.M.; R. Toole, P.M.; W. Davis, Hutcheson, Horne, Thornton, Neale, G. W. Holmes, S. Harris, Lewsey, Flynn, Boorer, White, Shadrake, Miners, Spiers, Selby, Oates, Bird, Liell and Moss. Among the visitors were Bros. W. E. Morrison (Mayor of Eastbourne), W.M. 1110, P.P. S.G.W.; J. Spraggs, J.D. 865; Mrs. Hutcheson, Mrs. Warn, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Hambridge, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, sen., Mrs. Johnson, jun., Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and Mrs. McLeod; Bro. Pierpoint, P.M. 177; Mrs. and Miss Horne; Bro. J. W. Gibbs, Org. 1804; Mrs. Bussey, Mrs. Forbes, Bro. D. Annan, 1804, and Mrs. Annan; Bro. March, 861, and Mrs. March; Bro. A. J. Harvey, 9; Bro. G. and Mrs. Ives; Bro. Bridgeman, 1815; Mr. and Mrs. Morsley, Mrs. H. W. Boorer; Bros. C. W. Toomes, P.M., W. M. Caffyn, P.M., Creighton, S.W., Sutton, Org., Skinner, J.D., and Andrews, all of 1110; Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Flynn, Bro. Crowley, 315 and 1110; Bro. Dean, P.M. 1110; Miss Taylor, Miss Holmes, Miss Pierpoint, Bro. Jas. and Mrs. Evans; Bro. and Mrs. Hays; Mrs. and Miss Holsworth, Miss Hopley, Mrs. Selby, Mrs. Liell, Mrs. Moss, Bro. Hornby, Mr. Ashton, Master Mead, and others.

Capital catering had done its best, and the banquet was placed on the table in a manner which gave great satisfaction to all, and added to the reputation of Mr. Steinle (the manager), ample provision being made, and in the course of time the end of the elaborate menu was reached.

The W.M. then gave "The Queen and the Craft," and Bro. John Bussey, I.G., gave the vocal accompaniment.

After this, of course, came "The Grand Lodge Officers," also thoroughly honoured with toast and song, the solo "God bless the Prince of Wales" being given by Bro. W. J. Roberts, Sec.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, the Secretary to the Boys' School, then rose, and taking care to introduce some facts to show the value of Freemasonry in a capital speech, proposed "The Bromley St. Leonard Lodge," alluding to the great interest in its welfare taken by the W.M., and adding that he was admirably supported by his "Boswell," Bro. Mead, a joke which was appreciated all round.

This toast was drunk with fervour, as it is known in Bromley, and after a song by Bro. G. W. Holmes, the W.M. replied. He was proud, he said, to see so many members and friends and so many ladies present on the occasion, which was in one sense a very special one, it being his duty to unfurl the lodge banner.

This was accordingly done, and a very pretty silk banner was exposed to view above the head of the W.M., who, proceeding with his remarks, expressed the desire and the belief that there never would be a stain on the banner as the consequence of failure of duty on the part of any member of the lodge, which he trusted would go on in the path of improvement, prosperity, and strength. Proceeding onward, the W.M. said it was his pleasure to be deputed to recognise the services of their worthy Treasurer, Bro. John Collier, whose services to the lodge were known to all the members, by presenting him with a Treasurer's jewel. This was done amid warm applause.

Bro. COLLIER rose to thank the brethren for the present, which he said had taken him by surprise. It was most gratifying to find that such generous sentiments actuated the members of the lodge as to prompt that handsome gift, which he should always prize, not for its intrinsic value, but for the spirit which dictated it.

Bro. SPIERS then proposed "The Ladies," and amused the company with his appreciative eloquence about "the charming divine creatures upon whom so much depends."

Bro. TOM GREEN, in a few genial words, responded for the ladies.

"The Visitors'" toast was next given by Bro. A. PETERKEN, P.M., and acknowledged in short but happy words by Bro. MORRISON (Mayor of Eastbourne), P.P. S.G.W.

A song by Bro. Spraggs, and then Bro. PIERPOINT proposed "The Banquet Committee" (in connection with which the names of the W.M., the J.W., and Bros. Toole, and Collier were honoured).

Bro. MEAD having replied, "The Press" completed the list of toasts, and the company adjourned to the Devonshire Park, where a group photograph was taken.

Drives and walks filled up the remaining hours, and the company returned to town at 8.45, by a special train, which, with the assistance of Bro. Pierpoint, of London Bridge Station, had been provided.

The whole arrangements, which had been made by Bros. Johnson, Mead, Toole, and Collier, proved very satisfactory throughout.

The banner and jewel were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

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ST. HELENA.

Old Rock Lodge (No. 912).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual festival on Wednesday, June 24th, St. John's Day. They assembled shortly after six o'clock, p.m., at the St. Helena Lodge House in Napoleon-street, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master and his officers for the ensuing year, Bro. W. H. Congdon performing the duties of Installing Officer. Bro. Samuel P. Young was re-elected as Worshipful Master, and was again placed in the chair of that office, and he afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Congdon, I.P.M.; T. J. A. Pearcey, S.W.; B. Wood, J.W.; F. J. Broadway, Sec.; Thomas Clayton, Treas.; G. N. Driver, S.D.; J. Higgs, J.D.; Edward Thomas, D.C.; Muir, I.G.; Robert Pritchard, Tyler. Bro. Young thanked the brethren for so kindly again electing him to the office of W.M., and expressed his willingness, with the co-operation of his officers and brethren, to carry on the work for the welfare of the lodge. He regretted he was unable to stay with them at their festivities in the banquet room that evening; the reason they all knew—his late sad bereavement. The W.M. then retired, and the lodge placed under the rule of the I.P.M., when it was unanimously resolved to send the W.M. a letter of sympathy and condolence.

The visitors on this occasion were the W.M., officers, and many members of the St. Helena Lodge, No. 488, and other brethren residing on the island.

All business being ended, the brethren repaired to the banquet room, where Bro. Congdon, I.P.M., did the honours of the evening, the table groaning under the good things of this life, to which ample justice was done by the brethren, and, after spending a most pleasant and enjoyable evening, broke up about 11 o'clock p.m. The brethren refrained from singing and music for the reason above-named.

Both the lodge room and the banquet hall were most beautifully and tastefully decorated on this occasion with flowers, evergreens, and flags, and votes of thanks were passed to the decorators and their better halves, the ladies, who so kindly carried out this work.

SOUTH AFRICA—KIMBERLEY.

Charles Warren Lodge (No. 1832).—The installation of Bro. T. J. May as W.M. of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 9th ult., at the Masonic Temple. A large number of brethren assembled to witness the ceremony; 17 Past Masters occupied the dais and 123 brethren were seated in the body of the hall, of whom about half were visitors.

The lodge being opened, the W.M.'s, officers, and brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, 1409; Peace and Harmony Lodge, Netherlands; Richard Giddy Lodge, 1574; Athole Lodge, 591 (S.C.); Union Lodge, 719 (S.C.); and Bro. H. B. Loch, 2383, were severally announced, and received according to ancient custom. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Alport, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. C. A. Blackbeard, P.M., and W. B. Coburn, P.M. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Alport, I.P.M.; Hine, S.W.; Dear, J.W.; Blackbeard, P.M., Treas.; Coburn, P.M., Sec.; Crause, S.D.; Sharpe, J.D.; Williams, D.C.; Bull, Org.; McLoughlin, I.G.; Cogle, Crandon, Masters, and Andrew, Stewards; and H. J. Kennett, Tyler.

The installation banquet then took place. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk heartily.

The I.P.M. proposed in a hearty manner "The W.M.," which was met by the brethren in an enthusiastic manner.

Bro. May, W.M., then proposed the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Alport, Installing Master," alluding in feeling terms to Bro. Alport's excellent work during the two years he had been W.M. of the lodge, pointing out that the lodge last year presented Bro. Alport with a handsome jewel, and this year with a Life Governorship in the Boys' School, and he trusted T.G.A.O.T.U. would long spare Bro. Alport to wear both those jewels.

Bro. Croghan, P.M., then gave "The Sister Lodges," which was responded to by Bro. Scheurich, W.M. 1409.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was proposed by Bro. O. D. Wright, W.M. 1574, Bro. W. B. Coburn, P.M., effectively responding.

"The Officers," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Visitors" were severally proposed and responded to.

The musical arrangements in the lodge and at the festive board were under the direction of Bro. Bull, the Organist of the lodge, vocal assistance being rendered by Bros. Jerdan, Dennison, Alexander, and Kyle.

The installation meeting of 1891 of the Charles Warren Lodge will long be considered as one of the most successful ever held by all the brethren who had the pleasure of joining in the proceedings, which were concluded by the time-honoured Tyler's toast.

SINGAPORE.

Dalhousie Chapter (No. 508).—This chapter held its installation meeting on Friday, the 3rd ult., when the following companions were installed as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. D. Vaughan, Z.; G. Thompson, H.; G. A. Derrick, J.; A. Koch, Treas.; A. Behr, Scribe E.; J. Carroll, Scribe N.; E. M. Lyon, P.S.; J. Lawson, 1st A.S.; W. T. Romaine, 2nd A.S.; and J. Lannon, Janitor.

Mark Master Masons, of which there are about 20 resident brethren, intend applying for a warrant to work this Degree. The lodge is to be named Eduljee Khory.

ST. HELENA.

Jamestown Lodge (No. 370).—The fifth installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, June 25th, at the St. Helena Lodge House, Napoleon-street, when there were present Bros. R. A. Clarke, W.M.; S. P. Young, S.W. and Sec.; Thomas Clayton, J.W.; W. H. Congdon, Treas.; Edward Thomas, M.O.; John Smith, S.O.; Thomas Adams, J.O.; B. Wood, S.D.; G. N. Driver, as J.D.; J. Higgs, as I.G.; R. Dowling, P.M.; and W. Ackley, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer was called upon to read his accounts for the past year, which he did, showing a very healthy balance in hand for this young lodge. The installation of the Worshipful Master was then proceeded with. Bro. R. Dowling, P.M., acting as Installing Officer, duly installed Bro. R. A. Clarke in the chair of Worshipful Master for the second time, he being re-elected to that office, when the new officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. T. Clayton, S.W.; T. L. M. Adams, J.W.; W. H. Congdon, Treas.; R. Dowling, P.M., Sec.; J. Smith, M.O.; B. Wood, S.O.; G. N. Driver, J.O.; J. Higgs, S.D.; S. P. Young, J.D.; W. Ackley, I.P.M., I.G.; and J. Truebody, Tyler. The Installing Officer then briefly addressed the W.M. and his officers upon their duties in the lodge, which ended the business of installation. Bro. S. P. Young was then requested to retire for a short time, when the W.M. alluded in very feeling words to the lamented death of the wife of Bro. Young, late Secretary, when it was unanimously resolved to send him a letter of sympathy and condolence in his late sad bereavement. The Worshipful Master expressed his thanks to the brethren for their kindness in re-electing him, and said he would use his best endeavours, with the co-operation of his officers, for the welfare of the lodge. He then gave notice that the banquet in connection with this anniversary would be held on Thursday, the 2nd July. All business being disposed of the lodge was closed.

At eight o'clock, p.m., on Thursday, the 2nd ult., the brethren and their guests assembled in the banquet room of the lodge and sat down to an excellent supper provided by the Worshipful Master, at which all present seemed to enjoy themselves. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, amongst them special mention was made of the founders of the lodge, Bro. Captain C. E. Reynolds, Major Gardner, and T. Jarvis. Music and singing were refrained from on account of the sad bereavement above mentioned. On this occasion the banquet room was most tastefully decorated with flags, flowers, and evergreens by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his lady friends, for which services hearty votes of thanks were given.



All M. Audran's works are good, and from time to time English as well as Continental audiences have been entertained by his music. "Miss Decima," which Bro. Charles Wyndham has placed on the stage of the Criterion, is no exception to the rule, though it is not so brilliant as "La Mascotte" or "La Cigale," but it is quite as catchy in its melodies. Mr. F. C. Burnand is responsible for the adaptation from the French original. In translating it he has been very clever, for he has not let any of the humour drop in fitting it for English ears. Mr. Percy Keeve has done his share equally well in writing the lyrics, so that this operatic comedy (as distinguished from comic opera) is likely to delight Criterion audiences for some length of time. To enjoy it thoroughly one ought to see it two or three times. The story briefly is that the heroine, Miss Decima Jackson, who has been brought up in a very peculiar and strict way, in climbing a mountain, falls down a precipice, is caught in a bush, which saves her from destruction, and is rescued by a man, who carries her fainting in his arms to a place of safety and leaves her. She must now wed no other man but her unknown deliverer. She and her father set about to find this man, and, of course, meet with many adventures. Two men claim her hand as having saved her life, but they are proved to be impostors. The right man is ultimately found. The newcomer, Mdlle. Nesville, shows great talent, and, notwithstanding her imperfect pronunciation of our language, she has quite won herself into favour by her acting and singing. "Dear father used to say to me," the trio, "Girls cannot always choose," the duet, "The ideal She," between Paul and Bertie, and Decima's solo, "A mountain life for me," are each of them most attractive melodies. The company seems all round a most capable one, though we confess many are quite new to us, but in Messrs. Conyers, Olcott, and Dale Mr. Audran has safe representatives. Bro. David James is most humorous, and never for the sake of greater effect overacts his lines. Miss Josephine Findlay we welcome from the Savoy, while Miss Victor in her song and dance is inimitable, in fact, after the lady of the title rôle, she is the most encored. "Miss Decima" will not have to be placed as a decimal amongst operatic plays, for she is likely to occupy a high place and a long run at the Criterion.

Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, who came to England to attend his sister's wedding, has not accompanied Prince and Princess Christian on their visit to Germany, but will at an early date rejoin his regiment (the 1st Battalion King's Royal Rifles) in India.

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The Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday), at the hour of 3 p.m.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 12th instant, at 4 p.m.

Bro. John Aird, M.P., has taken Highcliffe Castle, near Christchurch, Hants, for three months, from Major Stuart Wortley, and proceeded thither with his family on Monday.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort, Lady Adelaide Taylour, and the Misses Wilson Patten went on Saturday last to reside at Headfort House, Kells, county Meath.

The Duke of Teck, as one of the Vice-Presidents, occupied the chair at a dinner given at the Gallery, 58, Pall Mall, on Saturday evening last, by the Amateur Photographic Association.

Bro. Lord Norton and the Hon. Miss Adderley have arrived at Hams Hall, Birmingham, and Bro. Lord Herschell at Deal Castle, while Bro. Sir George D. Trevelyan, M.P., has gone to Wallington.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnclyffe have been staying at Wortley Hall, Sheffield, during the present week, but will leave there to-morrow (Saturday), and go to Simonstone for the opening of the grouse shooting season.

It is said that Bro. Alderman Evans who, by the resignation of Alderman Gray, stands next on the rota for Lord Mayor, will accept the office, if selected according to custom, at the meeting of the Common Hall on Michaelmas Day.

A match between 20 members of the London Scottish and an equal number of the London Rifle Brigade was held last week at Wimbledon, in which the former proved victorious by 19 points. Scores: London Scottish, 1605; London Rifle Brigade, 1586.

The 62nd session of the Army Medical School at Netley Hospital was brought to a close on the 30th ult., when it was announced that Sir Thomas Longmore was about to vacate the position of Professor of Military Surgery. The prizes were also awarded to the successful students of the past year.

Thus far the New Jersey Masons have raised \$12,000 to erect a new home for the old and unfortunate members of the Fraternity. The requisite amount, however, is \$15,000, and the deficiency will be forthcoming. No less than nine States are now arranging to build homes in their respective jurisdictions.—*American Tylor*.

The St. George's-in-the-East Window Garden Society held a pleasant little festival in the pretty garden into which the burial-ground surrounding the parish church has been converted on the 30th ult., when the several marquees which had been erected in the garden contained quite a pretty collection of flowers, which had been carefully reared by the people dwelling in this poor district.

The annual meeting of the National Artillery Association at Shoeburyness will commence on Monday next, but the detachments from the north and west which will take part in the various competitions will arrive and take up their quarters in camp to-morrow (Saturday). The southern detachments will compete during the second week of the meeting. H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck has graciously consented to present the Queen's and other prizes at the close of the competition.

The first-class battleship Hood, one of the two great turret ships to be built under the Naval Defence Act, was launched at the Chatham Dockyard, on the 30th ult., in the presence of the Lords of the Admiralty, and Viscount and Viscountess Hood, and Viscount Bridport, the ceremony of christening being performed by Viscountess Hood. The new ship has a displacement of 14,150 tons and 13,000 horse-power.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, First Lord, and the other Lords of the Admiralty arrived at Chatham on Friday, the 31st ult., for the purpose of making their annual inspection of the naval establishments at the port. Their lordships were received by the naval authorities, and passed the day in visiting the various armoured and other vessels, either building or fitting, as well as sundry departments. The battalion of the Royal Marines was also inspected. The visit terminated the following day.

The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived on board the Royal Yacht Osborne in Cowes Roads on Saturday morning last, and about the same time Prince George of Wales arrived from Plymouth on board the Thrush. In the afternoon the Prince and Princess visited and inspected the latter vessel. The same day Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne and the children of the Duke of Connaught arrived on a visit to her Majesty, who has had about her this week quite a numerous family gathering.

At the breakfast given by the Countess of Derby at Derby House, St. James's-square, on Saturday last, in honour of the marriage of Lord Carnegie with Miss Bannerman, only child of the late Sir Alexander Bannerman, Bart., there were present among the guests the French Ambassador, the Duke and Duchess of Bedford, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Southesk, Bro. the Earl and Countess De La Warr, Bro. the Earl of Arran and Lady Esther Gore, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Airlie, Bro. Lord Sackville, and Bro. Lord and Lady Saltoun.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., presided at the meeting of the Court of Common Council on Thursday, the 30th ult., when the Prime Minister's letter announcing the civic honours conferred by her Majesty in honour of the late Emperor's visit was read amid much cheering, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Before the Court broke up it was announced that, though a meeting would be held during the present month, there would be none in September, unless circumstances imperatively demanded it.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held at Runcorn on September 23rd, and Lord Egerton, P.G.M., will preside.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cheshire will be held at Stockport on September 30th, presided over by Lord Egerton.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Stair, who have been staying in Ayrshire, have arrived at Lochinch Castle, their seat in Wigtownshire.

The Queen held a Council at Osborne on the 30th ult., when the honour of knighthood was conferred on several personages, amongst whom were Sheriff Farmer and Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, Past G. Treas.

The 57th High Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters was opened on Monday morning at St. James's Hall. The High Chief Ranger presided, and there were present some 800 delegates and many friends and visitors.

At the request of the Queen, the Governors and Head Master of Derby Grammar School have granted an extra week's holiday in commemoration of her Majesty's visit some time since to Derby.

Lord Tennyson, who was born at Somersby Rectory, in Lincolnshire, on August 6th, 1809, celebrated his 82nd birthday at Aldworth, near Haslemere, on Thursday, where he is staying with Lady Tennyson and the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Hallam Tennyson.

The Prince of Wales, as Commodore, presided on Monday at the annual meeting of the Royal Yacht Squadron, when a number of members and honorary members were elected. In the afternoon his Royal Highness went for a short cruise in his yacht *Aline*.

The sixth National Co-operative Flower Show will be held at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, the 15th inst., in connection with the annual Co-operative Festival for 1891. Last year the number of entries exceeded 4500 from all parts of the kingdom, for on this occasion it greatly increased, there being no less than 844 prizes awarded for the growth of flowers.

Bro. Sir James Sawyer, M.D., has received an address, beautifully illuminated upon vellum and richly bound in scarlet morocco, which has been presented to him by the Council of the Queen's College, Birmingham, and which is signed by Lord Windsor, the Right Hon. H. Matthews, M.P., Bro. Sir Walter Foster, M.P., Bro. the Rev. W. H. Poulton, Bro. Joseph Rowlands, and others, in recognition of his services to the College as a Professor of Medicine and as a Governor for many years.

A meeting of the United Kingdom Trustees' and Executors' Association was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday, for the purpose of establishing an association for the guidance, co-operation, and mutual benefit of trustees and executors. Mr. Stanley A. Latham presided, and resolutions forming the association were adopted. Particulars of the movement can be obtained of Bro. T. Bowden Green, 1, Finsbury-Circus, E.C.

A novelty in the art of advertising has just been devised by a tradesman in the United States. He exhibits in his window a wax candle eight feet long and handsomely decorated, and with it shows a card bearing a notice to the effect that a hundred dollars in cash will be given to the person who guesses most accurately the length of time it will take in burning. There are to be other prizes for competitors who come nearest to the exact time. The candle is to be lighted on September 1st.

About 6000 Volunteers assembled at Aldershot on Saturday last and have been engaged during the week in drill with the regular troops. The various detachments have been formed into brigades and attached for duty to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Infantry Brigades of Regulars. The whole of them are under canvas, and took very little time in settling down in their quarters. This is the largest number that has been mobilised at Aldershot for several years.

Lord Tennyson has addressed to the newspaper press a short but stirring appeal for funds in aid of the Gordon Boys' Home at Woking, which maintains and educates between 230 and 240 boys between the ages of 14 and 16 years, who would otherwise fare badly, but who by means of this benevolent society are trained to lead worthy and reputable lives as soldiers, sailors, or in suitable civil employment. The sum required is stated as £40,000 to maintain the home in a state of efficiency.

The annual meeting of the Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, on the 29th ult., under the presidency of Bro. J. S. Norton. The annual report stated that since August, 1878, when the Association was formed, it had remitted to the Masonic Institutions £740 5s. A ballot was taken, and resulted in the following life-memberships in the Masonic Institutions, viz.: Bros. J. Barnes, B. Cullick, J. S. Norton, E. V. Gunnell, I. Meredith, and T. G. Chance, of 2240.

The trial and presentation of the Dunmow sitch of bacon took place at Great Dunmow on Monday. There were three claimants for the honour, namely, the Rev. W. C. Wallace, Vicar of Shebbear, North Devon; Mr. W. R. White, M.D., of Belmont, Wadhurst, Sussex; and Mr. W. W. Bowen, a clerk, of Hounslow, and their respective wives. An immense concourse of spectators witnessed the trial, which was carried out in accordance with ancient custom, and resulted in a sitch being presented in each case. For the benefit of the uninitiated among our readers we may state that the Dunmow sitch is awarded to a man and his wife who are able to prove that during the first year of their married life no difference whatever has arisen which has created any dissension between them.

The American Tylor has the following: "Bro. Frank Henderson, the regalia manufacturer, Kalamazoo, has been confined to his house for the past six weeks. His sickness left him with but little hair on the top of his head 'where the hair ought to grow.' He left home on Monday for rest, and to build up." Will this be followed by an advertisement of some wonderful hair restorer? our American friends are so clever in this line. The same paper asks "If those who read Masonic papers can tell us of any one more newsy and full of life than *The American Tylor* we would like to have its name." We should hardly venture on replying if we knew of one. It would be much too risky, and would probably land us where the "gentleman" found himself after stepping on the tail of his friend's coat.

Bro. E. Burrill Lane, Mus. Bac., P.M. 1765, has been appointed Organist and Choirmaster of the Parish Church, Bromley, Kent.

Sixteen thousand persons were present at the picnic by Cook County Masons, for the benefit of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home.—*American Tylor*.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has intimated to the French Ambassador that it will afford him great pleasure to entertain the officers of the French fleet either at a dinner or *déjeuner* at the Mansion House, should it be their intention to visit London during their stay in British waters.

There was a larger entry of young watermen out of their time than usual at the 176th anniversary of the race for Doggett's Coat and Badge, which was rowed on Saturday last over a course of about five miles, from the Old Swan, at London Bridge, to a boat moored off the site of the Old Swan at Chelsea.

Few persons have fully realised how terrible a scourge the second visitation of the influenza epidemic has been. Sir Brydges Henniker's return shows that in the three months ending June 30th the deaths registered in England and Wales were 171,555, the highest rate, with three exceptions, recorded since civil registration began.

For the June half of this year the profit of the Crystal Palace Company amounted to £11,313, as compared with £8,568 in the corresponding half of last year. This, however, is not enough to cover the interest on the Debenture Stock, while the million of Ordinary capital is a long way out of sight of a dividend. The Handel Festival this year produced a profit of £8198.

Bro. Howard H. Room, Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex, writes to correct an error which crept into our report of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, in our last week's issue. Bro. Room was reported to have said that he was initiated into Freemasonry by the late Bro. Henry Levander. What Bro. Room did say, however, was that he was initiated by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, one of the founders of the Henry Levander Lodge. We regret the error.

The Prince of Naples was much pleased with his visit to Woolwich Arsenal on Wednesday. He made a minute examination of all the processes in the manufacture of the heavy guns and other warlike implements. He was also pleased to meet the bandmaster of the Royal Artillery, who came from Milan, and whose father is a bandmaster in the Italian Army. His Royal Highness had nothing but praise for the Royal Horse Artillery and the Royal Artillery, six batteries of which were inspected by him. The Prince returned to the Italian Embassy in Grosvenor-square, where he dined.

An unusual jubilee is to be celebrated in the coming month in Austria. It is the fiftieth anniversary of the first ascent of the Gross Venediger Mountain, belonging to the High Tauern range, in Carniola. This lofty peak, which stands over 12,000 feet above the level of the sea, was first climbed in 1841 by Dr. Anton von Ruthner, a public notary of Salzburg, a hearty old gentleman, who will join in the celebration of his achievement. The *fête* has been arranged under the auspices of the Salzburg section of the German and Austrian Alpine Club.

Lady Dudley, says a correspondent of the *Leeds Mercury*, will not be badly off next month, when she is succeeded in the rank proper by her son's wife. Her income will be about seven thousand a year, and one of the estates, that of Himley, near Dudley. Lady Edith Ward will be a large heiress when she comes of age, and, in the meantime, she enjoys a liberal income. The Earl's younger brothers are handsomely provided for, and the Countess has, besides her regular income, a large sum of ready money left for her sole use by the late Earl. The wedding is fixed for September 14th or 15th, and will be in town.

A telegram from Bergen reports that the German Emperor is making a most rapid progress towards recovery from the effects of his recent accident. In the course of a few days all trace of it will have disappeared. His Majesty was on Tuesday present at a regatta held by the crews of the Royal yacht and of the accompanying warships, Princess Wilhelm, Jagd, and Stosch. Shortly after midnight the Hohenzollern left for Odde. The Emperor has subscribed 1000 kronor towards the building of Drontheim Cathedral. From Odde he will return to Kiel, where he will spend a day or two before leaving for Berlin, where he is expected to arrive about the 8th inst.

Letters received from Robert Louis Stevenson by friends in San Francisco report that his health is improving, though the lungs are still delicate. He gives as his reason for selecting Samoa as a residence that it is an easy place to buy land; that communication is prompt with the outer world, enabling him to read his proofs with despatch; and that the island is not afflicted with "red-tapeism and petty arrogance," as is the case, according to Mr. Stevenson, with so many that are under European government. He has just finished building himself a house on the plantation he has purchased. The site is a plateau at the base of a mountain, with a fine view of the ocean.

The first outing in connection with the Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847, took place on the 29th ult., when three well-appointed brakes and waggonettes left the Globe Hotel, Stonehouse, filled with the members, their wives and friends, and through the kind permission of the Right Hon. Lord Revelstoke, drove through the beautiful grounds of Membland. At the cottage luncheon was provided by Bro. H. T. Robins. After a most enjoyable time and a pleasant drive back to Yealmpton a high tea was partaken of, supplied by Bro. Robins, which gave the highest satisfaction. After tea the party were entertained by songs, recitation, and cornet solos, the latter being exquisitely rendered by Bro. P. Elford, bandmaster of the 3rd Devon Regiment. The party returned with many wishes for a similar outing next year.

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