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THE PROVINCE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Province of Monmouthshire is neither a large one, nor has it on its roll any lodge or lodges that can boast of an early constitution. According to the Grand Lodge Calendar it was placed under the control of Bro. Sir ROBERT DE CORNWALL, Bart., as Provincial Grand Master in the year 1753, but the earliest lodge of which we have been able to trace any record was warranted by the "Ancients" on the 12th June, 1764, as No. 126, and met at the Green Dragon in the town of Newport. Early in the present century a lodge holding under the same authority and bearing the same number met at Caerphilly in Glamorganshire. At the Union it was renumbered as 150, and was erased in 1828. On the 27th January, 1768, the "Moderns" warranted a lodge at Monmouth as No. 414, which at the closing up of the lodges in 1770 became No. 351, and was erased in 1773. In 1801 Bro. Col. HENRY HARNAGE was appointed Provincial Grand Master, while in 1809 and 1812 two "Ancient" lodges were held at Newport and Pontypool respectively, the one designated the Royal Cambrian Lodge, meeting at the Parrot Inn in the former town as No. 135, which was renumbered 162 at the Union, and erased in 1830; and the other, which was known as the Hiram Lodge, No. 160, meeting at the Red Lion Inn in the latter town. This in 1814 was renumbered 195, and erased in 1830. There is then this peculiarity about Monmouthshire as regards its career as a Province prior to the date of the Union—that its "Modern" Prov. Grand Masters had no lodges to preside over, while its "Ancient" lodges—as was the case throughout England generally—were not presided over by any chief. When, however, the Union of the rival societies of "Ancients" and "Moderns" was consummated, there would appear to have been a considerable degree of activity among the Masons in the Province. Thus in 1814 there was constituted at the Crown and Thistle, Monmouth, the Royal Augustus Lodge, No. 656, which was erased in 1830. In 1815, the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 658, was constituted at the King's Head Inn, Abergavenny, but this, too, was struck from the roll in 1828; while in 1818 there was founded at the Beaufort Arms, Chepstow, the Wellington Lodge, No. 707, which in 1832 became No. 457, and died a natural death in 1837. In the meantime, however—in 1831—a very able and popular member of the Fraternity in the person of Col. JOHN KEMEYS TYNTE had been appointed Grand Master of the Province, and under his auspices Freemasonry at length freely and firmly established itself. The Wellington Lodge, as we have seen, ceased to exist in 1837, but in December of the following year the present Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457, was warranted by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., as No. 671. At the closing up of the lodges in 1863, it received the number it still bears, and from what we hear of its proceedings, there is little reason to doubt that it will enjoy for many years to come the prosperity which has been its lot for some time. In 1840, the Silurian Lodge, No. 693, Newport, was warranted, and in 1863 was renumbered as 471. For the next 16 years these two lodges represented the whole of Monmouthshire Freemasonry; but in 1856 the Earl of ZETLAND was pleased to issue his warrant for the constitution of a third lodge, which met at Newport under the style and title of the Isca Lodge, No. 983, and ranks now as No. 683. Again we have an interval during which no addition was made to the roll, but in 1860 was warranted the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 1120—now No. 818—at the Angel Inn, Abergavenny, which beforetime had been the home of a Masonic lodge. In 1863, Col. KEMEYS TYNTE departed this life, leaving behind him in Monmouthshire the four lodges just enumerated, which by the present state of their fortunes bear eloquent testimony to the merits of that distinguished brother. Of Col. TYNTE's successor—Bro. J. E. W. ROLLS—who ruled the Province from 1863 to 1870, we have memorials in the two lodges established under his auspices—to wit, the St. George's Lodge, No. 1098, which was consecrated at Tredegar in 1865, and the Kennard Lodge, No. 1258, Pontypool, to which the late Earl of ZETLAND granted a warrant of constitution in 1869. In 1870, Bro. Col. LYNE received his patent of appointment as Provincial Grand Master, and during the 21 years he has presided over the Province there have been added to the roll the four following lodges, namely: A third lodge at Newport—the Albert Edward Prince of Wales, No. 1429—which dates from the year 1873; the Homfray Lodge, No. 1562, Risca, named after the worthy Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and constituted in 1875; the Striguil Lodge, No. 2186, Chepstow, which was warranted in 18°; and the St. David's Lodge, No. 2226, Rhymney, constituted the year following. Thus with a muster roll of 10 lodges and an aggregate membership exceeding 500, this comfortable Province of Monmouthshire, which is strong enough and zealous enough to render material service to the Craft and its Institutions, and yet not so strong but that its lodges and brethren may regard themselves as constitut-

ing one united and harmonious body, bids fair to continue in the path of undivided loyalty to its rulers and the rulers of the English Craft, and to go on enhancing the prestige it has enjoyed uninterruptedly for many years. No wonder, then, that at the recent annual meeting of its Provincial Grand Lodge the opportunity offered by the completion by Bros. Col. LYNE and Capt. S. G. HOMFRAY of 21 years' service in their respective offices of Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master should have been eagerly seized by our Monmouthshire brethren to present some token of their respect and regard to those worthy Masons. Col. LYNE and Capt. HOMFRAY have the gratification of feeling not only that they have earnestly striven to discharge themselves faithfully of their many and important duties, but likewise that their efforts are to the fullest extent appreciated by the brethren under their charge. They have also the satisfaction of realising that the interest they have exhibited in our Masonic Institutions has been followed by the best results, and that Monmouthshire, in proportion to its numerical strength, is one of the most regular and generous benefactors of those valuable Charities. But there is no need to prolong these remarks. Not only in Monmouthshire, but throughout English Masonry generally, are the services rendered by these distinguished brethren amply and deservedly recognised, while for ourselves we most cordially echo the hope expressed in the addresses which were presented to them severally, that "the Great Architect of the Universe may spare" them "for many years to continue to be shining lights in Freemasonry," and "ruling over this province with the same zeal and assiduity" they "have shown for the last 21 years."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Mission Hall, Dovercourt, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when there was a very large and representative gathering of members of the lodges from all parts of the county. The arrangements for the meeting were made by the members of Lodge Star in the East, No. 650, headed by the genial and popular Master of the lodge, Bro. J. H. Vaux, and were in every way complete and satisfactory. The Mission Hall made an excellent lodge room, and when the brethren were assembled in the clothing of the Order, with the banners of the lodges hung on the walls, presented a most picturesque appearance.

The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Brooke, presided, and he was supported by Bros. Fred Wood, P.M. and Treas. 1000, P.P.S.G.W., acting P.S.G.W.; W. J. Crump, I.P.M. 2006, P.J.G.W.; Rev. Thomas Lloyd, I.P.M. 2342, Prov. G. Chap.; T. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.A.G. D.C. England, P.G. Sec.; C. H. Canning, I.P.M. 2184, P.J.G.D.; H. French Bromhead, I.P.M. 2318, P.G.S. of W.; Albert Lucking, P.M. and Sec. 1000, P.G.P. England, P.G.D.C.; Fred. Horsman, P.M. 51, P.A.G.D.C.; M. L. Sanders, P.M. and Sec. 650, P.G. Std. Br.; Walter Latter, P.G. Org.; H. J. Day, I.P.M. 1457, P.G.P.; Walter H. de Caen, P.M. 1024, P.A.G.P.; and many Past Provincial Grand Officers and members of the lodges in the province.

On taking the chair, Bro. Lord BROOKE said he had just received with the most profound regret a telegram from his excellent Deputy, Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C. (Recorder of Colchester), to the effect that a terrible accident had happened to his daughter, and that she was unconscious and suffering from concussion of the brain. His lordship added that he had at once despatched a telegram to Bro. Philbrick, expressing his own great grief and that of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and he felt sure his action would be endorsed by the brethren. In Bro. Philbrick's absence he called on Bro. Andrew Durrant, P.P.S.G.W., P.P. G. Treas., the senior Provincial Grand Officer present, to act as D.P.G.M.

The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Chingford having been read and confirmed,

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY stated that letters expressing regret at inability to attend had been received from Bros. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Suffolk; Lord Claud Hamilton; Col. Noel Money, P.G.M. Surrey; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Hamon Le Strange, D.P.G.M. Norfolk; A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M. Cambridgeshire; Thomas Fenn, Pres. Board of General Purposes; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Sir George Harris; Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Matthew Clark, P.G.D., Past D.P.G.M.; T. Courtenay Warner, Prov. S.G.W.; Lennox Browne, P.P.S.G.W.; E. J. Acworth, Prov. G. Treas.; R. Clowes, P.M. 650, P.P.G. Std. Br. England; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D. England, Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; N. Tracy, Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk; and others.

The roll of the lodges was called by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, and it was found that all were represented with the exception of one.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren. His lordship recalled the fact that the first Provincial Grand Lodge he held after his in-

stallation as Provincial Grand Master was in that neighbourhood, and he had a very lively recollection of the happy day they spent under the auspices of Star in the East Lodge. Parkeston, when the meeting was held, had only just been opened by the Great Eastern Railway, and they all knew what an important place it now was. Since that time also Freemasonry in the province had made great strides. It was in 1883 when they met there last, and the lodges on the roll were 20 in number. There were now 32 lodges on the roll, and he had that afternoon signed a recommendation for another lodge to meet at Leigh, and which it was proposed to call the St. Clements, which would bring the lodges up to 33. The total membership had also correspondingly increased, for whereas in 1883 they had 897 members, they now numbered 1657, and their income had increased from £70 to £170. This was most gratifying, but he asked them particularly to bear in mind that in order to maintain the united and prosperous condition in which they now were, they must be particularly careful not to admit as members of their lodges any but those who would reflect honour upon them. He was particularly pleased to find that notwithstanding the general depression in agriculture and trade, Essex Masons were able to give such substantial support to the Central Charities of the Order. At the meeting last year he recommended to their consideration the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he was gratified to find that this province subscribed over £2000 to that Institution, and he was only sorry that absence abroad prevented his joining with his brethren on that occasion. Having expressed his thanks to the members of the Charity Committee for the good work they had done, especially mentioning Bros. Dehane, Shedd, Wood, and Clowes, and expressing his approval of a recommendation of the Board of General Purposes that the Provincial Grand Secretary should be relieved of the personal responsibility of the publication of the calendar, his lordship announced, amid much applause, that he had acceded to an invitation that had been made to him to take the chair at the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He had a pleasant recollection of the great support given to him when he presided on a similar occasion for the Girls' Institution, and he felt quite sure he should have the help of his brethren when the Boys' Festival took place. He had, with some regret, consented to the application of one of their lodges to change the *locale* of its meetings. The reasons which had been put before him were, no doubt, reasonable, but the view he had when he recommended the granting of a warrant, the spread of the benefits of Masonry in a district in which no lodge had before existed, were now frustrated. In conclusion, his lordship announced that the meeting for 1893 would be held at Southend.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was then presented by Bro. JOHN J. C. TURNER, chairman. The report set forth that after payment of all outstanding claims there was a balance in hand of £175 on the general account, and £51 os. 3d. on the Charity account. The Board also recommended the following grants—From the General Fund: 50 guineas to the Boys' School; five guineas to the Dovercourt Mission Hall Sick Fund; and £15 to the local Committee towards the expenses of the meeting; and from the Charity Fund: 10 guineas to the Boys' and Girls' Schools respectively. The Board also recommended that a certain rate of subscription should be made by the lodges towards the expenses of the publication of the calendar.

The report was adopted unanimously, with an addition, proposed by Bro. the Rev. THOS. LLOYD, that the next calendar should contain the portrait of the Prov. Grand Secretary.

The report of the Charity Committee was next read and adopted. It stated that the Committee had been enabled to secure the election of four candidates for the Benevolent Institution; and specially thanked several brethren and lodges for the handsome support given to the Committee in the way of votes.

Only the required number of brethren (four) having been nominated for election on the Board of General Purposes, the Prov. Grand Master declared them duly elected as under: Bros. Alfred Buck, P.M. 453, P.P.S.G.W.; the Rev. Thos. Lloyd, P.M. 2342, P.P.G. Chap.; W. D. Merritt, P.M. 1000, P.P.S.G.W.; and John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W.

For the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. A. S. B. Sparling, P.M. 51, was unanimously elected.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then, amidst much applause, announced his re-appointment of Bro. Philbrick as D.P.G.M., renewing his expression of regret at his enforced absence. His lordship then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as under:

Bro. J. H. Vaux, W.M. 650	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. H. Salter, I.P.M. 2342	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. P. Noyes, J.D. 1280	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Thomas Hood, I.P.M. 1000	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thos. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.M. and Sec. 51 (16th year)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. G. Hobson, P.M. 214	...	Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" W. Ernest Dring, W.M. 2318	...	
" S. D. C. Ablitt, I.P.M. 51	...	Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" A. J. Arthy, I.P.M. 160	...	
" W. T. Christian, I.P.M. 453	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lucking, P.G.P. Eng., P.M. and Sec. 1000 (19th year)	...	
" J. Bruton, W.M. 2006	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. H. Meggy, W.M. 276	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" Robert Jennings, I.P.M. 1437	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. J. Horncastle, I.P.M. 697	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" M. T. Tuck, W.M. 1343	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" James F. Haskins, Ph. D., Org. 2374	...	
" Sutton Abbott, P.M. 2077	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Wm. Cox, P.M. 1817	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" G. Davis, W.M. 1977	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Caleb Fisher, W.M. 433	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. F. Reed, W.M. 2063	...	
" G. T. Helsdon, P.M. 650	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. C. H. Jones, W.M. 51	...	
" J. R. Butler, S.W. 2339	...	
" Harold Gurney, J.W. 650	...	
" A. W. Martin	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. J. H. VAUX, W.M. 650, Prov. S.G.W., having been elected a member of the Provincial Charity Committee in place of Bro. A. J. Dixie, who retired by rotation,

A hearty vote of thanks was, on the motion of his LORDSHIP, passed to the W.M. and brethren of the Star in the East Lodge for the excellent

arrangements they had made for the meeting, and to the Great Eastern Railway Company for the facilities they had kindly given to the brethren attending the meeting.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and most of the brethren proceeded to Harwich Pier, and, embarking on board a steamer, enjoyed an hour's trip to sea and back.

Over 100 brethren afterwards dined together at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, a splendid repast being perfectly served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Amendt, manager of the Hotel Department of the Great Eastern Railway.

Bro. Lord Brooke presided in his accustomed genial and happy manner. At the conclusion of the repast, his lordship gave the usual Masonic toasts.

During dinner a further telegram was received from Bro. Philbrick, to the effect that the accident to his daughter was in reality a savage attack on her by a man who broke a gun on her head, and that she was lying in an unconscious and critical condition.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 4th instant. There was a fair attendance, and in the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Haddington, the throne was occupied by Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Past Substitute Grand Master. Bros. J. Dalrymple Duncan and Col. John Campbell were in their places as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, and there were also present Bros. George Christie Stirling, G.D.C.; Col. Stirling of Kippendavie, Prov. G.M. of Perthshire West; Sir James R. Gibson Maitland, and David Hume, Dysart, Prov. G. Bible Bearer.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. the Grand Master, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Lord Saltoun, Sir Archibald Campbell, Sir Hector Munro, Bart., Prov. G.M. of Ross and Cromarty; Sheriff Thoms, Prov. G.M. Caithness, &c.; Hugh Shaw Stewart, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Stirlingshire; the Marquis of Breadalbane, Prov. G.M. of Perthshire East; Major Oswald, Prov. G.M. of Fife; and others.

A vidimus submitted by the Grand Cashier showed that the income of Grand Lodge for the quarter ending 23rd July had been £1333, being £741 in excess of the expenditure. There had during that period been 1350 entrants to the Order. The income for the first eight months of this year had been £4193, compared with £4086 during the same period last year—increase, £106. During the last three months £134 had been voted from the Benevolent Fund to Freemasons or Widows of deceased Masons. A table submitted by Grand Secretary showed that at January last 99 annuities were in force, amounting to £1045; that three annuitants had died; and that last month ten annuities of £10 each had been granted. Of the annuities in force at January the different provinces had as follows: Metropolitan Province, 14, amounting to £145; Ayrshire, 14, £140; Glasgow City, 13, £155; Roxburgh and Selkirk Shires, 2, £20; Fifeshire, 8, £80; Forfarshire, 19, £200; Haddington and Berwick Shires, 2, £20; Linlithgowshire, 10; Aberdeen City, 4, £45; Aberdeenshire, East, 1, £10; Aberdeenshire, West, 1, £10; Ross and Cromarty Shires, 2, £20; Renfrew, East, 4, £40; Renfrewshire, West, 2, £20; Stirlingshire, 2, £20; Perthshire, East, 1, £10; Lanark, Middle Ward, 2, £20; Argyleshire and the Isles, 2, £20; New Zealand, South, 1, £20; Caithness, Orkney, and Shetland, 1, £10; Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, 1, £10. In Dundee there are two annuitants receiving £15 each, seven receiving £10 each, and a family of three in receipt of an annuity of £10—total £110. As will be seen, Forfarshire has more annuities and a higher amount than any other province.

Grand Committee reported that they had recommended the refusal of a petition for a charter for a new lodge in Aberdeen, and that the petition had been withdrawn. Grand Lodge ordered that charters be issued to the following new lodges: St. John, Eltham, Taranaki, and Hinemoa, Midhurst, New Zealand, North; and Hyderabad, Chuddeghaut, India—the Hyderabad Lodge to be worked in the Urdu language.

A recommendation following on the remit from last meeting of Grand Lodge was submitted by the Grand Committee to the effect that the minimum fee for initiation be two guineas, and that there be no addition to the contributions at present paid by daughter lodges to Grand Lodge for registration, &c., upon each entrant. After considerable discussion this was adopted in Grand Lodge by 81 against seven votes.

On the motion of Bro. CHRISTIE, seconded by Bro. BERRY, Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire, the Grand Lodge unanimously remitted to the Grand Committee to procure a grand collar for the Grand Master Mason of such design and style as to be worthy of the Grand Lodge.

In the absence of the mover, the Grand Lodge delayed till next meeting a motion that the election and installation of Grand office-bearers together with the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew's be held in Glasgow in November next, and Bro. MACKERSY gave notice of motion that the Grand Committee be instructed to report whether it would be beneficial to the Order to have that function alternately in Edinburgh and one of the provinces on the invitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the province desiring it.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE NOEL MONEY ROSE CROIX CHAPTER AT CROYDON.

The consecration of the above Rose Croix chapter took place at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Monday, the 25th ult. This new chapter has had a very successful start. Prior to the consecration, the Supreme Council, 33°—present, Bros. Capt. Philips, 33°; Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°; G. Noel Money, 33°; J. S. Brownrigg, 33°; and J. H. Matthews, 33°; G.D.C.—held a Rose Croix chapter, when the following brethren were perfected: Bros. George Anthony King, Rev. Edward G. Houndle, P.M., P.P.G.C.; Joseph Henry Williams, James Robert Mosse, Walter Phillip, William Henry Gates, Henry George Thompson, M.D., P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. D. Pollard, M.D., P.M.; and H. C. Houndle, P.J.G.W.

It need hardly be said that in the hands of the members of the Supreme Council above named the beautiful ritual was carried out in its most perfect

form. After the conclusion of this ceremony the consecration of the Noel Money Chapter was proceeded with, Bro. Col. Money taking the chief part in it, and Bro. F. West was duly installed as M.W.S. He then appointed his respective officers, viz.: Bros. W. J. Nicholls, Prelate; Dr. Strong A.G.D.C., First General; Dr. Thompson, Treas.; and W. F. Homes, Recorder. The other officers were also duly appointed.

A resolution was unanimously passed that the members of the Supreme Council should be honorary members of this chapter, which was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet provided by Bro. Williams, of the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and in response to the toast of "The Supreme Council," Bro. Capt. PHILIPS congratulated the Noel Money Chapter on its successful inauguration and wished it all prosperity. It gave the Supreme Council great pleasure in being there. He also said that there was a prospect of another chapter being established in a neighbouring town. He then proposed "The Health of the M.W.S.," who briefly responded, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the Officers."

Bro. DR. STRONG, A.G.D.C., acknowledged the toast.

The music was under the direction of Bro. Read, assisted by Bro. Schartau.

AN ORATION.

The following oration, by Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., was delivered at the consecration of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, No. 2432, on Thursday, the 28th ult.:-

Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren,—Let me at once offer my humble but hearty wishes to the founders and future members of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, with an earnest for many a score years to come it may not only prove a fruitful source of improvement and happy intercourse, but a distinguished member of that vast and venerable Masonic family to be found in every land, and to which we all have the pleasure and privilege to belong. You know, brethren, that our United Kingdom has lately been engaged in the performance of a high and solemn duty, with which, however, in this place we have nothing to do. But we have to do with elections, and our elections are always going on. May they ever result (and not least the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge) in giving us true and trusty men to constitute and to govern our lodges, as well as to adorn the doctrine of our Sacred Order in all things. To this end may we cultivate, amongst other things—and not least in this our day—a spirit of love, of reverence, and of obedience to the Great Architect of the Universe, whose we are and whom we serve—serve not as slaves but as free men. This is the foundation-stone of our Masonic Temple, this the prime idea of our Masonic Society, and remember, brethren, that word "serve" is intimately associated with the Craft. The motto of our M.W. Grand Master is "*Ich Dien*," I serve, and that it was the guiding principle of that gentle and high minded, yet humble minded Prince, for whom we and the nation still mourn. The Duke of Clarence was a true Mason, and had been trained in the daily round of work and duty to acquire the habit of obedience. A kingly duty it was to serve, the better to fit him to rule and govern and to appreciate law and order as the necessary bases of civilised society, and we know that love as well as duty marked his brief career. I loved him as a son," said his loving and Royal grandmother, with touching pathos, "and his devotion to me was as great as that of a son. But all history, brethren, teaches us that he who serves best is the fittest to govern, a truth often recognised and emphasized in our beautiful ritual. In serving the Great Architect we serve the Grand Master of the Universe, as well as the best of Masters, All Mighty, All Wise, All Good, who shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will. In this department of His work, as in the great world of nature, we often see only the results, unable to discern or trace the invisible hand and mind that have produced them. Let me dwell for a brief moment on two out of the many works carried out by the Great Architect, viz., I., the building up of prosperity—"Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it," and, II., the preservation from peril—"Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." and, "Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty, without whose protecting aid all human efforts are in vain." In both of these cases He largely employs brotherly love to compass His gracious purposes, in other words makes men fellow labourers with God. I will not deal in abstractions on these points but mention two remarkable facts, illustrating each of them, the following one having come under my own observation. I. Some 40 years ago it was my lot to serve in a parish in the north of England where there resided too elderly ladies, sisters, who were proverbial for their practical benevolence. In their earlier days, as they were walking in the parish, they met a fine intelligent little boy about 11 years of age, barefooted and scantily clad. They learned from him that his father was a poor labouring man and unable to send him to school. The ladies took up the case, clothed the boy, and paid for his schooling. After a couple of years they recommended him to a neighbouring Vicar as a handy boy to clean shoes and boots and the like. There he served well and faithfully and was in due time recommended to a chemist as a useful lad to clean the shop and go on errands. Time went on—he learned to compound the medicines, was sent by his master to London, where he passed the Apothecaries' Hall, and eventually settled down as a medical man in a fashionable suburb, where he married a lady of good position, and brought up a numerous family. On one occasion, when I went up to town, the ladies I have named gave me an introduction to the doctor, with whom I dined, and who told me unaffectedly the history of his childhood and manhood, adding "I cannot tell you, Sir, how I thank God for His goodness, and my kind old friends for their generous kindness to me and mine. To-morrow I send my carriage and pair to bring Mrs. R. here to pay a kind visit of a week to me, the boy who used to brush her father's shoes and her own." I may add I knew this lady well, and heard from her also an account of this episode, in which God's goodness, brotherly love, and self-help combined to build a house—still standing—for the two sons of the doctor are now amongst the most eminent of London physicians. Well may we exclaim truth is more wonderful than fiction. II. Now, as to preservation from peril. Two years ago there was a collision between two Brixham trawlers off Start Point, by which five lives were lost, but in which an act of heroism is reported. While the Dazzler was going down head first, the crew were in the act of casting adrift the boat, from which, however, they were swept away by the rush of water aft, Mugford, the third hand on board, immediately seized the lifebuoy, and while the men were all struggling in the sea, Harris, the skipper, said loud enough to reach Mugford, "Whatever will my poor wife and children do if I am drowned?" Mugford immediately exclaimed "Here, skipper, take this lifebuoy" (releasing himself from it and pushing it towards Harris), "I have no one but myself to support, and if I am lost nobody else will suffer." Harris, however, was as anxious to save his companion's life as his own, and, putting one of his arms around the buoy, he said, "Jack, put your arm round like this, and it will keep us both up; anyhow, we will both share the same fate." Mugford acted on the advice of his skipper, and the buoy sustained both men in the water until they were picked up, and He whose they were and whom they served preserved them from a watery grave. But not only from physical danger does the Great Protector shield us, but

also from the more trying perils that wound the heart or vex the spirit or assault the soul, as for instance from the foul and bated breath of evil speaking, lying and slandering, as well as from the secret or open attacks of malicious persecution, such as many of our poor Jewish brethren are suffering from at this moment. But "His mercy endureth for ever." "His mercy is over all His works." May it be over this work of ours to-day. May He prosper our handiwork. Peace be within these walls, and may they prosper who love Him, of whose grand works we sing, as I heard the Temple choir sing on Sunday last:

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim;
The unwearied Sun from day to day
Doth his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land
The work of an Almighty Hand.

Soon as the evening shades prevail
The Moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly to the listening earth
Repeats the story of her birth,
While all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn
Confirm the tidings, as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

What though in solemn silence all
Move round this dark terrestrial ball,
What though no real voice or sound
Amid the radiant orbs be found.
To reason's ear they all rejoice
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing as they shine
"The Hand that made us is Divine."

LAYING MEMORIAL STONE OF THE PARISH CHURCH AT FALKIRK.

Of the several events connected with the visit to Falkirk on Friday, the 5th inst., of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that in connection with the laying of the memorial stone of the parish church new hall naturally attracted most public interest. In other respects the visit was to members of the Craft matter of gratification. It was no small distinction to those connected with the Order in the town and district to be honoured with the presence of such a large deputation from the Grand Lodge, and they signified in a fitting manner their appreciation of the honour conferred on them. But to the community generally the ceremony which took place at the parish church was doubtless the chief attraction, and though, unfortunately, somewhat marred by the inauspicious nature of the weather, the event was in many respects an imposing and interesting one. There are associations connected with it that lead to its being regarded in a somewhat different light from that of the usual ceremony connected with the laying of a memorial stone. Not the least important are those of an antiquarian nature, and which carry the mind back to a very early period in the history of the town. The building in connection with which the memorial stone was laid is being erected on a spot on which for centuries stood a portion of the old parish church of Falkirk, in which many generations of our forefathers worshipped, and around which many historical associations cling.

There is the probability, as Mr. MacLukie indicated in the interesting speech he delivered on the 5th instant, that for a much longer period than there is authentic record of on this place there may have stood a sacred edifice. One may readily enough believe such to have been the case. It is certain, however, that from the beginning of the eleventh century down till the date of the erection of the more modern building at the beginning of the present century the site on which the new hall is now being built was occupied by what was known as the south aisle of the parish church. Hence in its being appropriated to a use somewhat similar to that to which it was previously devoted, interest is revived in the more ancient building and in events that took place in connection therewith, when it might be said to have been the centre not only of the ecclesiastical, but of the civic life of the community. To the brethren of the Masonic Order who took so prominent a part in the proceedings, the event was also one of more than ordinary import. It is a usual enough circumstance for Freemasons to perform the ceremony of the laying of memorial stones in connection with new public buildings. But it does not so often happen that buildings being erected have special historical significance to members of the Craft. That which is now being erected in connection with Falkirk Parish Church undoubtedly has. The south aisle of the old church, already referred to, was, it appears, dedicated in olden times to the Knight of St. John of Jerusalem, the patron saint of Masonry. It must, therefore, have been specially gratifying to those members of the Order who took part in the proceedings to feel that in the ceremony there was an interesting connecting link between the past and the present which led it to be regarded with more than ordinary significance. In another sense matter for reflection was afforded. As was remarked by more than one speaker, there is greater similarity in respect to the work in which the Church and Masonry are engaged, and in the aims and objects of each, than some seem disposed to admit. It is when they are brought closely into contact, as they were on the 5th inst., that one finds demonstration of the fact that, like the Church, Masonry has for its object the moral elevation of mankind, and that its aim is to engender that spirit of goodwill and benevolence which, according to the teaching of the Church, should widely prevail. In all their various aspects the proceedings were thus deeply interesting. They were of special importance, however, to the members of the parish church. To them they marked a stage nearer the acquiring of that necessary accommodation for the furtherance of church work, which they have long been endeavouring to obtain. Great difficulty was experienced in finding a convenient site for a church hall, but it is now generally admitted that no better one could have been found than that which was ultimately chosen. While the new hall will undoubtedly greatly improve the appearance of the church, it is certain to be found, from its position, to be more suitable in every respect than would have been a building even of greater dimensions erected at a greater distance from the church. *Falkirk Herald.*

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The advent of the ever welcome "*Red Book*" of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown," seems an appropriate time to draw attention to the extraordinary progress of this influential and important organisation.

It was started, by authority of the *Northern Jurisdiction*, Supreme Council of the United States of America, which was founded by its sister Council—the mother of all the regular Supreme Councils—in the year 1813. For a time the English body was little known, and had but slight influence. For many years the late Dr. Henry Beaumont Leeson was the Grand Commander, and as new blood was introduced into the governing Nine, the Rite began to spread, and new chapters were started.

In 1865 I had the honour (with several more brethren) of being "perfected" by Dr. Leeson prior to the inauguration of the St. Aubyn Chapter, Devonport, at which period there were not quite a score of subordinates on the roll. Now there are over *one hundred* active chapters, including the "Baldwyn," Bristol, of *last century origin*; the "Coryton and Rougemont Union," Exeter, and others, formerly working under the wing of Knight Templar preceptories, which also communicated the Degree of Knight Kadosh.

Not in numbers, however, is the real strength of the Rite, but in the distinguished character, Masonically and generally, of the chief members, who freely give their time and money to advance the true interests of their beloved Society. They could not do more on its behalf if they had to depend upon the members for their livelihood, and their courtesy and enthusiasm are reflected generally throughout this branch of the Fraternity.

The position in the Craft of the "Supreme Council" and other members of the Thirty-Third Degree, is a sure indication of their Masonic status and zeal, *ceteris paribus*. By applying that test we find that the Grand Patron of the Ancient and Accepted Rite is H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, *Grand Master*; the sole honorary member of the Supreme Council is H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, *Past Grand Master*, and the historic *nine*, are all Grand, or Past Grand Officers; the Earl of Lathom being M.W. *Pro Grand Master* of England.

There are also about 20 "*Thirty-Thirds*," retired or active, as Inspectors-General, &c., resident in this country, who are all Present or Past Grand Officers, with one exception, several being Provincial Grand Masters, or of high rank, such as Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, &c., and some are of great scientific attainments, or of high social position. The same may be said of the bulk of the members of the 32° (45) and the 31° (90), who are noted for their enthusiastic devotion to the Fraternity, without which their advancement would practically have been impossible.

An examination of the "*Red Book*," so ably edited and compiled by Bro. H. D. Sandeman, the zealous *Grand Secretary General*, will reveal many more interesting and suggestive facts, but these must suffice for the time. As indicative of the thoroughness of the editorship, the years of admission to the Thirty, Thirty-one, and Thirty-two Degrees are all duly noted in this most useful annual, and so as to all the members of the "Supreme Council" from 1845, but not for the other Thirty Thirds; neither is there a Roll of the Past Grand Commanders, which would be acceptable to many; if Bro. Sandeman will pardon my asking for more information, when already he gives so much and so well. I fancy that the Roll of Past Grand Commanders is a very small one, and only include some five names, viz., Dr. Crucefix, Dr. Leeson, Charles J. Vine, Captain N. G. Philips, (*the oldest member of the Council*), and the late Earl of Carnarvon.

The roll of all the members of the Rose Croix chapters, and the alphabetical list at the end, showing their present position, is valuable, and must have entailed considerable labour.

The brethren of the Rite can assist the Grand Secretary General in making the roll as perfect as possible by informing him of the decease of any of the retired members. For instance, my old friend, Bro. Vincent Bird, 30°, died recently, and unless word is sent to head-quarters, the name would be retained, as such would not be forwarded in the regular way.

The map, as frontispiece, is a capital idea to exhibit the districts of the Inspectors-General.

In fact, the book is a real guide to the Ancient and Accepted Rite of this country, as the regulations are also printed; and as copies may be had for 1s. each (plus postage 2d.), brethren are without excuse who fail to procure copies.

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A GROWING EVIL.

One of the greatest evils to which the institution of Freemasonry is subjected is the introduction of improper candidates. Masonry is becoming a very popular Institution, *too* popular, we think, and it must be confessed that the Order does not command the respect from the profane world that it has done in the past. This is due in a great measure to the simple fact that it is no longer an honour to belong to it, and *this* is because the doors are open to the multitude, too often with very little discrimination shown towards those who flock to enter. Formerly, when a candidate for Masonry made known his intentions to one of the Craft, he was frequently discouraged, told to wait, his character and antecedents were investigated, difficulties were thrown in his way, and, at last, when he was allowed to apply, he was made to feel that the Order could get along very well without him, that he should regard his admission as a great privilege, and would be expected to live up to his professions. What is the case now? The "active" Mason, very often it is the Master who wants to make a "record," goes about with a quire or two of blank petitions, a copy of the by-laws, and a list of membership in his pocket. Whenever and wherever he overhears Masonry discussed, out comes a blank petition and the list of membership. "Put that in your pocket, and if you think of coming in, sign it and hand it to me." "Don't

give it to —, give it to *me*, I will endorse you (although I scarcely know your name)." And, when this petition is presented, it *must* go through. The Master of No. — wants to make more Masons during his year of office than the Master of No. —. If he does so the brethren will probably elect him for a second term and present him with a jewel, or perhaps some admiring brother will nominate him in the next Grand Lodge for Grand Junior Deacon; therefore, the petition *must* go through; and he who would so demean himself as to *dare* to cast a rejecting ballot is considered unworthy of the confidence and respect of Masons. Who is he? Take the ballot again! Get some *good* brother to get a little in front of the box and watch carefully the hands of every man as he casts his vote. If the culprit is caught, make an example of him! Destroy the secrecy of the ballot, overturn the ancient landmarks, make him tell his reason! Then go from the lodge straightway and inform the candidate that so and so is his enemy. If the offender be not caught red-handed in the act, after the lodge is closed, poll every member, and — as caught then he must be —, "jump" on him, defeat him for the next office he runs for, boycott him in his business, give him the cold shoulder everywhere; your Masonic obligations are not binding towards *him*, for *he* is a Masonic outlaw!

Numerical strength is the tendency in the cities, and as long as the profane world is made to feel that Masons are sitting in their lodges weeping because candidates come not, eagerly desiring to open wide their portals and *pull* them in, so long will the ancient honour of Masonry be sullied. When a worthy candidate is found who will, by his own good works and reputation, shed lustre on Freemasonry, *then* there should be cause for great joy. Too often, however, the Order is made use of to shield the wrongs and hide the infirmities of the *candidate*. Every intelligent Craftsman knows that it is not essentially necessary that a Degree should be worked at every meeting. Matters pertaining to the history and literature of the Order might be discussed, lectures might be given, portions of the work might be exemplified, and thus the lodge night might be entertaining in the highest measure. Moreover, a small lodge of a score or two congenial spirits is not as unwieldy as five or ten times that number of "howling dervishes." Don't let your lodge overgrow and run to seed. Hoe out the weeds, make clean the soil, and plant only good fruit. The world at large will admire the *quality* of your members and feel the benefit of your deeds of Charity, but will only regard mere *quantity* with suspicion.

Another evil, near akin to the one we have been discussing, is the rushing through of the election of a candidate immediately after the opening of a lodge. Of course it is *legal*; we don't pretend to say that it isn't; but it isn't fair, and is only done for fear of the arrival of some member who may know something detrimental to the candidate's character. If he *does* know anything, then he has a right to object, and perhaps he has a good reason for not arriving at the lodge the very moment it was called. Infirmary, illness, or a business engagement may have detained him. Give him the benefit of a little grace in the matter, and wait a reasonable time for some of the late-comers to assemble. It is a discredit to any candidate to have been elected by those who only man the chairs when he is afraid to undergo the scrutiny of the full lodge. Act squarely, not only towards him who is waiting for initiation, but also towards the brethren, always remembering that one of the tenets of our profession is Brotherly Love, and one of our cardinal virtues, Justice.—*The Rough Ashlar*.

THE BALLOT AND OBJECTIONS.

Among the many laws and regulations which have been passed and established, from time to time, for the government of Masonic bodies and the guidance of the Craft of Free and Accepted Masons, there are none more important and far-reaching in effect than those which control the making of Masons, and thereby the admission of new members. The central controlling idea is established that there must be perfect unanimity among the members of a lodge, or other Masonic body, before an outsider can be admitted. That each one may exercise his own will in this matter entirely independent of fear or favour, and without a knowledge of how he voted being known to any one except himself, the privacy of a secret ballot has been established, and as a further protection it is made a Masonic offence for any member to disclose the nature of his ballot, whether white or black.

But the secret ballot when favourable to the petitioner was not made final in its effect. It has been further provided that any member, whether present or not, when the ballot was taken may interpose an objection at any time before the candidate has been admitted, and thus close the door against him. This objection may be made in open lodge, or privately to the presiding officer if the objector does not desire himself known to any one else.

All this precaution in the admission of new members was evidently intended to sustain the dignity, peace, and harmony of the body itself, and to promote goodfellowship and fraternal love among the brethren. It would seem that it ought to accomplish that purpose. It would if all members were Masons, in accordance with the tenets of their profession; properly understood their duties and obligations as such, and were disposed to act in accordance with them. Unfortunately, however, all Masons do not stand on that plane. With all this precaution in making Masons, we are sorry to say that in nearly every lodge in the world may be found one or more members who are not Masons.

The law designed to protect Masonry against the admission of unworthy members, in their hands is made a convenient means of keeping out many worthy applicants, and thus instead of promoting the peace and harmony of the lodge is often destructive to both with all its resultant bad effects. As the result of our long experience in Masonry we are ready to affirm that no regulation for the government of the Craft has been so grossly abused, and has been as much instrumental in destroying the usefulness and prosperity of Masonic bodies as that which enables an unworthy member to do his evil work under the protection of secrecy; which, if it could be exposed, would expel him from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.—*Keystone*.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; W. H. Hubbert, S. Vallentine, P.G.P.; W. J. Murlis, Robert Griggs, C. J. Perceval, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. S. Cumberland, G. E. Fairchild, W. J. Crutch, R. C. Cummings, A. Durrant, S. V. Abraham, G.P.; S. Cochrane, H. J. Strong, A.G.D.C.; C. Kempton, C. H. Webb, James Bunker, Alfred Moore, F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; and John Mason (acting Secretary).

The minutes of the preceding Committee having been read and verified, the ACTING SECRETARY reported the death of one widow annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month was read.

The Committee having taken into their consideration and approved the petitions of five candidates (three men and two widows) and directed their names to be entered on the lists for the election in May, 1893, Bro. W. J. MURLIS proposed, and Bro. C. F. HOGARD seconded, and it was unanimously agreed "that in consideration of the purchase of £50,000 India 3 per Cent. Stock having been effected by Bro. James E. Terry without any commission being charged, saving the Institution a sum of over £140, and in pursuance of Law 26, he be elected Honorary Vice-President of the Institution with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto."

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

LAYING FOUNDATION STONE BY THE P.G.M. OF SUFFOLK.

The final step towards the completion of All Saints' Church, Ipswich, was taken on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when the foundation-stone of the tower was laid with Masonic ceremonial. For this purpose the Prov. G.M., Lord Henniker, held an especial Grand Lodge at the Parish Room, at which the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers present included Bros. the Deputy G.M., Rev. J. C. Martyn; S. R. Anness, P.P.J.G.D.; W. P. Mills, P.P.S.G.W.; J. C. Norman, P.P.S.G.W.; H. J. Wright, P.G.D.C.; George Cornish, P.P.S.G.W.; C. H. Woods, P.P.G.P.; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, P.G. Chap.; George Booth, P.G.P.; C. G. Hayward, P.P.G.R.; Geo. P. Price, P.P.G. Std. Br.; B. J. Hunt, P.P.G.P.; Rev. S. Maude, P.P.G. Chap.; Alfred Barnes, P.P.G.S.B.; John Talbot, P.P.G.S.B.; W. B. Jefferies, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. L. D. Nenyon-Stow, P.G. Chap.; Charles H. Downes, P. G. Stwd.; J. C. Hills, P.P.J.G.W.; George R. Quilter, P.G. Stwd.; W. Cuckow, P.G. Stwd.; B. P. Grimsey, P.P.J.G.W.; Andrew Boa, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. W. Cook, P.P.G.P.; H. Miller, jun., P.P.G.P.; T. J. Noble, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Geo. Abbott, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Walesby, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Wilton, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. C. Atkinson, P.A.G.S.; W. Inglis Mason, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Sergeant, P.G.S.B.; H. Elwes, P.S.G.W.; N. Tracy, P.G.S.; and Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Deputy G.M. (Scotland), also attended, together with a large number of members of the Ipswich and other lodges.

The Grand Lodge having been opened, the brethren, in full Craft clothing, marched in procession to the church, the body of which was reserved for them, the rest of the building being filled by the public. Amongst the surpliced clergy present were the Rev. J. Sheldon Jones (incumbent), Rev. Ythil Barrington, Rev. R. H. Cautley, Rev. A. H. Hayes, Rev. W. F. Clark, Rev. E. Oakley, Rev. W. Berry, and Rev. J. Best. The service was a shortened form of evening prayer, with full choral accompaniment.

The lesson was read by the Rev. Ythil Barrington, and the prayers by the Rev. R. H. Cautley, the sermon being preached by the D.P.G.M., Bro. C. J. Martyn, who took for his text the 8th verse of the 132nd Psalm—"Arise, O Lord, into thy rest; thou and the ark of thy strength." In the course of his observations, the preacher reminded them that in laying the foundation-stone of the tower that day they were supplementing and completing the work so happily commenced six years ago, when the foundation-stone of the church was laid. He made an earnest appeal to the congregation to give pecuniary assistance towards the development of the church, and make it in the future, as it had been in the past, a blessing and a comfort in the salvation of those who from time to time assembled within its sacred walls.

The collection amounted to £21 4s.

At the conclusion of the service the procession was again formed, headed by the choir and clergy, and proceeded to the site of the building, the processional hymn commencing "In the name which earth and heaven." Prayer having been offered by the incumbent, Mr. A. Wrinch (churchwarden), on behalf of the Church Building Committee, briefly addressed the Provincial Grand Master, observing that his lordship would perhaps like to know that the population of the parish had increased to a very large extent during the past few years. Since the foundation-stone of the church was laid, 150 new houses had been built, while the population had increased something like 700. When, therefore, they remembered that the church at present could only accommodate 500 persons, he thought the necessity of enlargement was palpable. He concluded by asking the Prov. Grand Master to have the stone duly and properly laid. The upper stone was then

raised, and the lower one adjusted, and the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. L. D. Kenyon-Stow, offered prayer, after which Bro. Tracy read the inscription on the plate, recording the fact that the stone was laid by Lord Henniker, and this was placed on the lower stone. Bro. Anness deposited a phial containing coins; the cement was then spread, and the Provincial Grand Master adjusted the same with a silver trowel presented to him. While the upper stone was being lowered, the choir sang the hymn commencing "Christ is our corner-stone."

The Provincial Grand Master afterwards proved the just position and poise of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square, which were successively delivered to him by the Prov. Junior and Senior Grand Wardens. The cornucopia containing corn, and the ewers with wine and oil, were next handed to the Prov. Grand Master, who thereupon strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies. The Prov. Grand Chaplain having offered the dedication prayer, the supervising architect (Mr. A. Field) was presented to the Provincial Grand Master, who subsequently delivered a short address, in the course of which he expressed the feeling of interest he always entertained in the town of Ipswich, and the pleasure he had in assisting in any movement for its benefit.

The ceremony having been concluded, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The tower will be erected at the south-west corner of the church, rising to a height of about 100 feet. It is of octagonal design, with a small lead-covered spire. The architectural style is a free treatment of late Decorative. The foundation-stone bears the inscription—"Erected to the glory of God, 1892. This foundation-stone was laid by Masons of the Suffolk Provincial Grand Lodge, August 3, 1892. Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.G.M.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M.; N. Tracy, P.G.S. J. Sheldon Jones, M.A., Vicar. A. Wrinch, C. Barrell, Churchwardens." The inscription on the other side is—"In dedicatione ecclesiae omnium sanctorum."

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT BRIDGEND.

On Monday, the 25th ult., the new Hall built at Bridgend by the members of the Ogmere Lodge, No. 1752, was formally opened, when there was a large attendance of the Fraternity. The hall is situate in Adare-street, and is a striking architectural addition to the main buildings of the town. It was designed by Mr. G. F. Lambert, architect, and built by Mr. Wm. Francis, at a cost of £1150 including extras. The building has a front of white brick, and is freely treated with Bath and local stone. The upper rooms consisting of spacious hall, reception and ante-rooms, offices, &c., are specially laid out for Masonic use, and on the exterior front, emblems of the Order are displayed. On the basement are three suites of offices, all well lighted and roomy. There are two entrances, the main one leading to a flight of stairs by which the Masonic Hall was reached; the side entrance leads to offices on the ground floor. The hall is lighted from the coved ceiling, and it is fitted up specially for the purposes for which it is dedicated. The opening of the hall was fixed for the installation day, or annual meeting of the brethren, when the newly-elected Master is always duly installed in office for the ensuing 12 months, or until his successor has been appointed and installed in his stead. The choice of the brethren this year fell upon Bro. David McLellan, the Senior Warden of the past year, and from the interest he has taken in the welfare of the lodge for some years past, there is every reason to believe that his year of office will be a successful one. The lodge was opened in the presence of a large gathering of members and visitors, by the retiring Master, Bro. E. T. David.

After some preliminaries the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, the onerous duties of Installing Master being ably performed by Bro. T. B. Boucher, P.M. At the conclusion the usual congratulations took place, and then Bro. McLellan invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. T. David, I.P.M.; R. Scale, S.W.; Wm. Francis, J.W.; James Jones, Chap.; J. Herdman, Treas.; W. Jones, Sec.; R. Conibear, S.D.; W. H. Morgan, J.D.; R. Emlyn Jones, I.G.; T. C. Forrester, D.C.; D. T. Williams, Org.; F. W. Nicholls, Stwd.; and A. D. Webber, Tyler. In addition to the members of the lodge there were present: Bros. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M.; Hughes, P.M. 1753; J. A. Leyshon, Windsor Lodge; T. R. Hunt, W.M. Talbot Lodge; H. F. Clarke, P.M. 883, P.G.S.B.; L. Jenkins, W.M. Afan Lodge; M. G. Roberts, Sec. Afan Lodge; J. L. Jenkins, Avondale Lodge, U.S.A.; T. O. Williams, Yarrowbrough Lodge; D. Roberts, W.M. 36, 1578; and among the company were the following: Bros. J. C. Coath, P.M.; L. Beha, P.M.; John Hemming, P.M.; P.P.G. Reg.; and T. B. Boucher, P.M.

At the close of the lodge the brethren repaired to the Wyndham Arms Hotel, where a capital banquet was well-served by Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and about 50 sat down.

After the repast, the usual Masonic toasts were given and interspersed with some excellent songs, the vocalists being ably accompanied by Bro. D. T. Williams on the pianoforte.

The Duke of York, in recognition of his title of Earl of Inverness, has sent a donation of £10 to the prize fund of the Highland Rifle Association, the act having been received with great satisfaction north of the Tweed.

UNVEILING OF A BANNER OF THE TRISTRAM LODGE, No. 2415.

On Friday, the 29th ult., Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., D.P.G.M. of Durham, with several of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past Masters, and brethren of the various lodges, visited the Tristram Lodge, No. 2415, Shildon. The special function discharged was the unveiling of a handsome banner presented to the Tristram Lodge by the reverend brother after whom it is named. In the course of the proceedings Bro. Canon Tristram expressed his gratification at being present, considering himself as greatly honoured by the lodge being named after him, seeing that after he had been gathered to his fathers the name "Tristram" would thus be handed down from generation to generation of Freemasons at Shildon. The rev. Canon afterwards gave an interesting explanation of the bearings on the shield depicted on the banner, part of which was borne by one of his ancestors, who had taken part in the third crusade. The crest, consisting of an "Alpine Swift," and the motto, *Fortiter gerit crucem*, were lucidly dwelt upon as to their bearing upon the family name of Tristram.

The following officers and brethren took part in the proceedings: Bros. Babington Boulton, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., C. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Wm. Hobson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., B. S. Beckwith, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and John Bailey, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., of 111; Thos. Dunn, P.M. 121, P.D.G.D. of C.; J. H. Jackson, P.M. 940, P.P.S.G.D.; D. Dodd, P.M., C. N. Barker, P.M., T. Banks, P.M., G. W. Jennings, P.M., W. J. Anderson, F. J. Lloyd, J. T. Elliott, T. H. Thompson, J. R. Dixon, J. Bowman, Richard Thompson, W. Wilkinson, and R. Thompson, of 1121; G. Emerson, P.M., Thomas Hardy, P.M., P.P.G.P., W. T. Wanless, M. Taylor, W. Addison, W. Turner, and Thomas Linton, of 2019; T. Farthing, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., W. J. Sanderson, P.M., and John Teasdale, P.M., of 1932; Thos. Douglas, 1230; B. S. Beckwith, P.M. 1050, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Reed, W.M., P.P.G.P., J. Barnett, E. Mutimer, S. Fielden, T. Thompson, T. W. Richardson, G. R. Brown, J. Addison, R. Storey, Thomas Jackson, T. Tarn, J. T. Coates, W. A. Mason, C. B. Johnson, W. Chapman, T. Briggs, W. Hunter, Jos. Henderson, G. Askew, and John Garthwaite, of 2415.

At the close of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the British Schools for dinner.

The banner was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

BRO. DR. SPARK'S ORGAN RECITAL AT THE PRIORY CHURCH.

On Thursday, the 4th instant, Bro. Dr. Spark, the talented Organist at the Town Hall, Leeds, gave recitals on the grand organ built by Anneessens, of Grammont, Belgium, and afforded very great pleasure to large audiences, not only for the beauty of the works selected, but by the expressive and brilliant manner in which they were performed. The composers represented in the programmes included Bach, Mendelssohn, Handel, Mozart, Schumann, Smart, Witz, Batiste, and the executant himself, whose "Jerusalem the Golden" and "Repose" gave much charm to those who were privileged to be present.

It may not be unfitting here to conclude this necessarily brief notice by quoting from a recently written biographical sketch of the Doctor from "The Leeds Biographer": "To him we undoubtedly owe the establishment of the first and second Leeds Musical Festivals. Dr. Spark has now been organist of the Leeds Town Hall for a period of 34 years, and, in recognition of this and his other great services to art, he has been placed by her Majesty the Queen on the Civil List, besides being entertained by over 100 gentlemen at a public dinner, and afterwards was presented by Mayor Emsley with a purse of £150, Mrs. Spark receiving at the same time a handsome piece of plate."

"PRINCE MAHOMED EUSOOF" OF AFGHANISTAN.

We have been at some trouble to obtain further information concerning this personage who was the subject of recent letters addressed to ourselves and to the *Freemason*.

As to his identity with William Robert Davis, once an Apothecary in the Indian Subordinate Medical Service, there is no doubt. His father, who was also an Apothecary in the same service and now pensioned, resides at Hussanganj in Lucknow.

The strange proceedings of Mr. Davis may possibly be accounted for on a charitable assumption of mental aberration, as we are informed there are grounds for supposing he may have inherited an infirmity of that nature. His career, however, has, so far as we can learn, been anything but creditable. When in the Medical Department he went to England on service, and there married, under false pretences, a respectable English girl whom he ill-treated when he brought her to India. She left him and found her way back home.

In 1875 Apothecary Davis was placed under arrest for misappropriation of hospital stores, &c., and was dismissed the service in the following March. He had been dismissed on a previous occasion for absenting himself without leave, but was re-instated.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire will meet at Congleton on Wednesday, September 21st. The Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G.M., will preside on the occasion.

The centenary meeting will be held at Stockport, on September 14th, in connection with the Unanimity Lodge, No. 287, of which Bro. Henry Smith is W.M. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, will be present on the occasion. We anticipate a most successful event.

We are pleased to announce that Lord Brooke, R.W.P.G.M. of Essex, has kindly consented to take the chair at the 95th Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1893.

At the meeting of the Boys' School Committee on Monday last a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. S. J. Attenborough for the valuable legal services he had rendered, and the position of honorary solicitor to the Institution was conferred upon him.

The Institution is to be congratulated on the result of the efforts of the Secretary, who has, after a lengthy correspondence with the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, extending over many months, succeeded in clearing the Institution from the charge of Income Tax and Inhabited House Duty, which had been paid for many years past. The amount returned for three years to April, 1891, was £270, an allowance of about £90 being made for 1892, and the claim for that sum being waived in future years. Great credit is due to Bro. McLeod for so perseveringly following up this matter.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution have done a graceful act in electing Bro. James E. Terry an honorary Vice-President with the rights and privileges pertaining thereto. Bro. James E. Terry very generously declined to make any charge when investing money in the purchase of some £50,000 stock in behalf of the Institution, and the compliment which the Committee has paid him is a very appropriate recognition of Bro. Terry's goodwill. We trust he may live to enjoy his new privileges for many years.

It was an exceedingly pertinent remark which Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Governor of New South Wales, made the other day on the occasion of his visit to the Australian Irrigation Settlements in the neighbouring Colonies of Victoria and South Australia. Apropos of the question of federation, his lordship observed that if the tie which existed among Masons was able to reconcile into harmony the divergent creeds and beliefs of men all over the earth, the federal sentiment should be strong enough to bring together the people of one country—people who had almost everything in common. The inference is a just one, and we hope it will be realised.

We prefer Bro. Gillon, Past D.G. Master under the New Zealand Constitution to the *New Zealand Mail* as a "guide, philosopher, and friend." The latter has "London Freemason" on the brain, and on the principle "when you have no case, abuse your opponent's attorney," whenever it has nothing to say and is at a loss how to say it, it takes to sneering at or abusing this journal. But sneers and gibes are not arguments, and if only it can prove we are wrong, we shall without hesitation at once cry "peccavimus." However, we are not alone in this matter, and the *New Zealand Mail* having dubbed us a "too fashionable journal," and told us in tolerably plain terms that our opinions on New Zealand Freemasonry are misleading, has a quiet dig at the brethren in the Colony who still hold aloof from the newly-installed Grand Lodge, and tells them roundly that their position is "absurd and untenable," that their lodges are "short-sighted" and "a long way behind the times," and that it is useless for them any longer "to bite their fingers" over the present state of Masonry in New Zealand.

On the other hand Bro. Gillon in the address at the installation of Bro. Malcolm Niccol, to which we referred last week, appears to be doing all in his power to establish a healthy feeling between those of his own Masonic persuasion and the adherents of the old régime, and is anxiously looking forward to the time when the whole body of New Zealand Masons will be ranged under one banner. We leave it to our readers to decide which method of procedure is the likeliest to bring about a solution of the present controversy, the gibes of our contemporary, or the kindness and courtesy of Bro. Gillon.

We have read with very great pleasure the report of the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal at its Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on the 21st March last. The evidence it contains, that the Craft is in the enjoyment of a fair degree of prosperity, is strong. There are on the roll of the District Grand Lodge some 35 lodges, but of these five, unfortunately, are in abeyance. But the remaining 30 are in excellent form, and have been doing good sound work during the past 12 months, and well maintaining, but without substantial increase, their numerical strength. There is also—or we should say

there was at the date of the meeting—a new lodge about to be opened at Mattsa, and with every prospect of success. Then, as regards the funds, these seem to be administered with great judgment, and there is a handsome balance on the right side of the account in the case both of the Fund of General Purposes and the Fund of Benevolence.

We learn also that the friendliest relations exist between the District Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. At infrequent intervals there is a slight disturbance of harmony between the two Constitutions, but these disturbances have been invariably local and individual, or caused by individual jealousies, and so far as Bro. Prinsep, D.G.M., and Bro. Smith, the successor to the late Bro. Sir Henry Morland, M.W.G.M. of the Scottish Grand Lodge in India, are able to bring influence to bear on the relations of the two bodies, we may be sure they will spare no effort to preserve harmony.

We note further with pleasure that on this occasion District Grand Lodge voted £50 as a contribution towards the "Shadwell Clerke Trust Fund." In bringing forward the proposition the District Grand Master very highly extolled the services rendered by our late Grand Secretary, but more especially the promptitude and courtesy he showed in the discharge of his duties. The contribution is well bestowed, and we have no doubt will be appreciated by Mrs. Clerke.

It is a satisfaction to know that the condition of Miss Edith Philbrick, the youngest daughter of our respected Grand Registrar, is slightly improved within the last few days, and that she has at length recovered consciousness. True the improvement is slight, but the injuries she received were very terrible, and it must be a comfort to Bro. Philbrick and his family to find that his daughter's case, though highly critical, is not altogether hopeless. In the midst, however, of his grief, he has at least the consolation of knowing that he has the entire and heartfelt sympathy both of his brethren in Masonry and his large circle of friends outside the pale of the Craft.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

992] GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Under this caption, Bro. Hughan refers to a rare book in the Library entitled "The Free Masons' Pocket Book for the year 1800." Its complete title is "The Free Masons' Pocket Book and Universal Daily Ledger for the year 1800," which was also the title of one issued in 1798, its title-page having been kindly given to me by Bro. Hughan some years ago, when all attempts to find a copy of the book itself failed. Hence it was suggested by some that it was merely an advertisement. This, however, I could scarcely accept, the title-page having at the top these words—"This day is published," &c. It was "printed for Vernor and Hood, No. 31, Poultry. To be continued annually with the necessary alterations," as in 1800. One is glad to find the present volume (of 1800) turning up, and I am obliged to Bro. Sadler for affording me the opportunity to examine it carefully when recently in town. It is embellished with a capital portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M., and stated to be "compiled by Bro. Asperne," whose name, however, does not appear on the title-page for 1798. The very great value of the book is in the lists, for it contains not only lists of lodges and Royal Arch chapters held in London and in the country under the Modern Grand Lodge, but it includes "A List of Lodges in London and Westminster under the *Ancient Constitution* for the year 1800, his Grace John Duke of Atholl, Grand Master," together with "A List of the Country and Military Lodges under the *Ancient Constitution*," and as these are the first complete printed lists of lodges under the Athol Grand Lodge now known, they may be fairly said to possess considerable value. The list of "Country Lodges," strangely enough, includes "The R.W. the Grand Lodge of Ireland," the Grand Masters' Lodge, and 29 subordinate lodges and one Royal Arch chapter in that country, together with "The R.W. the Grand Lodge of Scotland," and 12 subordinate lodges in that part of the United Kingdom. Doubtless, the London lodges, with their places of meeting, are correctly recorded, but some of the country lodges enumerated were evidently non-existent, and might well have been omitted, the fact being proved by such notes as these—"cancelled by order of the Grand Lodge, 1792," "delivered up to the Grand Lodge," "dormant," &c., &c. From internal evidence, I am of opinion that these Athol Lists were compiled or copied from official sources, probably from an officially printed list similar to that issued later, and advertised in the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 7th March, 1804, or this later official issue may have been the outcome and a continuation of the list in the Pocket Book now under notice. In any case its importance and value cannot be too highly estimated, and we are led to hope that others may yet come to light, and any information in reference to them will be most heartily welcome. JNO. LANE.

Reviews.

MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SURREY.

It is not likely that any directory hitherto has been published in England that contains so much, for the size, as this new calendar for Surrey, edited by Bro. Charles Greenwood, the energetic Prov. Grand Secretary. It is the first of the kind that Bro. Greenwood has compiled, but it might well be the work of a veteran editor, for the information is most varied, interesting, and valuable. The tables are of considerable utility, and must have involved a deal of labour in their compilation, and the numerous particulars concerning the lodges—36 in number, with 1198 members—cannot fail to be very welcome to the Worshipful Masters and all brethren taking interest in the welfare of the province. The roll of Past Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey, from 1837, is a real boon, giving as it does so many names of brethren who held office from the Prov. Grand Mastership of Lord Monson. The province, however, originated 120 years ago. Similar good work is done for the Prov. Grand Chapter from 1873, that body beginning in 1847. There are now 13 subordinates and 200 companions. Bro. Greenwood's preface is a very readable production, and is practically a sketch of the Provincial Grand Lodge from 1837, no earlier particulars being available, save as to the names of the Provincial Grand Masters. This bijou directory, of considerably over 100 pages, is to be an annual, and doubtless will be highly appreciated by the province, as it should be.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 10th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Hancock, W.M.; F. Kedge, acting as I.P.M.; G. H. Reynolds, S.W.; J. Skinner, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; F. Jackson, S.D.; A. Harris, I.D.; J. B. Grieve, I.G.; C. O. Burgess, and G. A. Bergholz, Stwds.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; J. Rowe, H. Lewis, C. G. Sherwood, G. T. Atkinson, G. L. Harvey, J. Woodward, H. E. Sanders, W. C. Thomson, J. Coltart, H. Lowenfeld, J. W. H. Hughes, A. H. P. Snow, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. S. Henry, 20, Charleston, U.S.A.; E. R. Carey, 499, Philadelphia, U.S.A.; V. Shammond, 1861; D. Haslett, P.M. 145; J. J. Whiting, 174; and M. Goldstein, 1563.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting (installation) were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read, which included letters and telegrams regretting absence, &c., from Bros. Brackstone Baker, J. B. Cumming, Treas. (through illness); James J. Woolley, I.P.M.; T. J. Shyrook, M.W.G.M. of Maryland, U.S.A.; and the following letter from the P.G.M. of Illinois, U.S.A.:

"London, June 27th, 1892.

"Dear Bro. Reynolds,
"Owing to other engagements, I was unable to see you on Friday, a fact I much regret. As we leave tomorrow, will not see you again, but I hope to do so in the near future, as I shall certainly return to see more of you and the brethren of the Anglo-American Lodge. Please bear to them very fraternal greetings and assurance of appreciation of the distinguished honour they conferred upon me by making me an honorary member of such a splendid lodge of Craft Masons.

"Not knowing your address I have left in keeping of Bro. W. J. Hughan, the semi-centennial bronze medal of my Grand Lodge to be forwarded you as promised.

"With assurances of the highest esteem for you personally, and fraternal greetings to the brethren.—I remain, fraternally yours,
"JOHN CURSON SMITH.

"Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary Anglo-American Lodge." A ballot was unanimous in favour of Mr. W. C. Thomson as an initiate, and that gentleman was accordingly initiated. Bro. S. Solberg was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. J. B. Crump, P.M. 1297, and H. M. L. Henderson, 23, Texas, U.S.A., were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge. Bro. R. S. Henry, of Charleston, U.S.A., on behalf of Bro. E. R. Carey, of Philadelphia, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the kind reception given them, and both had been much delighted with the working, also the good feeling existing amongst the brethren, and they should carry back to America the remembrance of a pleasant time in the Anglo-American Lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet served in the Princes Room, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, not forgetting the toast of "The Sister Lodges of the United States and Canada," were honoured in good style.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERLEY.

Alan Lodge (No. 2368).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Queen's Hotel, when Bro. Harry Gordon Small presided. There were three initiates, one ceremony being performed by Bro. A. Lawley, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., and the other two by the W.M. We must compliment Bro. Small upon the very successful and admirable working of the lodge, and upon the rapid steps it has made during the two years of its existence.

The following brethren were present: Bros. H. G. Small, W.M.; J. W. Markland, P.G.S., S.W.; Arthur Keymer, J.W.; J. H. Whitehead, Chap.; A. Lawley, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; Wm. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; A. W. Henry, Org.; James A. Walsh, I.G.; Robert L. Bourne, Fred. Baxter, C. Duckworth, P.M.; W. R. Dumbrell Davies, Elliott A. Crompton, J. Laurisch, E. A. Stevens, and W. A. Danby. Visitors: Bros. J. R. R. Jeffery, 1140; Henry Smith, W.M. 287; John Phythian, P.M. 336; John Newton, 1140; George R. Mills, 1140; John Leigh, P.M. 287; T. E. Rigby, P.M. 287; and G. S. Smith, P.M. 2359.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The first meeting under the new W.M. was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., when there were present the following: Bros. R. N. Brunyee, W.M.; M. J. Behrendt, I.P.M.; C. Fox, S.W.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. F. Watson, P.M., Treas.; J. Constable, P.M., Chap.; W. Chamberlain, P.M., D.C.; P. Stanforth, P.P.G.P., Almoner; T. Horobin, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Burtonshaw, P.G.P.; J. Franks and W. A. Wressell, Stewards; J. Turner; G. Naylor, Tyler; and C. Cundall. Bro. C. Unwin, 287 (Canada), was a visitor.

After the lodge had been opened, two gentlemen were proposed and seconded to be balloted for at the next meeting, and another named, thus showing good prospects for the coming year. Bro. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., was presented by Bro. Behrendt, on behalf of the whole lodge, with a very handsome Past Master's jewel with Secretary's emblem entwined, for his excellent services as Secretary during the last seven years. Bro. Wood, in feeling terms, thanked the brethren for their appreciation and kind acknowledgment of the work which he had done from a pure love of duty.

The brethren afterwards adjourned for a social hour of pleasure after labour.

MILLOM.

Whitwell Lodge (No. 1390).—On Tuesday, the 26th ult., the installation of Bro. J. Maddern, S.W., of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Room, Salt-house-road. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Geo. Hill, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., assisted by Bros. J. Mills, P.M., and H. F. Fox, P.M. The officers selected by the newly installed W.M. were Bros. T. Walker, I.P.M.; T. J. C. Fox, S.W.; T. Wood, J.W.; George Hill, Treas.; E. E. Atkinson, Sec.; W. Routledge, S.D.; J. E. Howarth, J.D.; J. Bowness, D.C.; R. G. W. Bradley, I.G.; H. D. Shardlow, Org.; W. Miller, G. Bowness, and W. R. Bell, Stewards; and Joseph Pemberton, Tyler.

The members afterwards adjourned to Mrs. Black's, the Ship Inn, where a repast was provided. During the evening songs were contributed, and the usual toasts honoured. There was a good muster of visiting brethren.

SCUNTHORPE.

St. Lawrence Lodge (No. 2078).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Manley-street, on Friday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Campbell, W.M.; G. Spilman, I.P.M.; W. Langbridge, P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; J. Read, Treas.; Rev. E. M. Weigall, P.P.G.C., Chap.; S. M. Peace, S.W.; F. Chatterton, Sec.; J. Bust, I.G.; W. Goodworth, W. Swabey, J. Morton, W. Naylor, H. Campbell, S. Hadley, Tyler, and others. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Sissons, D.P.G.M.; J. Coastable, P.M. 1482; and J. M. Behrendt, I.P.M. 1482.

This was the first lodge visited by Bro. Dr. Sissons, in his new office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in his contemplated tour through the province, and he expressed himself highly satisfied with the working.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet room, where they partook of refreshment and spent an instructive and pleasant hour.

Royal Arch.

STONEHOUSE.

Elliott Chapter (No. 1205).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Caroline-place. The Principals elect were installed—Comps. A. W. King, Z.; Major C. B. G. Dick, R.M.L.L., H.; and G. Perkins, J. Comps. Lieut. and Quartermaster W. Powell, R.M.L.L., P.P.G.T., and J. Gidley were the Installing Officers, assisted by Comps. D. Cross, P.P.G.T.; T. E. Peek, R. Dickson, 1205; S. Jew, P.P.G.T. 105; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T. 70; E. J. Knight, W. Allsford, 202; R. Pike, 230; and A. Trout. The officers invested were Comps. W. Powell, I.P.Z.; D. Cross, Treas.; J. Gidley, S.E.; J. J. Facey, S.N.; A. E. Maddock, P.S.; A. W. H. Andrew, 1st A.S.; J. Maunder, 2nd A.S.; and J. Gidley, Janitor.

Mark Masonry.

WORKINGTON.

Derwent Lodge (No. 282).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Portland-square, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Edwin Loach, W.M., P.J.G.O., occupied the chair, and was supported by his officers. The following were also present: Bros. J. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec., P.G.S. England; J. Abbott, P.M., P.P.J.G.O.; Jos. O. Scott, I.P.M. 151, P.P.J.G.O.; T. Atkinson, I.P.M. 229, Prov. S.G.O.; J. Patterson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. J. Little, W.M. elect, Prov. S.G.D.; J. Dickinson, P.M., P.P. S.G.D.; G. B. McKay, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. Loach, W.M., Prov. J.G.O.; J. Bouch, J. Purser, F. Neil, Dr. McKewon, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. On the invitation of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. James Gardiner, P.M., Treasurer of 151, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec., P.G.S. of England, when Bro. J. J. Little, S.W., P.G.S.D., was duly presented by Bro. Loach, W.M., P.J.G.O., for the benefit of installation, and was duly installed in the chair of A. by Bro. Gardiner in a very impressive manner. Bro. Patterson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., gave the respective charges to the officers in his usual able manner, which is well known in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. The following brethren were then appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Loach, I.P.M.; J. Purser, S.W.; Dr. McKewon, J.W.; G. B. McKay, M.O.; J. Jenkinson, S.O.; W. Bowness, J.O.; J. Patterson, P.M., Treas.; J. Bouch, Sec.; Rev. E. M. Rice, Chap.; J. Cooper, Org.; W. Sheldon, S.D.; W. Meneally, J.D.; F. Neil, I.G.; W. Bethell, Stwd.; and J. Whitehead, Tyler.

One candidate was proposed for advancement, and after other business was transacted, with "Hearty good wishes" from Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, and from

members of lodges represented, the lodge was duly closed, and, on the invitation of the W.M., the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Knights Templar.

JERSEY.

Mount Horeb Sanctuary.—This sanctuary and commandery—attached to the Concord Conclave, No. 8—met at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Monday, the 1st inst., when there were present, among others, Sir Knights J. Stone, R.R.P.; John E. Hamon, P.; Thomas Leat, P.R.R.P., S.P.; P. Bois, Sen.; L. P. Hespéradox, P.R.R.P., Verger, C.G.; J. C. Barrette, G.S.V.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.R.R.P., acting 1st Lieut.; Dr. Thomas Aubin, P.R.R.S., Std. Br., acting J.B.; G. R. Gen. Hart, War.; and others.

The minutes of the last assembly having been read and confirmed, Sir Knights Rev. O. M. Holden, M.A. Oxford, E. Oldridge, J. Kenyon, Lucas, and W. E. Cook, Malta, were admitted into the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, the two points being most effectively and impressively worked by those two clever exponents of the ceremonies, Sir Knights J. Stone and J. O. Le Sueur.

Subsequently a commandery of St. John the Evangelist was opened by M.E. Commander, Sir Knight J. Stone, and Sir Knights Holden, Oldridge, Kenyon, and Cook were installed as Knights of the Degree, the G.O.'s and complement of officers going through the lengthy ceremonies of the two Degrees in a most efficient manner. There being no other business before the assembly, the C.G. closed the commandery.

A banquet followed, and M.E. Sir Knight J. Stone presided, as usual, in a manner that very few Masonic chairmen can excel.

The toast of "The Queen and Christian Masonry" having been honoured, others followed, the Warder's toast bringing the proceedings to an end.

Excellent speeches were not wanting, and a very sociable evening was spent.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

TODMORDEN.

High Greenwood Chapter (No. 124).—From time immemorial this chapter has been worked at Eastwood, near Todmorden. During the last few years a number of enthusiastic and zealous brethren having taken the Knights Templar, Knights of Malta, and Allied Masonic Degrees, &c., at this place, being desirous of reorganising the Rose Croix Degree and to have it worked under the recognised constituted authority of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, requested Ill. Bro. John Marshall, 30°, 1st M.W.S. 69, of Manchester, to take the necessary steps for procuring a confirmatory warrant, in which he was successful, and in consideration of the chapter having existed for such a long time, a warrant was granted by the Supreme Council without the usual fee, to the following brethren: John Marshall, 30°; J. L. Atherton, 30°; James Lord, 18°; John Dunning Kay, 18°; Wm. J. Beck, 18°; Joseph W. Monckman, 18°; and Charles Greenwood, 18°.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., V. Ill. Bro. Nathaniel G. Philips, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, assisted by V. Ill. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°, Grand Secretary General; V. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, S.G.I.G. for the North-Eastern District; and Ill. Bro. Sir George David Harris, 31°, as Grand Director of Ceremonies, re-consecrated the chapter as No. 124 in the presence of a fair number of brethren. Ten candidates presented themselves, and were duly perfected. Bro. Thomas Wrigley was installed M.W.S., and appointed the following as his officers: Bros. R. D. Kendal, Prelate; John J. Green, 1st Gen.; Wm. Haigh, 2nd Gen.; John Marshall, 30°, Recorder; Wm. Cockroft, Marshal; Herbert King, Raphael; David Bradley, Director of Ceremonies; Thos. Gaukroger, Captain of Guard; and Thomas Hodgson, Outer Guard. Bro. Daniel Hargreaves was elected Treasurer. Very Illus. Bros. Philips, 33°; Sandeman, 33°; Banister, 33°; and Ill. Bro. Sir George D. Harris, 31°, were elected honorary members, and V. Ill. Bro. Philips, 33°, replied that they would be pleased to be associated with the chapter as such. Letters of apology for inability to attend were received from V. Ill. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, 33°; Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, 18°; John Chadwick, 18°; and a number of other brethren.

Afterwards the brethren dined together, presided over by the M.W.S., Bro. Thomas Wrigley, supported by the before-mentioned very illustrious brethren of the Thirty-three Degrees, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

JERSEY.

Concord Conclave (No. 8).—This old and distinguished conclave met at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Sir Knights Thos. Stone, M.P.S.; Peter Bois, V.E.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M.P.S.; L. P. Hespéradox, P.M.P.S., S.G.; Capt. J. C. Barrette, J.G.; Thos. Leat, P.M.P.S.; Prelate; E. Oldridge, Recorder, acting Herald; J. W. Pugsley, P.M.P.S., Treas.; Brodhurst, Pref.; W. Gosling, Std. Br.; Dr. Thos. Aubin, P.M.S.; J. E. Hamon, I.P.M.S., 1st Aide; F. Rogers; Geo. Rogers, Sentinel; and others.

The conclave being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. Rev. O. M. Halden, M.A., 213; J. Kenyon, 398; and W. E. Cook, 515 (Malta), and being in attendance, were regularly installed as knights of the Order in a very impressive manner, the beauties of the ritual being fully shown by the admirable working of the M.P.S. and the

officers assisting. The historical oration was delivered by the Prelate, Sir Knight Thos. Leat, in excellent style, and seldom have we witnessed the ceremonies gone through in the manner they were on that occasion. Every officer, from the M.P.S. to the Sentinel, strove to excel one another as exponents of the ceremonies.

Other business having been transacted, the conclave was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the refectory and partook of a banquet, which was admirably served by Sir Knight Geo. Rogers, and which was most satisfactory in every respect, reflecting great credit on the host.

After the banquet the first toast, that of "The Queen and Christian Masonry," having been honoured, those of "The Grand Council and the Grand Senate"; "The M.P.S.," "The P.M.P.S.'s," "Newly-installed Sir Knights," and "The Treasurer, Recorder, and Officers," followed, which were heartily received and enthusiastically responded to.

Sir Knight Halden, during his response to the newly-installed sir knights, gave a very brief but highly interesting historical sketch of the chivalric Masonic Degrees, and in his usual clever and successful manner drew the parallel between the Symbolic and Christian Masonry.

Other short and spirited speeches were listened to with great attention, and a very sociable evening was thus spent, which the Sentinel's toast brought to a close.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

BRIGHTON.

Royal Sussex Conclave (No. 10).—A meeting of this conclave was held on the 6th instant at the Royal Pavilion, when there were present Bros. H. Pearce, S.R.; J. R. Thilthorpe, C.; W. Wright, G.; A. F. Lamette, Treas.; G. T. W. Mugliston, M.D., Sec. (acting for Bro. Seager); E. Tebbis, Std.; H. H. Hughes, Sentinel; Lamette, P.S.R.; Edward Histed, W. E. Hughes, S. Peters, W. E. Millett, J. M. Minich, and B. Isworth. Bro. J. Thomas, P.D.R.O., P.G.S.R., was a visitor.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, confirmed, and signed, and all brethren below the rank of Prince of the Order having withdrawn, the conclave was opened in the Second Degree, and the following brethren admitted Princes of the Order: Bros. William Barnard Isworth, Edward Hughes, and William Edward Millett. The S.R. was requested to write a letter of sympathy to Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. Letters of regret were read from several brethren.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. H. JENKINS,
P.M. 860.

On Monday evening, the 8th instant, an interesting event took place at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., by kind permission of the worthy host, Bro. H. Foalé, when a presentation was made to Bro. H. Jenkins, P.M. 860, on the occasion of his marriage, by a number of his Masonic friends, in the shape of an album, containing an address, beautifully and artistically illuminated on vellum, and the signatures of the subscribers, together with a handsome marble time-piece and a purse of gold.

Bro. W. W. Snelling, P.M. 1541, presided, assisted by Bro. H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, as Vice-Chairman, and, in a neat and appropriate speech, made the presentation on behalf of the brethren, of whom 30 were present, many letters of apology and congratulations having been received from brethren who were unable to attend.

Bro. JENKINS, in a very feeling manner, thanked the brethren for the compliment paid him, which he prized very highly as a token of their regard and esteem.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner interspersed with songs and recitations.

The Craft Abroad.

KIMBERLEY.

Charles Warren Lodge (No. 1832).—Considerably over 100 members of the Craft, including 20 Past Masters, assembled in the Temple on Tuesday evening, July 16th, for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the W.M. of the above lodge, and the investiture of his officers for the ensuing year. The choice of the members fell this year on Bro. T. A. Hine, who during the past year has filled the office of S.W. so worthily, and has taken such an untiring interest in the working of the lodge, that when the time arrived he was unanimously elected to the chair.

The lodge having disposed of its business under the gavel of the retiring W.M., Bro. T. J. May, the officers and brethren then received with proper honours the officers and brethren of the various lodges on the Diamond Fields, namely, the Cosmopolitan, Richard Giddy, Athole, Peace and Harmony, Union, and Henry B. Loch. The impressive ceremony of installation then commenced, and was performed with true fidelity by the I.P.M., Bro. T. J. May, assisted by Bro. W. B. Coburn, P.M. This portion of the function being concluded, the newly-initiated W.M. proceeded to invest his subordinate officers as follows: Bros. T. J. May, I.P.M.; J. Desre, S.W.; G. B. Williams, J.W.; C. A. Blackbeard, P.M., Treas.; W. B. Coburn, P.M., Sec.; R. Sharpe, S.D.; A. Sivewright, J.D.; J. J. McCullough, I.G.; H. R. Andrew, D.C.; P. Eva, Org.; and C. J. Cogle, S. P. Martin, G. S. James, and E. Bailey, Stewards. The W.M. then offered his hearty thanks to the Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, officers, and brethren of the several visiting brethren for their attendance and fraternal assistance, and, in return, the Worshipful Masters of those lodges tendered their sincere congratulations to the newly-installed W.M., and wished the Charles Warren Lodge a prosperous year. It may be mentioned that during the business of the lodge a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. T. J. May, as a slight acknowledgment of his excellent services during his year of office.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet afterwards took place.

MUSSOORIE.

Dalhousie Lodge (No. 639, E.C.).—The installation of Bro. Dr. J. Powell as W.M. of this lodge is an event that will long be remembered in the annals of Masonry in Mussoorie, for we doubt if there has ever been any occasion in the history of this lodge when such a large and enthusiastic gathering of members of the Craft have assembled together to do honour to the occasion. The ceremony of installation—one of the most impressive rites pertaining to Freemasonry—was ably performed by Bro. Dr. Wikely, in the presence of 40 members and visitors, including a large number of Past Masters in the Craft, both of this and other lodges.

After the ceremonies of the evening had been completed, the brethren adjourned to the Municipal Hall, which, under the able supervision of Bros. Beer, Simons, Henry, Harding, and one or two other distinguished brethren, had been specially decorated for the occasion with the various emblems, banners, &c., pertaining to the mystic art; never have we seen the old hall to better advantage. Some 80 brethren and their guests sat down to a very excellent dinner, when the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.—*The Mafasilite*.

THE GRAND MASTERSHIP OF CANADA.

Bro. John Ross Robertson refused to allow his name to be put in nomination for a third term as Grand Master of the Ontario Masons, and so put an end to a movement which was gathering great force. Bro. Robertson is deservedly popular among his brethren of the Craft. He has given them two years of splendid service; his addresses have been forcible and eloquent, and he has displayed great executive ability and a liberality which may with little exaggeration be described as princely. It was, perhaps, too much to expect him to take up the cares and burdens of the office for a third time, and the Masons have certainly chosen a worthy successor. Politicians of all classes unite in praising the high character, the splendid abilities, the tact and good judgement of the Hon. John M. Gibson, Provincial Secretary of Ontario. He is one of the best members of the best Administration that has ever existed in Canada, and the qualities which have made him a good legislator and a good executive officer are sure to serve him well in his new office. We congratulate the Masons on their wise choice, and we congratulate Mr. Gibson on his new honour which his countrymen have conferred upon him.—*The Globe*, Toronto.

FREEMASONS AND THE ANGLICAN CHURCH.

At the meeting of Synod of the Diocese of Newcastle, New South Wales, held recently, a discussion took place with reference to Freemasonry. It originated through one of the members directing attention to the proposed arrangements for laying the foundation-stone of the new Anglican Cathedral in the Diocese with full Masonic honours—arrangements, he said, which made the Church service subsidiary to the Masonic Order, and against which the member protested.

Dean SELWYN explained that the same mode as was now proposed was adopted in laying the foundation-stone of the Adelaide Cathedral, and also stated that a similar ceremony had been carried out at Truro Cathedral by the Prince of Wales, and had been a success in every way. It was, he said, a great assistance to have the aid of such a God-fearing, upright, and honourable body of men as the Masons on such an occasion as this.

The Rev. S. SIMM supported the views of Dean Selwyn.

The Rev. S. C. J. GRIME pointed out that the ceremony opened with the usual Church service, and this was continued up to a certain point. Then the Masonic service began, and was carried on to the end of the ceremony.

Archdeacon WHITE at first protested against the adoption of the Masonic service, but afterwards viewed it in a different light.

Sir J. P. ABBOTT said that English Masonry would not recognise French Masonry, because the latter body did not recognise the Creator, as the English Masons did. He saw a great difficulty in his Excellency the Governor performing the ceremony of laying a foundation-stone unless as head of the Masons in the Colony. He was to perform there not as Governor of the colony, but as the Grand Master of the Order in New South Wales.

The Rev. F. M. SWINDLEHURST pointed out that in the mediæval ages it was customary for Masons to lay the foundation-stones of all cathedrals and other ecclesiastical buildings. He was in favour of the Masonic service.

Bishop STANTON said he believed that the Masons were a worthy body of men, and it seemed not at all inappropriate to invite them to assist at the ceremony. He said that he had communicated with the Bishop of Adelaide, who had sent him a copy of the Masonic service used at the laying of the foundation-stone of the Adelaide Cathedral. The Bishop of Adelaide was a man whom he would be always glad to follow. The prominent parts of the service would be taken by the Primate of Australasia and the Bishop of Bathurst. The Church of England would have its full share of the service, and the Masons would also have their legitimate share, in accordance with past ecclesiastical history. The presence of the Masons would be of interest to the whole community of Newcastle. He felt that he, as Bishop of Newcastle, would be in his proper place in the service, although not a Mason. He believed that when the service was over the members of the Synod would feel that they had done the right thing in inviting the Masons to be present.

The matter then dropped.—*Observer*.



The Royal Yacht *Alberta* proceeded under orders to Flushing early on Thursday morning for the purpose of conveying Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg to Osborne.

Her Majesty's ironclad *Victoria*, flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir George Tryon, Commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean Squadron, with the *Nile*, *Sanspareil*, and *Surprise*, left Naples on a visit to Sardinian ports on Wednesday.

The 1st Battalion of the Scots Guards now at Aldershot under Col. B. B. D. Campbell are under orders, and will shortly embark for Dublin, to relieve the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, which is returning to London.

According to a Reuter's telegram, the Archduke Stephen has sailed from Pola in his yacht *Christa* for Genoa, in order to take part in the regatta which is being organised by the Italian Yacht Club in connection with the Columbus fêtes.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Lieut.-Col. and Hon. Col. Bro. Earl Percy to be Aide-de-Camp to her Majesty for the service of the Militia force in England, in place of Lord Winmarleigh, deceased.

The Duke of Aosta visited Woolwich on the 5th inst., and after witnessing a review of Artillery on the Common and luncheon at the Artillery Mess, was conducted over the Arsenal by Dr. Anderson, F.R.S., Director-General of Ordnance Factories.

Bro. the Duke of Fife was present at the luncheon given in connection with the Keith Cattle Show, and expressed his belief that the division of the land into properties of various sizes would tend to dispel class jealousies and promote the national stability.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall was held under the banner of Fortitude Lodge, No. 78, at the Masonic Hall, Public Rooms, Truro, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. After the transaction of the business, a cold collation was provided at the supper-room adjoining the lodge.

The Musical and Dramatic Sick Fund has recently received the balance of the legacy bequeathed it by the late Mr. Edwards, engraver, of Islington, amounting to £893. The invested property of the Fund now amounts to £3000, but this is very far from being sufficient to meet the claims made upon it for assistance.

After the Council held by the Queen at Osborne on the 5th instant, Bro. the Earl of Lathom received the honour of knighthood from her Majesty, and was invested with the insignia of the First Class (Civil Division) of the Order of the Bath. Subsequently several gentlemen were introduced and knighted, among them being Mr. Justice Gainsford Bruce, Mr. Joseph Barnby, and Bros. W. Cusins and W. Parrott, Past Grand Organists.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the dignity of a peerage of the United Kingdom upon the Right Hon. Lord Shand, one of the judges of the Scotch Court of Session, that of a Privy Councillor upon Sir J. Parker Deane, Q.C., Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and that of knighthood upon the newly-appointed Common Serjeant of the City of London, who is now Sir Jas. Forrest Fulton, Q.C.

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.

We should have thought there was little room left for what is called a society paper, but Mr. Pearson thinks otherwise and has ventured on sending forth another of the family into the world, but like most parents he thinks his bantling will be the best of the lot and set a good example to the rest. "It is," he says, "an attempt to provide a penny society paper in which scurrility and indecency find no place, but which is simply smart and readable." We hope he will succeed, but it is rather rough on the others to assume that the converse is true with regard to them.

On Wednesday, at the White Lodge, Richmond Park, the Countess of Aberdeen, representing the "Upward and Onward" association of working women and girls, presented the Princess May of Teck with a miniature of the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, set in a gold box of beautiful workmanship, which originally belonged to Louis XIV. of France. The miniature was presented by Mr. Edward Taylor, from a photograph, and in accepting it, the Princess begged that the donors might be told how greatly she prized it.

The second match of the Canterbury week—that of Kent v. Notts—was brought to a conclusion on Saturday last by a victory for the latter by 56 runs. The scores were—Notts 226 and 178, and Kent 164 and 184. For the former Shrewsbury made 111 (not out) and 13, and for the latter Weigall scored 10 and 63. The match at Gloucester between Sussex and Gloucestershire terminated in a draw in favour of the former. Sussex in her one innings compiled a total of 482, of which Brann made 147, while Gloucestershire scored 200 and 242 for the loss of five wickets, W. G. Grace contributing 24 and 99.

The Labour Association for promoting Co-operative Production, based on the co-partnership of the workers, will again organise an Exhibition of Co-operative Productions at the Crystal Palace, in conjunction with the National Co-operative Festival. The exhibition will be opened on the 20th instant, and promises to be of a large and more representative character than any that have been held. Among the towns sending exhibits are Alcester, Bradford, Burnley, Hebden Bridge, Huddersfield, Kettering, Keighley, Leicester, London, Paisley, Sheffield, Walsall, representing the following industries: Cotton, Woollen, Tweed, Worsted, Fustian, Hosiery, Boot and Shoe, Tinplate, Cutlery, Needle, Padlock, Wringing and Washing Machine, Book-binding, Cocoa, Confectionery, Shirtmaking, and others. Particulars of the exhibition will be forwarded on application to the Secretary, 9, John-street, Adelphi, London, W.C.

Her Majesty's new battleship, the *Barfluer*, was successfully launched at Chatham on Wednesday, the ceremony of christening being performed by Lady Hoskins. The total cost of the ship is estimated at close on £600,000.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, with their daughter the Princess Marie, will arrive in town from Devonport tomorrow (Saturday), and on Sunday the Duchess and Princess Marie will leave for Coburg, the Duke starting for Missengen on Tuesday next.

The visit of the British Association to Edinburgh was brought to a conclusion on Wednesday, when a general meeting was held in the University Library and votes of thanks to the Lord Provost and all concerned in their reception were unanimously passed.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Halsbury will start for their seat in Cornwall on Monday next, and will make a sojourn there of about two months. Bro. Lord and Lady Henniker arrived in town from Thornham Hall, Eye, Suffolk, early during the present week.

Her Majesty's dinner party on Saturday last at Osborne included the Emperor of Germany, the Duke of Connaught, Prince and Princess Christian and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Bro. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), and Bro. Admiral of the Fleet Sir E. Commerell, V.C., G.C.B.

Mrs. Rix, the venerable negress from Liberia, who has been on a visit to this country and has had more than the usual opportunities which fall to the lot of strangers of lionising and being lionised, has at length set out on her return home, highly gratified with what she has seen and the kindness and courtesy with which she has been treated.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left Sandringham on Monday for Osborne on a visit to the Queen. On reaching Portsmouth their Royal Highnesses, accompanied by the Dukes of Edinburgh and Connaught, crossed to Cowes in the Royal yacht *Alberta*.

The Northern Division went into camp at Shoeburyness on Saturday, and commenced their part in the competition for the Queen's and other prizes shot for annually at the meeting of the National Artillery Association. The meeting will be brought to a conclusion this week, when it will be known whether the Queen's Prize has been secured by a Northern or Southern detachment.

A Venetian fête was given at Kneller Hall, the School for Military Music, by the Commandant, Bro. Col. Shaw-Hellier, on Wednesday evening, and proved a great success. The usual afternoon concert was given in the grounds in the evening, and consisted of both vocal and instrumental music, while the grounds were beautifully illuminated.

Anne Hathaway's cottage at Sholtery, Stratford-on-Avon, is now national property, the trustees of Shakespeare's birthplace having recently entered into possession. Some 50 years ago the property was sold to the father of the present tenant, who is a lineal descendant of the Hathaway family, for £345, the sum paid by Shakespeare's Trustees is £3000.

The Town Cup was sailed for at Ryde on Thursday, in a light breeze, and was won by Queen Mab. Meteor took second prize, but the wind was too light for her to save her time. In the 10-rating match Dis took first prize, and Dacia second. Mr. A. D. Clarke's Cup for 2½-raters was won by Faugh-a-Ballagh; Wee Winn taking the first prize for 1-raters.

The Emperor William of Germany and his brother Prince Henry of Prussia arrived at Wilhelmshaven on their return from England on Monday afternoon. The Imperial yacht, the *Kaiser Adler*, was hove to off the island of Norderney in order that the Emperor's three eldest sons, who are staying there for sea bathing, might have the opportunity of visiting his Majesty, which they did in a torpedo boat dispatched for the purpose.

The week's campaign for the volunteers at Aldershot was brought to a conclusion on Saturday last, and the whole of the volunteer brigades had left the camp by Sunday afternoon. The men, though they had plenty of hard work, appear to have appreciated their visit, and there is good reason to believe that next year the number who will avail themselves of the opportunity of gaining practical experience in the military art will be considerably greater than it was on this occasion.

The Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John's, Newfoundland, amounted to about £20,000 at the beginning of the present week, among the more recent contributors being the Drapers' Company £250, the Salters' Company £105, the Leather-sellers' Company £52 10s., Bro. Lord Brassey £20, the Armourers' and Braziers' Company, £26 5s., and the Dyers' Company £25.

The business of swearing in the members of the new House of Commons having advanced sufficiently, the first session of the 13th Parliament of the present reign was formally opened on Monday by the Lords Commissioners, the Queen's Speech being read by the Lord Chancellor, Bro. Lord Halsbury. In the evening there was a full attendance of members in both Houses, but especially in the Commons, to hear the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech.

According to the returns made to Saturday last to the Metropolitan Asylums Board, the number of cases in the hospitals, amounting to 3245, is higher than at any previous time since the Board was instituted. The patients are from almost every part of London, while the number of cases suffering from scarlet fever is 2850, and from diphtheria 297, the remainder being from enteric fever and other diseases. Yet in spite of this the death-rate in London for several weeks past has been very low, and according to the latest return was only 17.5 per 1000.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—More precious than Gold.—Diarrhoea, dysentery, and cholera are, through the summer's heat, carrying off the young, as the winter's cold destroys the aged. In the most acute cases, where internal medicines cannot be retained, the greatest relief will immediately result from rubbing Holloway's soothing Ointment over the abdomen. The friction should be frequent and brisk, to insure the penetration of a large portion of the unguent. This Ointment calms the excited peristaltic action and soothes the pain. Both vomiting and griping yield to it, where fruits or vegetables have originated the malady; it is proper to remove all indigestible matter from the bowels by a moderate dose of Holloway's Pills before using the Ointment.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Captain Holford, arrived at Marlborough House on Thursday afternoon from Cowes.

"Locust Masons" is the latest designation for that class of non-affiliates who never show up at a lodge except when there is something to be devoured.—*Keystone*.

Princess Christian's prizes at the annual exhibition of the Artists' Guild this year will be given for embroidery in linen and silk, and her Royal Highness, who is an authority on art-embroidery, will sign the prize certificates.

The Duke of Connaught visited Winchester and laid the foundation-stone of the new head-quarters of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Hants Regiment. The Earl of Northbrook was present as High Chief Steward of the Borough, and the Mayor and members of the Corporation attended in state.

The Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise have this week been entertaining at their summer residence, Farnham Place, near Farnham, Sir Evelyn Wood and other officers engaged in military operations in the neighbourhood. The Princess is expected to leave Farnham Place to-day (Friday) on a visit to the Queen at Osborne.

By command of the Queen, the magnificent silver-gilt Trafalgar vase presented by the Patriotic Fund to the widow of Lord Nelson was brought over from Portsmouth on Wednesday afternoon and exhibited to her Majesty, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Victoria, and members of the household, by the owner, Mr. E. Emanuel. The vase was greatly admired by her Majesty and the members of the Royal Family.

We are asked by Bro. J. P. Allen, P.M. 1056 and 2063, to make known to those who were present at the last meeting of Grand Lodge in June, that he has become possessed of an apron which does not belong to him in place of the one he took with him to the meeting. The apron bears the mark of J. R. and is a Warden's, while his own apron has the levels, which are engraved with sun, &c. If this meets the eye of the brother who has it, perhaps he will kindly send it to the office of the *Freemason* in exchange for his own.

Hoary antiquity lent special interest to the ceremony which the Bishop of Dover performed in re-opening the little restored parish church of St. Augustine of East Langdon. The oldest part of the venerable fabric dates back, it is believed, as far as 700 A.D., of which date there are two Saxon windows. A leper window was also found with painting on the inner stones, there being, it is said, only one other window of the kind in Kent. The Norman part, which for years had lain buried in the churchyard, has been restored, and a tower erected in the place of the old bell-cot.

An unsuccessful attempt has been made by the Chicago Musical Union to secure the arrest of the band of the 13th Canadian Militia Battalion of Hamilton, Ontario, while passing through Chicago *en route* to Denver, on the allegation that they entered the United States in violation of the alien labour law, being under contract to play for the St. Bernard Lodge of Freemasons, of Chicago. On behalf of the band it was stated that they were under no contract with any lodge in the United States, but were merely in attendance on the Hamilton Lodge. The United States Commissioner declined to issue warrants on this ground.

The Queen has lately had sent to Osborne House a large collection of Dutch dolls, which she had dressed herself, when she was a little girl, in the costumes of all the nationalities of the world. They were accidentally found by Sir Henry Ponsonby at Buckingham Palace, and on his communicating the fact to her Majesty she at once commanded that they should be sent to Osborne. Since the arrival of the puppets they have been photographed, seated on chairs and sofas, in a specially-arranged room. An illustrated article, with letterpress descriptive of them and revised by an illustrious personage, will appear in the coming number of one of the magazines. The Queen's acquaintance with the various costumes exemplified will make the record most interesting.

The Crystal Palace Saturday Concerts will begin on October 15th, and in accordance with custom half the full series of 20 concerts will take place before the Christmas recess. The prospectus is at present under discussion, and Mr. Manns will no doubt succeed—as indeed he never fails to do—in compiling a document full of interest to the amateurs who support the Sydenham concerts. Meanwhile, we learn that the novelties will include an orchestral ballad by Mr. C. A. Lidgey (one or two of whose compositions have already been received there with favour), and a selection of instrumental pieces from Moszkowski's new opera, "Boabdil," quite recently published in Germany. Moreover, Mr. Frederick Chiffle's second symphony, expressly composed for the coming Leeds Festival, will be brought forward at an early concert; while, if possible, one of the Gloucester choral novelties will be introduced at the Crystal Palace some time before Christmas.

"Mallett," in the *Glasgow Evening News*, says that there is a general feeling of satisfaction throughout the provinces that Grand Lodge has decided to raise the minimum fee chargeable on the admission of members to the daughter lodges. There was no real objection raised against the proposal at the meeting of Grand Lodge last Thursday, and the motion, which was put in the form of an amendment to remit the matter back to Grand Committee, was not made with the object of defeating the motion for advancing the fees, but with the object, if possible, of getting a proportion of the advance devoted to the Benevolent Funds of Grand Lodge. It is a matter for regret, therefore, that any exception was taken to the recommendation of Grand Committee, and that the motion was not allowed to pass unopposed. It was, however, practically a unanimous finding, as no voice was raised against the advisability of making the fees higher, and we may look forward to the time, and at no distant date, when the minimum fee will be still further advanced. Bro. Hume struck the true chord on the subject when he said that, while there might be differences of opinion on how the advance in the fees should be applied, there was no difference of opinion that the fee should be raised.

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