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THE UNRECOGNISED GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

There is much that is worthy of commendation in the address delivered by Bro. E. P. GILLON at the annual meeting in Auckland of the unrecognised Grand Lodge of New Zealand on the 27th April last, when he installed Bro. MALCOLM NICCOL as M.W.G.M., in succession to Bro. HENRY THOMPSON. In the first place, it cannot be otherwise than gratifying to be told that the lodges under the New Zealand Constitution have so far "grown, thriven, and prospered, increasing in strength and numbers, and exercising stricter discrimination in their choice of candidates." It is equally satisfactory to hear that "a most desirable class of young men are thronging to our lodges, to enter the Craft under a Constitution which bears the name of the land of their birth." This, we repeat, is eminently satisfactory, because it indicates clearly that, in spite of the divisions which exist among the Craft in this Colony, the career of Freemasonry itself has prospered. Our arguments against the present establishment of a local Grand Lodge rested principally on the injurious influence it would be calculated to exercise on the Craft as a whole. We have stated in all, or nearly all, of the articles we have written on the subject, that it was not so much the constitution of a local Grand Lodge to which we took exception, as what we considered the premature creation of such a body. We argued that, as far as we knew, the lodges under the three Constitutions of England, Ireland, and Scotland had worked side by side in the main harmoniously: but that if there was a prospect of that feeling of harmony which had heretofore existed amongst them being converted into one of discord, it appeared to us the establishment of a fourth Constitution must hasten and intensify the impending evil. We assume that Bro. GILLON is a man who is in the habit of weighing well the words that he utters, and he tells us in the address to which we are referring that the lodges under the new Constitution are prosperous, and are receiving into their number "a most desirable class of young men." Nor, it seems, is this renewal of prosperity confined to those existing under his own Constitution. "Not only," says he, "have our own lodges thriven wonderfully under the new rule, but it has stirred up the dry bones of other Constitutions as well, and there is more vitality in the Craft now than ever before." The expression is not as complimentary to the "other Constitutions" as it might have been, nor, considering the marvellous progress which Freemasonry had made in New Zealand before the advent upon the scene of the unrecognised local Grand Lodge, can the vitality of the Craft have been at so low an ebb as the phrase might lead us to imagine. However, we will not quarrel about the forms of expression which Bro. GILLON is pleased to employ. As a member of the New Zealand Constitution, his remarks must of necessity have in them a considerable leaven of partiality, yet in spite of this very natural bias, he has no hesitation in admitting that in the matter of prosperity the condition of the three original Constitutions has kept pace with that of the new.

Passing over that portion of the address in which Bro. GILLON refers at some length to the adverse opinions expressed at the time the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was constituted, and shows how very slender is the probability of their ever being realised, we note with pleasure the tone in which he speaks of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and the evident sincerity with which he expresses a hope that at no distant period those Grand Lodges will be induced to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. In saying this, we are very far from admitting that the Grand Lodge of England, in declining to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, has "ignored its own Constitutional rules and well-established precedents, to enable it, in the words of one of its high officers, to have a free hand in dealing with us as circumstances, policy, expediences, and Masonic harmony might suggest." We maintain that the refusal of our Grand Lodge to recognise the new body is strictly in accordance with our "Constitutional rules and well-established precedents." We recognised the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1857, because it had been made manifest to the authorities of our Grand Lodge that there was a preponderance of opinion amongst the lodges in Upper and Lower Canada in favour of a local Canadian Grand Lodge, and the one and only important condition we attached to that recognition was that all lodges which elected to remain in their old allegiance should be at liberty to do so. The same course was pursued in the more recent cases of the Grand Lodges of South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, and for the same reason, namely, that there was a preponderance of opinion among the lodges in those Colonies in favour of their establishment. But when the question of recognising the Grand Lodge of New Zealand came before our Grand Lodge, it was found that public

Masonic opinion in the Colony was far from being in favour of the movement. As many lodges were opposed to it as had voted in its favour, and this is admitted in Bro. GILLON'S present address, in which, after enumerating the many evidences of prosperity which presently exist among the lodges under the New Zealand Constitution, he goes on to propound the question—"If we have done so much with a strength *little over that of half* the lodges of the Colony, what great things might we not accomplish if the whole of the lodges of the Colony were arrayed under one banner?" It must also be remembered that Bro. Lord ONSLOW, who at the time the question of creating a local Grand Lodge was being considered was Governor of the Colony, expressed his willingness to accept the offer of the first Grand Mastership, conditionally that 120 out of the 150 lodges—there or thereabouts—then working in New Zealand joined in the movement. His lordship, moreover, was invited a second time to accept the office, if 100 lodges joined in the movement; but neither the 120 lodges, nor even the 100 lodges exhibited the necessary desire for the proposed Grand Lodge, and under the circumstances our Grand Lodge, in strict accordance with its "Constitutional rules and well-established precedents" declared in favour of maintaining the then existing order of things and declined to recognise the new Grand Lodge, when it was subsequently established with only about one-half of the lodges then existing in the Colony to support it.

But if we cannot accept Bro. GILLON'S views as to the conduct of our Grand Lodge in denying recognition to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand under present circumstances, we warmly congratulate him on the tone of good-feeling which characterises his later remarks. We join with him in hoping that "Lord ONSLOW will be in a position to put" the position of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand "in a truer light before the Grand Lodge of England;" that "he will be able to explain that we are not an aggressive body, that we do not seek to coerce any lodge into submitting to our jurisdiction, desiring none to join us save as the result of conviction, that doing so will be to their benefit and that of the Craft;" and that "he will be able to inform the Grand Lodge of England how quickly this conviction is spreading amongst the lodges, as evidenced by the number throwing in their lot with us month by month." If this can be done either by Bro. Lord ONSLOW or another, if this conviction can be brought home to the minds of the authorities of our Grand Lodge that the time is fast approaching when a preponderance of opinion will be found among our New Zealand brethren of the various Constitutions in favour of the establishment of a Grand Lodge, which shall be the sovereign ruler of the Craft in the Colony, and independent of the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, we venture to think our Grand Lodge authorities will interpose no obstacle to the attainment of so desirable an object, and Bro. GILLON and those who think and act with him may rest assured that the gratification of their wishes is only a question of time. It is, indeed, already pretty generally recognised in England, that when a Masonic community in one of our British Colonies is practically unanimous in its desire to be governed by a local Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of England is prepared to renounce its supremacy over the lodges existing in such Colony by virtue of the warrants granted by its Grand Master. But it is most unreasonable to expect that it should surrender its rights at the bidding of a minority, or when public opinion is so evenly divided that it is difficult to say which are the more numerous body, those who desire the new, or those who would retain the old order of things. Let it, however, be made unmistakably clear that the former are the preponderant body, and the desired autonomy will be at once granted, with the solitary proviso appended, that such existing lodges as desire it shall be at liberty to remain in their present allegiance.

MASONRY AS A FACTOR IN EVERY-DAY LIFE.

The subject which I have undertaken to discuss to-night is one which interests every Mason, and ought to interest every one who has friends or relatives in the Order. I do not mean to convey the impression that you are going to be interested by *my treatment* of the theme, but the theme itself is worthy the study of every one, whether Profane or Mason. It is Masonry as a Factor in Every-Day Life—in other words, the practical effect of Masonry on the world.

I do not expect to be called on to offer an apology for the Rite in this enlightened age, nor do I see in the audience before me so little intelligence as to suppose that they would be willing to have me take up my time and theirs in defending an Institution whose existence is a self-evident proof of its right to exist, and which you have been glad to countenance by your presence here this evening.

I am, however, pleased to have the opportunity to defend this great body from the aspersions to which it is subjected occasionally, owing to the fact that many Masons do not live up to their professions, and thereby frequently give cause to the enemy to blaspheme. Masonry, like all other organizations which have to depend for their continuance on poor, weak humanity, suffers too often in the house of its friends. Like Christianity, it is all right in itself, but has to bear the odium of sheltering within its bosom many an unworthy son, who is shameless himself, and hesitates not to cast upon his foster-mother the burden of his own disgrace.

No one at the present day ventures to question the purity and the nobility and the beneficent influence of true Christianity. Jew and Gentile alike, even when one or the other cannot find his way clear to accept the tenets of that faith, nevertheless, both are willing to agree that its teachings are good and its morality sublime. The old heathens, when they saw that their own faiths were giving way before the sure and steady advance of Christianity, found that the only chance they had to counteract its influence was by levelling up the morality of paganism till it could approach that of the new creed.

But, as time went on, and the world came gradually to accept, as a matter of course, the existence of this additional mode of worshipping the gods—when persecution had ceased, and Christianity was one of the *religiones licitae*—then men and women, undeterred by fears of persecution from making an open confession of their faith, flocked in crowds to the Church, and the Institution became thronged with members, good, bad, and indifferent, so that it was often impossible to determine from a man's conduct, whether he were a Christian or a pagan; in fact, the pagan was often the better man of the two.

Now what has taken place in the Church has had its parallel in Masonry. Here you see a body of men joined together in the closest ties, admitted only after the most careful scrutiny into their character, bound by the most indelible oaths to the purest lives and the most irreproachable conduct. That is the ideal. We members of the Craft are pledged to allow no unworthy man to gain entrance into the lodge; every possible precaution exists in the rules and regulations of the Order to keep out those whose presence would bring only dishonour, but like the rest of humanity, we are fallible, and the most unexceptionable candidate may turn out to be a black sheep. And if such is the case in lodges, where the officers and members are governed by the highest sense of honour and deepest conviction of their responsibility to the great Masonic Fraternity throughout the world, what shall be said as to the lodges where the officers and brethren happen to be actuated only by a desire to make a big show in membership, without regard to the character of those whom they introduce into the brotherhood? And for this, men, and especially women, condemn the whole Institution, and its individual adherents indiscriminately. We have gotten over the folly of judging every other body by its unworthy representatives, but it has been reserved for the enlightened nineteenth century to find fault with this magnificent Society, on account of the Masons "for revenue only." That used to be the case with Christianity. Not so very long ago it was feared that the ancient and honourable rite of matrimony would fall into "innocuous desuetude," because some of its advocates seemed not to be walking a chalk mark, and we were treated to some harmless, if not amusing disquisitions on the question, "Is marriage a failure?" Now, I advise all our non-Masonic friends not to try to prove that Masonry is a failure, because those who have run counter to other time-honoured institutions have found that they might have just as well tried to break down a stone wall; and if an attack would be fruitless, the answer to the question "Is Masonry a failure?" would be equally unsatisfactory.

If we admit that Masonry is not to be held accountable for those who have been unworthy members, part of my task has been accomplished. It remains for me to construct a picture of what a true Mason can be. And here my enthusiasm is apt to run away with my judgment, for the ideal which the teachings of Freemasonry propose to a man is so high that I often feel as if every one must have been impressed with them as I have been. A true Mason—what a vision looms up before us! An honest man. A man who makes the measure of his dealings with his fellows to depend on their understanding of the terms of a trade. A man who does not sell a thing for more than it is worth, nor try to buy it for less than its value. A man who never tries to get a newspaper to puff his business for nothing; to write editorial commendations of him, for which he agrees to pay at advertising rates. A man who does not fill his sugar with sand, nor his vinegar with water. A man who does not mark his goods 100 per cent. higher and then advertise them as marked down 50 per cent. to reduce stock. A man who does not buy on commission at one price, and report to his customer that he had bought at another, justifying himself on the plea that "commissions are so small now-a-days, you know, that we have to make an honest living, some way or other." But there are plenty men who are honest enough, but bless your soul how exceedingly unpleasant they are to deal with; a porcupine could not be a more unsatisfactory neighbour. But the true Mason cannot be an ill-natured man. A true Mason cannot be an impolite man. A true Mason cannot be an unsympathising man. A true Mason cannot be hard-hearted. When you find one guilty of these faults, be sure that man's Masonry has some *raison d'être* besides desire for the benefiting of his fellows.

But, again, what does this great Order say as to our tongues? A man may be honest, and he may be good-natured, but yet there may be something wrong about his mouth. Yet my reading of the precepts of Masonry makes me feel that a man must be very wary in the use of speech, if he proposes to keep his vows in *spirit* as well as in *letter*. There are some people who impress you as very sincere, yet when they talk, you are left with the feeling that you have been eating something that was not very good; there is a bad taste in your mouth that you can hardly account for; you do not quite realise how it happened to get there; but after a while you begin to recall what was said by your friend about some neighbour, and suddenly it occurs to you that the bad taste comes from the insinuating remarks about others, which spiced the conversation. No good Mason will be guilty of doing that. A good Mason cannot slander his brother Mason or even a Profane. And last of all, a good Mason must think precious little of himself. In very deed, if he is trying to keep his vows, he has no time to think about himself. A Mason's duty to his fellow-man is as great as the greatest man can perform. It would not matter if a man had the whole 24 hours of the day, and the whole seven days of the week, and all the 52

weeks in the year to devote to fulfilling his duty to humanity; he still would have to say *mea culpa*. Masonry does not lay down a hard and fast rule, and say this much must be done, and if you do it you will have complied with your Masonic obligations, but it asserts great principles, and says to a man, if you have only time to do a little, consistent with the duties of the state of life in which you are placed, do that little gladly; but, on the other hand, if your opportunities are many, and you can do very much more than your brother Mason, you dare not rest content with the measure of work which suits his case, but you must grow into the stature of a man who can take up the wonderful chances thrown in your way, and prove yourself able to cope with the magnificent possibilities which are opened out to you.

The old song says "A woman's work is never done." But let me tell you, good people, a Mason's work is never done, if he is a simon-pure product of the Order. I know a good many Masons think that work consists in conferring Degrees, and that the lodge that confers the most Degrees, or rather which has the greatest number of Master Masons made every year, is the best working lodge, but that is a very poor conception of Masonry. Tell me what good deeds have been done by a lodge in the course of a year, and I can tell whether that lodge is doing true Masonic work. How many widows have been relieved from dire distress, how many orphans have been placed where they will be brought up to be good men and women, how many quarrels between brethren have been settled, how many unselfish deeds have been done without hope of reward, how many sick beds have been visited, how often has a brother sacrificed his own ambition to the interest of another brother? Let these questions be honestly answered, and you will have a standard by which to judge the Masonic work of any lodge in the world.

I know that this will surprise many who have formed entirely different ideas as to what constitutes our work, but the older Masons here will confirm what I say. It is not the Craft, but the men who misrepresent the Craft, from whom have arisen the modern ideas about the Order. There are men who go into a lodge led by curiosity; what is the use of denying it? There are men who use Masonry for self aggrandisement; what is the use of contradicting that fact? There are men who, in order to have an excuse for not spending a night at home, join everthing calling itself Masonic that comes along. There are men who profess the utmost devotion to their brother Masons, and yet leave their families, in defiance of their oaths, to want for everything, while they are having a love-feast with the lodge. These are no true Masons. They do not remember their obligation. There are men the whole world over who do not know what keeping an obligation means. But those men do not represent Masonry; they may stand for their lodge, but they cannot stand for the fraternity at large.

Masonry stands for the brotherhood of man; it stands for the equality of all men, rich and poor, high and low, wise and foolish. Masonry makes no distinctions on account of worldly conditions. Masonry claims for every man freedom of speech, thought, and action. Masonry combats every attempt of king-craft, priest-craft, and state-craft to enthrall men's souls and bodies. It demands protection for the unfortunate, the homeless, the fatherless, the bereaved in every walk of life. Show me any other institution, short of the two great religions of the world, which does as much. I believe that to Masonry the religion I profess owes a great deal in the way of assistance for its work. If every member of the Church were also a member of a Masonic lodge, I believe he would be helped in his efforts to do his Christian duty. And I furthermore believe that his presence and influence in the lodge would help to bring the truths of the Church more forcibly home to men than all the preaching in Christendom could do. I do not hesitate to say that the evening spent in a lodge of good Masons, properly conducted, is one of the most inspiring experiences in the world. I say, therefore, to the Masons before me to-night, make up your minds now that your Masonic professions shall be real, genuine, and honest. Do not let your lodge become an excuse for every longing you may have to get away from some other duty more important at the time.

I would say to the wives and sweethearts, were they here, "If your husband or your lover belongs to a lodge, see that he does his duty as a member of it, carefully, punctually, and cheerfully; he will do it, if you do not stand in his way. And, what's more, if he is not a Mason, I would advise you to suggest to him to be one, that is, if you think he would be a good one, and if you do not think so, I am sorry for you, if he is your husband; and if he is your sweetheart, I would recommend that you dismiss him and find a better one."

Finally, I think that we may congratulate the city of Richmond and the Masonic fraternity generally, that there is such a representative body of the Craft in the world as this jurisdiction can boast of. To show you how well the brethren here conduct themselves, and how completely they fulfil the command, "Let not your good be evil spoken of," it is only necessary for me to say that this is almost the only jurisdiction I have ever been in, where I have never heard the ladies complain of the Order. If that does not prove that the men here are living up to their vows, I do not know what would.

Let this old State go on in the good work; let these celebrations serve to show how much we brethren love one another; let them continue forever, that the Masons of the various lodges may be brought into closer touch. Let the people see that we are no plotters against the harmony of the home, the party, the State, or the Church. Let us be glad to exhibit to the world the spectacle of a band of brethren who have no jealousies, no private ambitions, no ulterior motives. We have our secrets; what of it? Did not the early Church exist as a secret society, to the utter disgust of the horrible old heathen emperors? But who came out ahead in the long run? So, if people complain that we have secrets, let them say what harm those secrets seem to be doing in the world. It will be time enough to talk about the *wrong* of secrecy when it can be proved that secrecy is an evil. But, if secrecy seems to be doing a great deal to build up our characters, welcome it as a means to an end, if for nothing else.

Live for all the world. Masonry does not limit your sympathies to a sect or society; it commands you to have the feeling of brotherly love to every one; do not forget it, my brethren; do not become narrow. Your lodge is nothing, your Masonry is everything. Your lodge may perish, your vows will endure for ever. By whatever name it may be known, under whatever forms it may appear, through whatever transformations it may pass in the future, the principles of this great institution are eternal as the everlasting hills, and will find their resting-place in the heart of man, no matter where he may be, no matter what new phases civilisation may take on. It is founded on a rock, and so long as man is what he is, this Fraternity will be with him. Then see to it that your contribution to its history is such that your descendants to the remotest times may hear your name spoken with honour, and your memory revered by every brother of the mystic tie.—Rev. R. P. WILLIAMS in *The Rough Ashlar*.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, G.J., acted as G.Z.; Comp. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., as G.H.; and Comp. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, M.A., Grand Superintendent Oxfordshire, as G.J.

After the opening of Grand Chapter, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the May convocation, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, taken as read, and the different recommendations contained in it were adopted on the motion and seconding of the same two companions:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th April to the 19th July, 1892, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£325 0 8	By Disbursements during the Quarter	£447 8 0
Unappropriated		Balance	267 4 1
Account	196 12 4	Unappropriated	
Subsequent Receipts..	381 9 11	Account	188 10 10
	£903 2 11		£903 2 11

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

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

1st. From Comps. George Dalrymple, as Z; John Mills, as H.; John Atkinson, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Whitwell Lodge, No. 1390, Millom, to be called the McKay Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Millom, Cumberland.

2nd. From Comps. William Pearson Robinson, as Z.; John Spencer, as H.; John Bracewell, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of the Three Graces, No. 408, Haworth, to be called the Brunswick Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Haworth, in the Western Division of Yorkshire.

3rd. From Comps. William Shurmur, as Z.; George Graveley, as H.; William Ernest Dring, as J.; and 15 others for a chapter to be attached to the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, to be called the William Shurmur Chapter, and to meet at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, in the County of Essex.

4th. From Comps. John H. Wraith, as Z.; Charles Hacking Woods, as H.; Samuel Hope Shorrocks, as J.; and 12 others for a chapter to be attached to the Harmony and Industry Lodge, No. 381, Darwen, to be called the Hutchinson Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Darwen, in the County of Lancaster (Eastern Division).

5th. From Comps. Walter Davies, as Z.; Edwin Gauntlett, as H.; John Lightfoot, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, Dulwich, to be called the Selwyn Chapter, and to meet at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham (London District).

6th. From Comps. William Charles Lupton, as Z.; Alfred Stott, as H.; Robert Newton Rhodes, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Pentalpha Lodge, No. 974, Bradford, to be called the Pentalpha Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, Yorkshire (Western Division).

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

The Committee have further to report that they have received a memorial from the Universal Chapter praying that the chapter may be detached from Lodge No. 181, and attached to the Cadogan Lodge, No. 162, London—both lodges having given their consent—and that the chapter may be called the Cadogan Chapter.

The Committee recommend that the prayer of this memorial be granted. The Committee have likewise received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Chapter of Hope, No. 54, from the Spread Eagle Hotel, to the Masonic Hall, Yorkshire-street, Rochdale, Lancashire (E.D.)

The Bisley Chapter, No. 2317, from the National Schools, Bisley, to the Masonic Hall, Woking, Surrey.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Perseverance Chapter, No. 275, Huddersfield, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with Rule 102 of the Royal Arch regulations.

This memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence for 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also to report the receipt of a letter from the Provincial Grand Scribe E., Durham, stating that De Burghi Chapter, No. 424, Gateshead, has not met for more than five years, and that he thinks the charter should be returned by the last M.E.Z. No returns have been made to Grand Chapter by this chapter since 1882.

The Committee recommend that the chapter be called upon to return the charter, and that the chapter be taken off the register.

Notice of motion by Comp. ROBERT GREY, President of Grand Chapter Committee:

That in recognition of the eminent services of the late Grand S.E., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the sum of £100 be voted from the funds of Grand Chapter, and paid into the Bloomsbury Branch of the London and Westminster Bank to the account of the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and Sir Albert W. Woods, Trustees of "The Shadwell Clerke Trust," for the purpose of purchasing a Government Life Annuity for Mrs. Clerke.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
20th July, 1892.

Comp. GREY, in moving the last recommendation, said Grand Chapter usually followed the example of Grand Lodge, and it was a very good rule. He knew it would require no words from him to recommend that motion to the companions.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON said it required no words of his to second the motion after what had fallen from Comp. Grey.

Comp. BEACH, in putting the vote, said he knew the motion would be carried unanimously. Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

A large gathering of the Craft assembled on the 28th ult. at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouth, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, under the banner of the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1429. The proceedings excited more than ordinary interest, inasmuch as advantage was taken of the meeting to present to the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master addresses, and also to each of them a handsome table ornament, consisting of a silver centre-piece, in commemoration of their 21 years' rule over the province.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the P.G.M., who was supported by the D.P.G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers.

Excuses for the absence of members having been read, a roll call of the lodges took place, after which the Provincial Grand Registrar presented the returns of each lodge, showing a total of 582 members, of whom 61 were new members.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented the annual report, which showed a balance to the credit of £201.

The Charity Report was presented by the D.P.G.M., who announced that Edith M. Morgan was elected to the R.M.I. for Girls from the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 818, at a cost of 3189 votes, and that a brother of the Loyal Monmouth Lodge had been elected to the R.M.B.I. by 3395 votes. These successes could not have been obtained without the aid of the Western Provinces Charity Association, of which he (the D.P.G.M.) continued to act as Chairman, but it had entailed a heavy debt on the province—3353 votes—and an appeal was made to the brethren to repay this by subscribing liberally, so as to increase the voting power. Thanks were given to the brethren of the four lodges who acted as Stewards, in conjunction with Bro. Wm. Pickford, P.G. Treasurer, for the sum of £256 collected for the Girls' School Festival in May, 1891. It was suggested that a Steward should be appointed from the province for the R.M.B.I. Festival in February next, and that the sum of 30 guineas should be voted towards the same.

The report was adopted.

Bro. Col. PERKINS, on behalf of the brethren of the province, then presented the addresses to the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. In so doing he dwelt on the great progress that had been made by the Province of Monmouth during the time that those brethren had ruled over it. Twenty-one years ago, he said, the province was small in numbers, and was comparatively unknown, but, under the benign rule of Bro. Col. Lyne and his Deputy, it had increased numerically and influentially by leaps and bounds, and now no province was better known for the excellency of its work, for its harmonious proceedings, and for its Masonic Charity than that of Monmouth.

Bro. WILLIAM WATKINS, P.S.G.W., Honorary Secretary of the Testimonial Committee, then read the address. That to Bro. Col. Lyne was as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Brother Colonel Charles Lyne, D.L., J.P., Provincial Grand Master, 28th July, 1892.

We, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and brethren of the province, congratulate you on having attained the twenty-first year of your rule over this province. We are proud of being governed by a chief who has done so much honour to Freemasonry, and who so well knows what Freemasonry means. It is impossible to over-estimate the esteem and regard entertained for you, and it is most gratifying indeed to us to have the privilege of assembling this day to offer you some tangible proof of the respect we have for one who has endeared himself not only by his Masonic virtues, but as a dear friend, a good neighbour, a devoted public man, and an officer in her Majesty's service.

May it please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare you for many years, to continue to be a shining light in Freemasonry, ruling over this province with the same zeal and assiduity you have shown for the last 21 years, and when summoned from your labours here, may you be found worthy to receive the reward promised to those who will work diligently in His Holy Temple. So mote it be.

Signed on behalf of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and the brethren of the 10 lodges of the province: William Pickford, Past G. Std. Br. England, W. W. Morgan, J.P., P.P.S.G. Wardens; Alfred Taylor, P.M. 1429, Prov. Grand Secretary; J. F. Tye, W.M., R. Gooding, Secretary, Loyal Monmouth, No. 457; John H. Dunn, W.M., R. B. Evans, Secretary, Silurian, No. 471; T. P. Garrett, W.M., H. George Thomas, Secretary, Isca, No. 683; Elmes Y. Steele, W.M., Arthur Davenport, Philanthropic, No. 818; Ben. Phillips, W.M., D. L. Davies, Secretary, St. George's, No. 1098; Harry D. Griffiths, W.M., Hartley Feather, Secretary, Kennard, No. 1258; George Hazell, W.M., J. C. Brook, P.M., Secretary, Albert Edward Prince of Wales, No. 1429; G. W. Stocker, W.M., Edward Lewis, Secretary, Homfray, No. 1562; J. A. Miller, W.M., Samuel Robert Hay, Secretary, Striguil, No. 2186; W. Lloyd Marks, W.M., John Randall, Secretary, St. David's, No. 2226; Charles Cullum, Prov. G.R., Hon. Treasurer Testimonial Committee; and William Watkins, P.P.S.G.W., Hon. Secretary Testimonial Committee.

The address to Bro. Capt. Homfray was inscribed on the title-page as follows:

To the Worshipful Brother Samuel George Homfray, J.P., Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, 28th July, 1892.

Following in the succeeding pages the address was exactly similar to that presented to the Provincial Grand Master.

The addresses were on vellum and beautifully written. A neat border surrounded each page. The title page of each address was illuminated in ornate style, the coat of arms and crest of the two brethren being in the centre of the page, with a representation of the seal of the province above, and their jewel of office below. The addresses were enclosed in handsome Russian leather cases, stamped in gold.

Bro. Col. Perkins having handed the addresses to the presentees, Bro. Col. LYNE expressed to the brethren his deep gratitude for their recognition of the services he had rendered to the province. He felt sure that one and all felt deeply for him at that moment, but they could not feel as he did. Nothing was more difficult than to fittingly acknowledge such kindness as theirs. Their fellowship and friendship were formed long ago and had continued unabated until the present. He had made many kind friends and few enemies, and they had been a happy and united family, for within that threshold they knew no differences. His gratitude was due to the Deputy Grand Master for his services; and to a large extent they were indebted to Captain Homfray for the great advance Monmouthshire had made in its support to the Masonic Charities, and also for the assistance it had been able to obtain from them.

The DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER feelingly acknowledged the presentation, remarking that it was a source of the greatest pleasure to have worked for the last 21 years with Colonel Lyne, under whose rule the province had made great progress. Indeed, in the present time there was no province more successful or which received greater respect than that of Monmouth.

After the presentation of the addresses, Bro. Tennant, D.P.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales, was announced and admitted.

The various offices of Provincial Grand Lodge were declared vacant, after which Bro. W. Pickford was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. H. Richards was elected P.G. Tyler.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. E. W. Evans, 1429	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. Widdowson, 1098	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Watkin Davies, 2186	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. R. Phillips, 1258	...	...
" William Pickford, 471	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" John H. Dunn, 471	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Alfred Taylor, 1429	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Tye, 457	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. D. Griffiths, 1258	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" George Hazell, 1429	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. A. Miller, 2186	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. P. Garrett, 683	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" S. G. Homfray, jun., 683	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" S. H. Steel, 818	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Stocker, 1562	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" B. Isaacson, 471	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Lloyd Marks, 2226	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. Gooding, 457	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Abraham Thomas, 471	...	...
" H. G. Thomas, 683	...	...
" John Dredge, 1429	...	...
" G. T. Evans, 2226	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" S. R. Hay, 2186	...	...
" H. Richards, 1429	...	...

A vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. C. P. Evans on the death of her husband, who was P.S.G.W. for the year.

A formal vote of thanks was given to the visitors for their attendance, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was duly closed.

A large number of the brethren who had been present at Provincial Grand Lodge afterwards attended a banquet at the King's Head Hotel. It had been arranged that Bro. John Allan Rolls, P.S.G.W., should make the presentation of the centrepieces to the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M., but he telegraphed stating that he was unable to attend. The duty was, however, performed by Bro. Sir George Elliot, who is Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, and who, having travelled from London during the day, arrived during dinner.

The toast list opened with "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by that of "The M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." In proposing this the P.G.M. said there was no one more deservedly popular, especially among Freemasons, than the Prince of Wales. The Order was deeply indebted to his Royal Highness, who came to its rescue when it was in a sense, rather proscribed, and for the position they now held they were more indebted to the Grand Master than to anyone else.

Bro. C. LYNE, jun., gave the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. the Rev. W. J. L. D. STRADLING replied.

Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, in proposing the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Lyne, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. Capt. Homfray," made the presentation of the centrepieces. He said he was sure his presence there that evening was a pleasure to his friend, Bro. Col. Lyne, and to Col. Lyne's friends. They knew no politics there. They were all friends. Good friends, he continued, were a kind of real property which he urged his hearers never to lose. He presented the handsome ornaments on the table with the sincere expression of their good wishes and esteem for the recipients. In conclusion, he dwelt on the objects of Freemasonry, and asserted that its religion was as pure and its morality as high as they could get in any institution, ecclesiastical or otherwise.

The centrepieces are splendid examples of the silversmith's art. Within a portal formed by three exact representations of columns in the Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic examples of architecture stands a charmingly modelled figure of Wisdom, at one side of her being a beehive, emblematic of industry. There are three branches and one centre dish for holding fruit or flowers. At the base of each column are faithful representations of Masonic working tools, and round the top are shields bearing representations of the various jewels, the ones in front being those denoting the offices of the recipients of the valuable and massive, yet graceful ornaments. Each centrepiece has on it an inscription. The one to Bro. Colonel Lyne is as follows: "Presented to the Right Worshipful Brother Colonel Charles Lyne, D.L., J.P., Provincial Grand Master, by the Freemasons of Monmouthshire, in commemoration of his 21 years' rule over the Province, 28th July, 1892."

The inscription on the centrepiece presented to Bro. Captain Homfray reads: "Presented to the Worshipful Brother Captain S. George Homfray, J.P., by the Freemasons of Monmouthshire, in commemoration of his 21 years' rule as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, 28th July, 1892."

The centrepieces are of bold, yet graceful and chaste design, being quite unique in their way, and reflected the greatest credit upon those who were entrusted with their design and manufacture.

Bro. Colonel LYNE, in acknowledging the gift, spoke of his 21 years' rule of the province as a period of unalloyed pleasure. He had never regretted for one single day or hour his connection with the province. Although his appointment came from the highest authority in the Order, it was upon the unanimous requisition of the brethren of the province that he was appointed to the office, and he had retained it up to the present by their wish and at their request. The responsibility attaching to it was very great. He had never met anything but kindness at their hands, and the handsome gift they had made to him he would hand down to those who were dearer to him than he was to himself as a memento of kindness which he was sure they, like himself, would never forget. Shakespeare had said:

Those friends thou hast, and their devotion tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel.

And he for his part would wish to do so. He did not think there was a more happy family in Freemasonry than there was in that province. He went on to speak of the benevolent objects of the Order, and referred to the indebtedness under which he laboured, and the province also laboured, to his good and worthy and dear Bro. Homfray, whose services in promoting

the Masonic Charities and in getting a fair share of their benefits for Monmouthshire he highly prized. In conclusion, he urged upon the Worshipful Masters of lodges not to care so much for numbers as the merit of their members. He said they should obtain good and true men whom they could respect, and with whom they could associate in good fellowship, and reminded them that one black sheep would ruin a whole flock.

Bro. Capt. HOMFRAY also returned thanks, and, on his part, bore testimony to the amicable relations which had always existed between himself and the Prov. Grand Master. The token of the esteem and regard of the brethren was almost too much for him to fittingly acknowledge. He appreciated very highly the good will and good fellowship of the province.

Bro. Col. PERKINS proposed in a felicitous speech "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. MASON, the Collector of the Benevolent Institution, replied, and in the course of his remarks bore very high testimony to the liberality of the Province of Monmouth to the Charities of the Order.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER gave the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. E. W. EVANS, P.P.G.W., responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, and acknowledged by Bro. STRADLING, and "The W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, Bro. George Hazell, and the Lodges of the Province," and the Tyler's toast concluded the toast list.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, the 27th ult., a meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held by command of the Prov. Grand Master, His Excellency the Earl of Zetland, G.M. of the M.I. Order of St. Patrick, in the Town Hall, Middlesborough. The Provincial Grand Lodge visited Middlesborough on the invitation of the North York Lodge, of which Bro. W. J. Bruce is W.M., and upon the arrival of the brethren they were most hospitably entertained by the brethren of the North York Lodge. The hall had been very tastefully decorated with flowers, evergreens, and plants, and presented a most pleasing appearance. The lodge, at which there was a large attendance, having been opened by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. England, in the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, the report and statement of accounts were received and adopted.

The Prov. G. Sec., Bro. PECK, reported that the Benevolent Fund Board had that day voted various grants, amounting in the aggregate to £95, for the relief of necessitous Masons or widows or children of Masons.

The EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE reported having made very favourable progress, and the representatives of the province on the Charity Association reported that the province had sent £696 9s. to the Benevolent Fund.

Bro. Walter Reynolds was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer; Bros. Woodall and Tesson were re-elected representatives of the province on the Charities Association; Bros. Woolaton and Whiteside were re-elected Auditors; and the Board of General Purposes was also re-elected.

Bro. McLEOD, Secretary to the R.M.I. for Boys, then addressed the brethren with respect to the claims of that Institution upon their support, and said that if they had followed the reports and accounts as closely in the last couple of years as they did before that period, they would be perfectly satisfied that it came very nearly up to the ideal they had set up. During the past two years the generosity of the Craft had been exemplified in a most marked manner. In regard to a rumour which had got abroad, he could assure them that the Board of Management had no intention of disposing of the building at Wood Green unless it could be shown clearly to them that by moving a little further from the centre into the country they would be further increasing the advantages of the Institution and add much more to the welfare of the children.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then invested the Provincial Grand Officers as follows:

Bro. H. B. Anderson, St. Cuthbert's Lodge	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. A. Manners, North York Lodge	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. E. Torbett, M.A., Lennox Lodge	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. E. Bulmer, Albert Victor Lodge	...	
" W. Reynolds, Minerva Lodge	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. W. White, Lion Lodge	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Matthews, Humber Lodge	...	Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" E. H. Gawne, Old Globe Lodge	...	
" H. Longford, M.D., Falcon Lodge	...	Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" G. Lamb, Eboracum Lodge	...	
" T. R. Dent, Marwood Lodge	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. S. Robson, Royal Lodge	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Kearsley, Cleveland Lodge	...	Prov. D.G.D. of C.
" R. Clarkson, Zetland Lodge	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. A. Haigh, Alexandra Lodge	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Metcalf, Lennox Lodge	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" M. Walmsley, Anchor Lodge	...	
" T. H. Ward, Ferrum Lodge	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. D. Redfearn, Wilberforce Lodge	...	Prov. Assist. G. Sec.
" R. Hamper, Leopold Lodge	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. F. Adamson, Handyside Lodge	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" F. J. Lambert, Kingston Lodge	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then moved a vote of thanks to the North York Lodge, who had done everything that possibly could be done for the comfort and convenience of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then said the Prov. Grand Master had sent him a telegram, saying that he was extremely sorry that he was unable to be at Middlesborough, and asking him to express his regret to them. It was impossible for him just at present to leave the Viceregal Lodge in Dublin. His Excellency had also sent a letter to the same effect, and expressing his extreme regret at being unable to preside over the lodge. They met again in Middlesborough after a lapse of nine years, and he was sorry their Prov. Grand Master was not with them to notice the improvement that had taken place in that increasing centre of Masonry, and to see that the town was flourishing. They had been reminded of the uncertainty of life by the untimely removal of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who had shown great interest in Freemasonry, and would undoubtedly have proved himself a most valuable member. They had also to lament the

death of the Grand Secretary of England, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Bro. Marwood, and other brethren. During the past year Freemasonry had flourished in every direction, the only fear being that it might be too widely extended, and the greatest caution should be observed lest unworthy persons should gain admission. He regretted that the Prov. Grand Master had not been present to see the magnificent arrangements made by the North York Lodge, to whom he begged to tender their most sincere thanks for their kindness and courtesy.

A hearty vote of congratulation to his Excellency the Earl of Zetland on the marriage of his daughter, Lady Hilda Dundas, to Lord Southampton was then unanimously passed, and it was resolved that the resolution should be embodied in an illuminated address.

The Masonic anthem, "Hail! Masonry Divine!" having been sung, the solo part being admirably rendered by Bro. Shepherd, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren dined together in the crypt, which was also tastefully decorated, and where an excellent repast was provided.

During dinner a delightful programme of music was admirably rendered by Mr. Johnson Laird's band.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master presided, being supported by Bros. Col. Sadler, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Walker, Dr. Malcomson, Wynn, Gibbs, Holloway, Ward, P.G. Org.; White, P.G. Reg.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec.; Reynolds, P.G. Treas.; W. H. Cowper, W. J. Manners, W. J. Watson, and Andrew Farmer.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, on the appearance of the dessert, gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and Bro. Langdale sang most excellently the solo part of an anthem written specially for the occasion by Bro. Peck.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Health of the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," a special anthem, also composed by Bro. Peck, being sung.

On the proposition of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master, and of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, R.W. Deputy Grand Master," were also honoured.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Health of his Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, G.M. of the M.I. Order of St. Patrick, R.W. Provincial Grand Master," and in doing so said he was quite convinced Lord Zetland was one of the most popular Provincial Grand Masters in England. He had the interests of the Craft at heart and the interests of the brethren of the province over which he presided, and, as he had already informed them, their Grand Master very much regretted he was unable to be present, and would be wondering how they were getting on. At present he was not his own master, but he trusted next time they met he might be amongst them, and he was sure they would welcome him with the greatest pleasure.

Bro. WATSON proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett," and the toast having been duly honoured,

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER responded, and attributed a great deal of the success of the meeting to Bro. Watson.

Bro. COWPER proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," taking the opportunity for saying that the province had a local Charity with an invested sum of £2000, and the income sufficed for the present needs of the province. They also subscribed largely to the Central Charities.

Bro. McLEOD responded, and said the Central Charities expended £40,000 to £50,000 per annum, the Boys' School absorbing £10,500 a year. This last year £67,000 was subscribed to the Benevolent Fund, one-tenth of the whole coming from that province.

Bro. Col. SADLER proposed "The Health of the Newly-appointed Officers," for whom Bro. WARD and others responded.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the North York Lodge," and again referred to the admirable manner in which that lodge had entertained the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. BRUCE, W.M. of the North York Lodge, responded.

Bro. WOODALL proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," for whom Bro. McLEOD responded.

At intervals songs and quartettes were sung by Bros. Shepherd, Langdale, Anderson, and Stewart, the latter of whom carried out the musical arrangements in an admirable manner.

CONSECRATION OF THE SIR WALTER RALEIGH LODGE, No. 2432.

This new lodge was consecrated on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., by Bro. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Sec., assisted by Bros. C. E. Keyser, J.G.D., as S.W.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., as J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as Chaplain; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W., as D.C.; and R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G.

The founders present were Bros. W. H. Bullock, P.M. 2128; A. Pringle, P.M. 92; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C. 1512; A. F. Scholding, I.P.M. 1512; G. Emblin, P.M. 147; W. Klingenstein, P.M. 73 and 1540; D. Phillips, P.M. 723; T. W. Lightfoot, 1585; W. H. Lowry, S.D. 1839; W. J. Hunter, J.W. 2077; W. F. Bales, P.M. 1507; E. Bowdon, I.G. 1107; J. H. Custance, S.W. 795; R. T. Taylor, 2318; W. H. Stevens, 2308; J. H. Butt, 1269; and W. H. Butt, 1269.

The visitors present were—

Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks; J. C. Jessett, P.G. S.B. Middx.; Capt. T. C. Walls, W.M. 1745, P.P.G.W.; W. H. Kempster, S.W. 60, P.G.S.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; R. H. Brannon, P.M. 394, S.W. 2409, P.P.G. Std. Br. Hants and Isle of Wight; W. T. Brailey, P.M. 1531, P.P.G.P. Kent; F. C. Frye, M.P., P.M. 1642, P.Z.; F. K. Buxton, P.M. 1891; J. M. McLeod, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. Masters, 60 and 2128; H. J. Phillips, P.M. 205; W. Webber, P.M. 700; M. J. R. Dundas, W.M. 1361; W. A. Dowling, P.M. 2012; E. Scalon, P.M. 507, S. E. Southgate, I.P.M. 700; G. Pidduck, S.W. 1107; George Lane, J.W. 2202; John Simpson, I.G. 704; E. Holderness, 723; W. Hill, 1512; F. Whicher, 1512; W. Williams, 1022; W.

Downing, 20; William Curry, 2363; H. Anderson, 1275; Thomas Prior, 765; A. S. Gardener, 1437; Thomas Barker, 192; Ralph Bullock, 2128; E. G. Steers, 1507; J. Kift, and others.

After the lodge had been duly opened, Bro. E. LETCHWORTH addressed the brethren upon the object of the meeting, pointing out that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had after careful consideration of the interests of the Craft granted a charter or warrant of constitution, in the belief that the petitioners earnestly desired to zealously promote the highest principles of the Order.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, as Chaplain, then delivered a very eloquent address in the most impressive manner.

The usual ceremony of consecration and dedication was then regularly proceeded with, after which the Grand Secretary installed Bro. W. H. Bullock W.M. of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, No. 2432.

The following appointments and investments were then made: Bros. Adam Pringle, I.P.M.; G. Ransford, S.W.; G. Emblin, J.W.; W. Klingenstein, Treas.; A. F. Scholding, Sec.; D. Phillips, S.D.; T. W. Lightfoot, J.D.; W. H. Lowry, I.G.; Selly Klingenstein, D.C.; Hunter, A.D.C.; W. F. Bales and E. Bowdon, Stwds.; and H. Evenden, Tyler.

A vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers was proposed by the W.M., seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously.

The honorary membership of the lodge was then conferred upon them, and a beautifully worked gold and enamel founder's jewel in miniature was then presented by the W.M. to the Consecrating Officer.

Bro. LETCHWORTH acknowledged the compliment, and heartily wished the lodge a successful and useful career.

Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were read from Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Lathom, Sir A. Woods (Garter); J. Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I.; F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary R.M.I. for Girls; H. H. Room, Prov. G. Sec. Middx.; H. Holmes, P.P.G.D. Herts; Chief Superintendent Fisher, P.M., W.M. 1512; and others.

Several candidates for initiation and joining members were then regularly proposed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to discuss an exceedingly choice menu, which was served under the personal supervision of Host Brewer in the most satisfactory manner. The programmes and toast lists were exceptionally pretty.

After the banquet, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed without comment "The Queen and the Craft."

In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said: This toast requires very little recommendation, for to-night, but for the kindness of the Grand Master we should not have been assembled here, and in granting us our warrant he has been very much guided by the Grand Secretary, to whom our thanks are due. His Royal Highness has recently been in retirement during the great trouble through which he has passed, but we trust that he will soon be able to come amongst us again as before.

In proposing "The Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said: This is a toast always received with acclamation in every lodge, and on no occasion will it be received with more heartiness than to-night. The Pro Grand Master is absent from this meeting through an important engagement and heavy bereavement, and but for that he would have been with us—he would have come for the same reason that he honoured me when installed as W.M. of the United Northern Counties Lodge, I being a West Lancashire Freemason. Whilst regretting his absence, we drink cordially to the health of these high officers. I shall couple with the toast the name of a very distinguished brother who has given us a great deal of pleasure—Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.

In responding, Bro. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G. Chap., said: I had hoped to have remained in quiet retirement to-night, for the Consecrating Officer should have been everything to us on this occasion, but it appears he has wrapped himself up in his dignity as Consecrating Officer, and left us to fulfil this portion of the duty of Grand Officer. I am thankful to you for the compliment paid to our great chiefs. Alluding to the brethren on my right, I need scarcely say it would be painting the lily if I were to say anything on their behalf. I am very grateful to you for listening so patiently to the many words I said to you to-day, and so that I want to spare you to-night, hence giving you what all Englishmen like to do—"giving compensation." I thank you for electing the Consecrating Officers as honorary members of the lodge, for the delightful evening given, and for good work done by your W.M. and the other officers of the lodge.

The toast of "The Consecrating Officer" was received with much applause, and the W.M. said he was approaching a task with considerable diffidence. He had always felt sorry for a man in any walk of life where he had to follow a good man. They all knew how difficult it was in any position of that kind to follow in the footsteps of a man who was so highly esteemed a brother as Col. Clerke, therefore when he was called away it was generally felt to be exceedingly difficult to find someone to replace him. However, their good Bro. Letchworth had already proved that there was as good "fish in the sea as before," and it was not every day they could hook so good a fish as their present Grand Secretary, and for himself he thought they had landed a good fish this time. Only those like founders of a new lodge could well realise the opinion thus formed of him, for he was particularly struck with his patience and courtesy and kindness, and he felt it would be difficult to find his equal.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., in reply, said: After having inflicted my voice upon you for no inconsiderable time this evening, I will not presume to detain you with many words on the present occasion; but in the fewest possible sentences as the unworthy mouthpiece of those brethren who have done me the honour to assist, to return you our warmest thanks for the extremely kind manner in which you have received the toast proposed by your W.M. with so much cordiality, and assure you it has afforded one and all of us the greatest possible pleasure to have been here to assist in inaugurating the lodge, which starts under such very favourable auspices. You may have noticed the absence of one or two of the Grand Officers whose names appear on the programme of the proceedings of to-day. It is a matter of deep regret to Bros. Philbrick and Richardson that circumstances over which they had no control prevented them from assisting in the ceremony to-day, but you will agree that their places could not have been better filled than by Bros. Keyser and Driver—the one coming from the Wilds of Herts and the other almost by telegram, so sudden was the demand I had to make upon their services. I thank you on their behalf and my own for the very kind reception you have given to this toast. And now allow me to propose that you join me in drinking the health of your W.M., which is the toast of the evening, and I must congratulate the members of the lodge on

having such a first Master to rule and guide in the critical period of their existence. Bro. Bullock is no novice in the position, being already a P.M. of the Northern Counties Lodge—a lodge with which I have the great privilege of being associated, because—if I remember rightly—I had the pleasure of assisting at its consecration, and being made an honorary member of it, and therefore it is a peculiar pleasure to me to see in the chair of this lodge a brother who belongs to a lodge with which I am connected myself. I wish you and him a prosperous year of office, and feel certain that under his fostering care we need have no doubt of the continued success of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in response to the toast of his health, was received with much and continued applause, and said: I am exceedingly obliged to you for the way in which you have received the toast, and I am obliged to the Grand Secretary for the way in which he has proposed it. It is at all times a difficult matter to fill the mastership of a lodge. There are many things to think about and a great many people to please, and one is subject to many criticisms. I claim your sympathy for I occupy the chair under peculiar circumstances. I was designated for the office of Secretary, a distinguished brother on my left being picked out by acclamation as first Master. Circumstances prevented that wish of yours to be carried out, and for sometime we were in much difficulty, but like many other ventures it was bound to come back to port when we were stranded by the defection of our friend on my left. You are aware this lodge springs from a particular trade or rather amongst men whose walk in life is of a particular class. When our distinguished brother would not take the chair, a good many suggestions were made. One was that we should secure the M.P. for Holborn, another Sir Augustus Harris, but finally, our choice fell on the distinguished brother on my right, the P.G.D. The proposal met with general favour as he comes from a province well known as a strong supporter of Masonry. He told us, however, he could not be spared therefrom, but we gave him a fortnight to consider. We were not at all loth to meet him again, for he is rather a "good sort," being a good exponent of hospitality and a particular friend of mine. He does not, however, know me so well as he used to do now he has got into the Grand Lodge. To our great regret he eventually decided he could not take the office. We then fell back upon another well-known brother, and had a lot of difficulties of which you know nothing. This distinguished brother did not see his way to accept, so we decided that the Past Masters of the founders should revert to the ballot box, and the lot fell upon myself—my very unworthy self—to occupy the chair, and it was thus bound to go on, and this explains my presence here to-night. Having taken the office, the first thing I had to do was to look about me and select a team who would back me up. I shall, however, have to deal with the toast below, and then pay the proper amount of respect to those brethren. A considerable amount of work lies before us, and the I.P.M. has just told me this is going to be one of the largest and one of the most important lodges in London. Then again, I am told that I shall have to occupy the chair a little more than 12 months. I ask for your sympathy—you know what I have to go through. However, I shall face the matter with a good deal of equanimity, and have no doubt, if given health and strength, I shall be able to carry through, for the prospects are fairly favourable. I will say no more except to thank you very heartily and very sincerely for the way in which you have drunk my health, and shall hope and wish to have a good run of luck for the next 12 months.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and said: One of the most responsible duties before me to-night is to propose this toast, and a very difficult duty seeing that we have 40 visitors. All cannot speak, and it is hard to choose from such an array of distinguished members of the Craft those who shall respond. I trust this lodge will always be noted for its hospitality. We will do our best to give you a hearty reception. We will try and give you good work as well as good cheer. I shall couple with it the names of Bro. W. Masters, P.M. and Grand Steward, a member of Lodge 60; Bro. F. C. Frye, M.P.; and another distinguished ornament in Masonry, Bro. Capt. Walls, who has taken a deep interest in the formation of this lodge.

Bro. MASTERS said: It gives me very great pleasure to respond on behalf of the visitors, for the kind way proposed, and very kind manner received. From my experience I am quite sure that when you say you will be very glad to receive visitors on future occasions you mean it. I have known you, W.M., for very many years, and for the past seven or eight in another lodge of which you have kindly made mention, that I am sure you will do very great honour to the position in which you have been so worthily placed, and as you are going to make this the largest lodge in London, I am sure you will make it not only the largest but the best, for from the very good way in which you have made a start I have little doubt of its ultimate success.

Bro. FRYE: I thank you, in conjunction with my brother who has just spoken, for the kind response you have given to the visitors to-night. As on the menu—"let them want nothing that the house affords"—the visitors may well say they have wanted nothing in the kind way in which you have treated them to-night, and we wish you every prosperity. I came here on the invitation of Bro. Scholding, and am very delighted indeed to be present, and thank you very much for giving me the opportunity of enjoying your hospitality. Of course, Masonry is flourishing in London, and I am one of those very glad to know that it is so, because it creates good feeling amongst men. For myself, I have received many kindnesses from men in London, who but for Masonry I might never have known. I was sorry not to be present at the working of the lodge, but, if anything like the hospitality you have shown us, it was all perfect. I conclude by wishing you a prosperous year of office.

Bro. CAPT. WALLS said: Allow me to thank you on behalf of the members of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, for the kind invitation given them. When two of your founders mentioned the matter to me, I said it could not be better than for you to have the recommendation of an old lodge like ours, and we were glad to give an unanimous recommendation. I was exceedingly gratified to witness for the first time in my life a consecration by the Grand Secretary. I have many times seen the consecration by his predecessor, Colonel Clerke, but if he will permit me to say so, nothing was wanting in the manner in which the ceremony was performed to-day. I have had the pleasure of knowing him for many years, in fact since he was a Master Mason, and I am sure no better brother could fill the high position he occupies. In forming a new lodge, many things have to be taken into consideration, and one is quality, not quantity, in the members you initiate. I am quite sure that the brother at your head, in discharging his duties to-night, is one who will carry out his duties well. On July 28th,

Taurus, the Bull, entered the Zodiac. You have a Worshipful Master whose relationship to Taurus must be very close. You are proud to have a Bullock at your head, and you will not object to be led like lambs to the slaughter. Another important matter, and the only thing I wish to differ from the Grand Secretary upon. He alluded to the lodge being named after Sir Walter Raleigh, who introduced the tobacco plant into this country. I wish to tell him that it was Sir John Hawkins who brought the tobacco plant from Virginia, and it was Sir Walter Raleigh who had the temerity to smoke it. It is unfortunate that after dining at the table of princes, Sir Walter Raleigh became for 12 years an occupant of a dungeon in the Tower of London. He spent this time in compiling a history which unfortunately was not completed on account of his sudden death—he lost his head. Had he lived, doubtless he would have been a good Mason. The continuance of this little historical event is that Sir Walter Raleigh's history of the world in consequence of his death remained unpublished, but I do hope that in years to come the history of this Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge will be for ever, when hundreds of years hence those who have assisted in this ceremony to-day will have become a mere atom in the sand. I thank you very heartily.

In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. alluded to a work which was dear to the hearts of Bro. McLeod, the Secretary, the Head Master, and the Board of Management of the Boys' School. It was that brethren generally should interest themselves in placing the boys as they left the School out in life. Much could be done in this direction. He spoke from an experience of having two of the ex-pupils, both of whom did great credit to the Institution.

In response, Bro. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, thanked the W.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and especially for the peculiar interest he had shown, in common with other members of the Northern Counties Lodge, in the placing out of boys as they left the School. He felt that the members of this lodge would be doing a good work in connection with the Charitable Institutions by following so good an example. He was glad to know that lodges at their formation now, with but few exceptions, recognised the good work being done by the three Institutions, on behalf of which it was his privilege to plead. They knew it was only by continual voluntary gifts that the work could be carried on, and all who worked in connection with the Institutions were very grateful for the generosity displayed towards them by the Craft during the past 12 months. He was grateful, in particular, to the W.M. for consenting to act as Steward on the occasion of the Festival in 1893, and had no doubt that other members of the lodge would accompany him, for he recognised amongst them many of whom it could be truly said as appeared on the toast list—"I were well you do so much for Charity."

In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said that Bro. Wm. Klingenstein, P.M., had held the chair of two lodges, and it was his own fault that that he was not the first Master of that lodge. He was looked up to by them in their particular work of love as one of their "merchant princes," but although it was a matter of regret that he did not first take the chair, he did the next best thing, and took the post he was so well adapted to fill—that of Treasurer. They hoped the time would come when they should see him in the position he (the W.M.) held that night. As to the Secretary, Bro. Scholding, no man could tell the arduous duties he had undertaken and the excellent manner in which he had fulfilled them in connection with the formation of that lodge. The characteristic which struck him most prominently was his excellent patience, being perfectly at home with everything, and had made himself the "generally useful" man a lodge should have on its first formation—in fact, he was a perfect jewel of a Secretary. The W.M. said he anticipated all his wants, and deserved some acknowledgment, and he, therefore, asked them to give him a good response to the toast. Might those good officers be spared for the next 12 months to see him through his perilous position.

Bro. KLINGENSTEIN, Treas., said he had to thank the W.M. for the very kind way in which he had spoken of himself and brother officers, and you, brethren, for the flattering manner in which you received it. Continuing Bro. Klingenstein said: I am quite certain that I could not have filled the chair in the same manner and to your satisfaction as the present W.M. I am quite certain he is the right man in the right place, but it would have been very ungrateful on my part had I not taken the office of Treasurer. I am sure that with the good assistance of our brother Secretary my work will be a sinecure. I feel certain that the Secretary will do all he can in the excellent manner in which he has started, and that at the end of the year we shall not only have a good balance, but be able to satisfy the requirements of our good Bro. McLeod, on behalf of the Charities.

Bro. SCHOLDING said: You have just heard rendered in a very sweet manner "Home, sweet home," and I do not propose to keep you brethren very long from your sweet homes, but I must recognise the kind manner in which you have shown your appreciation of the services I have rendered in the formation of this lodge. I am not going to accuse the founders of the lodge of any very great constructive energy, but must say that their free criticism kept me to the work very closely and prevented me from going very far astray. I feel very gratified with the kind things the W.M. has said and you brethren for the hearty manner in which you have received the same.

Responding to the toast of "The Officers," Bro. ADAM PRINGLE, I.P.M., said: It is not often that the I.P.M. has to return thanks for the officers of the lodge, but on this occasion, being the consecration of the lodge, the Installing Master had preferred the duty of proposing what is usual for the I.P.M. of the lodge—the health of the W.M. I must compliment our W.M. for the way in which he has done his work, and the brethren of the lodge for the way in which they did their share of the work, and I have every reason to believe that we shall have a happy and prosperous future. I do not think that we could have had a better Master than we have got, and, although his modesty caused him to hang back for some time, I am very glad indeed that he has been placed in this position. I am glad to act as his I.P.M., and proud to help him in any way I can.

The SENIOR WARDEN said: I thank you for the kind words you have said for your officers, and I will do all I can to support you in the chair, and in bringing any initiates of the right sort to make this lodge a strong one.

The JUNIOR WARDEN said: I can assure you that I will do all I can to make this lodge a success. It has long been a wish on my part to have a lodge in connection with our business, and I trust the brethren will rally round this Raleigh Lodge and make it the success we mean it to be. In our officers I think you have good workers who will do all they can.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE GALLERY LODGE,
No. 1928.

In pursuance of an invitation given to the W.M. by Bro. Baron H. De Worms, M.P., some months ago, the annual picnic of the Gallery Lodge took place on Saturday, the 30th ult., to Henley Park, near Guildford, the beautifully-situated Surrey residence of Baron and Baroness De Worms. Between 80 and 90 members of the lodge and ladies travelled by the 11.25 a.m. train in saloon carriages, kindly provided by Mr. Scotter, general manager of the London and South-Western Railway, from Waterloo to Brookwood Station, the company comprising Bros. E. E. Peacock, W.M.; C. K. Moore, S.W.; J. C. Manning, J.W.; G. Tarran, A.D.C.; C. Lock, S.D.; H. J. Sanderson, J.D.; P. W. Husk, I.G.; B. Striem, Stwd.; W. T. Perkins, I.P.M.; H. Wright, P.M.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M.; J. C. Duckworth, P.M.; T. Minstrell, P.M., A.G.P., Sec.; and Mrs., Mr. H., and Miss Peacock; Miss Moore, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Minstrell, Mrs. W. M. and Miss Duckworth, Mrs. J. C. Duckworth, Mrs. Tarran, Mrs. Striem, Mrs. Lock, Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. Husk, Mrs. and Miss Wright, Bro. and Mrs. Merton Clarke, Bro. and Mrs. Temple, Bro. J. D. and Mrs. Irvine, Bro. and Mrs. Baines, Bro. and the Misses Fishbourne, Bro. Basil Cooke, Bro. B. and Mrs. Sykes, Bro. J. and Mrs. Lobb, Bro. and Mrs. Brodie, Bro. and Mrs. Bell, Bro. G. T. Vincent, Comp. Hurdell, Mr. W. T. Lawrence, and others.

From Brookwood they were driven to Henley Park, some four-and-a-half miles distant, where they were warmly welcomed by Bro. Baron and the Baroness De Worms, who had invited a few guests, including the Rev. J. W. Dunn, vicar of Pirbright, and Mrs. Dunn, and the Rev. Father Fowler, to meet them.

After an inspection of the grounds and hot-houses, the guests were entertained at luncheon.

Bro. Baron DE WORMS proposed "The Health of the Queen."

Bro. PEACOCK, W.M., then proposed the toast of "Our Host and Hostess," observing that Baron De Worms besides being a brother Mason, not unknown in the field of literature, and having achieved distinction as a politician and administrator, was a personal friend of some of the members of the lodge. That he was not unmindful of the truth that "the hand of a Mason given to a Mason shall be a sure pledge of brotherhood" was shown by his invitation of them to Henley Park, and they were equally under an obligation to the Baroness, whose graceful cordiality in welcoming them well befitted the daughter of the first Lord Mayor, who had ever officially invited a body of English Freemasons to be his guests at the Mansion House.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk.

Bro. Baron DE WORMS responded, and proposed "The Gallery Lodge," coupled with the name of his old friend, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who replied.

During the afternoon, which was brilliantly fine, the visitors found ample entertainment in going through the extensive grounds and the magnificently timbered park of 600 acres, boating on the lake, or fishing in the fish-stews.

In the evening tea was served *al fresco* in front of the hall, and a concert was given in the large drawing-room by Bro. and Mrs. Merton Clark, Bros. Temple, Sykes, Irvine, Husk, and Mr. H. Peacock.

At dusk the party took farewell of their hosts, and having given them a parting cheer drove back to Brookwood, whence they reached town shortly after 10 o'clock, having spent a most delightful day.

MASONIC DINNER AT SIMLA.

The annual Masonic dinner of the Lodge Himalayan Brotherhood came off at Simla on June 13th. The hall was beautifully decorated, and about 70 guests were present.

After the usual loyal toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of England," "The District Grand Master of the Punjab, and Officers, Present and Past," had been proposed and responded to,

Bro. McDERMOTT, the I.P.M., proposed the toast of "General Collen, the present Worshipful Master," which was drunk with musical honours. The speaker said that Bro. General Collen entered on his duties enjoying the fullest confidence of the lodge, and that he would be certain to leave it in a more prosperous condition than that in which he found it.

Bro. General COLLEN, in replying for himself and incoming officers, returned his best thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received. He relied, he said, on the warm support of officers to enable him to fulfil the expectations which had been raised. He also said that though the work of the Military Secretary to Government left him but little spare time, he would do his best to attain success equal to that which Bro. McDermott as Worshipful Master had reached, and concluded that if unsuccessful he could only quote the old words of the play: "Ferdinando can do no more than he can do."

In proposing "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," Bro. Major BOWYER, S.W., referring to Simla as a summer capital, said that she was always glad to welcome visitors, whether Masons or not, from all parts, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Whymper, whom every Mason knew as a great authority upon their ancient literature.

Bro. WHYMPER responded in an amusing speech, in which he said that the duty of visiting other lodges

was not only a duty but a pleasure; and though he believed that all lodges should more or less follow a universal usage, he could not but with regret compare the chippy biscuits and dry sandwiches of the Murree and Rawal Pindi lodges with the turkey and champagne of Simla. Not only was it far better, he continued, but the company was also, and why? Because Simla always carried off the best men from the Punjab and elsewhere. Once a Viceroy expressed a wish to see a Punjab Lieutenant-Governor. The result was that after seeing him he kept him, and next took the Civil and Military Secretaries. Now Simla had seized upon Sir William Lockhart, the General of the Punjab Frontier Force. He no longer wondered at the lodge being able to keep so many absentee members paying a high subscription.

Bro. General COLLEN, in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M. and Outgoing Officers," alluded in the warmest terms to the good work done by Bro. McDermott, and concluded by saying: "I ought, perhaps, now to trace Freemasonry from its earliest stages in the time of Athelstone, or I ought to give its history since the first Grand Lodge was formed in England in 926. I refrain from doing so, because I see faces growing somewhat long at the mere suggestion, and because our guests are longing to speak for themselves in that eloquent manner for which all Englishmen are renowned."

Bro. McDERMOTT, responding, warmly thanked the officers for their support, especially mentioning Bro. Carson. He said the lodge had made his task an easy one, and he should always be proud of the honour of having been Master.

Bro. CULLIN in an eloquent speech proposed "The Guests," alluding to the members of Commerce, the Army, Civil Service, and the Press.

Bro. General MORTON replying extolled the hospitality of Masonic lodges, and especially that of Simla. He alluded amusingly to the visit of the Inspecting Officer, Bro. Whymper, from Murree, whose portals none ever entered without sampling the most excellent of old crusted. He had discovered no flaws in the accounts, and ended his remarks amid loud cheers.

Bro. Col. WOODTHORPE, who proposed "The Ladies," explained that this would probably be the last speech he should make in Simla. A man often, he said, proposes, and is sometimes accepted. "This time," he continued, "I am going to propose all the ladies to you. Therefore, there will be little danger to myself." He hoped that though many years had passed over his head he might still meet that "not impossible she," and after one or two anecdotes which were received with much laughter, concluded by saying he had discovered but little new in ladies since he proposed the toast last year.

Bro. Captain HOLLAND responded in a few well chosen words, remarking that most appropriately he did so in his maiden speech. Several excellent songs were sung during the evening.

IN PRAISE OF MASONRY.

Masonry has just cause to be proud of its antiquity, proud of its ancient origin, dating back into the dim and misty past. We have just reason to be proud of our many Charities and of our vast numerical strength, as well as of our standing in every community, but more than that, above all this, we have reason to be proud of the eternal truths taught in our Craft, of the tenets and teachings of our great Fraternity.

Masonry at all times carried the torch of liberty and of thought; carried always the light of love and universal tolerance to all mankind. It ever held aloft its sweet signal of brotherly love, and at all times taught the great truth of a Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man.

At no time did Masonry ever lend its pure and sacred hand to wrong, to oppression, or to persecution, but quietly, in silence and secrecy performs its great mission of Charity and brotherly love.

Quietly and in silence it aids the widow and the orphan, succours the poor and stands by the weak, shields and defends those who suffer in mind or body, and is at all times ready to battle for the right.

It is thus that the great Masonic Fraternity has just cause to be proud as the advance guard of liberal thought, as the pioneer of our civilisation, as the teacher of the immutable truths that have been isolated in former ages, but through its agencies, and through the workers in our vineyards has popularised them and brought them and kept them before the people. It is to this we can point as the great achievement of our Fraternity. It is in this we find our greatest pride as members of the Craft.—*Keystone*.



If Mr. Van Biene will concede that there is absolutely nothing new in the plot of "The Broken Melody," which he produced at the Prince of Wales's last week, on the occasion of his making his debut in London as an actor, then we are willing to allow that Messrs. Keen and Leader have written round Mr. Van Biene's 'cello a drama which in this off-season may command some attention at the hands of the playgoing public. Most of us have heard of or seen "La Dame aux Camélias and Belphégor," which "The Broken

Melody" closely resembles. The Russian refugee, who is a Nihilist and has escaped to London, where he ekes out a living by composing music, marries a pretty English girl, who loves and is loved by the Russian count, and who has a rival in a French duchess, who in her unlawful passion for the opera composer spirits away his trusting wife. We have seen them all before. Still in its new clothing this old story does fascinate the audience, though we all know exactly what is going to happen—that the Russian and his wife will come together again, and that the wicked duchess will have an old enemy in the shape of a discarded lover turn up and expose her just as she thinks she has triumphed. Mr. Van Biene has again shown his cleverness as a manager, for in case the drama will not carry weight he knows he can trust to his splendid musical gifts to enthrall, and his wonderful handling of his violoncello in the three acts saved what might have been a dull evening. His playing stops the action of the piece, but who would grumble when they can listen to such a master of his instrument. The Broden melody will suit two classes, those who go to see an interesting drama and those who go to hear Mons. Auguste Van Biene perform with such skill on the violoncello. We all have known him for years as a first class musician and also as a manager of many provincial operatic companies. We now know him as an actor who shows no little skill, though nature has not fitted him in physique for such a rôle. Miss Olga Brandon looked handsome in her various gowns, though not much opportunity was given her to act. Mr. Abingdon was again a splendid villain. Miss Blanche Horlock looked pretty. Mrs. Campbell Bradley was not quite *au fait* with her words. Mr. Fred Thorne gave a capital sketch as the lodging keeper's husband, and Mr. Stephen Caffrey made a great hit in a very small part as a character actor—that of an Irish doctor. "The Broken Melody" is sumptuously mounted, but it is the 'cello round which it is written which will be the draw.

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The Brothers Gatti, long ago, established their fame, and on Saturday may be said to have broken the record in the splendid production of "The Lights of Home," by Messrs. Sims and Buchanan, both of whom received vociferous cheers at the close of the new drama. It follows closely on the lines of old Adelphi pieces for, frequenters of this favourite playhouse want one sort of entertainment—a hero, a heroine, a villain or two, and a comic man, with some murders and shipwrecks thrown in. The Brothers Gatti have given them their fill in the new drama. The plot is an oft told tale, but not a bit worn out, and in its new dishing up bids fair to fill the Adelphi for many months. In two or three places it excites the whole audience. We wish we could afford space to go more into detail. No praise we can give "The Lights of Home" would be more than justice. The scene-painting of Bro. Bruce Smith is marvellous, and well deserved all the applause it obtained when it came to view. We do not think any manager has before attempted to depict a screw ocean-going steamer foundering in the breakers. This we look upon as the cleverest feature of the evening. Mr. Kyrle Bellew is the hero of the piece, and makes love in the fervent way he always does, that one's heart goes out to him and Miss Millard who ably supports him. Mrs. Patrick Campbell is full of emotional expression as the wronged woman, and hers is perhaps the finest piece of acting. In the hands of Mr. Lionel Rignold the low comedy part is thoroughly safe. His wheeze "I'm on it, fair on it," is likely to become a street saying. Miss Clara Jacks has scarcely as much to do as usual, but her acting shows her great popularity amongst Adelphians. We heartily congratulate the Brothers Gatti on another Adelphi success.

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Only tolerably old theatre goers will recollect Mr. W. S. Gilbert's "Wedding March," which was so popular 20 years ago. Set to music by Mr. George Grossmith, who conducted on the first night, it is, under the title "Haste to the Wedding," now being performed at the Criterion while Bro. Wyndham and Miss Mary Moore take a holiday. It is just one of those bright easy pieces suitable for the Criterion, and which one is sure to go again and yet again to see. In it Mr. G. Grossmith, jun., makes his bow to London audiences in a small part. Bro. Lionel Brough is in his element as the bride's father. His humour is very prominent, and he is provided with a capital song on "his late departed." Mr. Frank Wyatt in song and dance is highly appreciated. His duet with Miss Sybil Carlisle is one of the chief features of the evening. Most grotesque is their dance in the milliner's shop. Mr. D. S. James (son of Bro. David James) was doubly encored. Mr. Valentine, as a fiery Major General, is provided with a very funny song—"The Order of the Bath"—which he sings sitting in a chair in a scarlet tunic and cocked hat and sword, and his feet in a bath. If the name had not appeared on the programme, one would know that the dialogue is by Mr. W. S. Gilbert, as it is written in his topsy turvyism style. There can be little doubt that the Criterion will be filled by lovers of a light bill of fare for weeks to come to laugh at the nonsense in "Haste to the Wedding."

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress, with their family, have left London for North Berwick, where they will remain until the first week in September, when his lordship intends visiting Wales for the purpose of presiding at the Rhyll Eisteddfod.

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Masonic Notes.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall will be held at the Masonic Hall, Truro, on Tuesday next. A part of the business will be to nominate and recommend a Prov. Grand Master in place of Sir Charles Graves Sawle, whose term of three years now expires.

A recent number of the *Philadelphia Keystone* contains a long and interesting letter by Bro. E. P. Schultz, in which he carefully discusses the question whether Martin Luther, the great reformer of the 16th century, was or was not a Freemason. Bro. Schultz takes as his text the notice in Augustine Row's "Masonic Biographies and Dictionary" (published by Lippincott in Philadelphia, in 1868), to the effect that Luther was a Freemason, and in estimating the value of this notice and the statement it contains, he points out very properly that "the only knowledge we have of Freemasonry prior to the latter part of the 17th century is

what has been derived from the old manuscript Charges or Constitutions in Great Britain, and the Ordinances or Regulations of the Stone Masons in Germany." It would be in vain, therefore, to look for anything in the nature of trustworthy evidence in support of Luther having been a member of the Craft.

But if Bro. Schultz regards the story as unworthy of acceptance, he does not altogether discard the idea that Luther may have been a member of the Steinmetzen or Stone Masons. He quotes an old writer to this effect that "Tradition does not invent, it only exaggerates," and expresses his belief that a modern high degree Mason may have taken the original minute grain of truth in the story and enlarged it in such a manner and to such an extent as to enable him to furnish forth the statement that Luther was a Freemason in the modern sense of the word. For ourselves, we fail to see how any good to Freemasonry can be gained by the attempts which many people are so fond of making, to include all men of eminence of every country and every age in their list of distinguished Craftsmen past and present. There is undoubtedly a full measure of antiquity about our Order, but it is not the kind of antiquity which justifies the inclusion among our most eminent worthies of such men as Julius Cæsar, Martin Luther, St. Augustine, and so forth.

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At the convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the United States, held at Minneapolis, on the 23rd July, 1891, it was unanimously resolved to invite the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia to become constituent members of the said General Grand Chapter, "thereby uniting and solidifying the Royal Arch Craft of the United States of America into one common band." At the conclusion of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia held at Martinsburg on the 9th November, 1891, the invitation was unanimously accepted and it was agreed that it should be left to the Grand Council to take the necessary steps to effect such admission, and these having been taken, the admission of the said Grand Chapter into the General Grand Chapter has been effected, and the General Grand High Priest, Comp. Joseph P. Hornor, has publicly notified the fact under date of 9th June, 1892.

The annual meetings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Maine were held at Portland on the 3rd May last, when, as regards the former, Bro. H. R. Taylor was elected M.W.G.M.; Bro. H. H. Barbank, D.G.M.; Bros. Augustus B. Farnham and Howard D. Smith, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively; Bro. Frederick Fox, G. Treasurer; and Bro. Stephen Berry, G. Secretary. The principal officers of Grand Chapter are: Comps. A. M. Penley, G.H.P.; J. B. Dunbar, D.G.H.P.; S. S. Stearns, G. King; H. S. Webster, G. Scribe; R. H. Hinkley, G. Treasurer; and Stephen Berry, G. Secretary.

From a Sydney paper we gather that, at an installation ceremony in a country lodge recently, an orchestral service was rendered by the string band of two visiting lodges. An interesting number on the programme was a Masonic anthem. This fine piece of Gregorian music was composed by Bro. Camidge, who was Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of All England at York in 1753. The composer (organist of York Cathedral at the time), was an ancestor of the present Bishop of Bathurst, Dr. Camidge, Grand Chaplain of New South Wales, who is also well known to Yorkshire Craftsmen.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

991] GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Bro. Sadler in his interesting article on "Valuable Additions to the Grand Lodge Library," refers at times so much and so kindly to myself, that at first I thought of treasuring the fraternal and appreciative remarks and saying nothing on the subject. However, on "second thought," that does not seem desirable. I consider his estimate of the comparative rarity of the three works mentioned is in accordance with my own experience, though it does not quite agree with my friend Bain's opinion. I know of at least six copies of Le Clerc's *Architecture of 1723-4*, or *1732*, but only two of the "Defence of Free-Masonry," and I believe

the first edition of Cole, though not so scarce, is possibly much on a par with Le Clerc. Bro. Bain drew my attention to the latter work in December, 1890, but as a matter of fact, the Rev. H. W. Rugg, D.D., editor of the "Freemasons' Repository," Providence, Rhode Island, was the first to notice its Masonic importance, in the July number of that excellent periodical for 1888. The first edition is in two vols., 1723-4, and the second of 1732, two vols., each in octavo, and having the plates by John Sturt. The original edition is of the year 1714, and published at Paris (quarto). Of course this treatise lacks the four special dedications, which is the feature of the English reproduction. I hope to have an article on the three editions in the *Freemasons' Treasury* ere long. General Lawrence has the two English editions in his library, thanks no doubt to Bro. Emmons' vigilance, who never loses an opportunity to add to that famous collection. Bro. Bain has a magnificent copy of "Cole's Constitutions," in whole calf, silver clasps, gilt top, and in appropriate case (one of the finest I have ever seen), but the Grand Lodge volume is unique in two or three respects, and certainly well deserves all that Bro. Sadler says about it. With respect to the "Defence" of 1765, I only casually examined it many years ago, and when collecting information concerning the Royal Arch Degree, so quite failed to discover the value and importance of the work in regard to the "Ancient" Grand Lodge. This rare book certainly confirms Bro. Sadler's view of the origin of the "Ancients," and what is more, it was issued soon after the start of that organisation. It seems to me still likely that these brethren were joined by discontented members of the regular Grand Lodge, who were thus seceders; but I am free to confess Bro. Sadler's theory at present holds the field, evidence being lacking to fully decide the point. There is another addition to the Grand Lodge Library about which Bro. Sadler is silent. I refer to "The Free-Mason's Pocket Book for the year 1800." It was "Compiled by Brother Asperne," and contains a fine portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master. Bro. John Lane and myself have been on the look-out for a copy for years. He has a copy of a title-page or advertisement of the edition of 1798 (from me), but until now not a single one has been traced, though published evidently in 1798, 1799, and 1800, and possibly more years. Its special value is the list of "Ancient" lodges, about which I should like Bro. Lane to say a few words, as he copied the roll when last in town. I heartily endorse all that Bro. Bain states about Bro. Sadler's services on behalf of the Library. I know of one article he secured at £20 less than its value at least; and all purchases would show a good profit on re-sale. He is one of the most enthusiastic collectors, and is always on the alert to secure ancient relics, MSS., and books for our Grand Lodge Library.

W. J. HUGHAN.

RECEPTION AT "THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM" AT FOREST-HILL.

Bro. Frederick J. Horniman, F.R.G.S., whose active business life in the City has, as most London residents know, its equally active counterpart in the ardour of the collector, invited the Worshipful Master and members of the Alliance Lodge of Freemasons, accompanied by ladies, on Wednesday evening, to an inspection of the most interesting museum he has founded at Surrey House, Forest-hill, and to partake of his hospitality at Surrey Mount.

The guests, who began arriving at an early hour in the evening, included Bro. Alderman Green, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, Bro. Colonel T. Davies Sewell and Miss Sewell, Bro. Captain and Mrs. Henry Wright, Bro. Henry Squire, C.C., and Miss Squire, Bro. Colonel E. T. Rodney Wilde, Bro. the Rev. J. H. Smith, Bro. W. Westcott and the Misses Westcott, Bro. Captain Vickers Dunfee, Bro. Captain E. Pugh and Mrs. Pugh, Bro. H. P. Monckton, Bro. J. Last Sayer, C.C., and Mrs. Sayer, Bro. Sheriff H. S. Foster, M.P., and Mrs. Foster, Bro. H. Carlile Morris, C.C., and Mrs. Morris, Bro. G. Hand and Mrs. and Miss Hand, Bro. Captain N. G. Philips and Mrs. Philips, Bro. P. de Lande Long, Bro. F. A. Jewson and Mrs. Jewson, Bro. Deputy and Mrs. Walford, Bro. Colonel Dundas and Mrs. Dundas, Bro. Captain Clowes, Bro. John Lobb, C.C., L.S.B., and Mrs. Lobb.

Light refreshments were served in the entrance hall of the museum, and afterwards some two hours were most enjoyably spent in a tour of the rooms, under the guidance of the founder and the well-informed curators whom he has placed in charge. From the museum the visitors passed through the grounds, which were beautifully illuminated for the occasion, to Surrey Mount, the residence of their host, which caps the summit of the hill, and commands extensive views in all directions. Here supper was served, followed by a selection of vocal music given by members of the Alliance Lodge.

Later, in the smoking-room, Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON informally, on behalf of the visitors, expressed to Bro. Horniman their admiration for the collection he had invited them to view, and their thanks for the enjoyment his delightful hospitality had conferred.

In response, Bro. HORNIMAN assured his guests of the pleasure it had given him to receive them.

As a souvenir of the occasion each guest received on departing a specimen of some rare butterfly, mounted in a glass-covered case.—*City Press*.

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PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

GRAYS.

St. John's Lodge (No. 1343).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. M. T. Tuck, W.M., in the chair; W. J. Godwin, S.W.; F. S. Guy, J.W.; Jas. Howell, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; Chas. Cobham, P.M., S.D.; Chas. Westwood, J.D.; F. W. Pelling, I.G.; A. K. Bohn, E. Ayres, and A. J. Baldock, Stwds.; G. Martin, Tyler; Capt. R. Atkins, P.M.; Capstick, Weymouth, Longland-Clark, Kimbell, Coates, Bristow, Reynolds, Chattey, Haslock, Dorman, Hodge, Dyson, and John Scott. Visitors: Bros. A. Lucking, P.G.P., Prov. G.D.C.; R. A. Hose, W.M. 1314; Chas. S. Mote, P.M. 1732; and Elliott G. Fletcher, 1000.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Scott, and proving unanimous, he was duly initiated. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Major Fredk. Carne Rasch, and proved unanimous. Bros. Dorman, Kimbell, Bristow, and the Rev. F. Haslock were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Coates and Chattey were raised to the Third Degree. The sum of £5 5s. was voted from the Benevolent Fund to a former W.M. of the lodge now in distressed circumstances. Notice for a joining member having been given, the lodge was closed.

After labour refreshment was partaken of, and the proceedings were of the usual harmonious nature.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 13th ult., when Bro. R. H. Leake was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a good attendance of the members of the lodge and visitors, among whom were Bros. Montgomery, W.M.; R. E. W. Stephenson, I.P.M.; J. Jessop, P.M.; R. Warriner, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Duncan, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. Isaac, P.M.; W. H. Hignett, P.M.; W. Ladyman, P.M.; C. J. Caddock, P.M.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Kirkpatrick, P.G.S.B.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Salter, P.P.G.D.; J. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Collesher Jones, P.M. 1325; J. H. Tyson, P.M. 1182; W. Barnes, P.M. 832; A. Cornett, W.M. 786; W. Sutherland, W.M. 1094; E. Kite, W.M. elect 823; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. Montgomery, the retiring Master, assisted by Bro. J. Duncan, and after being duly installed, Bro. Leake proceeded with the investiture of his officers as follows: Bros. W. Montgomery, I.P.M.; John Haynes, S.W.; J. W. Hughes, J.W.; J. H. Parker, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Eaton, Sec.; C. J. Caddock, D.C.; T. W. Hignett, S.D.; J. A. C. Jukes, J.D.; and R. Lowrey, G. Barrett, and J. D. Welsh, Stwds. Bro. W. Montgomery was then presented by the members with a Past Master's jewel.

The brethren then adjourned to the Bear's Paw, Lord-street, where an excellent banquet was prepared by Bro. Fletcher.

A good musical programme was contributed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PLUMSTEAD.

Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—Bro. Geo. Fuller Taylor, S.W. and W.M. elect of the above lodge was on Wednesday, the 20th ult., in the new Masonic Hall, installed W.M. of the lodge.

Bro. James M. McCollough, W.M., opened the lodge, and soon afterwards Bro. Taylor was presented to him to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course Bro. Taylor was inducted into the chair and saluted. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. McCollough, I.P.M.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; W. Lawson, S.W.; H. Tufnell, J.W.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; G. R. Nichols, S.D.; G. H. Porter, J.D.; H. Pamment, I.G.; W. Webber, P.M., D.C.; W. Long, A.D.C.; S. E. Southgate, P.M., G. H. Campbell, and T. Smith, Stwds.; and W. Bidgood and H. Roberts, Organists. Bro. Southgate then gave the addresses in good style, and concluded the ceremony. An excellent brother, who had been unfortunate in business, sent in his resignation, the acceptance of which was postponed, and the sum of 20 guineas was voted to him from the funds of the lodge, which, we are glad to say, was supplemented by a collection of some £24 at the banquet table subsequently. Bro. McCollough was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel for services rendered the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the handsome, cool, and pleasant assembly room of the New Falcon, Gravesend, and was simply superb in its perfectness. The service was excellent, the viands of the choicest, and the wines of the best brands were put on early and without stint. We must congratulate Bro. Simpson upon his effort, which was universally appreciated.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. J. Sanderson, P.M., R. J. Naylor, P.M., C. Sweeting, P.M., F. J. Dawson, P.M., G. D. Crawford, P.M., T. Butt, P.M., E. B. Hobson, P.M., A. Woodley, P.M., Hon. P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2154, T. Punter, T. Keen, C. W. Benstead, C. Sutton, T. Bond, R. Taylor, E. Valon, A. J. Walklin, S. Thirston, J. Trodd, F. S. Folkes, J. Noakes, G. Grant, J. Plume, H. S. Smart, W. Flory, J. Perry, M. Bell, J. A. Martin, J. A. Walter, W. Slanes, A. Abbey, G. Martin, A. Fenn, F. Hepton, A. P. Davies, J. Bull, C. F. Sharman, Capt. W. Ward, G. Brown, J. Brown, D. Blackler, E. G. Bryant, P. D. Cuid, E. Carter, A. Webb, J. Ware, W. Bennett, G. H. Weaver, H. Watts, A. J. Mitchell, A. G. Sanders, C. Perry, W. Davis, H. Pettifer, and A. Best, all of the

lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Matthey, W.M., G. Davies, P.M., W. Phillips, W. J. Barnes, J.W., J. Hall, H. S. Syer, P.M. and Sec., C. H. Hosgood, W. G. Abbey, and J. Skinner, all of 13; S. Horton, J.W. 706, G. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. W. H. Keeble, I.G. and G. H. Letton, all of 615; W. C. Taylor, W.M., W. Busbridge, I.P.M., C. Clapham, J.W., E. Palmer, P.M., R. Pidcock, P.M. and P.P.G. Reg. Sussex, E. Taylor, Jas. Stratton, G. Frost, G. Lawrence, D. C. Capon, A. M. Blest, B. Littlewood, C. Ellis, and Capt. W. Young, of 913; Capt. W. Weston, P.M. 1789, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Hamilton, P.M.; C. Hirsch, J.D. 917; J. Spencer, I.G. 1437; W. Moulder, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.T., and J. Coombes, P.M., of 820; C. J. Powling, W.M., C. H. Canning, P.M. and Treas., P.J.G.D., Essex, A. Ives, P.M., W. Baker, J. Glading, J.W., W. Turvey, I.G., and A. Knight, I.P.M., all of 1472; Col. C. E. Vansittart, W.M., J. V. Lee, S.D., J. Belton, S.W., Capt. C. Woollett, J.W., of 2399; C. Bridgman, 1815; J. S. Miller, P.M. 1668; G. R. Park, 181; C. Fenton, 1457; F. Whiting, P.M. 1772; F. Dunk, P.M. 72; C. Candle, P.M. 1791; C. Raymond, S.W. 1716; H. Chapman, S.W. 1964; A. Pringle, P.M. 92; A. Ware, F. Stretton, and F. Candersole, of 1536; W. Haley, 1789, J. Weeks, 147; J. Bower, D.C. 201; W. Wood, 950; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, Bro. Warren, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. McCollough, which he in opening his speech regretted, proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said that their W.M. had started well, the perfect manner in which he had invested his officers, and the skill shown in the business necessary before closing the lodge, and the closing itself, left no doubt in his mind that Bro. Taylor would carry out the duties of his office as well as the Past Masters who preceded him. He congratulated their W.M. on the magnificent gathering—some 180 good and perfect Masons around him—and trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength to carry out his duties in such a manner as would maintain the honour and reputation of the Nelson Lodge.

Bro. Taylor, in response, said he hardly knew how to find words to express the sentiments that were uppermost in his mind at that moment, but he thanked Bro. Warren and the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. He had heard Worshipful Masters say that their installation day was the "red-letter" day of their existence, and he quite believed them. That had been a grand day for him—no less than 33 installed Masters were present when he was placed in the chair, and never had he seen so many of the brethren stay so long after the banquet as upon that occasion. He took it as a great compliment, and looked upon it as an augury of a good year of office, and of the support he should receive from them all. He asked them to bring him as many initiates as they liked, but let them be good, sound men, both morally and financially, and then they would have no reason to regret having placed their confidence in him.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Visitors." He said the Nelson Lodge was noted for the number and quality of its visitors. That day they had no less than 63 visitors, and were delighted to welcome them.

Bro. Col. Vansittart, in the name of the Ordnance Lodge, thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Nelson Lodge for their splendid hospitality. The Ordnance Lodge was the baby lodge, and youngest of the Woolwich district, and he cordially invited all present to visit it.

Bros. Matthey, Taylor, and others also responded. Bro. Warren, in response for the toast of "The Past Masters," assured the W.M. that not only the I.P.M., but all of the Past Masters would do all that was essential. That was the best meeting he had ever seen since he was initiated in 1870, and he would now ask Bro. Crawford to say something.

Bro. Crawford assured the brethren that although he did not come amongst them so often as he should like, yet he felt every pleasure at hearing and seeing their success. For himself he was proud to say that he had been a Mason 32 years, and 20 years a Past Master.

Bro. Southgate also responded and remembered with pleasure that he had the honour of proposing their W.M. as an initiate in the lodge. He was sorry the I.P.M. was too unwell to finish the ceremony of installation, and could only thank them for their appreciation of his services in finishing it.

Several other toasts followed, and some good vocal and instrumental music added to the perfect enjoyment of a most harmonious and happy occasion.

United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The last, but not the least, of the lodge installations in the above district took place on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, when Bro. W. Sayle-Edwards, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. J. Wheeler, W.M., who commenced his arduous task by raising Bros. Blake, Perry, Simmons, and Ramsey. He then proceeded with his more important task, and in splendid fashion installed his successor into the chair of the lodge. Bro. Edwards then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wheeler, I.P.M.; J. Bilton, S.W.; E. W. Sinnett, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treas.; R. Gooding, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Ingle, S.D.; R. Fowler, J.D.; F. Reed, I.G.; A. Hill, D.C.; T. O'Neill, A.D.C.; F. J. Stretton, Org.; and G. Williams, F. Anderson, and L. Gee, Stwds. Bro. Wheeler then proceeded and gave the charges in a most perfect and impressive manner, for which he was unanimously commended, and voted the thanks of the lodge. He was also presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel and collar of office, the latter with emblems, and both suitably engraved, for which he returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren banqueted in the upper hall of the building. The banquet was excellent, and was served by Bro. Rimer, of the Duke of Connaught Coffee Tavern, in good style.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. G. Kennedy, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Moulds, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.), P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184; J. R. Fairburn, A. Swanson, J. Lee, G. A. Wood, T. McIlroy, C. Warren, R. W. Gower, T. Ball, W. G. Waller, W. H. Barrett, and J. Hinds. Among the visitors were Bros. F. Taylor, W.M., H. Tufnell, J.W., and C. W. Benstead, of 700; F. J. Down, S.W., and S. Horton, J.W., of 700; W. Tucker and G. Trappell, of 913; A. Deans, S.W. 13; Capt. Woollett, S.W., and T. Robertson, P.M. and Sec. 2299; C. Bone, 2332; G. Davis, 1977; and A. Carr, 653.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, Bro. Moulds, in response to the toast of "Earl Amherst, P.G.M.; Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," said his lordship always held military lodges in the highest estimation, and when any of their military brethren were at Prov. Grand Lodge they were always welcomed by him, for he loved to see the uniform present. He advised them never to lose the opportunity of attending Prov. Grand Lodge, and witness for themselves the great interest their esteemed Prov. Grand Master and Deputy Prov. Grand Master took in the welfare of the province.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said they all knew how much the success of a lodge depended upon its Master, and in Bro. Sayle-Edwards he knew and they knew that they had a good one. They knew that he was capable of working the Degrees, and conducting the business of the lodge generally on a safe and proper footing. He asked them to support their W.M., not only by attending the lodge, but also the lodge of instruction attached to it, and then they would not only be able to render him moral but also practical assistance.

The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked the brethren in the first place for placing him in such a proud position. He had that night arrived at the summit of his Masonic ambition. He was proud to say the lodge was in a splendid condition, and he congratulated Bros. Wheeler and Gooding upon their moral courage and perseverance in placing it on such a sure foundation. While he was Master of the lodge he would do his duty, and when he could feel within himself that he had done it, he should have his reward in knowing that he had done some little good, not only in the lodge, but for Freemasonry in general. He then paid a high compliment to Bro. Wheeler, as "Installing Officer," and spoke of the efficient and faultless manner in which that brother had performed the ceremonies that day.

Bro. Wheeler having feelingly and eloquently responded, the toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the pleasures of the evening, which were materially helped by some fine vocal and instrumental music.

SHERBORNE.

Benevolence Lodge (No. 1168).—The annual meeting for the installation of a W.M. took place on Monday, the 18th ult., at the lodge room in Newland, and was attended by many influential brethren from the Provinces of Dorset, Somerset, and Hants. The following were present: Bro. W. S. Gillard, P.M.; L. H. Ruegg, P.M.; T. D. Davis, P.M.; G. F. Stokes, P.M.; Dr. Colmer (Mayor of Yeovil), P.M.; A. J. Drewe, P.M.; A. P. Irwin, P.M.; T. W. R. White, P.M.; Major McAdam, Dr. Whittingdale, W. G. Pragnell, E. J. Caines, W. B. Wildman, W. Stewart, J. H. Dalwood, jun., D. R. Drake, T. Ransome, A. E. Cole, H. Blake, F. J. Herring, W. G. Knight, and J. Pearce. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. J. L. Bewsey, W.M., R. Leach, P.M., Dr. White, Dr. McDougall, F. Wadman, and the Rev. A. J. Rendle, of Wincanton Lodge; J. E. Rodber, W.M., and W. Cox, P.M., of Yeovil Lodge; W. Morgan, P.M. Shaftesbury Lodge; W. Townsend, W.M., and E. W. Cross, P.M., of Hengist Lodge; and F. Cross, J.W. Horsa Lodge.

The ceremony of installing the new W.M., Bro. G. Cross, S.W., was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Roberts, after which the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bro. W. Roberts, I.P.M.; L. H. Ruegg, P.M., S.W.; Major McAdam, J.W.; W. J. Ingram, P.M., Chap.; W. S. Gillard, P.M., Treas.; G. F. Stokes, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Drewe, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Pragnell, S.D.; J. F. L. Whittingdale, J.D.; W. B. Wildman, Org.; G. H. Gordon, I.G.; J. H. Dalwood, jun., and J. Caines, Stewards; and J. Himbury, Tyler.

The company subsequently sat down to a banquet served in Host and Hostess Binnie Clarke's best style. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Cross, presided, and the evening was spent in a truly convivial manner.

SUTTON.

Greenwood Lodge (No. 1982).—A general meeting of this lodge was held at the Public Hall on Saturday, the 23rd ult. Present: Bros. F. S. Smyth, W.M.; H. F. Gardner-Salt, S.W.; C. J. Parke, J.W.; C. R. Ellis, P.M., Treas.; F. Hallows, P.M., Sec.; H. W. Noakes, S.D.; E. H. Minns, I.P.M., as J.D.; N. H. Ellis, I.G.; Ball, Tyler; Forster, Antill, Paul, and Chandler. Visitors: Bros. H. Moss, P.M. 1339; H. J. Appleton, 2398; and J. Appleton, 2398.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. the Rev. Cockburn P. Marriott, 2398, was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. James Forster was raised to the Degree of M.M. The ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. H. F. Gardner-Salt, S.W., was duly elected. Bro. C. R. Ellis, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bowler was re-elected Tyler. Bros. Noakes, Antill, and Forster were elected Auditors. Bro. E. H. Minns proposed, and Bro. H. W. Noakes seconded, that the usual Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. F. S. Smyth, W.M., for his very efficient services as W.M. during the past year, which was carried unanimously. Bro. E. H. Minns, I.P.M., gave notice of motion to alter the months of meeting. Bro. F. S. Smyth, W.M., proposed a joining member for next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

After the business the brethren sat down to dinner, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

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PLYMOUTH.

Charity Lodge (No. 76).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult. at the Freemasons' Hall, when the W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Cornish, was installed. Bros. Capt. G. S. Strode-Lowe, D.P.G.M., and J. R. Lord, P.P.G.I. of W., were the Installing Officers, who were supported by Bros. J. M. Hiffley, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Gover, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.J.G.W.; W. J. C. Hannaford, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Browning, P.P.J.G.D.; T. C. Lewarn, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Trout, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Dillon, P.P.A.G. Sec.; and J. Gidley,

P.G. Tyler. The officers invested were Bros. P. Hannaford, I.P.M.; S. Yeomans, S.W.; C. B. Gale, J.W.; C. H. Tozer, M.O.; T. Lillicrap, S.O.; T. A. Stephens, J.O.; W. Browning, Treas.; J. M. Hiffley, Sec.; W. Biscoe, R. of M.; T. Taylor, S.D.; A. R. Hawke, J.D.; T. C. Lewarn, D.C.; W. J. C. Hannaford, A.D.C.; R. Blight, Stwd.; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler.

In the evening the brethren dined together at the Freemasons' Hall.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 18th instant, when there were present Bros. Stone, W.M.; Cass, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; F. Hilton, Preceptor; Rice, Sec.; Telling, J.D.; Chabot, I.G.; H. G. Martin, Pullen, J. Bladon, H. Bladon, Lord, Bale, Dallimore, A. C. Wood, Payne, Dunn, Niblett, Simpson, Hill, and Hobbly.

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. Niblett being the candidate. Bro. Stone vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. G. Martin, who rehearsed the installation ceremony, Bro. J. Pullen being installed into the chair of K.S., and afterwards invested his officers. The addresses were ably rehearsed by Bro. H. G. Martin. Bros. Bale, Dallimore, J. Bladon, H. Bladon, and A. D. Payne were elected joining members. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. Powell, W.M.; E. Thos. Ginder, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; J. W. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. S. Mote, P.M. 1732, S.D.; J. Bartlett, W.M. 1637, J.D.; A. L. Butters, I.G.; J. W. Curtis, P.M. 733, Stwd.; M. Rosenberg, R. E. Cursons, F. W. Pritchard, G. Weaver, and W. Hillier, Preceptor, 167. Bro. A. E. Lorch, 24, Vermont, U.S.A., was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lorch being the candidate. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Weaver being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Ginder was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A communication was read from Bro. Hillier. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. T. Kington, W.M.; H. G. Danby, W.M. 1056, S.W.; H. R. Elkin, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Dresden, W.M. 1602, S.D.; G. A. Knight, J.D.; G. W. T. Kirkham, I.G.; W. Hillier, and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. A brother offering himself as a candidate for passing he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Danby was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., when there were present Bros. A. J. Taylor, P.M., W.M.; T. Kington, S.W.; G. W. T. Kirkham, J.W.; G. E. Hugginson, Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); H. R. Elkin, J.D.; R. N. Larter, I.G.; M. Speigel, P.M.; and John Brown, P.M.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Brown offered himself as a candidate for passing, and he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Kington was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. Leonard Cox, whose untimely decease was deeply regretted by the brethren. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. C. Woods, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; C. E. Betts, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; T. W. Blott, J.D.; T. E. P. Bell, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M.; and E. S. Gibbs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 2nd Section was worked in like manner. A ballot was taken for a Life-Subscribership to a Masonic Institution, and resulted in favour of Bro. T. C. Dyer. Bro. Joseph Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. R. J. Williams, W.M.; J. H. Cumming, P.M., S.W.; W. Hide, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); W. Hillier, S.D.; Joseph Cox, J.D.; R. Reid, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx.; John Davies, P.M.; and G. W. Kirkham.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams acting as candidate. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed. Bro. Cumming was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The ceremony of installation will be worked in this lodge at the end of August. The lodge was then closed.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.).—This council met at the Grand Mark Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 22nd ult. Among those present were Bros. H. J. Lardner, W.M.; Wm. Vincent, S.W.; W. G. Lemon, P.M., as J.W.; George Powell, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; G. Graveley, Conductor; E. Sweny, S.D.; E. L. Shepherd, J.D.; and N. Prower, Org. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.D.M., G. Sec., was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, an important resolution in connection with the financial future of the council was unanimously carried. The resignation of Bro. Coubro was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received and read from Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., P.M.; R. L. Loveland, J.P., P.M.; A. McDowell, J.W.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., I.G.; and many others.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. A few toasts were honoured, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

The annual picnic of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., the place selected being Alton Towers, the seat of the Earl of Shrewsbury. The party left London-road Station, Manchester, by saloon carriage. A most enjoyable day was spent, the weather being charming, and the whole party most convivial. Amongst those present were Bros. Edward Hilton, W.M.; Jno. W. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Hothersall, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Wardle, P.M., Sec.; J. Walkden, P.M.; B. Mallinson, Alex. Allan F. Maxwell, and Gilbert Owen, with their wives. There were also present Mrs. Barratt, Mrs. Bradbury, Mrs. Makiu, and Mrs. Coupe.

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MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors, held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., the result of the ballot for the election of 12 pupils was declared as follows, viz: G. F. Bestall, 2850; C. J. Black, 2714; K. A. Cooney, 1649; M. H. Flynn, 2844; W. N. Gumley, 3620; K. J. Hardman, 1398; M. M. Kane, 3220; A. M. Kellett, 3004; F. K. Kennedy, 2855; E. M. Kidney, 1521; A. B. Locket, 2265; E. Mack, 2832; F. McComb, 2860; M. Patterson, 2385; J. Thomas, 2246; A. Wilcox, 1670. Gumeley, Kane, Kellett, Flynn, McComb, Kennedy, Bestall, Mack, Black, Patterson, Locket, and Thomas were accordingly declared elected.

The Craft Abroad.

PRETORIA.

Transvaal Lodge (No. 1747).—The annual installation of W.M. and investiture of officers of the above lodge took place on Saturday, 14th May, in the Masonic Temple, St. Andries-street. Bro. R. J. Holloway, the retiring W.M. was the Installing Master, and, with all due ceremony, inducted Bro. Frank Strange in the chair of K.S., being himself immediately afterwards invested as I.P.M. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Barnes, S.W.; H. F. Strange, J.W.; A. Kesting, Treas.; Taylor Fox, Sec.; E. Rooth, S.D.; J. W. S. Langerman, J.D.; F. H. Fisher, Chap.; H. Winny, Org.; H. F. Burger, D.C.; S. Balzam, I.G.; E. Lutz, R. C. Francis, and P. Camerer, Stewards; and E. Maxted, Tyler. There was a very large attendance of the brethren of the two local sister lodges, Johannesburg being well represented, and on the dais at one time there were no fewer than 12 Installed Masters. The ceremony was very impressively performed by the Installing Master, and the general effect was greatly enhanced by the excellent musical arrangements, conducted by Messrs. Winny and Fox, assisted by a choir.

In the evening about 60 brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared by the D.C., Bro. H. Burger, and at which the newly-installed Master presided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and excellent songs and instrumental pieces were interspersed throughout the evening. The musical talent pertaining to the Order was supplemented by the admirable musical efforts of Messrs. Magus and Amorisson. The speeches were excellent, evincing the true Masonic harmony which existed among the brethren.

After a very pleasant evening the company broke up shortly after 12 o'clock, well satisfied with the day's proceedings. Most of the Johannesburg visitors returned home on the following day, after expressing the pleasure they experienced at being present at the ceremony, and their satisfaction with the hospitality and goodfellowship of the Transvaal Lodge, No. 1747.

Bro. Victor Cavendish, M.P., eldest son of the late Lord Edward Cavendish, and nephew and heir-presumptive of Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, was married at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday last to Lady Evelyn Fitzmaurice, eldest daughter of the Marquis of Lansdowne, Viceroy of India. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of London, and among those present were Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, the Duke and Duchess of Buccleugh, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Bro. the Marquis of Headfort, Lady George Hamilton, Viscount Cross, Lady Wantage, Bro. Lord Frederick Hamilton, and Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh and Mrs. Childers.

MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

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

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their next regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 4 p.m.

The Duke of York, who, up to the present time, has in no way been associated with the London Volunteers, is about to be appointed Honorary Colonel of the 3rd Middlesex Artillery.

Bro. the Duke of Portland presided at a meeting held on Saturday last of the Royal Commission on Horse Breeding, among those present being the Earl of Coventry and Lord Ribblesdale.

It is gratifying to know that her Royal Highness the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, has so far recovered from the somewhat serious indisposition which overtook her at the White Lodge, Richmond Park, as to be able to take a drive into town in a close carriage.

At the last meeting of the Obedience Lodge, No. 1753, held at the White Hart Hotel, Okehampton, Bro. J. C. Pierce, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. In consequence of both the S.W. and J.W. having to attend a course of lectures on agricultural chemistry at Cambridge during the month of August, the installation has, by special dispensation, been postponed to Monday, September 5th.

Masonry is said to be a progressive institution, but the proper meaning, or in what sense it is progressive, is not clearly understood. The mere making of Masons is not progress. When large numbers are admitted to our sanctuaries we cannot boast that this is progress, and when our Masters boast of the many they have added to their list of members it is indeed an open question whether we are progressing.—*Keystone*.

The St. Alphega's Lodge, Solihull, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., arranged an excursion to Tewkesbury, and brethren belonging to other lodges in the province and friends were guests on the occasion. The party took train to Worcester, and from thence went down the Severn on a steamer to Tewkesbury. The abbey and other places of interest were visited, and dinner was partaken of at the Swan Hotel. Birmingham was reached on the return journey at half-past ten.

Two married couples offered themselves as candidates for the fitch of bacon which is awarded to those who are in a position to affirm without equivocation or mental reservation of any kind that for 12 months not one wrangle or snappish word has marred their conjugal happiness. There was a large gathering at Dunmow on Monday to witness the interesting proceedings, and after due examination a fitch was awarded to each couple, of whom one had been married considerably over 50 years.

The proceedings in honour of the fourth centenary of the departure of Christopher Columbus on his famous voyage of discovery, were opened at Huelva, on Monday morning, with an imposing religious ceremony. The Caravel Sante Maria, which has been built as an exact model of the Caravel in which the great navigator set sail from Palos, arrived the day previous from Cadiz, and took up its moorings off Palos in the very place where the original is supposed to have cast anchor. Its arrival was greeted with salvos of artillery, and it has since been saluted by the various foreign warships anchored in the neighbourhood. As the weather has been most magnificent the visitors from afar have been very numerous.

Our obituary of to-day informs us of the death of an honoured member of the Masonic body, who will be much missed as a benefactor of the Masonic orphans, namely, Mr. William Thompson, of Rathmines, and Lodge 50. His illness was of short duration, he being in his usual health 12 days ago, but he passed away on the 27th inst. at the advanced age of 89. Mr. Thompson was a member for over 50 years of the Harold's Cross congregation, and during his long connection with the Church he subscribed liberally to its various funds. Mr. Thompson was for many years a retired member of the staff of the Bank of Ireland, and his former colleagues and friends belonging to that establishment will greatly regret his disappearance.—*Irish Times*, July 28th.

The Shakespeare Lodge celebrated their centenary on Thursday night, the 28th ult., at Warwick. After meeting at the lodge, a dinner was held at the Court House, and the chair was occupied by Bro. Bernard Rice, W.M., the vice-chairmen being Bros. B. C. McCalmont, S.W., and C. Smith-Kyland, J.W. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. Collins, D.P.G.M. of Warwickshire; Godson, D.P.G.M. of Worcestershire; the Marquis of Hertford, P.S.G.W.; and several others from various parts of the kingdom. The brethren presented to Bro. Cooke, P.M.—the senior member of the lodge—a centenary jewel, in commemoration of long services rendered to the lodge, and to Bro. J. W. Margetts a Charity jewel, as a memento of his services as Charity Steward, and of his noble work in connection with Masonic Charities generally.

A new journal for boys is to make its appearance the first week in October, and it has been decided to call it "Boys." So much pernicious literature is issued and placed before the young, that a high-class journal for boys is sadly needed—this want "Boys" will supply. The Union Publishing Company, Limited, who will issue the journal, have secured the services of a most able man as editor in the person of Mr. Edward Step, who has purposely resigned his position as editor of the *British Workman*, *Band of Hope Review*, *Family Friend*, *Children's Friend*, &c., in order to devote his energies to this enterprise. His efforts in the interests of the young will be most ably seconded by such writers as G. A. Henty, George Manville Fenn, Ascott R. Hope, J. A. Steuart, Robert Overton, S. Baring Gould, Edward Garrett, G. Barnett Smith, Charles Edwardes, F. Scarlett Potter, F. M. Holmes, Arthur Montefiore, F.R.G.S., A. H. Miles, J. L. Owen, &c., &c., &c. The journal will be issued in weekly numbers and monthly parts.

The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1002, held at the Star and Garter, Islington, has adjourned until the first Thursday in September.

It is satisfactory to hear that the condition of Bro. the Duke of Manchester, who has been very dangerously ill, has taken a turn for the better, and that his Grace has been able to take a little nourishment.

The Queen has been pleased to issue her commands that the costly furniture in the Vandyck Room at Windsor Castle is to be newly upholstered, and the green-and-gold satin damask which has been selected for the purpose is being specially woven on the Spitalfields looms.

Arrangements have been made by the London County Council and the St. Pancras Vestry to construct a bridge across the railway between Gospel Oak and Hampstead Heath Stations. This will enable visitors to reach the south end of Parliament Hill much more expeditiously than at present.

We tender our respectful sympathy to Bro. Sir Augustus Harris on the bereavement he has sustained by the death on Friday, the 29th ult., of his mother, Mrs. Augustus Harris. In consequence of the event Drury Lane Theatre was closed on Saturday evening last. The funeral of the deceased lady took place on Wednesday.

Mr. Charles Booth in his evidence before the Transport and Shipping Section of the Royal Commission on Labour stated with regard to the distribution of labour in the London docks, that the number of men competing for employment was about 22,000, and that the maximum number engaged on any one day was 17,994.

Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar has consented to become a patroness of the Robin Society, an organisation which arranged breakfasts last Christmas Day for 10,500 poor London children, and is now asking for funds to enable sickly little ones to be sent into the country for a week's holiday.

The Queen gave a dinner party at Osborne on Monday, at which there were present, among others, the Emperor of Germany, Prince Henry of Prussia, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and their daughter, the Princess Victoria, and Bro. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edmund Commerell, V.C., G.C.B.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY.—The Masonic Fraternity has never changed its policy. It says to the profane you must seek in order to know our mysteries. You will not be sought after. The first step is of the highest importance, and must be strictly adhered to. Any member of the institution who urges a profane to become a Mason is guilty of conduct unbecoming a true member of our Fraternity, and deserves to be disciplined for so doing.—*South Australian Freemason*.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the distinction of a Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George upon Bro. the Hon. Sir E. J. Morier, K.C.M.G., C.B., her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Brussels, and the honour of knighthood on Bro. Walter Parrott, Organist to the Queen and of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and Bro. W. G. Cusins, Master of her Majesty's band, both of them Past Grand Organists of England. It has also been notified to Bro. Alderman David Evans, the Lord Mayor of London, that her Majesty has created him a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

The race for the Queen's Cup took place over the usual course on Tuesday, and was won, on her time allowance, by Admiral the Hon. Victor Montagu's Corsair, the German Emperor's yacht, the Meteor, being the first to pass the winning-post, but was defeated in consequence of having to allow the Corsair 27 minutes 30 seconds. The event excited the greatest interest, and though Admiral Montagu's victory was very popular, a strong hope was exhibited that the German Emperor might succeed in securing the trophy. At the dinner which followed at the Club in the evening the guests included Commodore the Prince of Wales, the German Emperor, Prince Henry of Prussia, the Duke of Connaught, and Bros. Sir E. Commerell, the Earl of Dunraven, and Lord Brassey.

The annual banquet of the Western District United Service Lodge, No. 2258, was held at Routley's Farley Hotel, Union-street, Plymouth. The W.M., Bro. Surg. W. Allan May, presided, supported by his officers: Bros. Major C. B. G. Dick, R.M.L.I., I.P.M.; Lieut.-Col. G. Vernon, J.W.; S. Jew, Chap.; D. Cross, Treas.; W. Powell, Sec.; W. J. Fry, S.D.; A. J. Verdi, J.D.; E. Binding, Org.; Dooley, I.G.; Hall and Beber, Stewards; J. Gidley, Tyler; Capt. G. S. Strode-Lowe, H. Best, and R. Dickson. Among the visitors were Bros. Lieut.-Col. Craig and J. B. Gover, 70; T. Gibbons, P. Dunn, A. Trout, G. Perring, G. Perkins, J. J. Facey, and W. H. Anonrose, 1205; G. Harrison and J. Ward, 189; W. Yeob, 1753; W. Allsford and T. L. Soper, 202; J. Smale, 1212; and A. Hobbs, 1847.

The annual "swan-upping" has just been in progress. The Royal swans and cygnets number about 500, and 65 and 45 are owned respectively by the Dyers' and Vinters' Companies. These Companies have possessed the privilege from time immemorial, and the operation of "upping" is performed by the Crown and the Companies' swan-masters together. On Thursday, several boats, with men on board in uniform and with swan feathers in their caps, passed through Cookham Lock before the regatta. Swan-upping consists of nicking the birds' jaws and stopping the bleeding with pitch. Fourteen years ago the R.S.P.C.A. prosecuted the swan-masters, and although its action was unsuccessful, the marks were modified in consequence. Crown swans have two diamond-shaped marks on the jaw, the Dyers' birds have one nick on the right side, and the Vinters' a small nick on both sides. It may not be generally known that the Crown claims all swans of a certain age that are "clear-billed" or unmarked.—*City Press*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the Skin.—No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefited when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbutic affections they are especially serviceable. Scoury and eruptions, which had resisted all other modes of treatment and gradually become worse from year to year, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment and purifying Pills, which root out the disease from the blood itself and leave the constitution free from every morbid taint. In the nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprains, contusions, burns, scalds, and infantile eruptions, and may always safely be applied by any ordinary attendant.—*ANVT*.

Messrs. Edward Anderton and Co., mantle manufacturers and warehousemen, have removed from 6 and 7, Old Change, to 20, Cheapside.

We regret to announce the decease, at Cirencester House, Cirencester, on Monday, the 1st instant, of Bro. Earl Bathurst. His lordship was born in the year 1832, and was P.P.S.G.W. of Gloucestershire. He is succeeded in the title and estate by his son, Lord Apsley, who is 28 years of age.

The Financial Secretary to the War Office entertained the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital at dinner on Tuesday evening, among the guests present on the occasion being Bros. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Sir William Walsend, Bart., M.P., General Sir Redvers Buller, and the Right Hon. C. Stuart-Wortley, M.P.

Colonel Viscount Downe, C.I.E., who has been in command of the 10th Hussars since 1887, during which period the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale served as an officer under him, has been selected, on the expiry of his period of regimental command, to be Aide-de-Camp to the Duke of Cambridge. Lord Downe saw active service in the Zulu campaign of 1879.

On Wednesday, the 27th ult., the brethren of Peebles Kilwinning Lodge, No. 24, met in the Masonic Hall to make a presentation to, and take farewell of, Bro. Burnett Mitchell, late R.W.M. of the lodge, who is leaving the district. Bro. G. Bridges, R.W.M., presided. The presentation took the form of a finely illuminated address, accompanied by a very handsome Master Mason's jewel. Bro. W. Connel Black of Kailzie, P.M., in making the presentation, referred in very felicitous terms to Bro. Mitchell's services to the lodge, and the latter replied in a neat and appropriate speech. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, and a very pleasant evening spent.

The weather on Bank Holiday was not as favourable as there had been good reason to expect, but in spite of this drawback the excursionists were as numerous as ever, and all the seaside resorts within easy reach of the Metropolis, such as Margate, Ramsgate, Brighton, and Hastings, were thronged with visitors. Upwards of 40,000 people passed the turnstiles at the Crystal Palace. The number of those who visited Olympia for the purpose of seeing Imre Kiralfy's "Venice" was close on 27,500, and there were nearly 30,000 who favoured the International Horticultural Exhibition and Buffalo Bill's "Wild West," at Earl's Court, while 21,000 preferred to see "Arcadia" at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. The Moore and Burgess Christy Minstrels, the Royal Aquarium, Hampton Court, Windsor, and other places of interest or amusement had each of them a full complement of patrons.

There was a large attendance at Canterbury on Thursday, when the second match of the Festival was commenced, the Home Eleven being pitted against the famous Notts team. The latter, batting first, made 226, Shrewsbury's 111, not out, being the feature of the innings. Kent, at the close of play, had lost two wickets for 27 runs. Surrey, at Leicester, made 349, M. Read, with a dashing innings of 131, being the chief contributor. Sussex against Gloucestershire have made 247 for four wickets.

The Duchess of Albany had a most cordial reception on her visit to Godalming on Thursday to open the Meath Home of Comfort for Epileptics. A number of triumphal arches spanned the streets, and the Town Clerk, Mr. T. P. Whately, presented to her Royal Highness an address of welcome on the part of the Mayor and Corporation of the ancient borough. After a service of consecration, conducted by the Bishop of Guildford, the Countess of Meath explained the origin of the movement and the object of the institution, the need for which was enforced by Dr. Russell Reynolds. The Duchess of Albany then declared the Home open. On the motion of Viscount Middleton, seconded by Mr. Sparkes, the Mayor of Godalming, a vote of thanks was passed to her Royal Highness. A large company was present, including the Marquis and Marchioness of Sligo, the Dowager Marchioness of Hertford and Lady Florence Blunt, Lady Victoria Rowe, Sir William Vincent, Mr. and the Misses Bovill, and others. A garden party was held in the afternoon, and was largely attended.

The daughter of the respected Grand Registrar, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and another young lady, a daughter of the Rev. F. Woods, Vicar of Bickley, have been the victims of a most dastardly and what appears at present an unaccountable attempt at murder. Miss Woods, who is 16 years old, and Miss Philbrick, who is 14, went out together for a walk, choosing the path which leads from Bickley through the fields to Chislehurst. When about half a mile distant from Bro. Philbrick's house, Miss Woods noticed a man carrying a gun lounging listlessly along in their rear. Becoming suspicious, she called the attention of her companion to the man, saying she did not like the look of him, and suggesting that they should stop and allow him to pass. Accordingly, they stood on one side. The man came along at the same pace, but when he had caught them up he suddenly turned round, and pointing his gun at Miss Woods' face, fired. She fell to the ground stunned, and remembers nothing further, until on recovering consciousness, she found herself lying in a field, her friend being in a like condition, and the man out of sight. With an effort she was able to drag herself to a cottage about 600 yards away, where she informed the occupants of all that had occurred, and gave an accurate description of their assailant. Several persons at once proceeded to the place she had indicated, and there discovered Miss Philbrick lying on the ground in an insensible condition. It appeared evident that she had been repeatedly struck with the butt-end of the gun, her head being considerably beaten about. She was immediately conveyed to the cottage and information given to the police, who were soon on the spot prosecuting strict search. A man has been arrested on the charge, and has been remanded until Monday. Miss Woods was found to have had several shots lodged in her cheek and neck, which have been extracted, and she is progressing favourably, but Miss Philbrick had not recovered consciousness at the time of our going to press, and we are sorry to learn her condition is considered critical. We tender to Bro. Philbrick our heartfelt sympathy in the misfortune that has befallen him and his household, but trust the case is more hopeful than it appears at present.

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