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OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## SIR R. STOUT AND THE CRAFT IN NEW ZEALAND.

Sir ROBERT STOUT, who by resolution of Grand Lodge was in March last deprived of his rank of Past Grand Officer, and who by resigning his office of Deputy District Grand Master of Otago and Southland and his membership of the Dunedin Lodge, No. 931, has since then entirely severed his connection with English Freemasonry, has been interviewed by a reporter of the *Otago Daily Times*, and the remarks he made are fully and we presume accurately reported in the columns of that journal. We do not ourselves attach any great importance to the opinions expressed by our ex-brother. The majority of those who abandon one creed and adopt another invariably become so madly enamoured of the latter that their testimony as regards the creed they have abandoned is hardly worth the paper it is written upon. There are those, however, who, knowing little about the merits or demerits of the New Zealand question and the additional confusion which has been introduced into it by the action of Sir ROBERT STOUT may be led into accepting his statements, as furnishing in some way or other a full and sufficient justification of the part he has played in the New Zealand Imbroglio. To them, accordingly, we address a few words of warning.

Sir ROBERT STOUT is a Mason of some years' standing, and having held high office under the English Constitution in New Zealand, and having received as the reward of his services in that capacity the brevet rank of a Past Grand Officer of our United Grand Lodge, it is but reasonable to assume that he must at some time or other have possessed some knowledge of our laws and the purposes which Freemasonry as an institution has set itself to attain. As regards our laws, however, which from the very commencement of his career he solemnly bound himself to observe, it is very clear that whatever may have been his acquaintance with them, he never seriously troubled himself as to their observance. Otherwise he would not have set our Grand Lodge at defiance by seeking a warrant of constitution from a body like the Grand Orient of France, whose act in eliminating belief in the existence of a Supreme Being from its profession of Masonic faith has been solemnly denounced by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and the United States. Had he in his efforts to establish a non-British lodge sought assistance from Masonic powers with which we were not, figuratively speaking, at daggers drawn, he would still have shown his contempt for our Grand Lodge and its laws and ordinances; but to have sought aid from a body with which we were at variance in respect of one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry can only be described as a deliberate insult as well as an injury. We do not complain of his admiration for French Freemasonry, which may or may not possess the attributes he claims for it; but as a Past Grand Officer of England and an actual Grand Officer of one of its District Grand Lodges, he was bound to observe its laws, and instead of doing this he has flouted it before the whole Masonic world. The sentence of deprivation passed upon him is not too severe a punishment for his conduct in this respect.

But his establishment in a British Colony of a lodge holding a warrant from the Grand Orient of France, *cui bono*? Did Sir ROBERT STOUT anticipate that by enlarging the field of discord he would succeed in restoring peace and harmony to distracted Freemasonry in New Zealand? He has established in the minds of all Freemasons in New Zealand, whether of the new or of the old Constitutions, one common feeling of disgust at his adoption of the Grand Orient of France, but, save in this particular, the antagonism between the members of the New Zealand Constitution and those of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions is as intense as ever. Indeed, as far as we can judge, the prospect of a reunion becomes daily more and more remote, while as regards Sir ROBERT STOUT and his French lodge, they have merely succeeded in making confusion still worse confounded.

Nor can we congratulate Sir ROBERT STOUT on the opinions

he holds as to the objects which Freemasonry is intended to compass. In his letter to our GRAND SECRETARY, he condemns English Freemasonry, because instead of using its influence "to cure some social evils," it wastes its energy "in a futile attempt to make Masonry sectarian and national," while, on the other hand, in his conversation with the reporter of the *Otago Daily Times*, he appears to have lauded the Masonry of the Grand Orient of France, because "it does not object to discuss any question in its lodges, social, political, or even religious." We have heard many hard things said about English Masonry, but this is the first time we have heard our Grand Lodge, which admits members of all religious creeds into its lodges, as "sectarian," or that it is a feather in the cap of the French Grand Orient, that it encourages its lodges to take part in the social, political, and religious controversies of the day. As for English Freemasonry being "national," we see nothing to condemn in this characteristic if Sir ROBERT STOUT means that our Grand Lodge requires obedience to its laws and ordinances from the lodges which derive from it their existence. In the meantime, as Sir ROBERT STOUT has told us what his opinions are about English and French Masonry, we shall be glad to hear what our New Zealand brethren have to say on the subject, and whether they are desirous, as he gives us to understand they are in his letter to our Grand Secretary, of a closer acquaintance with that system of Freemasonry which, while it rejects belief in the existence of a Supreme Being as an article of its faith, encourages political and religious controversies in its lodges.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on the night of Wednesday last, in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Deputy Grand Master, presided; the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, acted as Past Grand Master; the Hon. Justice T. Prinsep, District G.M. Bengal, as Deputy Grand Master; Lord Wantage, Senior Grand Warden; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Junior Grand Warden; and there were also present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Aubrey W. O. Saunders, Past District Grand Master of Madras; Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B. (Garter), G. Dir. of Cers.; Rev. H. Lansdell, D.D., G. Chaplain; Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.G.C.; George Everett, G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Dr. Ernest E. Wendt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; Walter Long, M.P., G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Edward Letchworth, P.G.D.; James Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D. of C.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D. of C.; Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Robert Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; Edward Cutler, Q.C., G. Org.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; S. Vallentine, G. Purst.; James Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, H. Garrod, A. Lucking, and T. W. Whitmarsh, P.G. Pursts.; S. V. Abraham, A.G.P.; and many other Grand Officers, and over 200 other London and Provincial brethren.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the Grand Secretary read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of June 3rd, which were put by the Grand Master in the chair, and unanimously confirmed.

Grand Secretary next read the report of the Board of Benevolence for June, July, and August, in which were recommendations for the following grants:—

A brother of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1799, Walton-on-the Naze	£100 0 0
A brother of the Buckingham Lodge, No. 591, Aylesbury	50 0 0
A brother of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Socrates Lodge, No. 373, Huntingdon	50 0 0
A brother of the Samaritan Lodge, No. 368, Sandbach	50 0 0
A brother of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 496, St. Austell	50 0 0
A brother of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, Tottenham	50 0 0
A brother of the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645, Manchester	60 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham	50 0 0

On the motion of Bro. ROBERT GREY, President of the Board of Benevolence, seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT, Senior Vice-President, the above recommendations were unanimously confirmed.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, proposed, and Bro. Sir ALBERT W. WOODS, G.D.C., seconded, the taking as read and the acceptance and entering on the minutes of the following

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that vacancies have occurred in the list of Trustees of the real property of Grand Lodge by the deaths of Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., John Havers, Samuel Leith Tomkins, Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., and John Anthony Rucker. The surviving trustees being Bros. the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Donoughmore, K.C.M.G., Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B. (Garter), Sir John B. Monckton, and Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C.

Vacancies have also occurred in the list of Trustees of the personal property of Grand Lodge by the deaths of Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon and Samuel Leith Tomkins. The surviving Trustees being Bros. the Earl of Lathom and the Duke of Abercorn, C.B.

The Board, therefore, recommend that the following brethren be now appointed to fill these vacancies: For the real property—Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Earl of Limerick, the Earl of Euston, and Bro. Thomas Fenn. For the personal property—Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and the Earl of Limerick.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

18th August, 1891.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of August instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £9043 4s. 3d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £33 10s. 10d.

The motions were carried.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE moved, and Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK seconded, the adoption of the recommendations in the above report that the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Earl of Limerick, the Earl of Euston, and Bro. Thomas Fenn be appointed to fill the vacancies in the trusteeship of Grand Lodge for the real property, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and the Earl of Limerick for the personal property.

The motion was carried.

Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., brought up an appeal by the Worshipful Master and brethren of Lodge La Cæsarée, No. 590, Jersey, against a sentence of suspension passed on the lodge by the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Jersey for wilful and deliberate disobedience of his orders. As the Worshipful Master and Junior Warden of Lodge La Cæsarée were in attendance in the porch, on the motion of the Grand Registrar, duly seconded, it was resolved by Grand Lodge that they be admitted.

Sir Albert Woods then proceeded to the porch, and conducted the Master and Junior Warden of the lodge to the right of the Grand Master on the throne, below the dais.

Bro. PHILBRICK then stated the case, the short facts of which were that in November, 1890, Bro. John Durell, a P.M. of Lodge La Cæsarée, a member of something like 20 years and upwards, who had served the chair three times, and had been Treasurer of the lodge, wrote a letter to the W.M. stating that he had just received a letter from his son Walter who was in Mashonaland, South Africa, who had been a member of the lodge, asking for a certificate of clearance, as he was one of some brethren who were applying for a warrant for a new lodge out there. According to the minutes of the lodge it was decided that the demand ought to be made by Bro. Walter Durell himself, and they sent this to Bro. John Durell in a letter in which they said if Bro. Walter Durell did apply it should be at once granted. The letter which was signed by the Master said he would be pleased to be of service to him. It was explained that to get a further authority from Bro. Walter Durell would cause a delay of six months and Bro. John Durell again wrote to the lodge drawing their attention to Rule 213 of the Book of Constitutions, which says "Whenever a member of any lodge shall resign, or shall be excluded, or whenever, at a subsequent time, he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge; and such certificate is to be required by, and to be produced to, any other lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previously to the ballot being taken." He proceeded to say he would not ask as a favour what was a matter of right. At the meeting of the lodge when the first letter came no brother was present who had recognised Walter Durell as a member of the lodge although he had been a member for 10 years, and although his name was in the printed list of members. After the certificate had been refused at the second meeting, Bro. John Durell appealed to the Provincial Grand Master. The Master and Wardens were summoned along with Bro. Durell before him, and the Prov. Grand Master heard the complaint. The Prov. Grand Master thought the matter might be arranged by Bro. Durell attending the lodge and producing the letter from his son, and that then the lodge would grant the certificate. In that case the Prov. Grand Master would not have to pronounce any decision. But before the next lodge, at which the father promised to produce the letter, he had been told by some brother that if he attended he would be refused admission. Bro. Philbrick said he hoped in justice to the lodge this was an unauthorised communication, but the consequence was the father did not attend. The matter went again before the Provincial Grand Master, and in the result he suspended the lodge. Bro. Philbrick thought the interpretation of Rule 213 came now for the first time before Grand Lodge, but the interpretation was very plain. It was usual no doubt to prefer the request for a certificate in lodge or for the brother who wanted it to write to the lodge; but whether a brother was popular or unpopular in a lodge it was his right to have a certificate of clearance and of the circumstances under which he left the lodge. What harm on earth could it do? It was of no money value; it could not be used like a bill of exchange. However, the lodge decided that the brother requiring the certificate must apply in his own handwriting, and that unless he did they could not grant it. Considering Bro. John Durell's position, and his long membership of the lodge, he thought the lodge was bound to take his word that he was authorised by his son to make the application. Under the circumstances, he would move—"That the appeal be dismissed, and this Grand Lodge doth suspend Lodge La Cæsarée until it makes due submission to the Provincial Grand Master, and apologises to him for its past disobedience."

The Earl of EUSTON seconded. The lodge, he thought, had acted against all Masonic rules and in absolute antagonism to its Provincial Grand Master.

The JUNIOR WARDEN of Lodge La Cæsarée said he had been asked by the W.M. to address the Grand Lodge for him in support of the appeal. Bro. Walter Durell became a member of Lodge La Cæsarée in 1877, and left it in July, 1880. As Bro. Philbrick had stated, when the demand for a certificate was made in November, 1890, no one was present in the lodge who knew Bro. Walter Durell had belonged to it. No mention of his name was to be found in any of the lodge records. It was only in the rules, to which unfortunately it never occurred to any of them to refer. Therefore, as no brother knew him they thought it would be better for Bro. Walter Durell to write to the lodge himself. To this effect the Worshipful Master wrote to Bro. John Durell. At that time it did not occur to them that any difficulty would arise as to the construction of Rule 213, and that Bro. Walter Durell had not himself asked for it. As delay would occur, the Worshipful Master himself wrote to Bro. John Durell asking him to send the authority by which he claimed the certificate for his son. It was then that Bro. Durell wrote that he would not ask as a favour for that which he had a right to, and he referred to Rule 213. It was after that the lodge found that Bro. Walter Durell had not asked for it himself either verbally or in writing, and that Bro. John Durell had in writing absolutely refused, notwithstanding the demands of the W.M., to give any proof that he held the authorisation from Bro. Walter Durell directing him to ask for the certificate of the latter. That was the clear position of the lodge on 8th January, 1891. They stated clearly at that date before any complaints had been made to the Provincial Grand Master that they were prepared to give a clearance certificate to Bro. Walter Durell as soon as he asked for it himself or by his representative. He asked the Grand Lodge to remember the dates. Nearly a month after—in February, 1891—Bro. John Durell sent a complaint in writing to the Provincial Grand Master, and a copy was sent to the lodge with a request that they should attend. The W.M. on attending the Prov. Grand Master presented a statement of facts. The lodge thought Bro. John Durell's conduct vexatious, and it was pointed out that he had persistently refused to produce the letter of his son, and this created the impression that he was not authorised to act. He produced it to the Prov. Grand Master and promised him to produce it to the lodge, but did not do so. He (the J.W.) contended that if the lodge was suspended, it could not during its suspension grant a certificate; it could exercise no Masonic rights or privileges.

Bro. Justice PRINSEP speaking, as belonging to a distant province, said he had never seen such a cloud raised up by the brethren of Lodge La Cæsarée. One would think that the matter was one between Bro. John Durell, the father, and the lodge. But where was the poor son all the time? Could he obtain any Masonic rights; could he assist the cause of Freemasonry by joining in starting a new lodge? No; he was prevented by the refusal of his mother lodge when the son was away in a distant land. What was more natural than that he should write to his father to get him a certificate. If they had had any doubts about the authenticity of the application they might have sent a registered letter to the son. He had always understood that it was one of the first motives of Freemasonry to endeavour to act harmoniously with one another, and to work smoothly and easily, and facilitate the cause of Masonry as far as in their power. It appeared to him that here there had been every endeavour to take advantage of technical quibbles.

Bro. PHILBRICK having replied,

Bro. JAMES STEVENS (the Master and J.W. of Lodge Cæsarée having retired while Grand Lodge deliberated), contended that according to Rule 213, the application must be made by the brother himself, and that a Provincial Grand Master could not override the Book of Constitutions. A division was then taken, but without the numbers being counted, it was clear that a large majority were in favour of the dismissal of the appeal, and the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE so declared it. The W.M. and J.W. of Lodge La Cæsarée were then sent for, and on their being conducted to the Grand Master in the chair his lordship informed them that this question had been very carefully considered, that Grand Lodge had divided upon the subject, but a majority—a decided majority—found in favour of the motion that was made by the Grand Registrar. That motion was "That the appeal be dismissed and that this Grand Lodge doth suspend Lodge La Cæsarée until it makes due submission to the Provincial Grand Master and apologises to him for its past disobedience."

The Master and the J.W. then bowed and retired, and the Grand Lodge was closed.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held at St. Austell on Tuesday, the 25th ult. The Prov. Grand Lodge was summoned for 11 o'clock, and was held at the Assembly Rooms, which were neatly decorated for the occasion.

The officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge present were Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master; Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., D.P.G.M.; Major J. J. Ross, 121, P.S.G.W.; R. A. Courtney, 510, P.J.G.W.; E. Huxtable, 331, and H. M. Petty, 75, Prov. G. Chaplains; T. Taylor, 318, Prov. G. Treas.; Trevennen, 318, Prov. G. Reg.; T. Chirgwin, 131, Prov. G. Sec.; T. C. Mack, 131, P.S.G.D.; T. A. Kistler, 589, P.S.G.D.; T. H. Spear, 330, P.J.G.D.; J. Brewer, P.G. Std. Br.; F. Rodda, 131, P.D.G.D.C.; J. Duckett, 893, P.A.G.D.C.; Lieut. T. R. Grylls, 75, P.G.S.B.; E. F. Whitley, 331, P.G. Org.; S. Tresidder, 75, P. Asst. G. Sec.; W. Ellis, 318, P.G. Purst.; J. Langdon, 131, P. Asst. G. Purst.; R. K. Williams, P.G. Stwd.; and R. James, 318, P.G. Tyler.

There were also present the following Past Provincial Grand Officers:

Bros. Gilbert B. Pearce, 450, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Nettle, 510, P.P.J.G.W.; Robert Williams, 1272, P.G.T.; E. W. Anderson, 331, P.P.S.G.W.; Charles Truscott, 490, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Baynes Reed, 75, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Richard Angel, 131, P.P.G.S.; John Tonkin, 131, P.P.A.G. Sec.; W. Wagner, 450, P.P.G. Stwd.; W. A. Bennett, 699, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. R. F. Fraser-Frizzell, 131, P.P.G.C.; M. Richards, 318, P.P.G.T.; J. N. Francis, 75, P.P.G.T.; J. A. Bersey, 893, P.P.G.S.; E. Edwards,

131, P.P.G.S.B.; Wellington Dale, 121, P.P.G. Reg.; John Jose, 331, P.P.J.G.W.; W. J. Johns, 131, P.P.G. Treas.; George H. Small, 121, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Guy, 496, P.P.G. Treas.; John M. Carne, 75, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. J. Hawken, 331, P.P.S.G.D.; P. Giles, 496, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Howlett, 496, P.P.G.O.; W. Tonkin, 977, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. M. Milford, 589, P.P.S.G.W.; W. T. Hawking, 131, P.P.G. Stwd.; Edmund Carlyon, 496, P.P.J.G.W.; F. E. Remfry, 1529, P.P.G.P. South Wales; J. Bassett, 856, P.P.G.S. of W.; M. Sampson, 121, P.P.G. Organist; J. E. R. Hurworth, 764, P.P.G. Organist Durham; Rev. A. H. Ferris, 856, P.P.G. Chaplain; J. Doney, 856, P.P.D.G. Director of Ceremonies; Col. C. B. Rashleigh, 856, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Roberts, 1785, P.P.G.D.C.; Frank Bray, 1785, P.P.G.P.; Hugh P. Vivian, 589, 1544, P.P.J.G.W.; J. C. Burrow, 1544, P.P.J.G.W.; Col. W. E. Michell, 1528, P.P.S.G.W.; Richard Adams, 330, P.P.S.G.W.; B. F. Edyvean, 330, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Rowe, 330, P.P.J.G.W.; A. W. White, 1136, P.P.G.S. of W.; Thomas S. Bailey, 1151, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Huddy, 510, P.P.J.G.D.; George Cassell, 1136, P.P.G.P.; G. Darte, 1136, P.P.G. Std. Br.; William Andrew, 789, P.P.G. Reg.; Thomas White, 510, P.P.G.S. of W.; John Hill, 970, P.P.J.G.D.; Rev. G. G. Ross, 789, P.P.J.G.D.; John Brewer, 1954, P.P.G. Std. Br.; B. Gidley Derry, 330, P.P.S.G.D.; J. T. Williams, 557, P.P.G.P.; C. T. Pearce, 557, P.P.G.D.; Walter Gill, 496, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Mason, 496, P.P.S.G.D.; John Dennis, 330, P.P.G.D.C.; C. E. Browne, 856, P.P.G.T.; T. H. Lukes, 496, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. C. R. Crewes, 131, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Gill, 967, P.P.G.D.C.; and others.

Before the commencement of the business,

The D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir CHARLES GRAVES-SAWLE, said since their last Provincial Grand Lodge it had pleased the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to confer upon their Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, one of the highest appointments in Craft Masonry. It had been his Royal Highness's pleasure to appoint their Prov. Grand Master Deputy Grand Master of England, as a recognition of his lordship's long and arduous duties in Masonry, and especially was it a great honour to that province, and he (Sir Charles) begged to move, in the name of the province, a vote of congratulation to the Provincial Grand Master on his appointment.

Bro. E. D. ANDERTON said he had great pleasure in seconding the resolution. They all felt in the Province of Cornwall that great credit was reflected on them as Masons by the appointment to so high an office of one to whom they were all of them so much attached as their Provincial Grand Master. Moving about the country as he did he heard a great deal of the doings of other Provincial Grand Masters, and it had long been his conviction that in no province did the Provincial Grand Master devote more, and in few did he devote so much attention to his duties as their Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Major Ross supported the resolution, which was heartily adopted.

Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE, in reply, thanked them very much for the kind way in which they had congratulated him on his appointment. He need hardly tell them that the fact of that appointment being offered him by the Grand Master of England was an offer he deeply appreciated. At the same time it should be remembered that the office was only an annual office, although it was one that had been looked upon as more or less a permanent one, and he accepted it simply for the year. It gave him great pleasure to receive such an honour at the hands of his Royal Highness, not only on his own account, but because he was fully convinced that it would give pleasure to his brethren in Cornwall. The Provincial Grand Master then alluded to the presence of two members of the Grand Lodge, and with regard to their meeting that day he also mentioned that he had received invitations also for the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at Fowey, Saltash, and Wadebridge. He was sorry to have to disappoint the brethren in those towns, but he selected St. Austell because of the convenience of the majority.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY reported the numbers were 1557, against 1550, an increase of seven. During the year there had been 116 initiations, against 108 in 1889; joining members 29, against 36; and subscribing members 1412, against 1406. All the returns had been made except one of the P.M.'s attendances. The dispensations granted were recorded, and also the details of the work of the Board of Benevolence, the total grants of which were £145, against £140 last year.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. TAYLOR, on presenting his statement, said, notwithstanding the liberal support they gave last year to the Masonic Charities, their balance was £189 16s., and he hoped the good example of maintaining their noble Charities would be shown again that day. Hitherto, also, the publication of the "Directory" had involved a loss; this year, however, there was a surplus of £2 on that head, and there was a great improvement in its publication, for which credit was due to the editors.

The report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund was also presented by the Secretary. The receipts were—Donations and subscriptions, £203 6s. 6d., an increase of 10s. 6d.; interest on investments, £185; balance in hand, £87 14s.; total, £476. After paying the educational grants and annuities, there was a balance of £306 remaining. The capital account showed £4927 19s. 7d. invested, an increase of £205 5s. 7d. since the last meeting. There were now two male and three female annuitants, each receiving £20 per annum. There were also two educational grants of £15 a year each, and two of £12 10s., all of which terminated next year. The Committee again complained that several lodges neglected to send in their lists of subscribers until long after time. From the commencement of the fund in 1864 the receipts had been £8080; £1539 had been paid to male annuitants, £373 to female annuitants, £70 had been granted for relief, £830 in educational grants, £339 for expenses of management, leaving a total balance of £4927.

Bro. GILBERT PEARCE presented the sixth annual report of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association. The amount paid to the Charities—265 guineas—was appropriated as follows: Benevolent Institution, 125 guineas, Bro. Major Ross, Steward; Girls' (Bro. F. W. Thomas, Steward), 35 guineas; Boys' (Bro. G. B. Pearce, Steward), 103 guineas. These sums were supplemented by Provincial Grand Lodge and other contributions to the total of about £375. His hearty thanks and the thanks of the province were due to those brethren in the several lodges who had shown such a satisfactory result, and he was sure it should excite no jealousy when he mentioned the names of two of the most active and successful, Bros. Nettle and Duckett. During the first years of the Association work the western lodges were the largest contributors. This might have been owing partly to the personal advocacy the officials used in lodges where they were known; but it was not so now. The balance of zeal and liberality had gone over to the eastern lodges of the province.

Bro. C. TRUSCOTT, as manager of the votes for the great Masonic Charities, reported that the votes received from the province were—Girls' 728, Boys' 705, Benevolent 935, total 2368, an increase of 48 on the previous year, but 115 below the number held in the province. The report proceeded to

detail the use made of these votes, and their present requirements. This year the following brethren had undertaken Stewardships to the great Masonic festivals. To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. J. J. Ross, £19 5s.; to the Institution for Boys, Bro. G. B. Pearce, £131 5s. The total contributions to the three Institutions for 1891 were: Benevolent Institution, £15,880; Girls, £8600; Boys, £29,400; grand total, £53,880. In soliciting the services of Stewards for their festivals of 1892 it was with great pleasure he announced that they had with them that day the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, Bro. J. Terry, and the Secretary of the Boys' Institution, Bro. J. M. McLeod, and he (Bro. Truscott) tendered them thanks for the assistance and information they had given him.

The voting then took place for the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. All the recommendations of the Committee were endorsed. Annuities of £10 were voted to the case from Penryn, £20 to the case from Truro, £20 to the case from Torpoint, £10 to the case from Chacewater, and £20 to the case from Fowey. Educational grants were voted as follows: £15 for one year to the Bodmin applicant, £15 for two years to the Redruth applicant, £15 for three years to the Fowey applicant, £15 for five years to the Truro applicant, and £10 for four years to the Wadebridge applicant.

On the motion of Bro. W. ROWE, seconded by Bro. Col. MICHELL, Bro. T. Davey was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer, and Bros. T. Hicks and Gatley were elected Auditors.

On the motion of Bro. W. J. JOHNS, Provincial By-law No. 9 was so altered as to include the Treasurers of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and of the Benevolent Fund Cornwall Masonic Charity Association in the constitution of the Committee of Relief.

About half-past 12 the brethren formed into procession, and, headed by the St. Austell Volunteer Band, under Mr. Jago, marched to the parish church. The weather was unpropitious, and the procession was therefore not a particularly happy one. At the church the service commenced with the processional hymn, "Now thank we all our God." Prayers were said by the Rev. J. Hammond, vicar, and the Rev. A. P. Willway, assistant curate. The first lesson was read by Bro. the Rev. A. H. Ferris, vicar of Charlestown, and the second lesson by Bro. the Rev. E. Huxtable, vicar of St. John's, Truro. Bro. the Rev. H. M. Petty, P.G. Chaplain, preached a sermon from I. Thess., v. 21—"Prove all things, hold fast that which is good."

The collection amounted to £9 17s. 6d., rather more than for some years past, and when the Provincial Grand Lodge resumed the brethren determined how it should be distributed.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said it was usual to vote one-fifth to the vicar, two-fifths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and two-fifths to some local Charity.

Bro. Sir CHARLES B. GRAVES-SAWLE suggested that the two-fifths should be given to the East Cornwall Hospital at Bodmin; but it was proposed and seconded that it should be given to the St. Austell town missionary for distribution among the poor. Sir Charles Sawle thereupon withdrew his motion, and the latter proposition was agreed to.

Bro. ANDERTON proposed that they should make the following grants: Fifty guineas to the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund, which, he said, gave far greater benefit to Cornish Masons than ever they received before; 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (he proposed a larger sum than usual to this Institution because next year was its Jubilee); 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. TRUSCOTT suggested that as they had 98 Widows' votes and only 58 votes for aged Freemasons, they should take the opportunity of dividing the 50 guineas to the Benevolent Institution, so as to equalise the votes for aged Freemasons and widows.

Bro. Anderton's proposition was agreed to.

The Prov. Grand Master invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart...	...	D.P.G.M.
" Bernard Edyvean, 330 ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Guy, 496 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. M. Petty, 75 ...	...	Prov. G. Chaplains.
" Rev. J. Core, 1785 ...	...	
" W. T. Davey, 330 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. Chirgwin, 1031 ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. H. Chilcott, 331 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. T. A. Staff, 1272 ...	...	Prov. S.G.D's.
" J. Sobey, 1164 ...	...	
" W. J. Watts, 496 ...	...	Prov. J.G.D's.
" W. Sowden, 2166 ...	...	
" T. J. Smith, 496 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. T. Hawking, 131 ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. A. Bersey, 893 ...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" G. R. Mockridge, 121 ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. J. Terrill, 967 ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. Angel, 131 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. T. Baker, 1157 ...	...	
" Rev. T. S. Kendall, 131 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Pope, 1185 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. C. Betty, 557 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Langdon, 131 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. B. Tresize, 1136 ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. Lander, 1954 ...	...	
" G. Rowe, 2166 ...	...	
" R. Dunstan, 318 ...	...	
" R. A. Newcombe, 967 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" F. Truscott, 496 ...	...	
" W. Real, 496 ...	...	

Bro. the Rev. R. F. FRASER-FRIZELL, on behalf of the Truro lodges, gave a cordial invitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge to meet at Truro next year.

A luncheon was afterwards held at the Church Schoolroom (supplied by Mr. McTurk).

After "The Queen and the Craft," the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." He spoke of the gratitude they felt for the way in which his Royal Highness discharged his Masonic duties. Those who knew the Prince knew of many personal and private kindnesses on his part. He (the P.G.M.) had known such instances of personal kindness, for which he should always be grateful, and not the least was the honour recently conferred upon him by making him Deputy Grand Master.



In proposing "The Officers of Grand Lodge" his LORDSHIP alluded to the presence of Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, whose name he coupled with the toast.

Bro. TERRY, in reply, said that that was his first visit to the province, and he was proud to know that they discharged their Masonic duties so well, especially in regard to the virtue of Charity.

Bro. Sir CHARLES B. GRAVES-SAWLE proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," and wished his lordship long life and long service to the Province of Cornwall.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER thanked them for the cheery way in which they always drank his health, and for the support they always gave him at provincial meetings. The business was interesting, and he was very glad to hear that the manner in which they were able to contribute to the great Masonic Charities had struck his friend, Bro. Terry, as doing some credit to the province. He thought the charitable side of Freemasonry was taken up very warmly in the county; but the attendance at that luncheon showed that there was something wrong with regard to the social side, which his lordship hoped would next year be remedied.

Bro. the Rev. FRASER-FRIZELL proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master," which was received with musical honours.

Bro. Sir CHARLES B. GRAVES-SAWLE, in reply, said the infirmities of age prevented him attending to his Masonic duties as he should desire, and he thought the time had almost come when he should suggest to Lord Mount Edgumbe that he must appoint a younger man.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER next gave "The Provincial Grand Officers," and, in the absence of Bro. Bernard Edyvean, P.S.G.W., who was called away, he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Guy, P.J.G.W., who suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The next toast was "The W.M. and Lodge Peace and Harmony," who had given the Provincial Grand Lodge their hospitality that day; and the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in proposing it, thanked the brethren of that lodge for their reception.

Bro. SIMON TRUSCOTT, W.M. 496, returned thanks.

For "The Visiting Brethren," Bro. McLEOD, the recently-appointed Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was called upon to respond. He did so in a hearty speech, in which he thanked the brethren for the support he had received from Cornwall, and spoke thankfully of the present and hopefully of the future of the Boys' Institution.

The Tyler's toast, as usual, concluded the list, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

## GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at Mark Masons' Hall, London. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master, presided, in the absence of the M.W. Grand Master and the Pro Grand Master. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., acted as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Frank Richardson, G. Reg., acted as G.S.W., and Bro. Colonel A. B. Cook, as G.J.W.

After Grand Lodge had been opened in due form,

Bro. MATIER, Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the last communication, which were then put by the D.G.M., and confirmed.

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK moved, and Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG seconded, that the following report of the General Board be taken as read, which was agreed to:—

During the three months ending 30th June, 1891, there have been issued: Mark certificates, 413; total number registered, 28,523. Warrants for new lodges, three, viz:

- No. 431, Hibernia, London.
- " 432, Moonta, South Australia.
- " 433, Britannic, London.

Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 84; total number registered, 3362.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has been pleased to appoint—R.W. Bro. Charles Roper Martin, to be District Grand Master for Victoria, Australia, in succession to the late R.W. Bro. Henry Wallace Lowry, and R.W. Bro. the Honble. Judge Donald Grant MacLeod to be District Grand Master for Burma, in succession to the R.W. Bro. George Francis Travers-Drapes, whose term of office has expired.

The Broxbourne Lodge, 428, was consecrated on 28th April, 1891, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, by the Prov. Grand Master of Hertfordshire, under the impression that place was in Herts.

A question, however, having arisen in connection with the Craft lodges meeting there, as to whether the Crown Hotel was really in Herts or not, careful enquiry shows there is no doubt whatever that the Crown Hotel is in the parish of Nazing and county of Essex.

Under the circumstances, the M.W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Prov. Grand Master of East Anglia, M.W. Bro. Lord Henniker, Past G.M., has been pleased to sanction the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, being considered as part of the Province of Herts, so far as regards the existing lodge, No. 428, with the stipulation that all future lodges to be established at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, either by consecration or removal, shall belong to the Province of East Anglia.

The total amount received on behalf of the Portal Memorial Organ Fund is £210 6s. 2d.

## FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The 23rd Annual Festival was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 22nd July under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.W., and the sum of £1856 os. 6d. was announced.

The Board have relieved the following cases:

Bro. A. R., No. 91	...	...	...	...	£10	0	0
" J. R., No. 165	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Mrs. S. E. B. (widow of a brother of No. 6)	...	...	...	...	10	0	0

(Signed)

A. B. COOK, President.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G. Secretary.

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK, in moving that the report be received and entered on the minutes, said there was nothing particular arising out of this report, but if any brother would like to ask him any question on it he should be happy to reply. There was one point which arose out of an old subject, the consecration of the Broxbourne Lodge at Broxbourne by mistake that Broxbourne was in Hertfordshire. It so happened that the same mistake was made in the Craft, but it was a very simple matter. The Crown Hotel,

Broxbourne, was out of the county. The town of Broxbourne was just over the bridge and the other side of the river which divided Hertford and Essex, and the Crown Hotel was in the Province of East Anglia. Under the circumstances it was thought advisable to have the same thing done as was done in the Craft, and as was referred to in the report of the General Board, which he now moved be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded the motion.

The Earl of EUSTON said this question had been before the General Board, and it was decided that Lodge 428 should belong to Herts, although at present it met in Essex. The President of the Board was quite right in what he had stated—that the same course had been followed as was followed in the Craft.

The motion was put and carried.

Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE moved, and Bro. A. B. COOK seconded—"That the report be adopted."

The motion was carried, and Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

## BRO. LANE'S NEW WORK.\*

We have been favoured, in response to our request, with the advance sheets of the new work by Bro. John Lane, entitled, "Centenary Warrants and Jewels: comprising an account of all the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England to which Centenary Warrants have been granted, together with illustrations of all special jewels, by John Lane, P.M., P.Z., &c., Past Senior Grand Warden of Iowa, U.S.A., Past Prov. Grand Registrar of Devonshire, &c., &c., &c. Author of 'Masonic Records, 1717-1886,' 'Handy Book to the Study of the Lists of Lodges,' &c., &c., with an Introduction by William James Hughan, Past Senior Warden of Iowa, U.S.A., Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, &c., &c. London: George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, 1891,"—and have been highly gratified with our perusal thereof. The valuable information is varied and interesting, as well as accurate and exhaustive.

Few brethren will be prepared to find such a vast number of details connected with the history of the old lodges in this volume, and all Masonic students will rejoice with Bro. Hughan in his Introduction, that the reproach has in part been removed from English Craftsmen "of neglecting the very interesting subject of Masonic medals."

According to the information supplied in the very useful Introduction, 42 lodges have obtained warrants to wear centenary jewels of a distinctive design, "40 being still on the English register, one having been cancelled, and the other is now under the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

The whole of these *forty-two* medals are illustrated in Bro. Lane's artistic volume, the frontispiece, in colours, appropriately being devoted to the centenary jewel of the ordinary or uniform pattern which has generally distinguished centenary lodges from 1867.

Of the latter class nearly 140 have been granted, so that there have been 179 lodges empowered by the M.W.G.M. to either wear the special or ordinary centenary medals, the whole of which are particularised by Bro. Lane, chronologically in relation to their date of origin, as respects their centenary warrants, with full information as to the grounds on which such grants were based.

The author is critical, besides being descriptive, and when occasion appears to him to demand a reconsideration of the evidence which led to certain lodges being granted centenary warrants, he is not slow to urge objections to the status of such, and furnishes weighty reasons why they should not have been issued. The facts presented are at times startling in character, and as Bro. Lane has thoroughly investigated all the points upon which he so ably dilates, the work is especially valuable to all who desire authentic information about our old lodges.

The dozen plates of the medals are a most artistic feature of the beautiful volume, and cannot fail to be most welcome to the studious brethren in this country who hitherto have been unable to secure authoritative sketches of the old lodges, which are the pride of the English Craft.

The following special jewels of the lodges named are represented in the plates, and are alone well worth the price of the work:

Plates I.—Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, London, No. 7; Albion Lodge, London, No. 9; Westminster and Keystone Lodge, London, No. 10; and Enoch Lodge, London, No. 11. II.—Kent Lodge, London, No. 15; Albion Lodge, Quebec, No. 17; Old Dundee Lodge, London, No. 18; and Neptune Lodge, London, No. 22. III.—Globe Lodge, London, No. 23, and St. Alban's Lodge, London, No. 29. IV.—United Mariners Lodge, London, No. 30; Medina Lodge, Cowes, No. 35; and St. John the Baptist Lodge, Exeter, No. 39. V.—Royal Cumberland Lodge, Bath, No. 41; St. Paul's Lodge, Birmingham, No. 43; and Old Union Lodge, London, No. 46. VI.—Newstead Lodge, Nottingham, No. 47; St. Mary's Lodge, London, No. 63; and Lodge Star in the East, Calcutta, No. 67. VII.—St. John's Lodge, Plymouth, No. 70; Lodge of Economy, Winchester, No. 76; Foundation Lodge, Cheltenham, No. 82; and Lodge of Loyalty, Prescott, No. 86. VIII.—Lodge of Regularity, London, No. 91; Burlington Lodge, London, No. 96; Palatine Lodge, Sunderland, No. 97; and Shakespeare Lodge, London, No. 99. IX.—Lodge of Fortitude, Plymouth, No. 105; Lodge Industry and Perseverance, Calcutta, No. 109; Restoration Lodge, Darlington, No. 111; and St. George's Lodge, Exeter, No. 112. X.—Palladian Lodge, Hereford, No. 120; Marquis of Granby Lodge, Durham, No. 124; Union Lodge, Margate, No. 127; and Caledonian Lodge, London, No. 134. XI.—Lodge of Amity, Poole, No. 137; Britannia Lodge, Sheffield, No. 139; St. George's Lodge, London, No. 140; and Lodge of Lights, Warrington, No. 148. XII.—Inhabitants' Lodge, Gibraltar, No. 153; Jerusalem Lodge, London, No. 197; and Prince of Wales's Lodge, London, No. 259.

The volume will be ready in a week or so. Printed on thick art paper, demy 8vo, 126 pages, with 13 full-page plates, containing 43 illustrations of jewels, bound in blue cloth, gilt lettered, price to subscribers 12s. 6d. post free, from the author, Bannercross, Torquay, or Bro. W. J. Hughan, Dunscore, Torquay. Only 200 copies will be published, so that early application is necessary. We regret that the edition is so limited.

\* George Kenning, Great Queen-street, London.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

The 34th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada opened in the Masonic Hall, Toronto-street, on 24th July last. Of the 103 subordinate chapters on the roll, 73 were represented, among those present being Comps. J. J. Mason, G.Z.; J. E. Harding, G.H.; J. Ross Robertson, G.J.; F. J. Menet, T. Sargent, R. B. Hungerford, J. K. Kerr, D. Spry, David McLellan, H. Robertson, H. Murray, E. Mitchell, E. T. Malone, R. T. Walkem, J. A. Wills, J. A. Fraser, H. Robertson, A. McGinnis, H. A. Matthews, T. L. M. Tipton, J. S. Dewar, A. E. Cooper, S. Wesley, M. Walsh, P. J. Lightburne, J. Beck, J. B. Nixon, G. G. Rowe, D. H. Martyn, J. K. Brydon, W. T. Toner, Kivas Tully, W. G. Reid, Otto Klotz, G. J. Bennett, J. Creasor, A. G. Horwood, J. P. Thomas, Hon. J. M. Gibson, J. A. Nelles, W. Walker, J. G. Rousseau, W. Forbes, D. Taylor, C. F. Mansell, A. Morton, A. Patterson, Hugh A. Mackay, F. F. Manley, and others.

After the formal opening the GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL delivered his address, in the course of which, after referring to the bereavement suffered by them in the loss of Comps. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore and James A. Henderson, he dealt with the principal events of the past year, and congratulated Grand Chapter on the prosperous state of R.A. Masonry.

The address concluded with expressions of gratitude over the recovery of the Grand Scribe E. from his recent illness, which it was feared would be fatal.

After disposing of the routine business the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

Comp. J. J. Mason	...	Grand Z.
" J. E. Harding	...	Grand H.
" J. Ross Robertson	...	Grand J.
" David McLellan	...	G. Scribe E.
" George J. Bennett	...	G. Scribe N.
" A. Shaw	...	G. Prin. Soj.
" Ed. Mitchell	...	G. Treasurer.
" F. C. Humber	...	G. Registrar.
" F. J. Hood	...	G. Janitor.

Grand District Superintendents: Comps. G. Gott, St. Clair district; C. Mole, London district; M. Walsh, Wilson district, re-elected; J. A. Nelles, Wellington district, re-elected; Thos. Irwin, Hamilton district; J. Baker, Huron district, re-elected; Jas. McGarry, Niagara district; Geo. E. Clarke, Toronto district; P. J. Lightburne, Ontario district; A. McGinnis, Prince Edward district, re-elected; R. T. Walkem, Central district; W. J. Clarke, Manitoba district; and Joseph D. Amer Drew, Australian district, re-elected.

The election of Grand Council was then proceeded with, and the following were elected: Comps. Hugh Murray, Wm. Gibson, David Taylor, E. T. Malone, and Judge Cressor. The following were appointed by the Grand Z.: Comps. A. G. Smythe, Wm. Forbes, W. G. Reid, Hugh A. Mackay, and J. D. Christie.

In the course of the afternoon a dispatch was sent containing fraternal greetings to the General Grand Chapter now in convocation at Minneapolis. A reply was received signed by the General Grand H.P. reciprocating the kind sentiments in the former dispatch.

A Committee was appointed to compile the ceremonial form for the opening, closing, and installation of officers in the Grand Chapter.

Comp. J. ROSS ROBERTSON read a report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Canada, which embraced a careful *resumé* of the reports of the Grand Superintendents, and contained many valuable suggestions for the future guidance of the Order. Its reading was received with much favour.

On the motion of Comp. SARGANT, seconded by Comp. F. J. MENET, the rank of Past Grand First Principal was conferred on Comp. Kivas Tully, as an acknowledgment of a life of devotion to the Craft in its several branches.

The venerable BROTHER'S reply to this exaltation was couched in feeling terms, and was received with much enthusiasm.

The newly elected officers were then installed by Comps. Sargent and Menet, after which Grand Chapter was closed.

## GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

The seventh annual meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory Knights Templar of Canada was opened in the Masonic Hall, Toronto-street, on the 21st June last. The Order was largely represented, among those present being Sir Knights Henry Robertson, Q.C., LL.B., acting Grand Master; Col. A. A. Stevenson, acting Deputy Grand Master; Daniel Spry, G. Chancellor; J. Ross Robertson, James Greenfield, D. McLellan, S. Wesley, D. F. MacWatt, D. D. Adams, N. T. Lyon, E. T. Malone, C. F. Mansell, S. J. Dewar, R. J. Craig, J. McL. Stephenson, C. W. Postlethwaite, E. E. Sheppard, W. G. Reid, E. A. Dalley, J. Malloy, Henry Griffiths, T. Sargent, W. H. Howse, Dr. G. G. Rowe, O. S. Hillman, J. Douglas, F. F. Manley, H. A. Holland, T. C. Macnabb, D. Taylor, A. E. Cooper, L. Slater, W. Gibson, B. Shortly, R. L. Patterson, W. Roaf, B. Allen, A. S. Ardagh, R. K. Angel, J. B. Traves, H. A. Taylor, L. H. Henderson, N. W. Ford, J. A. Nelles, W. H. Whyte, Donald Ross, P. J. Lightburne, G. J. Bennett, and others.

The ACTING GRAND MASTER, after the usual preliminary exercises had been disposed of, delivered his annual address, at the commencement of which he referred to the late Sir Knights MacLeod Moore and Henderson in the following terms: "The past year has

been fraught with sadness for Canadian Templars. Within the short space of a few months our first Grand Master and his successor have both passed away, full of years and honours, and we are left lamenting their absence. The names of MacLeod Moore and James A. Henderson have been so long as household words with all Templars in Canada that it is difficult to realise the fact that they are no longer with us, that we will no more hear their words of wisdom, that we will no more clasp their hands in fraternal affection, or enjoy their beloved companionship in our annual conclaves. It was their privilege to have possessed for a lengthened period the love, esteem, and respect of all their brethren in no ordinary degree, and it was our good fortune to have had the benefit of their extensive knowledge and experience. They were both earnest and enthusiastic Templars, and freely devoted their time and their energies for the welfare of our beloved Order in Canada. In the will of the Almighty Father of the Universe they have been in due time called to their eternal home. May they rest in peace, and may we emulate their virtues. At our special conclave, held in Hamilton, in October last, M. E. Frater Henderson was elected in his absence to the supreme position in the Order, and he was installed shortly afterwards at his own home in Kingston by R.E. Frater S. F. Matthews, the Provincial Prior of New Brunswick. Our Grand Master died on the 7th of December following, and I thereupon ordered the issue of the annexed circular:

"The Chancery of the Order,

"Barrie, Ont., 15th December, 1890.

"To the Knights Templars of Canada:

"Frates,—It is with the most profound regret that we have to announce to you the death of our dearly-loved and esteemed Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, James A. Henderson, Q.C., LL.D., which occurred at his home in Kingston on the 7th instant. Following so closely upon our loss of Grand Master MacLeod Moore, the blow falls with redoubled force, and we are left to lament the decease of both our leaders, frates who have been for many years foremost in our thoughts and affections, who have guided the destinies of our beloved Order ever since its revival in the Dominion, who were ever active and untiring in their efforts to advance our interests, and who held the very highest place in the love and esteem of all our members. Their memories will for ever remain fresh and unsullied in our hearts, and we will endeavour to profit by the lessons of their noble lives and to copy their manifold virtues. As a mark of respect it is directed that the banners of the preceptories shall be draped in mourning for the space of three months, and joining with you in all heartfelt sympathy, we remain, yours in the bonds of the Order,

"HY. ROBERTSON, D.G.M.,

"Acting Grand Master.

"Attest.

"D. SPRY, Grand Chancellor."

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Chancery of the Order, in the able hands of our R.E. Frater Daniel Spry, is all that it should be, well and carefully managed, and the business attended to with promptness and exactitude. I desire to publicly acknowledge my indebtedness to him for valuable assistance in the performance of my duties. The statements which will be laid before you by the Grand Treasurer will show that the financial condition of the Great Priory is very satisfactory. We are able to meet all our engagements and have a substantial balance on hand."

Other matters of local interest having been dealt with, the address was concluded.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

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" E. T. Malone	... D.G.M.
" Daniel Spry	... G. Chancellor
" Rev. S. Bates	... G. Chaplain.
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" C. A. Knowles	... G. Marshal.
" David McLellan	... G. Treasurer.
" O. S. Hillman	... G. Registrar.

Provincial Priors: Frates D. F. McWatt, Toronto District; C. A. Humber, London District; J. A. Angel, Hamilton District; J. Greenfield, Kingston District; W. H. Whyte, Quebec District; S. F. Matthews, New Brunswick District; J. W. Ruhland, Nova Scotia District; and A. R. Milne, British Columbia District.

Grand Council elected: Frates J. Ross Robertson, J. S. Dewar, E. E. Sheppard, E. A. Dalley, and Samuel Dubber.

Grand Councillors appointed: Frates Colonel A. A. Stevenson, Donald Ross, G. D. Adams, N. T. Lyon, and Samuel Wesley.

The allocation was adopted, and Great Priory having completed its business was closed the following day.

## ANNUAL OUTING OF THE HAMER LODGE, No. 1393.

The annual outing of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when the brethren, with their wives and friends, numbering about 50, left the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, in well-appointed waggons for Aughton, near Ormskirk. On arriving there the company were photographed by Mr. Mowll, of the well-known firm of Messrs. Mowll and Morrison, by their new instantaneous process. Afterwards the party adjourned to the Stanley Arms Hotel, where a substantial knife-and-fork tea had been prepared. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. J. A. Hignett, presided, and amongst the general company present were Bro. and Mrs. James Pilling, Bro. R. J. L. Kynaston, Bro. and Mrs. W. T. Oversby, Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Rainbow, Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Hankey, Bro. J. C. Brooks, Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Baron, Bro. and Mrs. T. A. Laidlaw, Bro. and Mrs. Neils Christensen, Bro. Dr. John and Mrs. M'Murray, and Bro. A. E. M'Dougall. The toast list was confined to three, viz., "The Queen," "The W.M." (Bro. Hignett), and "The Ladies," the last one being humorously responded to by Miss Brooks, a visitor from Grimsby. The weather fortunately kept fine until the party nearly reached Liverpool again. The whole of the arrangements, which gave general satisfaction, were effectively carried out under the personal superintendence of the W.M., Bro. J. A. Hignett, ably assisted by Bro. R. J. L. Kynaston, P.M., Treas., and Bro. T. A. Laidlaw, Sec.

## DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT FIVEMILETOWN.

Some two years ago we chronicled the foundation of the Border Lodge, No. 482, at Fivemiletown. Progress has since been the order of the day in the quarter. A very large number of members have been added to the roll from month to month, until now in this respect the Border can compare favourably with most lodges connected with the Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh. Originally the brethren met in the Courthouse, but a project was set on foot a year ago for the purchase of a disused preaching house from the Methodist Body. We are glad to be able to announce that success has crowned the efforts of this infant lodge. On Monday, the 17th inst., the dedication of the new hall took place with the usual interesting circumstances, the deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge consisting of Bros. Rev. J. W. Monray, P.M.; Rev. L. Richards, P.M.; and J. W. Ellison Macartney, P.M.

Luncheon was served at the Hotel at one o'clock. Immediately afterwards took place the ceremony of consecration, when the above officers were assisted by Bros. Rev. E. Frank Naylor, W.M. 482; Hugh Bracken, S.W.; James Hall, J.W.; J. A. Smith, S.D.; George Martin, acting J.D.; G. Young, I.G.; Rev. Wm. Hannah, Sec.; and William Ellison Macartney, P.M.

The members of No. 482 are to be congratulated on the possession of a handsome and comfortable hall. In fact few lodges in country towns can boast of better quarters. We must certainly confess, however, that the success of the Border has been well earned by the energy and enterprise of the brethren belonging to it. The exercise of these qualities has made Masonry a power in the neighbourhood of Fivemiletown, and we look forward with confidence to a prosperous career of Masonic usefulness for the members of No. 482.

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## To Correspondents.

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## Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1891.

It will be seen from the report we publish in another column that the business of Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on Wednesday was dispatched quickly, but a long discussion on the merits of an appeal by a lodge against the sentence passed upon it by the Prov. Grand Master of Jersey detained Grand Lodge till past nine of the clock. For the nature of this appeal, the remarks by the various speakers *pro* and *con*, and the decision arrived at, we refer our readers to the said report with the solitary comment that we do not see how Grand Lodge could have arrived at a fairer conclusion.

It will be seen from our report of the Quarterly Communication, on Tuesday, of the Mark Grand Lodge, that the General Board report the number of new Mark certificates issued during the quarter to 30th June as 413, and the number of warrants for new lodges issued as three, of which two are located in London and one in South Australia. The Royal Ark Mariner certificates issued during the same period was 84. According to the same report, the total amount subscribed on behalf of the Portal memorial organ is a trifle over £210.

There is every promise of an exceptionally large attendance of companions at the convocation on Thursday next, the 8th inst., of the Pleiades (R.A.) Chapter, No. 710, Totnes. Comp. W. J. Hughan, P.Z., P. Asst. G. Sojourner, has very kindly promised to be present, and will deliver one of his able and instructive addresses on Royal Arch Masonry. The agenda likewise includes the exaltation of Bro. Ladislav de Malczovitch, of Lodge St. Stephens, Budapest, who has already been balloted for and elected. Bro. de Malczovitch is Under-Secretary in the Royal Ministry of the Interior for Hungary and a member of Council of the Order in the Grand Lodge of Hungary.

We regret we cannot congratulate our worthy contemporary the *West London Observer* on the freshness or accuracy of its Masonic news. It announces, for instance, that "Bro. A. F. A. Woodford is the Editor of the new edition of the 'Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.'" Unfortunately for our contemporary, there is, in the first place, no new edition of any Cyclopædia of Freemasonry in course of being published—so far as our knowledge goes; and, in the second place, Bro. A. F. A. Woodford has been dead for nearly four years.

The same journal announces, on the authority of the *Scotsman*, that "Robert Burns was Poet Laureate of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning." This is undoubtedly true, as to the announcement having been so made, but in our issue of the 22nd ult. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, clearly proved that Burns was nothing more than a member of the said lodge, and that the story about his having been its Poet Laureate, though it has been accepted by many, is in fact all moonshine.

Sir Robert Stout commends it as "a feature about the Grand Orient" of France "that it does not object to discuss any question in its lodges, social, political, or even religious." On the other hand, *Galvani's Messenger* declares that "the French Masonic lodges are doing more damage to Freemasonry than the deadliest enemies of the Craft," and suggests that "the Freemasons of other countries ought once more to protest against the degradation of their world-wide brotherhood by the transformation of the lodges into centres of political fanaticism." We prefer our contemporary's view to that of Sir R. Stout, because we know that it truly represents the present character of French Freemasonry.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Bromley St. Leonard Lodge (No. 1805).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the Bromley Vestry Hall. There were present Bros. Ben Johnson, W.M.; Tom Green, S.W.; W. M. Mead, J.W.; John Collier, Treas.; Toole, P.M.; Peterken, P.M.; McLaren, P.M.; and a fair number of visitors, including Bros. Oxley, P.M. 1306; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; F. Webster, 1804; J. Myerscough, 1025; W. Davies, 1259; J. Nisbet, 153; R. Foskett, 1625; J. Gibbs, 1804; C. Mears, P.M. 1076; C. Slater, 1076; J. Hay, 1622; and J. Butcher, 1804.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. F. Thornton, J. Kirby, and W. G. Shadrake were raised to the Third Degree. Bros. H. W. Boorer and R. Miners were passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. Frederick Allen, John Wood, and Charles Morsley were initiated. The whole of the ceremonies were admirably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bros. G. E. Warn, S.D.; Wm. T. Potts, J.D.; and J. Bussey, I.G. The brethren and visitors afterwards dined together.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

## CROWLE.

**Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 25th ult. Present: Bros. Behrendt, W.M.; Constable, I.P.M.; R. N. Brunyee, S.W.; C. Fox, J.W.; T. Staniforth, P.P.G.P., Chap.; W. Chamberlain, D.C.; H. L. Burtonshaw, P.G.O., Org.; T. Wressell and J. Turner, Stewards; A. L. Peace, R. Meadley, J. Batty, and G. Naylor, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. W. P. Robotham, Sec. 2259.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Franks was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the work being done by the W.M. and I.P.M. Bro. Staniforth gave an interesting account of the result of his work as Provincial Charity Steward on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. The brethren afterwards partook of light refreshments.

## FARROW.

**St. Bede's Lodge (No. 1119).**—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, when there was a very large attendance of the members and visiting brethren. Bro. James Robinson, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. H. Soderburg, I.P.M.; J. W. Chater, S.W. and W.M. elect; John Taylor, J.W.; Thomas Robinson, Treas.; A. McDougall, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; A. J. Prince, S.D.; D. W. Voss, J.D.; J. Tate, P.G.O., Org.; W. Renton, Stwd.; James Horner, Tyler; N. K. Brown, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Davies, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; T. Renton, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Witter, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Sedcole, P.M.; H. Golder, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; and the following visitors: Bros. J. H. Penney, W.M. 1970; J. Usher, P.M. 481, P.P.G. Purst. Northumberland; John C. Moor, P.M. 97 and 2039, P.P.G.D.; S. Chadwick, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Chas. F. Sutcliffe, P.M. 240; D. Cameron, S.W. 240; James Shaw, S.W. 424; J. T. Roy, I.G. 1643; G. Harland, S.W. 1970; and C. J. Bates, 933.

When the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. W. Chater, S.W., was presented for installation by Bro. Nigel K. Brown, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., to the Installing Master, Bro. James Robinson, W.M., who very ably performed the duties, and installed Bro. Chater in the chair of K.S. amid the general appreciation of the brethren. The W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, appointed and invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Robinson, I.P.M.; Jno. Taylor, S.W.; A. J. Prince, J.W.; T. Robinson, Treas.; A. McDougall, P.M., Sec.; D. W. Voss, S.D.; J. Rigby, J.D.; R. Madgshon, I.G.; James Tate, Org.; George Davies, P.M., D.C.; W. F. Renton and J. F. Douglas, Stewards; and James Horner, Tyler. The W.M. afterwards presented a handsome gold Past Master's jewel to Bro. James Robinson, I.P.M., as a token of esteem and regard, and as an expression of the high regard in which his services had been held by the lodge for some time past. Bro. J. Robinson acknowledged the presentation, thanking the W.M., Past Masters, and brethren for their kind mark of recognition. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed towards the newly-installed W.M., the lodge was closed.

The annual festival of the lodge was held at Bro. J. Rutherford's, County Hotel. Bro. J. W. Chater, W.M., presided, and over 60 Past Masters, brethren, and visitors sat down to an excellent, well-served banquet. The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with great enthusiasm.

## THORNE.

**St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Peace Hall on the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. J. H. Bletcher, W.M.; A. L. Peace, I.P.M.; J. Constable, J.W.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; G. Kenyon, S.D.; W. Martin, J.D.; T. Barber, W. G. Winter, H. J. Pawson, F. Webb, F. Pine, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. T. Foster, G. Goldthorpe, and W. Bridge, 242.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Barley Maskill was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Peace, during the temporary absence of the W.M. Bros. Ashlin, Martin, and Livingston were appointed Auditors. The meeting was followed by a pleasant banquet.

The Duchess of Albany, with her family and party of friends, arrived in Torbay on Wednesday afternoon on board the Queen's yacht Victoria and Albert. The weather was fine throughout the day. The yacht left on Thursday for Falmouth.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Westley, W.M.; Folkard, S.W.; Evans, J.W.; Poole, acting as Sec.; King, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; Lyell, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, Ellison, and Mann.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Ellison having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Ellison duly raised to the Degree of a M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of passing being announced, and Bro. Cochrane having offered himself as a candidate, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Cochrane duly passed to the Degree of a F.C., the W.M. giving the explanation of the working tools at length. 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 and third times, and the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, P.M., W.M.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, S.W.; W. Hide, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; J. Davies, P.M., S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; R. Reid, I.G.; J. Banks, E. Nash, E. Fox, H. Blackman, P. J. Davies, W.M. 865; C. C. Barber, C. Woods, and Bone.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The 2nd Section was worked in like manner. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Woods offered himself as a candidate for raising, and after examination was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Fox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. C. G. Hatt, W.M.; P. J. Davies, W.M. 865, S.W.; W. G. Danby, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; G. A. Knight, S.D.; C. E. Betts, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; James Wiggins, H. Wake, A. G. Talbot, and A. Williams, P.M.

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. Wake acting as candidate. Bro. Hatt vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Davies, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hatt offered himself as a candidate for raising, and, proving proficient on examination, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Hatt was re-instated as W.M., and the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Davies was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hatt for his commendable working of the initiation ceremony for the first time, and the lodge was closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. C. G. Hatt, W.M.; P. J. Davies, W.M. 865, S.W.; C. C. Barber, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; H. Wake, S.D.; C. Woods, J.D.; E. J. Green, I.G.; G. Swann, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a commendable manner. Bro. Hatt vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Davies. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. A brother offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Hatt resumed the position of W.M., and the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Davies was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hatt for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of W.M. for the first time, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 29th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. J. Davies, P.M., W.M.; A. Williams, P.M., S.W.; Edward Fox, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec. (*pro tem.*); W. Hyde, S.D.; W. G. Foster, J.D.; W. S. Whiteley, I.G.; J. N. Baxter, Stwd.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; F. A. Barth, L. J. Powell, R. Reid, and P. J. Davies, W.M. 865.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Spiegel, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. A. Williams, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Third Lecture was worked by the W.M., with the assistance of the brethren, as in the previous Sections. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. Bro. A. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).**—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 24th ult., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. J. J. Briginshaw, P.G.S., W.M.; Percy Trickett, S.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.Z., J.W.; Jno. Ives, P.M., acting Preceptor; Nathaniel Fortescue, Treas.; P. D. Parsons, S.D.; A. H. Wilson, J.D.; W. J. Short, I.G.; J. Collett, Stwd.; C. Spurgeon, Org.; H. C. Herman, E. James, Geo. Lloyd, T. Body, E. T. Fuller, T. W. Stacey, J. Clark, T. H. Lloyd, A. Oakden, G. H. Thorogood, C. H. Bestow, J. H. Wildash, P.M.; W. F. Stauffer, G. W. Fry, T. C. Bateman, G. Baltus, B. Mann, J. Lewis-Young, W. Cook, and others.

After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Clark as candidate. The lodge was called off, and having been duly called on, Bro. Fortescue delivered the ancient charge. Bro. Herman answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cook passed. Bros. Herman and Baltus were elected joining members. Bro. Percy Trickett was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. There being no further business, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 12th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street W., Hammersmith. Present: Comps. M. Speigel, James Sims, P.Z., John Davies, F. Craggs, W. Hillier, and E. Fox.

This being a meeting for the discussion of general matters, no formal opening was declared, and a resolution was passed adjourning the convocation until Wednesday, 7th October, when much business of importance will be brought forward, and a full attendance is specially desired.

## Ireland.

### DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT DONAGHADEE.

The dedication of the new Masonic Hall for Donaghadee, took place on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at noon. The day was very unfavourable as far as the weather was concerned, but notwithstanding a large number of people assembled adjacent to the hall to witness the procession. The Provincial Grand Lodge met in the old Masonic Rooms in Bow-street, where the lodge was opened and the procession, in accordance with the usual Masonic custom, was formed. The officers present were Bros. Major Leslie J. Thompson, P.G.M.; John Murphy, P.S.G.W.; Thomas Anderson, P.G. Sec.; F. C. Crossle, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Canon Brown, P.S.G.D.; W. Shannon, P.J.G.D.; W. Tweedy, M.D., P.G.S.B.; Andrew Morrow, P.G.I.G.; and J. T. Scott. The procession having arrived at the hall, the brethren uncovered to the right and left, and allowed the Provincial Grand Officers to pass into the hall, during which time solemn music was performed by Bro. E. S. Mills, P.G.O.

Bro. ROBERT SLOAN, W.M. 675, addressing the Provincial Grand Master, said: Right Worshipful Master, the brethren of Donaghadee Lodge, No. 675, being animated with a desire to promote the honour and interest of the Craft, have erected a Masonic Hall for their convenience and accommodation. They are desirous that the same should be examined by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Lodge, and if it should meet their approbation that it be solemnly dedicated to Masonic purposes, agreeably to ancient form and usage.

The architect and builder having addressed the chair, Bro. Major LESLIE J. THOMPSON said: Brethren, the skill and fidelity displayed in the execution of the trust reposed in you at the commencement of this undertaking have secured the entire approval of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and they sincerely pray that this edifice may continue a lasting monument of the taste, spirit, and liberality of its founders.

The ceremony of dedication was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion the W.M. of Lodge 675, Donaghadee, presented a silver trowel to Bro. John Horner as a mark of the appreciation of that lodge for the care and trouble he had taken in connection with the erection of the hall.

Bro. Horner then proceeded to lay the tablet in the hall of the lodge room, commemorative of the dedication of the building by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. D. Reid, Grand Cashier of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was present during the ceremony.

After the close of the dedication the brethren proceeded to the Assembly Rooms, where a sumptuous dinner had been prepared by Messrs. Chas. Thompson and Son.

The dinner having been done full justice to,

Bro. ROBERT SLOAN, who occupied the chair, proposed the toast of "The M.W.G.M. of Ireland and other Grand Masters in communication with the Grand Lodge of Ireland."

The toast having been duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Lodge of Down." He said the brethren of Donaghadee Lodge were very pleased at the brotherly way in which the Provincial Grand Lodge had dedicated the lodge that day.

The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Major THOMPSON, replied, and on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge thanked them very sincerely for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He was certain that it afforded himself and others a very great pleasure to attend there that day and assist in the dedication of the hall. He was happy to say that no matter what part of the province the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge went to they always received a hospitable welcome, and, if anything were wanting, it showed the brotherly kindness which existed between the higher and lower lodges, and was a positive proof that their exertions were appreciated. There was one subject he wished to allude to specially, and that was that this year was the centenary celebration of the Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin. The Grand Lodge had made a strong appeal to the Provincial Grand Lodges and other members to raise a large fund for the benefit of the Schools. Several of the provincial lodges had undertaken to furnish stalls in connection with a sale of work or bazaar next May,

whilst other lodges thought the most convenient way was to send in a subscription. The object was one worthy of consideration from a charitable point of view, and he was speaking authoritatively when he said the Provincial Grand Secretary would be happy to receive contributions no matter of what nature. He begged to thank the brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. HUGH ROSS proposed "The Health and Happiness of Bro. Horner," who had been one of the greatest supports of No. 675 since his connection with the lodge, and all along had shown his interest in the erection of the hall.

Bro. HORNER having responded to the toast, The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Sloan, and the Members of Lodge 675." In doing so he said he hoped the new lodge room would prove a source of great convenience to them, and that it would give an impetus to Masonry in that neighbourhood.

The CHAIRMAN replied on behalf of the brethren of No. 675 and himself. He considered he was greatly honoured in having been placed in the position of Chairman that evening, and on behalf of his brother Masons he begged to thank the visiting brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received. He was sure he expressed the sentiments of Lodge 675 when he said they would always be happy to receive any of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge in their midst. He had been asked to propose their R.W. Prov. Grand Master as an honorary member of No. 675.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Reid, Grand Cashier of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The toast having been honoured, Bro. REID and Bro. PATTON, 240, Canada, suitably replied for the visitors, while the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim" was proposed, and responded to by Bro. STOKES.

The interesting proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

## The Craft Abroad.

### INDIA—POONA.

**Orion in the West Lodge (No. 415, E.C.).**—There was a very successful gathering at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, 15th July, when Bro. Captain H. M. Prior was installed as W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year. Over 50 brethren were present to assist in the ceremony, including a dozen Past Masters. The following lodges were represented on the occasion: St. Andrew in the East, Level, Sphinx, Glittering Star, Military Jubilee, De la Pole, Royal Connaught, Caledonia, and Union. Bro. Captain C. D. Wise was the Installing Master, and he performed the ceremony in a highly impressive manner. Bro. Prior having been duly installed in the chair, appointed the following office bearers: Bros. Major E. D. Newnham-Smith, S.W.; Captain A. M. Horrocks, J.W.; J. Jenkins, Sec.; R. Dickie, P.M.; Treas.; Phillimore, S.D.; W. J. Green-grass, J.D.; Surgeon R. C. Thacker, I.G.; and David Low, Tyler.

After the regular business of the lodge had been disposed of, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, the hall being prettily decorated and brightly illuminated. The table decorations were very effective.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual toasts of obligation were loyally drunk, with Masonic honours, viz.: "The Queen-Empress of India and the Craft;" "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland;" "The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught;" and "The Deputy District Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers of the District Grand Lodge, Present and Past." The name of Bro. Capt. Wise was coupled with the last toast, the Worshipful Master remarking that it was needless for him to say anything in praise of the most excellent services which Bro. Wise had rendered to the cause of Freemasonry, it being already well known to the assembled brethren.

Bro. Wise briefly replied, and in return proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was enthusiastically drunk with full Masonic and musical honours. Bro. Wise felt sure that the members of Orion in the West Lodge would have no occasion to regret the choice they had made in Bro. Prior, who, he felt sure, would fully justify his selection for the honourable position to which he had attained.

The name of Bro. R. Levingstone was coupled with the toast of "The Past Masters," and, in reply, he proposed the toast of "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Colonel T. H. Lloyd, R.A.," for whose unavoidable absence that evening much regret was expressed.

"The Sister Lodges" were next toasted, the name of Bro. Capt. R. B. Page, of Sphinx Lodge, being coupled therewith.

The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Page returned thanks, and expressed the hearty congratulations of Sphinx Lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was the next on the card, this being associated with the name of Bro. Dr. Lingard, who briefly replied.

Bro. Dickie's name was coupled with the toast of "The Officers, Present and Past," as also were the names of Bros. Major Newnham-Smith and Capt. Horrocks, each of whom said a few words in reply.

In the intervals between the toasts there were several capital songs sung. Bro. Dr. J. Pollen gave two splendid recitations, which were greatly applauded.

The Tyler's toast was given close upon midnight, and shortly afterwards the company dispersed, having spent a very pleasant evening.

### NATAL.

**Inanda Lodge (No. 1192).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Hall, Avoca, on Thursday, the 25th June. There was a large attendance, and amongst those present were Bros. Rev. T. E. Robinson, H. Rutherford, Mason, J. Fletcher, J. H. Tosen, J. H.

Isaacs, T. Cook, S. Knox, J. Fraser, T. N. Price, J. E. Brown, G. Pullock, H. E. Royal, and J. Wright.

Bro. E. A. St. Clair Liston, W.M., occupied the chair, and, when the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, installed Bro. John Gove in the chair for the ensuing 12 months. The following were invested as officers: Bros. E. A. St. Clair Liston, I.P.M.; A. Beckett, S.W.; T. A. Brown, J.W.; C. Jackson, Treas.; F. Hill, Sec.; A. H. Dyke, S.D.; C. D. Tonkin, J.D.; H. P. Harrison, D.C.; G. Pullock, Organist; G. Swales, I.G.; and J. L. Burdon, Tyler. Before closing, Bro. G. Pullock presented Bro. Liston with a Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. E. A. St. Clair Liston as a small token of respect during the term of his Mastership of the Inanda Lodge, No. 1192, 24th June, 1889, to 24th June, 1891." A similar jewel bearing the following inscription was also presented to Bro. Hill: "Presented to Bro. F. Hill by the members of the Inanda Lodge, No. 1192, as a token of respect for his untiring zeal as Secretary during his term of office. June 24th, 1891."

Lodge having been closed, a banquet took place at the Avoca Hotel, at which about 70 persons sat down, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

### MASONIC PRESENTATION TO BRO. G. DAWMAN.

At the regular meeting of the Albion Lodge, No. 2086, Woodstock, South Africa, on Thursday, 16th June, there was a very large attendance of visitors, including Bro. J. A. Williams, W.M., and several members of the Woodstock Lodge, No. 2379; Bro. Tibbits, P.M., and members of the Lorne Lodge (S.C.); Bro. King, P.M., and members of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1735; Bro. Bindemann, W.M. 1603; and Bro. B. T. Hutchinson, P.M.

After the working, the W.M., Bro. J. B. WHEELWRIGHT, said that a very pleasing duty fell to his lot that evening. The Albion Lodge had unanimously voted an architect's jewel to Bro. G. Dawman for the services that he had rendered as architect of the Temple and building they were now in—services rendered without charge. He (the speaker) was but a comparatively young Mason, and was not in the Craft when Bro. Dawman, with others, founded the Albion Lodge, so he would call on Bro. N. Mackay, as one of the founders, to present the jewel.

Bro. N. MACRAY gave the history of the jewel, and the difficulty that had at first presented itself, by reason of architects' jewels being very rare. The jewel consisted of a Corinthian column, with a circular protractor and five-pointed star, the whole encircled with a chased wreath. The jewel was of solid gold.

In acknowledging the presentation, Bro. G. DAWMAN alluded to his being connected with three lodges, and of his being the founder of two in that colony. He endeavoured to carry out the true principles of Masonry, not only inside the Temple, but also in his daily life and business avocations. The reply also alluded to the fact that whatever he did with regard to the plans for the building was done for the Albion Lodge and not for any speculative company.

The address was ordered to be incorporated in the minutes in full.

During the proceedings afterwards many of the brethren present alluded in warm terms to the many quiet and unobtrusive acts of Bro. Dawman that were truly Masonic, and the help he had rendered to many in various ways; with wishes that he might long live to continue his good deeds.

### CRYSTAL PALACE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

The ordinary general meeting of the proprietors of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company will be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 11th September, when the report and balance-sheet for the half-year ended the 30th June last will be presented. The balance to the credit of revenue account is stated as £3648, and the decrease in the profit on the half-year's working as compared with that of the corresponding half of last year is explained by the excessive price of coal and the increase in wages. However, taking the balance brought forward from previous half-year and the proceeds of sale of the contingent fund, the balance available for dividend amounts to £20,374. The directors accordingly recommend a dividend for the half-year of 6 per cent. on the Preference Stock, 7 per cent. on Ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock, 10 per cent. on the Ordinary 10 per Cent. Stock, and 7 per cent. on the New Ordinary 7 per Cent. Shares. This, with income tax, will absorb about £14,233, and leave £6142 to be carried forward to the credit of the next half-year. The report also shows an improvement in coke and other residuals to the extent of £2510, and an increase amount to 1287 per cent. in the quantity of gas sold over the corresponding half of last year. The report and accounts are thus most satisfactory, and will, doubtless, be accepted as such by the proprietors.

Partridge shooting commenced on Tuesday, the 1st inst., and the reports received from Berks, Hants, Wilts, and other counties show that birds are plentiful. Owing, however, to the little progress that has been made with the harvest operations in consequence of the wet weather, sport has been very generally delayed; indeed, it will be some time before the season has fairly set in elsewhere than in the Southern counties.

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The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their next regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 9th inst., at 4 p.m.

The weekly meetings of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, will be resumed on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at 7.30 p.m., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bro. W. Hancock is Preceptor, and Bro. C. M. Coxon, Hon. Secretary.

The Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, which the Queen has placed at the disposal of the Duchess of Albany for a fortnight's cruise in the Channel, was prevented by stress of weather from leaving Portsmouth on Tuesday.

A regular meeting of the Lodge of Honour, No. 526, Wolverhampton, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, in that town, on Friday next, the 11th instant, at 7 p.m. There is a tolerably full programme of business to be transacted.

At the recent half-yearly general meeting of the subscribers to the Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution, Bro. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., was unanimously re-elected President of the Society.

Before leaving Portsmouth on the 27th ult., the Duke of Cambridge congratulated the Inniskilling Dragoons on the smartness and efficiency they had shown at the inspection, and declared them to be one of the most distinguished cavalry regiments in the service.

The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), after leaving Kendal, paid a visit to Barrow-in-Furness, for the purpose of opening a fancy fair in aid of St. George's Church. Subsequently her Royal Highness left for Muncaster Castle, where she remained for a time as the guest of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Muncaster.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., and the Lady Mayoress were entertained at luncheon at North Berwick on Tuesday by Sir W. Hamilton-Dalrymple (Lord of the Manor), the Provost, and other friends. It had been in contemplation to hold a picnic on the Bass Rock, but owing to the tempestuous state of the weather, the idea had to be given up.

The first annual meeting of the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, will be held at the Cheshunt Hall, Crossbrook-street, Cheshunt, on Thursday next, the 10th inst., when Bro. P. L. Blackmore, S.W., and W.M. elect, will be installed as W.M. in succession to Bro. James Terry, who will have completed his year of office. The "James Terry" has fared most prosperously since its consecration in 1890.

Among those present at the marriage in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Saturday last, of Captain H. A. Kinloch, 60th Rifles, with Miss Jane A. M. Guinness, only daughter of Mr. Reginald Guinness, were Bro. Lord and Lady Ashbourne and Bro. General Lord Wolseley and Lady Wolseley. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Lord Plunket, the Archbishop of Dublin.

Sir Philip le Belward Grey-Egerton, of Oulton Park, Cheshire, died in London on Wednesday, after a long illness. He was 58 years of age. The deceased Baronet was formerly a Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, and was in the Crimean War. He succeeded to the Cheshire estates on the death of his father in 1881. He is succeeded by his eldest son, Mr. Philip Henry Brian Egerton, who was born in 1864.

Mr. Ferdinand Praeger, the pianist, died on Wednesday morning at his residence in Shepherd's Bush, after a long and painful illness. The son of a violinist in Leipzig, he was born in January, 1815, and came to London in 1834. He was a protégé of Hummel, and a friend of Spohr and Schumann, whose musical journal he represented in London. Mr. Praeger was well known in the Metropolis as a teacher, lecturer, and composer.

The installation of the W.M. of the Pentalfa Lodge (Victoria Constitution) took place at the lodge rooms, Kew, on the 24th June last. The W.M. elect, Bro. Edwin James Lees, P.G.S.B., was installed by Bro. Charles J. Davidson, P.P.B.G.P., assisted by Bro. H. A. Derham, P.G.S. At the close of the ceremony the newly-installed W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. H. A. Derham, with a Pentalfa jewel, subscribed for by the brethren as a token of their esteem. After the ceremony a banquet was held.

On the 20th ult. the corner-stone of the Bishop Jolly Memorial Church, Fraserburgh, was laid with Masonic ceremony by Bro. Lord Saltoun. At the conclusion of a very impressive ceremony, conducted by the Bishop of Aberdeen, the clergy, choir, and leading members of the congregation proceeded to Philorth House, where they were hospitably entertained by Bro. Lord and Lady Saltoun. The church is estimated to cost with the tower £4200, of which about £3000 has already been secured.

A reception of the delegates attending the ninth International Congress of Orientalists was held at the premises of the Royal Society of Literature on Monday, and the formal opening of the Congress took place on Tuesday morning, the proceedings commencing with an address. The charge of receiving the visitors devolving on Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), who is Chairman of the Organising and Reception Committee. An excursion will be made to Cambridge and a number of papers will be read, the Congress closing this (Friday) day week.

Bro. the Duke of Portland laid the foundation-stone of Thurso Harbour on Thursday, the 27th ult., and also opened a bazaar promoted for the purpose of raising funds for the extension of the public library and museum of the town. The streets were gaily decked for the occasion. His Grace was received at the railway station by the Town Council, magistrates, and some of the leading inhabitants, and by the Volunteers and brethren. A large crowd assembled along the route from the station to the hall, where the Duke was "affiliated" to the local lodge, and then proceeded to the harbour, where he laid the foundation-stone in the presence of a large concourse of people. Afterwards he was entertained at a banquet at the Royal Hotel.

The Doric Lodge of Instruction resumed its meetings at the Moorgate Tavern on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Particulars to be had of Bro. E. E. Pearson, Hon. Sec.

The authorities of the German Exhibition have arranged that for the rest of the time it is open the Exhibition shall commence at 11 a.m. and close at 11 p.m.

Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the Emperor of Germany, and grandson of the Queen, and Princess Henry of Prussia have arrived at Kiel on their return from their recent visit to this country.

An International Meteorological Congress was opened in the city of Munich towards the close of last month, and many distinguished professors from Sweden, Spain, Norway, and other countries took part in the proceedings.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., and the Lady Mayoress, Sir William and Lady Farmer, Sir Richard and Lady Couch, and Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Evans have been staying at the Marine Hotel, North Berwick.

The British Mediterranean Squadron, under the command of Admiral Sir A. Hoskins, met with a very friendly reception during its visit to Barcelona, the Barcelona Club in particular giving a garden party in its honour.

The officers of the 19th Hussars were entertained at dinner at Limmer's Hotel, St. James's, on the 28th ult., previous to their departure for India, by the colonel of the regiment, Lieut.-General Coote Hutchinson, and other former officers of the regiment.

The number of members belonging to the Society for the Protection of Birds is now stated to be 950, and the Duchess of Portland is its President. Its object is to protect birds from the enormous destruction which has been wrought amongst them for millinery purposes.

The Duke of Connaught embarked on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, for Portland, on a tour of inspection, on Friday, the 28th ult., and the day following he visited Parkhurst, Isle of Wight. His Royal Highness has since gone on leave of absence.

The funeral of Bro. Henry Cecil Raikes, the Postmaster-General, took place on Thursday, the 27th ult., in the churchyard of St. Mary's, Mold, in the presence of a very large concourse of friends and admirers, there being also present a number of the brethren of Lodge No. 1477.

The Commander-in-Chief has decided that the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards, which has been quartered at Dover since its return from Bermuda, shall be moved to London during the present month, and resume its place on the Guards' ordinary roster for duty.

The Queen has been pleased to issue a Royal Commission empowering the Council of the Society of Arts to obtain and distribute information relating to the forthcoming Exhibition at Chicago, so that the productions of the United Kingdom and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown may be adequately represented.

The Prince of Wales has appointed Bro. the Earl of Limerick to be Director of the Ambulance Department of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in this country. We understand that since the opening of the last winter session over 28,000 first aid and nursing certificates have been issued.

The funeral of the fourth and last Duke of Cleveland took place in Staindrop Churchyard, near Darlington, on Friday, the 28th ult., and among those present were the Earl of Durham, the Marquis of Londonderry, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., and about 400 tenants of the late nobleman.

A morning concert was given at Swansea in aid of a local hospital on the 25th ult. by Madame Adelina Patti, who was assisted by Madame Antoinette Sterling and other artistes of eminence. The reception of the *Diva* was most enthusiastic, and a vote of thanks was passed to her by acclamation. The sum of £900 was realised for the charity.

According to the 187th annual report of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, a sum of £20,200 was distributed during the past year among the poorer livings of the Church of England. The number of grants making up this sum was 80, of which 21 were to clergymen whose livings were under £100 a year, 28 to those under £150, 20 to those under £175, and 11 to those under £200.

Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Evelyn Wood has found it necessary, in consequence of the recent heavy rains and the muddy state of the ground, to postpone the army manoeuvres which were to have begun this week. According to the present arrangements, the First Division march to Woolmer on the 10th inst., the day following to East Meon, and on the 12th to Soberton, while the Second Division will march to Woolmer on the 11th inst., and on the 12th to East Meon, thus reaching their first manoeuvring points in time to commence operations on the 14th inst.

The funeral of the late Waterloo veteran, General Whichcote, who died on the 26th ult. in the 97th year of his age, took place in Meriden Churchyard on Monday. A party of the deceased's late regiment (52nd Light Infantry) was present, in addition to the family and other mourners, while among the wreaths placed on the coffin were those sent by the officers of the 52nd Regiment and 4th Dragoon Guards, Sir Thomas Whichcote, and the Marquis of Exeter. Both the Queen and Duke of Cambridge sent telegrams of sympathy to the relatives of the late officer.

The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) visited Kendal on the 27th ult., for the purpose of opening an Industrial, Art, Crafts, and Loan Exhibition. The streets and public buildings were gaily decorated, and the people gave her Royal Highness a most enthusiastic greeting. The ceremony having been carried out, a vote of thanks was passed to her Royal Highness for her kindness in presiding on the occasion. An illuminated address was also presented to her by the Mayor (Bro. George J. McKay) and Corporation.

The Crystal Palace Electrical Exhibition, to be opened on the 1st of January next, has received the sanction of the Board of Trade, and is duly certified as an International Exhibition, under the provisions of the Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks Act, 1883. The exhibits of her Majesty's Government will include historical telegraphic and electrical apparatus, instruments, and appliances, as well as the modern apparatus and instruments now in use in the Postal Telegraph Department. This exhibit will be arranged under the direction of Mr. W. H. Preece.

Upwards of a million persons have already visited the German Exhibition at Earl's Court.

The new Bishops of Lichfield, Truro, Zululand, and Coventry will be consecrated in Westminster Abbey on Michaelmas Day, the 29th inst.

The Comte de Paris has sent 12 brace of grouse for the use of the patients of the French Hospital and Dispensary, Shaftesbury-avenue.

The bazaar which was recently opened at Dunkeld by the Duchess of Rutland in aid of the Young Men's Provident Institution realised £680.

Towards the end of the present month the Empress of Austria will take a sea voyage to Miramare, whence she will proceed to Constantinople and make a stay of a few days there.

Among those who accepted the invitation to be present at the Master Cutlers' Feast at Sheffield on Thursday were Bros. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., Sir Augustus Harris, and R. Stuart-Wortley, M.P.

At a meeting of the Glasgow magistrates held on Wednesday it was resolved to recommend to the Town Council that the freedom of Glasgow be conferred upon the Marquis of Bute when he goes to the city to open the new library.

The Duke of Connaught carefully inspected the 16th Hussars as they embarked at Portsmouth on board the Euphrates, which sailed on Wednesday for Bombay and thus inaugurated the Indian trooping season 1891-92.

Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey gave a garden party at Normanhurst on the 27th ult. to the subscribers to the wedding present which was made to them by the townsfolk of Hastings. Though the weather was very unfavourable, there was a large gathering.

Among those present at the annual Highland Games at Osborne on Wednesday were Bro. Sir W. Cunliffe Brooks, Bart., M.P., and Lady Brooks, the Marquis and Marchioness of Huntley, Bro. Admiral Sir E. Commerell, Sir George Wombwell, Bart., and others.

The number and tonnage of British vessels respecting whose loss reports were received at the Board of Trade during the month of August, and the number of lives lost are as follows: Sailing, 29; tonnage, 4396; lives lost, 34. Steam, eight; tonnage, 5489; lives lost, five.

The Duke of Cambridge inspected at Aldershot, on Wednesday, the troops to the number of about 15,000, which are about to take part in the approaching autumn manoeuvres, with between 4000 and 5000 that are already encamped at Woolmer and Moen.

Dr. Durnford, the Bishop of Chichester, left for the Italian lakes on Monday, his first resting place being Monte Generoso. His lordship, who will be accompanied by Archdeacon Mount, will remain abroad till shortly before the meeting of the diocesan conference in October.

M. Cartigny, the last French survivor of Trafalgar, had a dinner given to him at Hyères on Tuesday, his 101st birthday. The Minister of Marine and Admiral Duperre telegraphed congratulations, the latter remarking that, notwithstanding the fate of arms, the French Navy was proud of Trafalgar.

According to a telegram from Halifax, Nova Scotia, the British steamer Dunmurry, from New York for Antwerp, with a cargo of grain, capsized during a hurricane on the 29th ult., and sank. The first officer and seven men were drowned, while the captain and 20 other hands, after being tossed about in the lifeboat for three days without food or water, were picked up by a German vessel and landed at Halifax.

The value of the personal estate of the late Sir Patrick MacChombiach Colquhoun, of the Temple, Q.C., who died on the 18th May last, has been sworn at £9424. His will has been proved by the executrix, his daughter, Lady Redhouse. The testator bequeaths his Leander presentation cup to the Secretary for the time being of the Leander Club, and he bequeaths to St. John's College, Cambridge, his Lady Margaret two-handed cup, trusting that it will be used in each year on the 6th May and 27th December at least.

At the Liverpool Police Court, the other day, before Mr. Kinghorn, deputy stipendiary magistrate, it came out in the course of cross-examination of a witness in a trivial case of theft, that one of them, a young negro, had been some time ago charged with stealing a lady's satchel, in which was a box of Beecham's Pills. On looking at the box, and seeing on it that they were "worth a guinea a box," he proceeded to take them, and notwithstanding that several of his friends implored him to let them have one or two, he swallowed the contents of the box. The fine healthy appearance of the witness showed that the pills most certainly must have agreed with him.

The marriage of Mr. Charles Isham, son of Mr. Bradley Isham, of New York, with Miss Mary Lincoln, eldest daughter of Mr. Robert Lincoln, the American Minister (and granddaughter of the late President Lincoln), was solemnised on Wednesday afternoon in Holy Trinity Church, Brompton. The bride was given away by her father, Major J. C. Post, the Military Attaché to the Legation, discharged the duties of best man; there were no bridesmaids or pages. The service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Farrar, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Baldwin, and was choral. The wedding party subsequently reassembled at 2, Cromwell-houses, where Mrs. Lincoln held a small reception, and later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Charles Isham left for the honeymoon. Among those who witnessed the marriage were the Netherlands Minister, the Danish Minister and Madame de Bille, Mr. Henry White (United States Legation), the United States Naval Attaché and Mrs. and Miss Emory, Senator Higgins (United States), Marshal Field (Chicago), General and Mrs. New, and General and Mrs. Wilson.

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