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RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS  
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

Important business will come before the brethren at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday next. In the first place, they will be called upon to consider a notice of motion from his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER, to the effect that a sum of £315 be voted from the Fund of General Purposes in aid of the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the "distress occasioned by the recent disastrous fire at St. John's, Newfoundland." We have no doubt the motion will be carried unanimously; indeed, if his Royal Highness had seen fit to propose a larger sum, so great is the sympathy of the Masonic body with the sufferings caused by this dreadful catastrophe, that we feel well assured it would be voted with the utmost readiness. There will also be submitted to the brethren for their consideration certain other resolutions in which his Royal Highness recommends, "in the interests of the Craft," that six additional offices be created in Grand Lodge, and that "on and after the Grand Festival of 1893" there shall be appointed a Grand Chancellor, whose duties shall be "those at present assigned to the Grand Registrar, as set forth in Articles 31 and 32 of the Book of Constitutions," and who shall take rank next after the Grand Wardens; four additional Grand Deacons, and a Deputy Grand Sword Bearer. In Provinces and Districts which muster 100 lodges and upwards, there shall be appointed the same additional Provincial and District Grand Officers as in Grand Lodge; in those which number 75 but less than 100 lodges, the addition shall be limited to four Provincial or District Grand Deacons; and in those which have 50 lodges, but less than 75, there shall be added two Provincial or District Grand Deacons; such additional Provincial or District Grand Officers to be appointed at the first meeting for the annual appointment of Provincial Grand or District Grand Officers after the confirmation of the minutes of Grand Lodge. If we take into account the amazing increase in the number of Masonic lodges which has taken place since the Union in 1813, but more especially during these latter years, it cannot be said that our Grand Lodge authorities have been lavish in their creation of offices. After the Union the Grand Lodge Officers elected or appointed were the Grand Master, with a Pro Grand Master in the event of the Grand Master being a Prince of the Blood Royal, a Deputy Grand Master, the two Grand Wardens, two Grand Chaplains, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, the Grand Secretary, two Grand Deacons, Grand Supt. of Works, Grand Dir. of Cers., Grand Sword Bearer, and Grand Organist. In 1816 a Grand Secretary for German Correspondence was appointed. In 1829 the office of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies was created, in 1840 that of Grand Pursuivant, and in 1859 that of Assistant Grand Pursuivant. In 1862 the President of the Board of General Purposes became *ex-officio* a Grand Officer, and the number of Grand Deacons was increased to four. In 1882 the list was increased by the appointment of a Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and two Grand Standard Bearers, while in 1886 the President of the Board of Benevolence became a Grand Officer. As regards Provinces and Districts, the rule during the last few years has been that in those numbering 30 lodges and upwards, Provincial and District Grand Masters are empowered to appoint two additional Provincial or District Grand Deacons and a Deputy Provincial or District Grand Director of Ceremonies. Thus, excluding such offices as those of Deputy Grand Master, Grand Registrar, President of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Secretary, &c., which are usually held during pleasure, the number of appointments annually at the disposal of the Grand Master is about 17. The same number is at the disposal of Provincial and District Grand Masters where the lodges range from 30 upwards, while in Provinces and Districts with less than 30 the number is less by three. Hence, even with the proposed additions, the honours which can be bestowed by the Grand Master and Provincial or District Grand Masters will not be excessive in respect of numbers. We beg to add that we by no means ignore the valuable services rendered by former and present Assistant Grand Secretaries and Grand Tylers, and Provincial and District Assistant Grand Secretaries and Grand Tylers, because we have omitted them from the foregoing enumeration.

Since the last Quarterly Communication his Royal Highness, the GRAND MASTER, has been pleased to grant warrants for the constitution of 11 new lodges, of which only one is located in London, while the rest are distributed among the following Provinces and Districts abroad, namely: one in Berkshire, two in Buckinghamshire, one in Cheshire, two in Leicestershire, one in Northamptonshire, one in Sussex, one in Bengal and one in Bombay.

## THE PROVINCE OF CORNWALL.

The proceedings at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall were more than ordinarily attractive, including, as they did, several matters of personal interest, as well as the Provincial Grand Master's address to the brethren, and the reports and accounts which are submitted, as a matter of course, at all similar gatherings. In his address, Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE made certain remarks as to the wearing of Masonic clothing elsewhere than at our lodge meetings, in which, we think, his lordship will have the entire sympathy of the Craft. Referring to the frequency with which during the past year he had been requested to grant dispensations to appear as Masons at balls and other public meetings, the Provincial Grand Master was careful to point out that it was "one of the oldest and best traditions" of Freemasonry that its members should avoid "making their badges and insignia common by parading them in public except on special occasions." In the early days of last century, and many years before the erection of Freemasons' Hall, it was customary, when a new Grand Master was to be installed in office, for the brethren to march in public procession, carrying with them their paraphernalia, and preceded by one or more bands of music, to the Hall of one of the great City Companies, where it had been arranged the important ceremony should take place. Sober-minded citizens smiled no doubt at these harmless exhibitions of vanity, though it is more than probable they took their wives and sweethearts, their sisters and daughters, and country cousins, to view the unaccustomed spectacle, just as they turned out annually, and with the same *impedimenta*, to witness the Lord Mayor's show, or a Royal Progress to Guildhall. But the ruder element in London society must needs caricature these displays, and hence that "Grand procession of Scald Miserable Masons," as portrayed by A. BENNETT in his "Geometrical View" of the same, to which our worthy Bro. SPERRI referred in his note of last week as a most rare print, of which only a very few copies have been preserved to this day. This open mockery was too much for the dignity of our Order, and no long time elapsed ere public processions of Masons were forbidden by ordinance of Grand Lodge. Later in the century the custom was revived by the "Ancient" Grand Lodge in connection with their celebration of St. John the Baptist's Day, but the "Moderns" adhered strictly to their law, and the dissensions which broke out in that body about the year 1779 between PRESTON and certain members of the Lodge of Antiquity, and Grand Lodge had their origin in the censure passed by the latter upon the former, because PRESTON and his associates had attended Divine Service in St. Dunstan's Church in their Masonic clothing without previously obtaining a dispensation for the purpose. Since the Union, but more especially since the accession of the Prince of WALES to the Grand Mastership, the law against processions has been strictly enforced, and it has only been on such important occasions as the laying of the foundation-stones of public buildings, or in provincial towns, when a Provincial Grand Lodge attends Divine service at its annual meeting, that the brethren are seen abroad arrayed as Masons; but on everyone of these occasions their appearance in public is sanctioned and approved of by the authorities. So, too, since our Institutions have played so important a part in our routine of work, many of our lodges, singly, or in groups of two or more, have combined pleasure with duty, and have organised balls or concerts, with a view to benefiting one or other of our Charities, and at these gatherings it has been usual for the brethren to appear in Craft clothing, the necessary dispensation having been first applied for, and without difficulty obtained. But as these meetings have of late years become more numerous, and as we are always confronted with the danger that a practice which, in itself, is not only harmless, but in the end beneficial, may be abused, it is just as well that Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE should have drawn attention to the subject, though whether it will be possible to adopt his lordship's suggestion—that "lodges applying for dispensations should in future show their belief in the benefit that would accrue by guaranteeing a certain sum beforehand"—may be reasonably open to question. However, his lordship, who, it must be remembered, is Dep. G. Master of England as well as Prov. G. Master, has rendered an important service to Freemasonry, if only by making it clear to the brethren that he and the authorities generally are opposed to unnecessary public displays of Masonry, or displays which are proposed to be made for comparatively trivial objects.

Subsequently the Prov. G. Master referred to certain matters of interest to himself and certain members of his family, to wit, the gifts which had been presented to his daughters, the Ladies Albertha and Edith Edgumbe, on the occasion of their marriage. Each of these gifts bore a suitable in-

scription, in the course of which it was stated to whom and in commemoration of what event the gift was made by our Cornish brethren, and that it was made "as a mark of regard for the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, their Prov. Grand Master." That these gifts will be highly valued by the fair recipients is beyond question, while the estimation in which they are held by the Earl himself was evidenced by the kindly reference he made to them in his address and the cordial thanks he expressed to the donors. But this formed only a part of the episode in which were illustrated the kindly personal relations existing between the brethren of Cornwall and their ruler. His lordship had barely concluded his thanks to those present, when Bro. ANDERTON, who acted as Steward for the Province generally at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, rose and explained that he had been deputed by Bro. TERRY, the Secretary of that Charity, to present to their Prov. Grand Master in open Provincial Grand Lodge the resolution of thanks engrossed on vellum, which had been voted to his lordship by the Committee of Management at their meeting in March last in recognition of the great services he had rendered as Chairman at the aforesaid Festival; and his lordship having acknowledged the presentation, it was unanimously agreed that the incident should be noted at length in the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, so that a complete and trustworthy record might always remain of the honour paid to his lordship by the authorities of an Institution whose wellbeing he had laboured so successfully to promote.

What followed more immediately concerned the Province itself and the events of the past year. These were so fully described in the report published last week, that we need not concern ourselves to repeat them. However, a bare reference to them will serve to emphasise the fact that last year Cornwall maintained the condition of prosperity which has been its lot under the auspices of its present Provincial Grand Master. The returns showed a slight numerical increase in membership, and a substantial enlargement of voting strength. Moreover, the local Charities were shown to be in a flourishing state, and fully competent to discharge their responsibilities. It is undoubtedly most creditable to Cornwall that its Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund should be shown to possess a funded capital of upwards of £5000, out of a total subscribed since its establishment in 1864 of more than £8500, and after an expenditure incurred for annuity and other benevolent purposes amounting to very little short of £3500. In fact, whether we have regard to the remarks made to the brethren by their respected chief on the subject of Masonic clothing, the incidents of a personal nature which passed between them, or the very satisfactory reports handed in by the various Committees and executive officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, we find the report of the proceedings at the recent annual meeting of the brethren of this Province constitutes yet another interesting chapter in the annals of Cornish Freemasonry, and we heartily congratulate both them and their Provincial Grand Master on the success which has attended their labours during the 12 months now so happily concluded.

### THE "HUGHAN MS."

Several months ago R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, generously presented to the Library of his province another fine old parchment scroll of the Ancient Constitutions, and he has not only laid the Craft under obligation by authorising the publication of the text in these columns, but also by defraying the entire cost of its reproduction in pamphlet form. By his special desire, the scroll has been named the "Hughan MS.," in grateful recognition of the many great and inestimable services to the cause of Freemasonry in all its branches rendered by Bro. William James Hughan, of Torquay, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, the Masonic author of world-wide repute. Seeing Bro. Hughan's unparalleled labours and great experience with regard to the Old Masonic MSS., the compliment thus paid him by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire is peculiarly happy and appropriate.

The past history of the "Hughan MS." is virtually unknown, as is the case with many other such rolls. The probable date is late 17th or early 18th century. Though recently traced to the Midland Counties of England, a Scottish origin has been suggested, but further evidence than is contained in the document itself is called for before this view can be fully adopted.

The manuscript consists of five strips of parchment of almost equal length; total measurement from end to end being about 8½ feet and nearly 6 inches in width throughout. It is finely, it may be said, elegantly written, but shows evidence of much usage, and is endorsed "*Account of the Mason's Charge.*" On the assumption that the scribe has copied the MS. from an older and somewhat illegible roll, certain peculiar readings in the text may be accounted for. The phrase used "first rough house of Stone or Tree" for "*wrought*" is a case in point. In the line where the wages paid in St. Alban's time should appear, a vacant space has been left, the original having been, we may assume, undecipherable. A similar instance occurs in that part of the MS. containing the injunction "to keep these charges," the words "perill for," which should appear, being left unwritten.

A few weeks since a most valuable critique on the "Hughan MS." appeared in your columns in the form of a letter from Dr. W. Begemann, the Provincial Grand Master of Mecklenburg, one of the highest authorities on Masonic and other ancient MSS. His opinions on these subjects command our most respectful attention and consideration, and a portion of his remarks on the MS. now before us are quoted as follows:—

"The 'Hughan MS.' is of the *Dowland Branch* of the Grand Lodge Family, partaking of some particularities of the Dowland MS. itself, as well as of the Clerke, Philipps, No. 3, and Papworth MSS., that are of the same

Branch. There are a few peculiarities in the Hughan MS., for instance in the Hiram legend: 'A man named also *Ham*,' which was intended to be 'also *Hiram*,' besides, he *greatly practised Geometry*,' where the other MSS. of the Family have 'a *great practiser of Geometry*,' and 'that ye be no Thieves nor Thieve's fellows,' and a few omissions. The opening lines of the Hughan MS. are almost the same as in the Spencer Family, the *Spencer MS.* of 1726 itself reading: '*The Beginning and first Foundation of the most worthy Craft of Masonry with the charges thereunto belonging*,' the Cole and Dodd prints offer quite the same reading. The 'Hughan MS.' adds the 'oath' and ends '*belonging to ye same*,' the rest being identical with the Spencer Family. This is a new corroboration of my leading back the Spencer Family to the Grand Lodge Family, the latter being much more original than the former, which was not compiled before 1725, the Inigo Jones MS. being a falsification fabricated after the Spencer MS. There cannot be any doubt that the Hughan MS. has been transcribed from an older copy that was rather illegible in some passages, so that the scribe misread some words, '*rough*' for '*wrought*,' '*Tubalcaine*' for '*Tubalcain*,' '*alone*' for '*anone*,' '*Ham*' for '*Hiram*,' '*madestanding*' for '*understanding*.' There is an omission after the word '*Geometry*,' caused by the same word at the end of the next phrase of the presumed original, the eye of the scribe running from the first '*Geometry*' to the second, and thus omitting the passage. On the whole the Hughan MS. is more correct than most of the other MSS."

In the historical portion, when speaking of the two pillars, the word "*Laturn*" is used. This coming at the end of a line, and close to the edge of the parchment, it might be supposed that the word as it originally stood was "*Laternus*," and that the last two letters had been grazed off or cut away. A close and careful examination, however, of the document shows that the word now stands as it was originally written, "*Laturn*," there being no appearance of abrasion or cutting away. It may interest Mr. Papworth to know that another form of spelling the name, which recently formed the subject of a valuable and interesting paper read before the *Quatuor Coronati Lodge*, No. 2076, can now be supplied. In the "Hughan MS." it is spelt "*Nainus Grecus*," the nearest approach to this being, perhaps, the form in the "*Briscoe MS.*," where it appears "*Nainus Graecus*."

"The Hughan MS." now makes up the 12th in number of the scrolls having their resting-place in Yorkshire, and 11 of these have recently been noted in detail by Bro. Hughan, in one of the Series of West Yorkshire Reprints of Masonic MSS. One of these scrolls has, however, since changed hands and provinces, the R.W. Bro. Tew having purchased the "*Waistell MS.*" and presented it to the Provincial Library of West Yorkshire. Perhaps for the purposes of correct reference in the future, it will be as well now to give the respective names and location of these documents and how published:

#### THE YORK MSS. (LODGE No. 236).

<i>York MS. No. 1</i>	... 1600 circa	... Hughan's "Old Charges."
<i>York MS. No. 5</i>	... 17th Century	... Hughan's Reprints.
<i>York MS. No. 6</i>	... 17th Century	... Hughan's Reprints.
<i>York MS. No. 4</i>	... A.D. 1693	... Hughan's Masonic Sketches.
<i>York MS. No. 2</i>	... A.D. 1704	... Hughan's Masonic Sketches.

#### WEST YORKSHIRE LIBRARY.

<i>Thomas W. Tew MS.</i>	... 1680 circa	... West York Reprints.
<i>William Watson MS.</i>	... A.D. 1687	... West York Reprints.
<i>Clapham MS.</i>	... 1700 circa	... West York Reprints.
<i>Hughan MS.</i>	... 1700 circa	... West York Reprints.
<i>Waistell MS.</i>	... A.D. 1693	... West York Reprints.

#### "LODGE OF HOPE," No. 302, BRADFORD.

<i>The Hope MS.</i>	... 1680 circa	... { Hughan's "Old Charges" and West York Reprints.
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#### "PROBITY LODGE," No. 61, HALIFAX.

<i>Probity MS.</i>	... 1736 or earlier	... West York Reprints.
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Of the twelve known Yorkshire MSS. it will be seen that seven are lodged in the West Riding, and five of them the property of the Provincial Grand Lodge. West Yorkshire is therefore ahead of all other provinces in the number, value, and representative character of its Masonic MSS. The acquisition of these treasures within a comparatively short space of time is in itself a triumph which will shed lustre upon the period of R.W. Bro. Tew's genial rule, and mark this era in the history of his large Province, as one when the study of Masonic literature and archæology was fostered and encouraged to a degree hitherto unprecedented, either in this county or elsewhere.

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#### TEXT OF THE "HUGHAN MS."

The beginning and first foundation of ye most worthy Science of Masonary  
wth. ye. Charges & oath belonging to ye. same.

The might of ye. Father of Heaven wth. ye. wisdom of ye. glorious Son  
thro' ye. grace and goodness of ye. holy Ghost that is Three persons in one  
Godhead be with us now in our beginning & give us grace so to govern our  
selves here in our life living that we may come to his bliss that never shall  
have ending Amen.

GOOD Bretheren & fellows our purpose is to tell how & in-wt maner  
this worthy craft of Masonry was begun and also how it was found by  
worthy Kings & Princes & by many other worshipfull men & also to them  
that be here we will declare ye. charge that belongeth to euery true Mason  
to keep for in good faith if they take good heed thereto it is worthy to be  
well kept as being a worthy craft and curious Science for there be Seven  
liberal Sciences of which Seven it is one and ye. names of ym. be these 1  
Gramar which teacheth a Man to Speak truely & write truely ye. 2d. is  
Retorick & ye. teacheth a Man to Speak fair in Subtil Termes ye. 3d. is Dial-  
ectike and that teacheth a Man to discerne truth from falsehood ye. 4th. is  
Arithmetick which teacheth a Man to reckon & account all maner of  
Numbers ye. 5th. is Geometry & that teacheth a Man to mett & measure of  
Earth & all other things which Science is called also Measure ye. 6th. is  
called Musick and teacheth a Man ye. craft of Song & ye. tuning of  
ye. Voice of Tongue Organ Harp & Trump: and ye. 7th. is called Astronomy  
which teacheth a Man to know ye. Course of ye. Sun ye. Moon and Stars.  
Those be ye. Seven liberal Sciences which 7 be all founded by one Science  
vizt. Geometry And this a Man may prove yf. ye. Science of all work is  
founded by Geometry for Geometry teacheth a Man mette and Measure  
Ponderation & weight of all manner of things on ye. Earth for there is no  
Man that worketh any craft but he worketh by some mette or Measure and

no man that buyeth or selleth but he buyeth or selleth by some Measure or some Weight all which is GEOMETRY. Wherefore we think yt. ye. Science of Geometry most worthy as that which findeth all other

Now how this worthy Science was first begun, I shall you tell Before Noah's flood there was a Man called Lamech as it is written in ye. Bible in y. 4<sup>th</sup>. Chap of Genisis & this Lamech had 2 Wives ye. one wife called Adah & ye. other Zilla & by his 1<sup>st</sup>. wife Adah he begott 2 Sons ye. one called Jabel and ye. other Jubal & by ye. other wife Zilla he begot a Son and Daughter & these 4 Children founded ye. beginning of all ye. craft & Sciences in ye. world for ye. eldest Son Jabel found ye. craft of Geometry & he parted flocks of Sheep & Lands in ye. field & first rough house of Stone & Tree as it is noted in ye. Chap. above sd. (verse 21) And his Bro<sup>r</sup>. Jubal found ye. craft of Musick & Song of Tongue Harp & Organ & ye. sd. Brother Jubalkaine found Smiths craft of gold Silver, Copper Iron & Steel & ye. Daughter found ye. craft of weaving and those Children knew yt. God would take Vengeance for sin either by fire or water wherefore they wrote their Sciences they found in 2 pillars of Stone yt. they might be found after Noahs flood & ye. one Stone was Marble for that would not burn with any fire & ye. other Stone was Latern & that would not drown in ye. waters.

Our Intent is to tell you truly how & what manner these stones were found whereon these Sciences were written.

The great Hermaines yt. was Cubb his Son which Cubb was Cham his son & Ham Noah's son This sd. Hermaines was afterwds. called Hermes ye. flather of ye. wisemen; he found one of ye. 2 pillars of Stone & ye. Sciences written thereon and he taught it to other men And at ye. making of ye. Tower of Babylon Masonary was made much on And ye. King of Babylon that height Nemroth was a Mason himself & loved ye. craft of Masonary as is said wt. ye. Master of Histories. And when ye. City of Nineveh & other Citys of ye. East should be made Nemroth ye. King of Babylon sent thither 60 Masons at ye. rogation of ye. King of Nineveh his Cousin and when he sent them forth he gave them a charge on this manner That they should be true each of them to other & that they should love truly together & that they should serve ye. Lord truly for ye. pay so yt. ye. Mar. may have worship & all that belong to him & other more charges he gave them & this was ye. first time yt. ever Mason had any charge of his Craft.

Moreover when Abraham & Sarah his Wife went into Egypt there taught ye. 7 Sciences to ye. Egyptians and he had a worthy Scholar called Euclid & he learned right well and was a Mar. of all ye. 7 Sciences Liberal & in his days it befell yt. ye. Lords & Estates had so many Sons yt. they had gotten some by their Wives and some by other Ladies of ye. Realm (for yt. Land is a hot Land & plentiful of Generacon) and they had not competent Living to find ye. Children wherefore they made much care & them ye. King of ye. Land made a great Councel & Parlimt. vizt. how they might find their Children honestly as Gentlemen & they found no manner of Good way.

Then they made a cry thro'out all ye. realm yt. if there were any man yt. would informe ym. yt. he should come to ym. & should be so rewarded for his Travil yt. he should be well pleased After this cry was made came this worthy Clark EUCLID and said to ye. King and Lords If ye will take me your Children to govern I shall teach ym. one of ye. 7 Sciences where-with they may live honestly as Gentlemen shd. under Condicton yt. you will grant me & them a Comision yt. I may power to rule ym. after ye. maner yt. ye. Science requires And yt. ye. King & all his Councel granted him alone and Sealed him ye. Comission. And then this worthy Doctor took to him these Lords Sons & taught ye. Science of Geometry for to work in Stones all maner of worthy work that belongeth to Building of Temples, Churches Castles Towers & Mannors of all maner of Buildings and he gave them a Charge as followeth.

The first was yt. they should be true to ye. King & Lord yt. they serve & yt. they should love well together & be true to each other and yt. they should call each other his fellow or else Bro<sup>r</sup>. & not his Servant nor his Slave nor none other foul name and yt. they should truly serve for their pay of ye. Lord or ye. Master yt. they Serve and yt. they should ordain ye. wisest of ym. to be Master of ye. work & neither for Love nor great Linage nor Riches nor for favour to set another that hath little Cunning to be Master of ye. Lords work whereby ye. Lord should be evil served & they ashamed And also yt. they should call ye. Governour of ye. work Master in ye. time yt. they work with him and many other charges yt. were too long to tell. And to all these Charges he made them sweare a great Oath that Men used in yt. time and ordained for them reasonable pay that they may live honestly with. And also that they should come & Assemble togethr. every year once how they may work best to serve ye. Lord for his p'fitt and to their own worships & to correct within ym. selves ym. yt. had trespassed against ye. craft And thus was ye. craft governed & grounded there first and that worthy Mar. Euclid gave it ye. name of Geometry and now it is called MASONARY.

And long after this when ye. Children of Israel were come unto ye. Land of Behest which is called among us ye. Country of Jerusalem David began ye. Temple which is called Templum Domini & is named with us ye. Temple of Jerusalem and ye. same King David loved Masons well & cherished ym. much & gave ym. good pay and he gave ym. ye. charges & manners he had learnt of ye. Egyptians given by Euclid and other charges which you shall hear afterwards. After ye. decease of King David Soloman King David son performed out ye. Temple which his flather had begun & he sent after divers workmen to divers Countrys and Lands & gathered together so yt. he had flourscore Thousand Workers of Stone and were all named Masons and he chose of them 3 Thousand which were ordained to be Masters & Governors of his work and furthermore there was a King in a further Region and that men called Hiram and he loved well King Soloman and gave him Timber to his work & sent him a man named also Ham who was a Master of Geometry & chief Master of all his Masons & was Master of all his Graveings and carvings and of all other manner of Masonry yt. belong to ye. Temple this is witnessed in ye. Bible I Kings 5. 15. II Chron. 2. 13. 19. And this Soloman confirmed to Masons both charge & ye. manners yt. his flather had given & thus was ye. worthy craft of MASONARY confirmed in ye. Country of Jerusalem and many other kingdomes.

Curious Craftsmen walked aboute full wide into divers Countrys some because of Learning more craft and cunning & some to teach them that had but little cunning and so it fell out yt. there was one curious Mason yt. was called Nainus Greecus yt. had been one at ye. making of Solomans Temple & he came into france & there he taught ye. Science of Masonry to men of france and there was one yt. was called Charles Marcell & he was a Man yt. loved well such a craft & went into this Nainus Greecus yt. is above sd. & learned of him ye. Craft and took upon him ye. Charge & maners & afterwards by ye. grace of God he was elect to be King of france & when he

was in his Estate he took Masons and did help to make Men Masons yt. were none & did set them on work & gave ym. both ye. charge & ye. manners & good pay as he had Learnd of other Masons & confirmed ym. a Charter from year to year to hold their Assembly where they would & cherished ym. much and thus came craft into france.

ENGLAND in all this Season stood void of any charge of Masonry unto St Albans time & in his days ye. King of England that was a Pagan did wall y. Town about that is called St Albans and St Alban was a worthy Kt. and Steward of ye. Kings household & had governance of ye. Kings realm & also of ye. making of ye. Town walls & he loved well Masons & cherished ym. very much & he made them their pay very good (standing as ye. realm did) for he gave ym. . . . a week & three pence to their . . . and before yt. time thro' all his Land a Mason took but a penny a day & his Meat till St Alban amended it.

And he gave them a Charter from ye. King & his Councel to hold a general Councel and gave it ye. name of an Assembly and thereat he was himself & helped to make Masons and gave ym. charges as you shall hear afterwards.

Right soon after ye. decease of St Alban there came divers warrs into ye. realm of England of divers nations so yt. ye. good rule of Masonry was destroyed unto ye. time of King Athelston who was a worthy King of England & brought ye. Land into good rest & peace & build'd many great works of Abbyes Castles & Towers & divers other buildings & he loved well Masons & he had a son yt. was called Edwin & he loved Masons much more than his flather did & he greatly practised Geometry & he loved to talk & commune wth. Masons & to learn of them ye. craft & afterwards for Love yt. he had to Masons & to ye. Craft he was made Mason & he got of ye. King his Father a Charter & Comission to hold every year once an Assembly wheresoever they would within ye. realm of England & to correct within themselves all faults & Trespasses yt. were done within ye. craft and he held himself an Assembly at York & there he made Masons and gave ym. charges & taught ym. & commanded yt. rule to be kept ever after & took ym. ye. Charter and Comission to keep and made ordinance yt. ye. same should be renewed from King to King. And when ye. assembly was gathered he made a cry yt. all old masons and Young that had any Writings or made standing of ye. Charges & manners yt. were made before in this Land or in any other yt. they should show ym. forth and it was proved that there were found some in french & some in Greek some in English & some in othr. Language & ye. intent of ym. all was found to be all one & they commanded a Book to be made thereof & how ye. craft was founded & he himself bid & commanded yt. it should be read or told when yt. any Mason was made and see to give him his charge & from yt. day to this time manners of Masons have been kept in yt. forme as well as Men might Govern it. And furthermore at divers Assemblies have been put & ordained certain charges by ye. advice of ye. best Masters & fellows THEN shall one of ye. most antient of ym. hold a Book yt. he or they (which are to be made Masons) may lay his or their Hand or Hands upon ye. same & these Precepts following ought to be read.

EVERY Man yt. is a Mason take right good heed to these charges & if any Man find himself Guilty in any of these charges yt. he amend himself towards God & principally you yt. be to be charged take good heed yt. you may keep these charges for it is great a man to swear himself upon a Book.

The first charge is that you shall be true man to God & holy Church & that you use neither error nor heresy by your understanding nor by discreet & wisemen teaching And also that you shall be true Liegmen to ye. King of England without Treason or any other falsehood and yt. ye. know no Treason nor Treachery but that ye amend it privily if ye may or else warn ye. King or his councel and also yt. ye be true each one to other (that is to say) every Mason of ye. Craft of Masonry that be Masons allowed you shall do to them as you would they should do unto you and also yt. ym. keep all the Councells of Lodge & of Chamber & other Councells yt. ought to be kept in ye. way of Masonhood and also yt. ye. be no Thieves nor Thieve's fellows as far as ye know and also yt. ye shall be true to yr. Lord or to the Master yt. ye serve & truly to see his proffitt & advantage and also that ye call all Masons your Brethren or else your fellows & none other foul name and also yt. ye shall not take your fellows wife in villany nor defile his Daughter nor his servants nor put him to any Disworship and also yt. ye pay truly for yr. meat & Drink where ye go to board and also yt. ye shall do no villany in yt. place where ye goe to Board whereby ye. craft might be slandered.

THESE be ye. Charges in general yt. belong to every true Mason to keep both for Masters & fellows.

NOW will I rehearse other charges Singular for Masters and fellows.

FIRST yt. no Master take upon him any Lords Work nor any other mans work but yt. he know himself able & sufficient to performe ye. work so yt. ye. craft may have no slander nor Disworship but ye. Lord may be truly served and well.

And also yt. no Master take any work but yt. he take reasonable pay so yt. ye. Lord may be truly served with his own goods and yt. ye. Master may live honestly & pay his fellows truly their pay as ye. manner is.

Also yt. no Master nor fellow shall supplant other of their work that is to say If he have taken work or else stand Master of a work you shall not put him out except he be unable of cunning to end ye. work And also yt. no Master nor fellow take any Aprentice within ye. Terme of Seven years & yt. the Aprentice be able of Birth free borne and whole of Limbs as a Man ought to be.

And also that no Master or fellow take any allowance to make any Mason without ye. assent and consent of his fellows being at ye. least Six or Seven And he yt. shall be made Mason to be able in all manner of degrees that is to say, free borne & of good Kindred and true and no Bond man & also yt. he have right Limbs as a man ought to have And also yt. no Mason take Aprentice except he have sufficient occupation for to occupy Two or Three fellows at ye. least in work.

And also that no Master nor fellow put any Lords work to task that was used to goe to Journey work and also that every Master shall give pay to his fellows but as he may deserve so that they may not be deceived by false workmen.

And also that none slander another behind his back to make him loose his name or his worldly goods.

And also that no fellow within ye. Lodge nor without misanswer other ungodly or irreverently without reasonable cause also that every Mason reverence his elder and put him to worship.

Also that no Mason shall be a Common player at Dice nor any other unlawfull game whereby the Craft might be slandered.



Also no Mason shall use Lechery nor be a bawd.

Also that no fellow goe into ye Town in ye Night except he have a fellow with him to bear him witness that he was of honnest Conversation in honnest company & place.

And also that every Master & fellow shall come to the Assembly if it be within fifty Miles about him if he have any warning and if he have Trespassed against ye Craft to abide ye award of Masters and fellows and also that every Mason that hath trespassed against ye craft shall stand to the award of Masters & fellows to make them agreed (if they may) and if they can not then to ye to the Common Law.

And also that no Master nor fellow make Mould Spuare nor Rule to any Layer nor set any Layer with in the Lodge nor without to hew any mould Stones.

And also that every Mason receive and cherrish strange fellows when they come over ye Countreyes & sett them to work if they will as the manner is, that is to say, if he have Mould Stones in his place he shall give him one and set him in work and if he have none he shall refresh him with money unto ye next Lodge.

And also that every Mason shall truly serve ye Lord for his pay and every Master truly make an end of his work be it Task or Journey work according to your Covenant.

THESE Charges that we now have rehearsed to you & all other yt. belong to Masons you shall keep unto your power so help you God AMEN.

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The above has been transcribed by me from the original document in the possession of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, this 18th day of April, 1892.

WILLIAM WATSON (Leeds),  
Honorary Librarian Prov. Grand Lodge West Yorkshire.

### ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.\*

Bro. Speth, the Secretary of Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," No. 2076, is always at work, devising or producing valuable and useful material for the Transactions, and has now ready for circulation Part 2 of Volume V. of this extraordinary set of proceedings of the literary lodge; in many respects the most important series ever published for, and on behalf of, the Society of Free and Accepted Masons.

The present Part is a strong one, Masonically, archaeologically, and generally, taking its place, side by side, with its predecessors, as in all respects fitted so to do. At first sight it does not seem so valuable, on purely Masonic grounds, as some of the previous issues, but that impression wears away on a closer examination.

The portrait of Bro. William Simpson, P.M. (the well-known and respected artist of the *Illustrated London News*), is a most welcome addition to our rapidly increasing gallery, and appears to me the most striking and faithful example of the series that has been the special features introduced by the Editor of recent date. We shall soon have the portraits of all the members, and doubtless such excellent engravings will be much appreciated by the thousand and more brethren of the Correspondence Circle. Bro. Simpson has proved a valuable acquisition to the lodge, especially in relation to archaeology, and certainly his varied knowledge and experience are frequently in requisition at our meetings.

Bro. Salwey's "Notes on the History of the Lodge of the Marches, Ludlow, and its predecessors," give capital sketches of the early lodges now extinct, as introductory to a few particulars of the present No. 611, and cannot fail to be useful to the members.

Bro. Gould's review of Bro. Graham's "History of Freemasonry in the Province of Shropshire and of the Salopian Lodge, No. 262," is an excellent one, and all the more welcome because the work was out of print almost from the day of publication. Bro. Graham well deserved the praise bestowed on him by our veteran Masonic historian, and especially so, because of the paucity of the material available. The find of Major Shirreff's Masonic correspondence was a grand one, and I believe is not even yet exhausted. There should also be information as to the origin and character of some of the additional degrees, and I hope that Bro. Graham will kindly make any such known, either in another volume or in the pages of the *Transactions* or the *Freemason*, for we badly want more facts on that interesting question. As Bro. Gould says, it would be difficult to over-rate the service which Bro. Graham has rendered to his province.

The chief contribution in part 2 is from Bro. Gould, who has selected Dr. Thomas Manningham, D.G.M., 1752-6, for the fourth of his "Masonic Celebrities." His official connection with the fraternity overlaps the origin of the "Ancient Masons," hence the suitability and importance of the choice. He was a member of "St. Albans," No. 29, and probably of No. 4, but as to the latter no list is available for the period, which is unfortunate.

Though Bro. Sadler has much to favour his theory that the rival Grand Lodge was started by Irish Freemasons, I see no reason why the view so long held by many of us should not also have been one of the principal causes of that organisation being started, viz., "the summary erasure of lodges for non-attendance at the Quarterly Communications, 1747-52." This is Bro. Gould's opinion, and certainly very likely to be correct, for in 10 years—1742-52—over 40 lodges were struck off the roll. But Bro. Sadler's suggestion is entitled to weight, and so possibly we shall have to accept both as contributory to "The Great Schism." At all events, Bro. Sadler's opinion is fortified by contemporary writers, one especially, of 1765.

The Manningham letters are of considerable value, and were ably described by Bro. Hertzveld in several papers. I was able to obtain the late Bro. John Hervey's† decision (for Bro. Hertzveld) that they were genuine, from an examination of the D.G.M.'S. autograph in the Grand Lodge Records, and wrote an article thereon in the "Mystic Star," U.S.A.

\* The Parts are issued periodically, and make up one volume in each year. Members of the "Correspondence Circle" for half a guinea per annum obtain the volumes as issued.

† Grand Secretary from 1868 to 1880.

The facsimiles given in the "Dutch Annual," are of interest, and useful in support of their being written as claimed.

This paper by Bro. Gould is one of the best he has ever written, and throws a flood of light on the origin and spread of the Masonic Knights Templars, his view being long shared by me, that the Degree was a favourite one in the lodges of the British Army, and by them introduced into England and America. It would be an agreeable task to consider this article at length, as also several reviews by the same able brother—the one on "Har-Moad" especially—but limited space forbids.

Mrs. Murray Aynsley's contribution is a curious one, but does not concern us as Craft Masons, learned as it is. Bro. Fook's paper on "Freemasons in reference to the Laws of the Realm" is disappointing, for the real *crux* is left unanswered, so well put by Bro. Speth. As the exemption in the Act of 1799 was on behalf of the then existing lodges, and did not provide for any new ones, and no subsequent Act has been passed to qualify this exemption, what is the legal status of all Masonic lodges warranted during this century? This is what we all want to know.

Brother Speth's Reviews are always acceptable, and the "Notes and Queries" department is stronger even than usual, which is saying a good deal. The arms-plate of Laurence Dermott is appropriately engraved, in addition to the particulars furnished by our able Secretary. Bro. Bain's "Reprints" have proved to be a step in the right direction, and eagerly subscribed for, being at a premium from their issue. Our enthusiastic Brother deserves the success he has obtained. Bro. Colson's "Incorporated Trades of Edinburgh" should be "cleared out" after Bro. Gould's interesting notice, for it is well written, and brim-full of facts in relation to the Freemasons and other Incorporations of "Modern Athens."

The most learned contribution is by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Ball, J.W. 2076, on "The Proper Names of Masonic Tradition." This remarkable paper much impressed the members of the lodge at the time of its delivery, and it is certainly to be regretted that only a portion—and that the least important—is suitable to appear in print, because of its esoteric character.

Bro. Ball, on *philological grounds*, arrived at his conclusions respecting the age and importance of certain words familiar to Craftsmen, which, singular to state, exactly agree with the estimate of Masonic historians, so that the result is most satisfactory, the paper being of exceptional interest and meriting the most careful attention of all students, so far as Bro. Speth has been able to have it reproduced.

The portrait and obituary of our esteemed Bro. the late Clifford P. MacCalla, will be a glad sight to our American brethren, and be most gratefully accepted by his numerous friends in this country. Bro. Gould has skilfully touched upon the chief characteristics of this worthy and distinguished Craftsman, who, from the beginning, took great interest in our lodge, and was proud to be one of its corresponding members. We are all glad that the editorship of the *Keystone* has fallen into such good hands—Past Grand Master Vaux—as it is much read and appreciated in England.

A new departure is the list of Books wanted, and for sale or exchange. This ought to take, so long as it does not involve too much labour for our ever active and obliging Secretary.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the 7th inst.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st June for confirmation.

2. To consider the following notice of motion from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

That this Grand Lodge do vote the sum of 300 guineas from the Fund of General Purposes in alleviation of the distress occasioned by the recent disastrous fire at St. John's, Newfoundland, and that the above sum be paid to the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor to the credit of the Mansion House Fund.

3. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which there are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

The widow of a brother of the Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470	
Dunstable	£50 0 0
A brother of the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 1124, Oswestry	50 0 0
A brother of the Crescent Lodge, No. 788, Hampton Court	60 0 0
A brother of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, Deptford	100 0 0

4. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Grand Superintendent of Works having reported that the drainage of the Grand Lodge premises is in a seriously defective condition, the Board directed, with the concurrence of the Grand Superintendent of Works, that an independent report should be obtained from Mr. George Jennings. After thorough examination Mr. Jennings reports the present system of drainage to be in a dangerously insanitary condition, and estimates the cost of placing the drainage and sanitary arrangements of the entire premises in a permanently efficient condition at £582 10s., including his guarantee of efficiency for 10 years free of charge. The report and estimates having been examined and approved by the Grand Superintendent of works, the board recommend Grand Lodge to sanction the expenditure of this sum for the purpose of carrying out this most necessary work without delay.

The President has laid before the Board a letter, received by him from the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, stating that, in the opinion of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the time has come when, in the interests of the Craft, it is desirable to augment the number of Grand Officers, not only of Grand Lodge, but also of the larger Provincial and District Grand Lodges, and that with this view he had received his Royal Highness's command to request the President to lay before the Board of General Purposes the following resolutions which it is the Grand Master's desire should, at the earliest moment, be submitted to the Grand Lodge for adoption.

"That an addition be made to the Grand Officers appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, by the appointment of a *Grand Chancellor*, to rank immediately after the Grand Wardens, and whose duties shall be those at present assigned to the Grand Registrar, as set forth in Articles 31 and 32 of the Book of Constitutions, and of four additional *Grand Deacons* and a *Deputy Grand Sword Bearer*, and that the same take effect on and after the Grand Festival of 1893."

"That in provinces and districts numbering 50 lodges and upwards the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint annually *two additional Provincial or District Grand Deacons*. In provinces and districts numbering 75 lodges and upwards the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint *four additional Provincial or District Grand Deacons*. In provinces and districts numbering 100 lodges and upwards, the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint a *Provincial or District Grand Chancellor* to take rank immediately after the Provincial or District Grand Wardens, *four additional Provincial or District Grand Deacons* and a *Provincial or District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer*, and that the Provincial and District Grand Masters be empowered to appoint such additional Provincial or District Grand Officers at the first meeting for the annual appointment of officers of the several Provincial and District Grand Lodges after the confirmation of the minutes of Grand Lodge."

The Board have great pleasure in recommending Grand Lodge to adopt these resolutions, and to order that the Book of Constitutions be altered accordingly.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
16th August, 1892.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of August instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5898 13s., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £9 17s. 6d.

5. A report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 13th July, 1892, with respect to the alterations in the laws made for the Jubilee year of that Institution, will be laid before Grand Lodge, viz.:

That the alterations made in Rules 19, 20, 23, and 25 for the purpose of the Jubilee Festival which have been in force up to and including the 30th June, 1892, having now ceased to be applicable, the former laws in force prior to the 3rd June, 1891, are now the laws of the Institution, with the approval of Grand Lodge.

#### 6. NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, P.G.D.,

That the resolution of Grand Lodge of the 7th September, 1842, to the following effect: "That a sum of £500 be granted from the Fund for General Purposes to the Royal Freemason's Female School, to be invested in the Public Funds in the names of Trustees towards the formation of a separate Fund to be applied exclusively for the purpose of holding, repairing, improving, and maintaining the School House and buildings of the Institution. That the Trustees of such Fund be the three Senior Trustees of the Charity's other Funded Property," be rescinded, and that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls be permitted to merge the £500 therein referred to into the General Funds for the purposes of the Institution.

#### 7. APPEAL—

By Bro. WILLIAM STATT, of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, Jersey, against the decision of the Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, confirming his exclusion by his lodge.

(N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office until the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.)

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

- 2428, The Gracedieu Lodge, Coalville, Leicestershire.
- 2429, The Lodge of Research, Leicester, Leicestershire.
- 2430, The Runnymede Lodge, Wraysbury, Buckinghamshire.
- 2431, The Kingsley Lodge, Northampton, Northamptonshire.
- 2432, The Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, Holborn, London.
- 2433, The Minerva Lodge, Birkenhead, Cheshire.
- 2434, The Anderida Lodge, Eastbourne, Sussex.
- 2435, The Wineslai Lodge, Winslow, Buckinghamshire.
- 2436, The Ligonier Lodge, Muttra, N.W. Provinces (District of Bengal).
- 2437, The Downshire Lodge, Wokingham, Berkshire.
- 2438, The Lodge Faith, Manora, Karachi, Sind.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF JERSEY.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Friday, the 26th ult., under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M., &c., supported by Comps. Major J. T. Du Jardin, P.G.H.; Major J. C. Raven, P.G.J.; P. Binet, P.G.S.E.; W. T. Pugsley, P.G. Treas.; P. G. Hamilton, P.G. 2nd A.S., acting P.G.S.N.; Thos. Leat, P.G.R., acting G.P.S.; Samuel Gilley, P.G. Org.; Peter Boir, P.G.S.N.; Geo. Rogers, P.G. Janitor; J. Bichard, P.Z. 243; L. Polick Hespéradox, P.P. Soj. 244; and others.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed. There are three chapters in the province, and they were all represented. The presence amongst them of Comps. Major J. T. Du Jardin, P.Z. 590, and Major J. C. Raven, P.Z. 244, was a source of great pleasure to the members of the local chapters, and their pleasure was enhanced by the fact that the esteemed companions were placed by the Grand Superintendent that evening, the former in the chair of P.P.G.H., and the latter in the chair of Second Principal of the Province. They are both old Royal Arch Masons, and it is, therefore, an honour which reflects alike on the companions, the chapter, and the province.

The usual routine business of the Provincial Grand Chapter having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Officers for the year were invested, the following being the complete list:

Comp. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M.	...	G Supt.
" Major J. T. Du Jardine, P.Z. 590	...	P.P.G.H.
" Major J. C. Raven, P.Z. 244	...	Prov. G.H.
" Peter Bois, P.Z. 244	...	Prov. G.J.
" P. J. Hamilton, P.Z. 244	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Samuel Gilley, P.Z. 491	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Brée, P.Z. 590	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. T. Pugsley, P.Z. 244	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. M. Bichard, P.Z. 243	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" George Rogers, P.Z. 243	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The appointed Comps. Prov. G.P.S., Prov. 1st A.G.S., Prov. 2nd A.G.S., Prov. G. Std. Br., Prov. G.D.C., and Prov. G. Org. were not invested owing to their unavoidable absence.

The annual balance sheet was then produced and read, which having been audited and found correct, likewise showing a very satisfactory financial condition of the Provincial Grand Chapter, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret, who purposes acting as Steward of this province for the ensuing Festival of that Institution, and Comp. J. M. Bichard, P.G.S.B., set a good example towards opening a private subscription list by making a donation of half-a-guinea towards it. Article 2 of the By-Laws, with regard to Article 81 Constitutions, then came under due consideration, and after a very brief discussion a decision was come to.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Comp. P. Binet, the retiring P.G.S.E., in acknowledgment of his services during his term of office (three years.)

Comp. BINET briefly and appropriately responded.

It may not be out of place to mention here that the Grand Superintendent may be congratulated upon the continued prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry within his province. The number of subscribing members returned for the past year and the finances of the province bear an equally favourable comparison with those of the previous year, and the Grand Principals must have observed during their periodical visits to the chapter in every instance the attendance was good and the working highly creditable, and we may assert that the Grand Superintendent bears fully in mind the advanced status of Royal Arch Masonry in the present day, and the excellence of the teachings conveyed in its expressive ritual and ceremonies, which really formed the full complement of the Master Mason's Degree, and should conduce towards an even greater advance, if possible, of its members in respect of their moral character and fidelity to Freemasonry.

The P.G.S.E. having read some communications, and nothing further offering for the good of Royal Arch Masonry, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

A very excellent banquet was provided, under the management of Comp. George Rogers, and gave general satisfaction to every one discussing the menu. The viands were excellent, the wines of the best brands, and the service good.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT presided, and his introductions of the several loyal and Royal Arch Mason's toasts were brief and effective.

The list of toasts were complete, and from that of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" to the Janitor's final toast, were all cordially expressed and most enthusiastically responded to. With a word in praise of the excellent catering and management, we close our notice of one of the most pleasant gatherings of Jersey companions which has been held in the province for many years.

### PAST GRAND MASTER ROBERTSON.

Bro. J. Ross Robertson, who has just retired from the position of Grand Master of Canada, after two years of unprecedentedly active rule, has delivered a valedictory address which will well repay perusal, even by those who have no special interest in the jurisdiction referred to, beyond the fact that Freemasonry well studied, well administered, and well practised is of interest to all true Masons wherever located. We reprint that part of the address which appears to us to be of cosmopolitan concern, and commend the study of the remainder to all who desire a more intimate knowledge of the working of Craft Masonry in the dominion.

"Brethren of Grand Lodge,—When after two years of fraternal and business intercourse with my brethren in this jurisdiction I halt at the milestone which marks the centennial year of our history and call the representatives who compose the governing body to congregate in their thirty-seventh annual communication, a feeling of satisfaction, not unmixed with gratification, and yet intermingled with regret, prevades me—satisfaction that I have had the opportunity of enjoying a personal acquaintance with probably two-thirds of the membership, and this thought is interwoven with the hope that these heart promptings may never be forgotten; gratification that my endeavour to inform and entertain my brethren had close and intelligent attention, that a revival prevails in many sections, that the work of lodges for years in sight of dissolution has quickened, that all along the line the Craft bells are chiming an anthem of enthusiasm that will delight prosperous lodges, strengthen those that struggle and encourage those dependent for existence on the surplus magnetism generated in other than their own Craft homes; regret that while I may have exceeded my own expectations in the management of the Craft work, I have, nevertheless, been unable to reach the standard set by those who, without the advantage of the position, think that the work of a Grand Master is fully exemplified when with sphinx-like silence, veiled in an atmosphere of dignity, he sits as the living yet inanimate symbol of majestic apathy rather than that of useful action. My regrets, are, however, softened by the fact that the flood of welcome and appreciation which has greeted me indicates that in the hearts of the fraternity there is a warm corner for a presiding officer, whose aim is—may I say unselfishly?—to

strengthen the cause, and to cement the friendships characteristic of an Institution devised by man, and yet one of the Divine instrumentalities which, amid the smiles of summer and the frowns of winter, showers blessings on all who are true to its principles.

"While words uttered from this Grand East may find their way to the membership, either in the printed records of Grand Lodge or through the medium of the press, there can be but one opinion that to keep in touch with the heart of the Craft, to strengthen the mystic tie of sympathy, personal contact, the commune of voice with voice, the interchange of thought with thought, visits to the brethren in their own homes—in their lodge rooms—are essential. With this object in view, I have during the past two years visited every lodge once and many twice of the 348 on the register of this Grand Jurisdiction, making 131 visits in 1890-91, and 232 in 1891-92, in all 363 visits, covering about twenty-three thousand miles of travel and ten months of actual time occupied in the work. At these meetings I gave general addresses on Craft work, lectures embracing all periods of Craft history from the earliest date, at the same time affording the brethren an opportunity of enquiry on matters of which they desired information in connection with either our esoteric or exoteric work. The attendance was large and representative and might be fairly taken as including two thirds of the entire membership. The thousand memories of the pleasant talks at these reunions with my fellow-Craftsmen have added leaves to the book of my life, to which I shall surely, in the aftertime when age has a greater claim upon me, turn with pleasure, to refresh my mind, to recall old names and faces, encouraged by the thought that many of those who then greeted me are yet active in the work, and are still with me, marching along in the twilight of life, with the unchanging desire we all have who recognise Masonry as the idealistic reality of fraternity.

"During the spring of the year, leaving our most western lodge at Keewatin, I journeyed, on the invitation of M.W. Bro. W. G. Bell, the Grand Master of Manitoba, to Winnipeg and Brandon. I found there a welcome that in fraternal enthusiasm was excelled by no gathering of the Craftsmen of this jurisdiction. The compliment was not to me but to the Grand Lodge of Canada, whose offspring the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is, and it was cheering to realise that this, in a sense, venerated jurisdiction, holds a high place in the hearts of our Manitoba brethren.

"One cannot with absolute accuracy, in the short period assigned to each visit necessary to cover the ground, arrive at more than a general opinion as to the condition of each lodge or of the Craft at large, and therefore it might be unfair to place in the crucible of criticism many of the elements which have to be weighed in defining the prosperity of a lodge. And yet there are features connected with the work to which reference should be made, not precisely in the censorious spirit—for that is a field in which many are pre-eminently successful—but rather with the anticipation that impressions may be made that will evolve a change for the better in the points alluded to. The mere motion of the verbal machinery of man, that turns out words in an aimless, phonographic way, and without a knowledge of the situation, would be harmful, not helpful, and therefore my desire is to impress on the brethren that whatever personal experience has been afforded me, has been amplified by the official reports and by opinions expressed by unbiased minds, who are just as sincere in the work as any within the sound of my voice, and who realise that Masonry as a need of humanity, an adjunct to civilisation and an educator of mankind, has a business as well as a fraternal aspect—both factors that are most essential to success.

"Speaking in a general way of the condition of the work, more particularly with regard to the ritualistic exemplification, it is encouraging to know that there is a visible improvement in a large proportion of the lodges, especially since the authorisation ordered by Grand Lodge five years ago. The revision of this year has given unqualified satisfaction, placing as it does the W.M.'s and officers of lodges in a better position than ever before for the proper rendering of the work.

"The meetings of lodges in every district, with a few exceptions, seem to have been held with regularity, but an examination of the register books of all the lodges during the past five years does not reveal an attendance of the brethren at all in proportion to the total membership. I have carefully examined this feature, have conversed with those who could offer an intelligent opinion, and venture to state that a statistical return would show that the average monthly attendance does not exceed 20 per cent. of the membership on the roll. In striking this average the increased attendance at annual meetings and at installation ceremonies, when a larger proportion than usual of the brethren is present, is duly credited.

"While this at first view seems discouraging, it must be remembered that fully 20 per cent. of the membership reside out of, or in parts of, the jurisdiction distant from their lodges, that probably as many cannot conveniently attend owing to temporary absence, so that there are about 40 per cent. who are presumably indifferent to their Masonic connection and its requirements. One would think that the efforts of the officers of the lodges and the influence of those who have passed the chair would induce larger gatherings, but apparently not, for the registers do not show an attendance of one for every five of those who have had the honour of obtaining past rank; indeed many incline to a much smaller average. There is this to be said, that the experience of other fraternal organisations is much the same, and that in some which are prominent the average of those present at regular meetings is even much less than is claimed for our fraternity, while the reasons for non-attendance are possibly the same. In this age there are so many avenues for fraternal intercourse through organisations of a beneficial character, formed in response to the vital needs of mankind, in which thousands of those in our fold are affiliated. We may not therefore go out of our way to find reasons why organisations suffer from non-attendance. Men are but human, and home, social, and business duties are elements in the routine of life which, with justice, require attention if we desire, as we undoubtedly should, to fulfil our duties in the army of industrialists, who have obligations not only at the family circle, but who as citizens of a great empire are identified with everything that will advance the cause of humanity.

"Regarding the increase in membership, there is no doubt that in the prosperous lodges of every district—and these compose a large proportion—more care is being exercised as to those who are being admitted, while in some lodges anxiety for funds to pay expenses clouds the better judgment, and, in a few lodges no care whatever is apparently taken. In this latter class anyone, it is claimed, can be admitted, as long as the wherewithal is provided. In one case, which has deeply concerned me, it is asserted that the material accepted is most indifferent and that the amount expended in railway fares

and expenses to secure the services of the Past Master's to exemplify the work greatly exceeded the annual dues of the lodge to Grand Lodge. Increase in membership is not an absolute essential or indication of prosperity, no more than decrease by suspension is evidence of adversity. Better conserve and interest those we have and keep them true to the principles of the Institution than receive those whose ideas of Masonry are defined by the buying power of the dollar, and who gauge their love for a brother by his commercial rating. The roll of those who have by suspension lost their privileges is admittedly a long one—in one way regrettable, and yet why should we mourn over men, the large proportion of whom perhaps measured their Masonic zeal and fraternity by the number of ledger accounts opened for Craftsmen, who see in every brother the prospective purchaser of some of the commodities that help to make life worth living, who use the 24 inch gauge as an aid to business and the square as a sign that they are ready to exchange experience for money and that not at the current market value?

"This jurisdiction is suffering and has suffered from the depression which prevails in sister jurisdictions through a plethora of lodges. This opinion is formed not from hearsay, not even from official report, but from a knowledge gathered by a personal examination of localities. Scattered through this province lodges were years ago planted without the slightest regard to the requirements of the community. This action has had the natural effect of weakening prosperous lodges and emasculating others. As a consequence unhealthy competition was excited. Funds were required to meet legitimate expenditure, and those admitted to the privileges of the Craft, certainly became members, who were probably indifferent as to whether they ever became Masons. The error of the past has carried with it a lesson which we justly appreciate when we suspend lodges of questionable life and character, receive with thanks warrants that are surrendered, as in the case of Springfield, No. 259, in the Third District, Craig Lodge, No. 214, in the Fourth District, and Quinte Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville, in the Thirteenth District, and favour the amalgamation of lodges, as in the case of Nos. 83 and 366, Strathroy, in the Second District, and Nos. 201 and 340, of Gananoque and Pittsburg, in the Fourteenth District, where with wisdom united action takes the place of divided interest.

"While it is pleasant to know that the cases alluded to form a small percentage of those on the register, it is gratifying to report that three-fourths of the lodges in the jurisdiction are not only improving in the exemplification of the work, but also in the quality of the membership. The conviction is close to my mind that the brethren are to-day speaking through the ballot box, and value the advantages of the Institution by rejecting those whose motives for seeking admission are not clearly defined.

"Another evidence of progress is to be found in the improvement of the meeting places of the Craft. While in an occasional locality the primitive surroundings remind one of the days of the pioneer, when timber was rendered artistic by the efforts of the woodman's axe, the Craft may well feel proud of temples like those of Barrie, Collingwood, Mattawa and Oshawa, recently erected, which are not only a credit to this jurisdiction, but are unequalled in design and furnishing by any outside of the palatial Craft halls of the great cities of this continent. The suite of rooms at Barrie are a model of elegance, appointment and comfort."

## SILENCE.

Man, it is said, is the only animal endowed with the faculty of language, while it is claimed that all animals have the ability of expressing by some process a common intercommunication, yet not by any recognised language. Unless by the experiment now developing, some results may be possible, to sustain the theory that monkeys talk, the first proposition is still undisputed.

It was the opinion of a great statesman that language was to be used to disguise our thoughts. That has been called diplomacy. But it cannot be denied that man talks too much. The use of language is not always to benefit, improve, or instruct, and notions are flippantly given as opinions. Arguments are frequently but the reiteration of illogical, ill-digested prejudices, which are made attractive by the language in which they are dressed up for the occasion.

Thoughtful men are not carried away by too much talking. Loquacity is not a force. The Greeks had a maxim that silence was golden. Again, it has been said that the eloquence of silence has been more effective than words. Yet, be it remembered, there are occasions, times, seasons, and exigencies when speech is essential. The man who then talks must know what he has to say. Thoroughly equipped to discuss questions of high import, he who then speaks has a mission to fulfil.

If there is among men a society in which silence is a primary rule of its government, it is the Craft of Freemasons.

Silence is one of the foundations on which Freemasonry is built. It is forbidden to Masons to talk among the profane on Masonic subjects. The law of silence is imperative. What is said in the tyled lodge is not elsewhere to be discussed. Silence veils all the proceedings of Masons in their lodges. They are tyled to secure silence, that none but those entitled to hear may be informed. The profane have no right to know. The outside world of men are strangers to the truths, lessons, teachings and principles of the tyled lodge. If they desire to be taught, and to learn, the way is presented for them to follow, to obtain that knowledge.

Silence is the panoply which shields the esoteric. In Masonry, it is the "Light" which makes manifest, and that light is brilliant only to those who have acquired the capacity to comprehend what it reveals.

When thus obtained, silence clothes the Masonic mind with a reticence that will not allow the use of any other language than that which Freemasonry uses in its tyled lodges.

The Mason cannot be permitted to use that language anywhere except as he was taught by it.

Silence then is a Masonic virtue.

In the Masonic temple the first figure that is presented to the view of those who enter is the statue of silence—a figure, graceful, subdued, with the finger of the hand at the mouth in restful meditation.

Silence is a lesson. It is taught in the "Great Light" on our Masonic altars.

There was "silence in heaven," so that here it is wisdom to learn and be subjected to the effective influences of silence.

Language cannot express the great lessons which silence oftentimes teaches us.—*Keystone.*



### SUMMER BANQUET OF THE ROYAL SUSSEX AND SOUTHDOWN MARK LODGES.

In consequence of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, P.G.M. Berks, the installation banquet of the Royal Sussex Mark Lodge, No. 75, was postponed, and it was arranged that at the installation meeting of the Southdown Mark Lodge, No. 164, an amalgamated banquet and garden party at Hayward's Heath should be held. The event was most successfully carried out on Wednesday, the 24th ult., much of the success of the gathering being due to the efforts of Bro. J. W. Hellewell, who acted as Hon. Secretary to the joint Committee.

At the meeting of the Southdown Lodge, at the Station Hotel, Bro. J. C. Buckwell, Prov. S.G.W., W.M. 75, duly installed Bro. T. Wickham, Prov. G.S.B., as W.M. of the Southdown Lodge, who appointed the following as his officers during the ensuing year: Bros. Lamette, S.D.; C. Clarke, J.D.; F. H. Beeny, M.O.; F. J. Culley, J.O.; A. Alwen, R. of M.; Stride, Sec.; G. Masters, P.M., Treas.; and F. C. Golding, I.G. During the time occupied by the meeting of the lodge a garden party was held in the pleasant gardens of the hotel, the delightfully fine weather favouring the outdoor entertainment of the friends of the brethren.

The amalgamated banquet of the two lodges was afterwards held in the Corn Exchange, which was exquisitely decorated for the occasion. The company numbered about 70, and included the following: Bros. J. C. Buckwell, W.M. 75, Prov. S.G.W.; T. Wickham, W.M. 164, Prov. G.S.B., and Mrs. Wickham; Bro. J. H. Every, W.M., Bro. J. Adams, Bro. Alwen, 164; Bro. J. J. Abell, 164; Mr. and the Misses Abell; Bro. F. H. Beeny, 164, and Mrs. Beeny; Bro. A. D. Bailey, 164, and Mrs. Bailey; Bro. T. Chapman, 164, Mrs. Chapman, and Miss Self; Bro. C. Clark, 164, and Miss A. Clark; Bros. F. J. Cully, H. E. M. Ffennell, and F. C. Golding, of 164; Day, Homer Herring, W. Hillman, J. W. Hellewell, and E. Histed, of 75; Bro. H. W. Ingleden, 75, and Mrs. Ingleden; Bro. Lamette, 164; Bro. G. Masters, 164, and Miss Masters; Bro. G. F. Poole, 75, and Mrs. Poole; Bro. Peters, 164, and Mrs. Peters; Bro. J. W. Stride, 164, and Mrs. Stride; Bro. Tebbs, 164; Dr. Reen, Mr. E. Bates, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Bailey, Miss Hobson, Mr. Hart, Mrs. and Miss Gordon, Mr. and Miss Tansley, and others.

After the banquet a dance was held in the Corn Exchange, where dancing, to the strains of a most efficient band, was kept up till nearly midnight.

### PROPOSED MASONIC REUNION IN NEWCASTLE.

We are informed that, on the 12th inst., the Lodge of Israel, meeting in Dublin, intend visiting the Lodge of St. Nicholas, meeting in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and spending the 12th, 13th, and 14th with them. This visit being a very eventful one, as it is the first recorded one of any Irish lodge visiting an English lodge, and as such marking an epoch in Freemasonry, the Master of St. Nicholas, Bro. Richard Hopper Holme, assisted by a representative Committee, has made some important arrangements to celebrate the event.

The lodge will on this occasion be held on the 12th inst., at Grainger-street Hall, and on the 13th inst. a grand banquet will be given in the Old Assembly Rooms, on which occasion Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. of Northumberland, supported by his Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Alderman Holmes, J.P., and officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, together with other distinguished brethren, will be present. As this will be a function pregnant with interest to the whole Fraternity, a brilliant gathering is expected.

The banquet will be preceded in the morning of the 13th inst. by a trip on board one of the saloon vessels of the Tyne General Ferry Company, and a visit to the new Hartley Hastings Coal Mine, which will be inspected by the visitors.

Tickets for the banquet, &c., can be obtained and all further information can be had from the acting Secretary, Bro. Jos. Donkin, of Grainger-street, Newcastle.

### EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

Masonry claims to be a society universal in its recognition and sympathetic in its fellowship. Such a claim implies that an utter stranger from any part of the world would be admitted to any lodge as a visitor, provided that he could show that he was a Master Mason in good standing. The agency by which the lodge carries on its negotiations with the visitor is a committee. Seeing it is a position of great responsibility, inasmuch as that committee may reject a worthy man or admit into the lodge room an impostor, the members of an examining committee should consider their position one of great honour. The following points are given, showing how a committee should approach a visitor:

1. You have either to deal with a Mason or an impostor.
2. Be cautious, courteous, and firm.
3. Do not approach the visitor as a suspect.
4. You are not expected to do detective or prosecuting attorney work.
5. Put on no airs of superior knowledge.
6. Play no tricks by pretending answers are not correct when they are.
7. Don't indulge in catch questions. They are the bane of Masonry.

8. Give no hints. Correct no mistakes.
9. Don't be unnecessarily strict. Ideas are better than words.
10. Accept all you get without comment.
11. If you reject do not indicate why.
12. Judge by general results.
13. A very desirable visitor may answer poorly.
14. Answers correctly given may be a cause for suspicion and rejection.
15. Do not imagine your catechism of questions to be the only correct form, and all departures from it to be errors.
16. There is no set way of conducting an examination.
17. It is your business to get, and the visitors to give information.—V.W. Bro. George Tait, in *Canadian Craftsman*.

### PRESENTATION AT PLYMOUTH.

The members of the Masonic Club, Plymouth, having recently presented a valuable diamond ring to Mrs. Harvey, the Stewardess, as an acknowledgment of her unvarying kindness and courtesy, a meeting was held on Friday, the 26th inst., to complete the testimonial with an address, beautifully illuminated. The chair was taken by Bro. W. B. Russell Lord, P.G.D.C., P.P.G.T., who was supported by a large number of Past Masters.

The CHAIRMAN described in grateful terms the happy nature of the tact displayed by Mrs. Harvey in the performance of her duties and the deep appreciation in which she was held by the members of the club.

Bro. W. B. LORD, on behalf of the members, then handed the address to Mrs. Harvey, who was greeted by all singing a well-known old Scotch air, and

Bro. HARVEY gave a feeling acknowledgment of the deep gratification felt by Mrs. Harvey and himself that their services were so thoroughly satisfactory to each and all.

The brethren then refreshed themselves with a most enjoyable social evening party.



On Wednesday a private view took place of the newest of London's theatres—The Trafalgar Square—which is to open with comic opera on the 10th instant. For short, we believe it will be known as The Trafalgar. Mr. Walter Emden, who designed the Court, Terry's, and the Garrick, is the architect of the new house. It resembles all three of the afore-mentioned theatres in many ways. Its size seems to be less than the Garrick, and a good deal larger than the Court or Terry's. Bro. and Mrs. Frank Wyatt are the proprietors; Mr. M. Levenston the lessee, who was so long connected with the Prince of Wales and Lyric, when Mr. H. J. Leslie had them during the run of "Dorothy," "Doris" &c. Mr. Levenston has had so much experience, that in his new capacity as lessee there is little he will have to learn, and he should be able to cater well for the public, which no doubt he will do. The Trafalgar is in St. Martin's-lane, and close to St. Martin's Church. It is surrounded on all four sides by streets, so that in case of accident exit will be quite easy. It is supplied with non-automatic sprinkles, which can be turned on instantly. No wood work is used except for windows and in one part of the auditorium, so that it is practically fireproof. It is Italian in design, and constructed of red brick and stone. It will hold about 1250 persons. The pit has covered seats and padded backs. The decoration is in the French Renaissance style, in cream and gold; amber silk and velvet are used for the boxes and stalls, so that everything is in the style suitable for light opera. The Royal box and ante-room are particularly beautiful—of the Louis XV. period. There are exhausts in the roof for ventilation and shafts for cold air in the walls. The lighting is by electricity. The drop-curtain is a scene of the Thames Embankment from Waterloo Bridge, and taking in the Temple and St. Paul's. It is wonderful when so many people are still away on holidays how Mr. Levenston managed to collect such a crowd on Wednesday night to go over the building, for the place was quite filled. Amongst those present we met, besides Bro. Frank Wyatt and Miss Violet Melnotte (Mrs. Wyatt), Mr. Levenston and Mrs. Levenston, Bro. James Fernandez, P.M. 2127, and Mrs. Fernandez, Mr. George Edwards, Mrs. and Miss David James, Bro. W. E. Chapman, P.M. Savage Club Lodge, Mr. Howard Paul, Mr. Imre Kiralfy, Mons. Alias, Mr. J. M. Glover, Mr. Gilbert Tate, Mr. Wm. Greet, Mr. M. Watson, Mr. Robt. Buchanan, Mr. J. L. Shine, Bro. S. Brough, Bro. and Mrs. Herbert Waring, Miss Vane Featherstone, Mr. E. F. Bradley, Mr. Rudge Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Howard, Mr. Jos. Knight, Mr. Davenport Adams, Bro. W. and Mrs. Charrington (Miss Janet Achurch), Bro. Harry and Mrs. Nicholls, Bros. Lennox Browne, W. Ganz, Charles Harris, Fred Thorne, and Frank Thornton, Mr. Patey, Mr. Edward Ledger, Miss Lucie Vaughan, Miss Marie de Grey, Bro. Colonel Ward, C.B., P.M. London Irish Rifles Lodge, Bro. Capt. Henry Wright, Miss Decima Moore and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. H. V. Esmonde (Miss Eva Moore), Mr. C. J. Abud, Mr. Joscelyne Brandon, Mr. George Barrett, Mr. Arthur Cohen, Miss Mabel Love, Bro. J. R. Hollingshead, Bro. W. Lestocq, P.M.

1319, and Mrs. Lestocq, Bro. J. D. Beveridge, P.M. 1319, Bro. Lionel Monckton, Mr. J. Lee, Mr. St. John Brenon, Miss Geraldine Allmar and Mr. Ivan Caryll, Mr. C. W. Garthorne, Mr. Cunningham Bridgman, Miss Marie Tempest, Mr. Salamons, Mr. Willie Wilde, Bro. Lindo, Mr. Sutton (Alhambra), Mr. W. Pallant, and many others. The staircases we ought to have mentioned are hung with beautiful painted panel portraits of heroines of Shakespeare, &c. No speeches were made, that being reserved till the first night of the opening to the public, but every one was full of congratulations and best wishes for the success of the Trafalgar (in which we gladly join), Bro. and Mrs. Wyatt, and Mr. Levenston.

### Obituary.

BRO. J. M. TREGASKES, P.M. 1151.

The funeral of the late Bro. John Moyes Tregaskes, for many years harbour-master at Par, took place on Saturday last, at St. Mary's, Par, Cornwall. The whole of the employes of the Par Estate and other works at Par were present, also a number of brethren from St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1151, Tywardreath (of which deceased was a Past Master), and members of the Tywardreath Philanthropic Society. These, with a large number of mourners and private friends, formed a cortege of more than a quarter of a mile in length. After the religious ceremony, Bro. W. Tonkin, in an impressive manner, gave a funeral oration over the grave, the brethren passing, and each dropping a sprig of acacia. The Rev. D. R. Vaughan, vicar, conducted the funeral ceremony. The deceased brother, who was 61 years of age, had been connected with the Treffry Estate for 46 years.

BRO. E. F. FERRIS, P.M. 1543.

Bro. E. F. Ferris, P.M. 1543, who was with his family on a visit at St. Ives, while driving with two of his daughters and a gentleman, the horse shied, and the carriage was overturned, throwing the occupants to the ground. Unfortunately, Bro. Ferris fell upon his head, sustaining a fracture of the skull, causing his death within half-an-hour, while his two daughters escaped unhurt; his companion, Mr. Jenkins, was picked up insensible. Our late brother was interred in the Hammersmith Cemetery on the 29th ult. He leaves a widow and five children.

BRO. H. HEMMENS, 610.

We are sorry to record the death of Bro. Henry Hemmens, which occurred at his residence, in Coronation-road, Bristol, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. Many years back Bro. Hemmens succeeded to the old-established wine and spirit business of the late Mr. Frederick Lane, with whom he had been associated from his youth. The deceased brother was at one time a member of the Bedminster Board of Guardians, and for several years was Warden of St. Paul's, Bedminster, the flag of which church floated half-mast as a token of respect. The late Bro. Hemmens was a Conservative in politics, and was well known and much respected, not only locally, but in the United States, where he had some relatives and many friends. Bro. Hemmens, who had been ailing for some time, and was attended by Dr. Cross and Dr. Rudge, suffered from an internal malady of a complicated character, which culminated in paralysis. He was 48 years of age, and leaves a wife and nine children. The funeral took place on Saturday, the 27th ult., at Arno's Vale Cemetery, Bristol. The body was placed in an elm shell, with an outside coffin of English oak. The latter was French polished, with massive brass fittings. On the breast-plate was engraved "Henry Hemmens, died 24 Aug., 1892, aged 49 years." On the coffin, which was conveyed in an open car, was placed by the widow a large wreath, composed of the choicest flowers, in which was arranged the words "Sleeping," in blue violets. To the wreath was attached a card bearing the words "Harry from Georgie." A large number of sympathising friends were present at the church. The first part of the service was most impressively conducted at St. Paul's Church by the Rev. W. H. Fisher, vicar of Ashton-gate, and formerly curate of the parish, the vicar (the Rev. W. Griffiths) being absent in Yorkshire. At the graveside, where a large number of friends were gathered, including many of the choir boys of the church, the service was taken in torrents of rain by the Rev. W. Davies. The deceased brother was a member of the Colston Lodge, No. 610. The Craft was represented at the ceremony. By special request no flowers were sent, except the handsome emblem referred to. Bro. Hemmens was a young Mason, having returned from America with an exalted opinion of the Craft gained during his visit there.

### Marriage.

PHILBRICK—BYGRAVE.—On the 25th ultimo, at All Saints', Hove, Brighton, by the Rev. C. A. Moull, M.A., Ernest Frederick, elder son of Bro. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., of Bickley, Kent, to Marguerite Jessie, youngest daughter of the late J. J. Bygrave, of Maldon, Essex.

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Votes are solicited on behalf of MARJORIE PAVEY, daughter of the late W. Bro. W. G. Pavey, of Lodge Perfect Unanimity, No. 150, Madras, who died in June, 1891, leaving a widow and two infant children practically penniless.

W. Bro. Pavey, who was an officer of the Madras Railway, was initiated in this lodge in 1881, and held successively all the offices in the lodge up to and inclusive of that of Senior Warden; he also held the chair of Lodge John Miller, No. 1906, and was a District Grand Lodge Officer.

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SECOND APPLICATION.

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Applicant was formerly Journalist and Overseer-Printer in various London establishments, and was for many years Printer and sometime Editor of *The Artisan* (Engineering Journal), *The Freemasons' Magazine*, and afterwards Printer of *The Freemason*, *Civil Service Gazette*, and other publications.

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## Masonic Notes.

Among the grants which will be recommended to Grand Lodge by the Board of Benevolence on Wednesday is one of £100 "to the widow of a brother of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, Deptford." The widow in question is Mrs. Joyce, whose husband, Sergeant Joyce, was foully murdered while he was attempting to arrest a German miscreant in the neighbourhood of Charing Cross.

We have dealt with the subject of the increase in the number of Grand Officers in a separate article, to which we refer our readers who are interested in the matter. Evidently the additions are especially needed to equalise as far as possible the large privileges of the small provinces, compared with those granted relatively to the large ones. Bro. Hughan has for some time advocated such increase, and he will be gratified at its being carried out, although not on quite the same lines.

We learn from the Report of the General Board of Mark Grand Lodge that the Province of Middlesex and Surrey has been divided, and that Bro. Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Cook, J.P., has been appointed successor to the late Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., in respect of Middlesex, and Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., in respect of Surrey. The old Province, over which the

late Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., had presided for upwards of 21 years, mustered close on 40 lodges, so that the new Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey will each of them start with a sufficient muster roll, while from the known ability and energy of the new Provincial Grand Masters, we have no doubt the Mark Degree will be as prosperous under the new as under the old arrangement. At all events, the beneficial results to Craft Masonry of the separation, in one case of North Wales and Salop, and in a second of Berks and Bucks into two distinct Provinces, justifies us in arriving at this conclusion.

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The Sphinx Lodge, which ranks as No. 107 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and meets at Colombo, Ceylon, was inaugurated some 30 years since, but it was not fortunate in its career, and fell into abeyance. Quite lately it has been resuscitated, and the *Indian Masonic Review* for July last contains a very interesting account of the installation, on the 27th June, of Bro. Captain Hearn, of the Ordnance Staff Corps, as the new W.M. There seems to have been an exceptionally numerous muster of the brethren, among them being two officers of the St. John's Lodge, Kandy, and two visitors hailing from two Calcutta lodges. The meeting passed off most satisfactorily, and, to judge from the enthusiasm exhibited, there is small chance of the revived Sphinx becoming again dormant. It has our hearty good wishes for its prosperity.

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We learn from the *Philadelphia Keystone* that before the close of the present year, Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 300, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, of which Bro. J. Simpson Orfisa, the present Grand Master of that jurisdiction is a member, will celebrate the centenary of its constitution. It is expected that there will be a large gathering of Grand Officers on the auspicious occasion, more especially as in the Greniata Valley in which Huntingdon is situated, there are as many as 16 lodges with an aggregate strength of upwards of 1200 members.

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The same journal has a long anticipatory sketch of the glories of the triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States, which was then on the eve of being held at Denver, Colorado. It seems the municipal authorities had been lending every assistance in their power in order to make the show a big one, while the citizens are loyally seconding their municipals, and laying themselves out to entertain the visiting sir knights, who were coming from all parts of the Union, with the most lavish hospitality. The railways must have had a hard time of it, as our worthy contemporary mentions, that on one day alone "over 40,000 knights and ladies arrived over the several railroads." On Tuesday, the 16th ult., at 10 a.m., the great "triennial parade" was appointed to be held, and in the afternoon Grand Encampment was to be opened. All this is very fine, and no doubt our American friends enjoy these big affairs hugely, but there is very little in them of Templarism, and still less of Freemasonry.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### 9951 THE SCALD MISERABLE MASONS.

The point to which Bro. Speth refers in last week's *Freemason* appears to have been an illustrated heading to a very curious and interesting broad-sheet, the contents of which were as follows:

"The Remonstrance of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, &c., of the Scald Miserable Masons.

"WHEREAS your Manifesto some time past dated from our Lodge in Brick Street, We did in the most explicit manner vindicate the ancient rights and privileges of this Society, and by incontestable arguments evince our superior dignity and seniority to all other institutions, whether Grand-Volgi, Gregorians, Hurllothrumbians, Ubiquarians, Hiccubites, Lumber-Troopers, or Free-masons; yet, nevertheless, a few persons under the last denomination still arrogate to themselves the usurped titles of Most Ancient and Honourable, in open violations of truth and justice; still endeavour to impose their false mysteries (for a premium) on the credulous and unwary under pretence of being part of our brotherhood; and still are determined with drums, trumpets, gilt chariots, and other unconstitutional finery to cast a reflection on the primitive simplicity and decent economy of our ancient and annual peregrination: We therefore think proper in justification of Ourselves publicly to disclaim all relation or alliance whatsoever with the said society of Free-Masons, as the same must manifestly tend to the sacrifice of our dignity, the impeachment of our understanding and the disgrace of our solemn mysteries. AND FURTHER to convince the public of the candour and openness of our proceedings We here present them with a Key to our procession, and that the rather as it consists of

many things emblematical, mystical, hieroglyphical, comical, satirical, political, &c.

"AND WHEREAS, many persuaded by the purity of our Constitution, the nice morality of our brethren and peculiar decency of our rites and ceremonies have lately forsook the gross errors and follies of the Free-Masonry are now become true *Scald Miserables*: It cannot but afford a most pleasing satisfaction to all who have any regard to truth and decency to see our procession increased with such a number of proselytes; and behold those whose vanity, but the last year exalted them into a borrowed equipage, now condescend to become the humble cargo of a Sand-Cart."

The key or explanation of the plate then follows, which I shall be happy to give in next week's issue of the *Freemason*. I may say that the engraving on the paper from which the Remonstrance is copied is a reduced one. The Key or Explanation is very curious.

JOSEPH MATTHEWMAN.



## Craft Masonry.

### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

#### BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 11th ult., under the presidency of Bro. E. Pearson Peterson, W.M., supported by Bros. S. A. Auty, I.P.M.; John Niven, S.W.; John T. Last, J.W.; Charles H. Ellis, Treas.; James B. Fearnley, Sec.; John Morton, as S.D.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Chap., as J.D.; Samuel Robinson, I.G.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Thomas Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; A. E. Harris, Stwd.; Robt. S. Hird, as Tyler; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Thornton, Isaac Hirst, John W. Bland, and C. Wood. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Oddy, P.M. 387; Albert Swaine, Org. 387; Sam. Smith, 387; James Tilley, 600; R. Elliott Steele, 1545; James Freeman, P.M. 1648; F. Pelham Browne, P.M. 1648; Charles V. Woodcock, 1648; Tom Atkinson, W.M. 2069; Robert Abbott, J.W. 2069; J. G. Diminy, P.M. 2069; Charles Middleton, P.M. 2069; B. Sykes Bailey, Sec. 2063; H. B. Abbott, J.D. 2069; Jas. Buckley, Org. 2069; T. A. Wilkinson, 2069; W. R. Ingamells, 2069; R. Jones, 2069; Arthur T. Akeroyd, P.M. 1432, P.P.G.D.C. Salop; and Chas. F. Forshaw, 2417.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous regular lodge and of a lodge of emergency having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. John and Richard Harland, which proving to be in their favour, the two brothers were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the one by Bro. Auty, I.P.M., and the other by the Worshipful Master, both ceremonies reflecting much credit upon the officers conducting them. The charge was delivered by the S.W., and the working tools presented by the J.W., both officers discharging their duties in a manner that induced complimentary references from the visiting brethren. Notice of motion was given for a slight alteration of the by-laws so as to harmonise with a resolution already passed for changing the day of meeting, the second Thursday in the month having been found to be inconvenient to several of the brethren. A proposition for initiation was received, and, after "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the supper room, where substantial refreshment had been provided.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured,

Bro. Auty, I.P.M., proposed "The Initiates," and congratulated them on becoming Freemasons. He stated that they were both schoolmates of his, and after a lapse of 30 years it afforded him the greatest pleasure to have been the medium of introducing them into Freemasonry.

Bros. John Harland and Richard Harland, the initiates, both suitably acknowledged the hearty reception the brethren had given the toast, and promised that it would be their endeavour to live up to the teaching which had been inculcated in the ceremony of their initiation.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," to all of whom, on behalf of the lodge, he gave a most hearty welcome. This was only a young lodge, but the brethren were most anxious at all times to bestow a generous hospitality to all brethren who honoured the lodge with a visit. It was but seldom that the lodge met without having the presence of a number of visitors, and on the present occasion they were exceedingly delighted, amongst other visitors, to receive a fraternal visit from the W.M. and several of the brethren from Prudence Lodge, No. 2069, Leeds. The fact that these brethren were willing to travel from another town to spend an evening with the brethren of Acacia Lodge abundantly proved the kindly relations which existed between the two lodges. Several of the brethren had frequently enjoyed the hospitality of Prudence Lodge, and the brethren of Acacia Lodge were that night delighted to return the compliment, and he (the W.M.) hoped they would repeat the visit on many future occasions.

Bro. Tom Atkinson, W.M. 2069, in acknowledging the toast, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him and his brethren again to visit Acacia Lodge. He complimented the W.M. and his officers on the excellent manner in which the ceremonies in the lodge had that night been rendered, with one portion of which he was particularly impressed, as it was somewhat different from the working in the Leeds lodges, and he thought somewhat more effective. He also gave a cordial invitation to the brethren of the lodge to honour him by paying an early visit to Prudence Lodge, where they would receive, as in the past, a very hearty welcome.

Bro. Jas. Freeman, P.M. 1648, also responded on behalf of the visitors, and stated that this was the first visit he had made to the lodge and he was glad to find it in such a state of efficiency, and referring to the ceremonies in the lodge he stated that he had never seen some parts

of the ritual better rendered than had been exhibited by the Wardens that evening.

Bros. Wm. Oddy, P.M. 387, Jas. Tilley, 600, and C. F. Forshaw, 2417, also responded to the toast, Bro. Forshaw offering the hospitality of the Bolingbroke Lodge to any of the brethren who could conveniently attend the lodge at Clapham Junction.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Atkinson, W.M. 2069, in highly complimentary terms, who remarked that the lodge could not fail to prosper under his able guidance supported as he appeared to be so loyally by the officers and brethren; he was glad to see that the lodge was making progress, and he was sure that the brethren who had been initiated that evening would only regret that they had not become affiliated to the Craft years ago. He was delighted to have had the privilege of proposing the toast.

The toast was most heartily received by the brethren.

The Worshipful Master in responding, referred to the two initiates who had been so astonished at the amount of knowledge required by the higher officers that they despaired of ever attaining thereto, and since that, as he (the W.M.) in conjunction with Bro. Auty, had communicated certain secrets to them already, he (the W.M.) would take that opportunity of telling them of two more. One was that the way a Mason advanced to the highest office in a lodge was by passing step by step through the various offices of the lodge stage by stage, and that brother made the best W.M. who devoted himself carefully and faithfully to the performance of every detail in the respective offices through which he passed. Another secret was that no brother in a lodge was left to struggle on alone, but always received so much help and support from the officers and brethren, that with due appreciation he could not fail to rise in office, and adjust himself even to the highest office of the lodge. Since he (the W.M.) had been a Freemason he had never failed to receive the greatest sympathy and help from his brethren, both in his own lodge and in all others, when he had been most heartily welcomed as a visitor, and now again in the declining hours of his year of office he had once again to express his grateful thanks for all the kindnesses which had ever been extended to him, which he did with all his heart.

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

The speeches after refreshment were interspersed with songs, which were ably rendered by Bros. Atkinson, Tilley, Buckley, and other brethren.

## Royal Arch.

### GAINSBOROUGH.

**All Saints Chapter (No. 422).**—A chapter was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Rooms. Present: Comps. A. Kirk, Z.; T. Staniforth, H.; C. R. Farmer, J.; C. F. Liversidge, P.S.; F. G. Sowby, acting S.E.; J. Moxon, acting S.N.; T. A. Adlard, Org.; G. Scott, Janitor; J. Constable, W. H. Hanson, G. A. Gambles, W. Mason, and others.

After the chapter was duly opened, the following elections took place for the ensuing year: Comps. T. Staniforth, Z.; A. Kirk, H.; C. R. Farmer, J.; C. F. Liversidge, P.S.; F. G. Sowby, S.E.; W. Mason, S.N.; and G. Scott, Janitor. The installation will take place in November next. The M.E.Z. announced that the Prov. Grand Chapter would be held at Gainsborough in the month of October. Bro. C. Beard, 422, having been duly balloted for at the last meeting, was then exalted to the Supreme Degree of a R.A.M. A ballot having been taken for a candidate for exaltation, the lodge was closed.

The companions then adjourned to the supper table, presided over by Comp. Kirk, Z., who, when the cloth was removed, proposed in felicitous terms "The Health of Comp. Staniforth, Z. elect," who responded in a neat speech.

Other toasts, interspersed with songs, composed a very pleasant hour of "refreshment after labour."

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. D. S. Long, P.M., W.M.; W. Hide, S.W.; H. Foreman, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec. (pro tem.); J. H. Cummings, P.M., S.D.; C. Stafford, J.D.; J. Banks, I.G.; R. Phillips, R. Reid, A. Salmon, Louis Lee, H. Lomer, H. Blackman, and T. W. Biggs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, the lodge being opened and resumed in the Degrees necessary, Bro. Hide acting as W.M. elect. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reid acting as candidate. Bro. Foreman was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. H. Lomer was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

**BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. Telling, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; Salmon, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Bate, S.D.; Niblett, J.D.; G. Thompson, I.G.; H. G. Martin, Stafford, Hurdell, Lord, Hooper, E. A. Rice, Asst. Sec.; Reap, Hy. Mayer, J. G. Harrington, Clarke, Barr, Pullen, and Dawson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last and previous meetings were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lord being the candidate. Bro. Telling vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. G. Martin, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Telling being installed into the chair of K.S., and invested his officers. The addresses were ably rendered by Bro. H. G. Martin. Bros. H. Mayer, P.M., and J. G. Harrington, 1693, were elected members. It was resolved that the annual supper take place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on October 31st. Bros. Bate, Turner, Salmon, H. G. Martin, Dawson, and Barr were appointed Stewards. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. M. Rosenberg, W.M.; M. J. Lovegrove, P.M. 1988, P.P. G.S. of W. Salop, S.W.; Capt. M. J. N. Dundas, W.M. 1361, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; Frank Herold, P.M. 1056, S.D.; S. N. Isaacs, D.C.; W. Hillier, Deputy Preceptor; G. Gosshawk, Tyler; and E. J. Seymour.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Seymour being the candidate. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Capt. Dundas having assumed the chair, the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. A vote of condolence with the widow of the late Bro. E. F. Ferris, P.M. 1543, was passed, as also a vote of thanks to Bro. Hillier for acting as Preceptor. Bro. Herold was elected a member, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. D. S. Long, P.M., W.M.; J. H. Cummings, P.M., S.W.; W. Hide, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec. (pro tem.); W. S. Whiteley, S.D.; E. Fox, J.D.; Joseph Cox, I.G.; R. Reid, Stwd.; W. Hillier, Stuart Barker, P.M., and J. Davies, P.M.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The 1st Section of the Third Lecture was worked by Bro. Hillier, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Cumming acting as W.M. elect, the lodge being resumed as required to the various Degrees. Bro. Hide was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. C. Stuart Barker, P.M., was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

## Knights Templar.

### PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF SUSSEX.

An emergency meeting of this flourishing priory was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, the 26th ult., the object for which and the reasons why the knights were thus summoned is given in the following letter from Sir Knight Richard Clowes, E. Preceptor De Warrenne Preceptory.

Dear Sir Knight,  
His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., G.C.T., &c., &c., National Great Prior of Ireland, having accepted the office of Provincial Prior for Sussex, finds it impossible for him at present to fix a day for his installation, but hopes to do so in November. After the installation his Royal Highness will preside at a Provincial Priory, at which he will appoint and invest his officers. His Royal Highness has done me the distinguished honour to appoint me his Deputy, and has requested the Great Sub-Prior of England, the Right Honourable the Earl of Euston, to install me as Provincial Sub-Prior at the earliest opportunity, at a date convenient to himself.

The Earl of Euston has fixed Friday, August 26th, for the ceremony, which will take place at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 4.30 for 5 o'clock precisely.

The Great Sub-Prior will be assisted by several officers of the National Great Priory of England, and I venture to hope that the officers of the Provincial Priory and the knights of Sussex will make it convenient to attend in order to receive the Great Officers in due form, and to also assist me on this occasion.—I am, yours in faith and fraternity,

RICHARD CLOWES,

E. Preceptor De Warrenne Preceptory.  
Clayton Wickham, Hassocks, Sussex,  
15th August, 1892.

The knights responded to the above, and a goodly number assembled within the walls of the Royal Pavilion, amongst whom we noticed Sir Knights the Right Hon. Earl of Euston, Great Sub-Prior of England; Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, District Grand Prior of Malta; Baron de Ferrieres, F. A. Philbrick, E. Letchworth, R. Berridge, W. M. Bywater, C. F. Matier, Driver, Cook, Cooper, Balfour Cockburn, Carrell, Lennox Browne, Carter, Clowes, Stewart Brown, and others.

The Great Sub-Prior was received with the full honours appertaining to his exalted rank, and the priory duly opened.

Lord EUSTON then stated that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., &c., Prov. Prior of Sussex, had requested him to carry out the installation of the Prov. Sub-Prior of Sussex, the time of his Royal Highness being occupied with so overwhelming an amount of other important duties, that he was unable to be present at Brighton on this occasion. He (Lord Euston) was only too pleased to comply with the request of his Royal Highness, and the more so as Sir Knight Clowes was so eminent and so distinguished a member of the fraternity.

Sir Knight Clowes having been introduced by the Grand Officers, was regularly obligated and installed.

The Prov. Sub-Prior entertained a large party at dinner at the Metropole in the evening.

## Royal and Select Masters.

### BRIGHTON.

**Brighthelmstone Council (No. 15).**—This council met at the Royal Pavilion, on Saturday, the 27th ult., under peculiarly happy circumstances, for not only had the Recorder, Comp. E. Tebbis, provided an agenda replete with business, but the M.I.G.M., Lord Euston, accompanied by several distinguished Grand Officers, selected this occa-

sion for what we trust we may, with all due propriety, call his annual visit to this council—a council in which, as he was good enough to state later on in the evening, he was always take a peculiar interest, inasmuch as it was the very first council or lodge he had consecrated. The proceedings commenced by electing and receiving into the Degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master Comps. Richard Percy Clowes, B.A., 51; J. Balfour Cockburn, 84; W. E. Millett, 151; and J. Bestow, Hibernia Mark Lodge. The ceremony was most ably and impressively conducted by Comp. E. Whitaker, T.I.M., assisted by Comps. Wright and Freeman. The arrival of the M.I.G.M. having been announced, he was received and saluted with the honours due to his exalted rank. Comp. E. Whitaker then requested Comp. C. Fitzgerald Matier to take the chair, and install Comp. Richard Clowes, T.I.M. elect, which he did in his usual felicitous manner. The officers having been appointed and invested, the council was closed.

The companions then repaired to the magnificent banquet hall, where Comp. J. Sayers served up a dinner in a faultless manner.

Amongst the companions present we noticed Comps. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, A. B. Cook, Baron de Ferrieres, F. A. Philbrick, A. F. Lamette, C. Fitzgerald Matier, Clifford Probyn, R. Berridge, C. V. Freeman, W. Weston, and many others.

## Scotland.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LANARKSHIRE.

The above Prov. Grand Chapter held their quarterly communication in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on the 26th ult. The companions present were Comps. Major F. W. Allan, acting G. Supt.; Major A. E. Black, acting Prov. G.H.; R. Bradshaw, P.Z. 67, acting Prov. G.J.; James Balfour, Prov. G.S.E.; A. W. Watson, P.J. 67, acting Prov. G. 1st A.S.; T. R. Richards, 50, acting Prov. G. 2nd A.S.; A. Mooney, P.G. Std. Br., acting Prov. G. 3rd A.S.; E. Berger, Prov. G. Org.; and G. Muir, Prov. G. Janitor.

Apologies for absence were intimated from several office-bearers, as well as an apology from the Grand Superintendent, Comp. W. J. Easton.

The principal business was the report of the deputation who were appointed to wait upon the Grand Superintendent, Comp. W. J. Easton, to re-consider his decision of resignation of office, which he has held for upwards of 14 years.

Comp. Major F. W. ALLAN, on the announcement of the report that the Grand Superintendent could not comply with the wishes of the deputation, said he felt that he could not allow this occasion to pass without bearing his personal testimony to the loss which he had sustained as a colleague, a Mason, and a man. Probably he had more opportunities than any one present of knowing Comp. Easton's personal worth, and probably few in the same capacity have worked with more indefatigable zeal, courtesy, and geniality amongst his colleagues, and throughout the extensive province over which it has been his privilege to reign. The high state of efficiency of the working of this chapter is not only known to the province but also to the Supreme Grand Chapter. Major Allan was quite sure that the loss was irreparable, and moved that Comp. Easton's resignation be accepted, and that it be recorded in the minutes the deep sense and obligations the chapter and province are under for the invaluable services rendered by him, which was seconded in a few appropriate sentences by Major A. E. BLACK.

Comp. Major ALLAN then moved, and Comp. BRADSHAW seconded, that a letter be sent to Comp. Easton, conveying the heartiest thanks for his valuable services in the past, and wishing him all the happiness accruing from a full sense of having faithfully performed his duties during a most trying period.

The business concluded, the chapter was closed.

## MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, September, 10, 1892.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston at 8.  
Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W., at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Killo-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.  
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., at 8.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

575, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

#### RAFT LODGES.

144, St. Luke's, Anderson's Hotel.  
2142, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
Carnarvon, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Condon, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic-road, Brixton, at 8.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's Park, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.

Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
Peregrine, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.  
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
Royal Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), at 8.  
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
Savage Club, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.  
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.  
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

GRAND MARK LODGE, Mark Masons' Hall.  
Colonial Board, at 4.

## CRAFT LODGES.

1471, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich.  
1663, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow.  
1128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.  
Cuthbert, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-road, Dalston, E., at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Fenchurch-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.  
Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30.  
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8.  
Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
Mount Edgecumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.  
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Robert Burns, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.  
Yarborough, East Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1629, Unit d, Freemasons' Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

GRAND LODGE, at 6 for 7.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Rising Sun, York-road, Lambeth, at 6.  
Confidence, Deacon's Tavern, 3, Walbrook, at 7.  
Cray Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Bury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.  
Pileilly, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Black-road, Hammersmith, at 7.  
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.  
Lamborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Pannure, Baham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 116, Old Kent-road, at 8.  
Pucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.  
Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

8/9, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

## CRAFT LODGES.

1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1621, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill.  
1508, Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel.  
1597, Columbia, Cafe Royal.  
1417, Bolingbroke, Masonic Hall, Clapham Junction.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8.  
Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Clarence, 1A, Fitzroy-square, at 7.30.  
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creation, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime-house E., at 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Hornsey, Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.  
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.  
Monteith, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.  
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
Regent's Park, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., 8.30.  
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
St. John's, Court House, H. rieden, N.W., at 7.30.  
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8.  
Strong Man, Tiptree Restaurant, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street, at 6.30.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.  
Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8.  
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.  
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.  
Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 7.30.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.  
806, Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel.  
907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

## CRAFT LODGES.

780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew.  
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beaconsfield, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 8.  
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.  
Earl of Carrarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster road, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.  
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.  
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., 8.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8.  
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

## CRAFT LODGES.

1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House Hotel.  
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.  
1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.  
1743, Perseverance, Anneton's Hotel.  
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
2208, Hendon, Welsh Harp.  
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

## MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, September 10, 1892.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

CRAFT LODGES.	Wimborne ... 623	Swansea ... 1573
Bolton ... 37	Chacewater ... 699	Market Drayton 1575
Halifax ... 61	Ashbourne ... 150	Alford ... 1600
Harleston ... 85	Ipswich ... 959	Henley ... 1895
Hartfield ... 89	Fowey ... 977	Maldon ... 1977
North Walsham 102	Sutton Bridge 985	Sunderland ... 2039
Preston ... 113	Altrincham ... 1045	Hounslow ... 2094
Whitehaven ... 119	Lancaster ... 1051	Southall ... 2103
Briggwater ... 135	Saltash ... 1071	Calstock ... 2106
Plymouth ... 150	Sherborne ... 1106	Henfield ... 2187
Barnstaple ... 251	Leeds ... 1211	Fairfield ... 2290
Batley ... 204	Silloth ... 1220	Bristol ... 68
Bradford ... 302	Shetfield ... 1239	Whitby ... 312
Hebden Bridge 307	Exeter ... 1254	Lymington ... 319
Torquay ... 328	Liverpool ... 1264	Dewsbury ... 827
Truro ... 331	Bradford-on-Avon ... 1271	MARK LODGES.
Halesworth ... 388	St. Ives, Corn-wail ... 1272	South Molton 9
Haworth ... 408	Market Rasen 1280	E. Stonehouse 35
Northwich ... 418	Halifax ... 1302	Newton Abbott 215
North Shields 431	Bocking ... 1312	Tenby ... 250
Brightlingsea 433	Woodstock ... 1399	Newton Auck-land ... 280
Worcester ... 529	Nottingham ... 1434	Geathhead ... 293
Stokesley ... 543	Mold ... 1477	Derby ... 302
Thrapston ... 607	Kingsbridge ... 1480	Blackburn ... 403
Southport ... 613	Castleford ... 1542	Woking ... 1564

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Chatham ... 184	Saltash ... 1071	Landport ... 1776
Brighton ... 315	Ramsgate ... 1209	Walton-on-the-Naze ... 1799
Pembroke Dock 378	Mossley ... 1218	Snarebrook ... 1804
Huddersfield ... 521	Carlton Hill ... 1221	
Levenshulme ... 993	Canterbury ... 1449	

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

CRAFT LODGES.	Burton ... 621	East Grinstead 1619
Norwich ... 52	Malton ... 660	Southampton 1780
Plymouth ... 70	Liverpool ... 673	Padstow ... 1785
Bristol ... 103	Bridlington ... 734	Bedlington ... 1902
Durham ... 124	Ashby-de-la-Zouch ... 779	Frodsham ... 1908
Burnley ... 126	Launceston ... 789	South Shields 1970
Sheerness ... 158	Havant ... 804	East Molesey 1904
Rochford ... 160	Honiton ... 847	Manchester ... 1993
Littleboro' ... 226	Linslade ... 948	Bishops Stortford ... 2136
Dudley ... 252	Cardiff ... 960	Newcastle ... 2260
Keighley ... 265	Penryn ... 967	Southport ... 2295
Beverley ... 294	Bradford ... 974	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Brighton ... 315	Crewe ... 979	Liverpool ... 203
Neath ... 364	Cockermouth ... 1002	Lincoln ... 207
Huntingdon ... 373	Maldon ... 1024	Hayle ... 459
Pembroke Dock 378	Alfreton ... 1028	Leicester ... 51
Wareham ... 386	Salford ... 1134	Deal ... 784
Berwick ... 393	Iminster ... 1197	Tunbridge Wells 874
South Molton 421	Batley ... 1214	East Dereham 990
Halifax ... 448	Redcar ... 1244	Sudbury ... 1224
Monmouth ... 457	Blandford ... 1266	MARK LODGES.
Ashton-in-Makerfield ... 484	Brigg ... 1282	Hanley ... 45
Gloucester ... 493	Wrexham ... 1336	New Brompton 69
Liskeard ... 510	Crowle ... 1482	Truro ... 78
Folkestone ... 558	Ilkley ... 1522	Bury ... 136
Erith ... 615	Cheadle ... 1587	Ringwood ... 381

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Whitehaven ... 119	Halifax ... 448	Edmonton ... 1237
Weymouth ... 170	St. Austell ... 496	Workington ... 1400
Batley ... 264	Aylesbury ... 591	Ealing ... 1612
Dartford ... 299	Cleckheaton ... 603	Kingston Hill 1638
Maryport ... 371	Lee ... 704	Huddersfield ... 1783
Broadstairs ... 429	St. Helens ... 897	Dartford ... 1837

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

CRAFT LODGES.	Boston ... 838	Hurstpierpoint 1707
Birmingham ... 74	East Loos ... 970	North Walsham 1805
Sunderland ... 94	Lr. Broughston' ... 992	W. Hartlepool 1862
Bury ... 128	Jersey ... 1003	Oldham ... 1868
Poole ... 137	Douglas ... 1004	Liverpool ... 2042
E. Stonehouse 159	Hull ... 1010	Thorne ... 2250
Gurnsey ... 168	Liverpool ... 1013	Alderley Edge 2368
Newchurch ... 274	Derby ... 1085	Hay ... 2382
Tavistock ... 281	Almwick ... 1107	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Stockport ... 287	Chester-le-Street ... 1274	Scarborough ... 200
Huddersfield ... 290	Wigan ... 1335	Liverpool ... 203
Rochdale ... 298	Leigh ... 1354	Barnstaple ... 251
Bristol ... 326	Chipping Sodbury ... 1363	Clitheroe ... 369
Widton ... 327	Ormskirk ... 1403	Plymouth ... 1255
Budleigh Salterton ... 371	Solihull ... 1431	Soverby Bridge 1283
Newcastle ... 406	Woolston ... 1461	MARK LODGES.
Dorchester ... 417	Carlisle ... 1532	Ivybridge ... 100
Ramsgate ... 429	Camborne ... 1544	Helston ... 175
Newport, Mon. 471	Tea Brook ... 1620	Workington ... 282
Congleton ... 533	Slaithwaite ... 1645	Wootton-under-Edge ... 299
Framlingham ... 555	Frizington ... 1660	Winshall ... 339
Carnarvon ... 606	Rayleigh ... 1734	Seaton ... 372
Kearsley ... 678	Halifax ... 1736	Lewes ... 391
Chorley ... 730		Birmingham ... 430

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Chatham ... 20	Longton ... 546	Bromley ... 1805
Shrewsbury ... 117	Worthington ... 851	Fenton ... 1942
Rochdale ... 298	Liverpool ... 1264	Horne Bay ... 2040
ingley ... 439	Sowerby Bridge 1283	Hendon ... 2216
Haverfordwest 404	Chorlton-on-Medlock ... 1459	Beckenham ... 2266

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

CRAFT LODGES.	Liverpool ... 1035	Wrasbury ... 2262
Cowes ... 35	Manchester ... 1055	Broxbourne ... 2285
Sunderland ... 97	Lytham ... 1061	Workington ... 2286
Southampton ... 130	Stoke Damerel 1099	Whitchurch ... 2311
Sheffield ... 132	Ashton-under-Lyne ... 1144	Bradford ... 2321
Bury ... 191	Accrington ... 1145	Kelvedon ... 2342
Sallybridge ... 324	Manchester ... 1147	Bedford ... 2343
Radeliffe ... 344	Liverpool ... 1182	Cheshunt ... 2372
Hyde ... 361	Eccles ... 1213	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Clitheroe ... 369	Chorlton-cum-Medley ... 1387	Dewsbury ... 208
Darwen ... 381	Hardy ... 1416	Norwich ... 213
Wincanton ... 437	Thirsk ... 1429	Guernsey ... 243
Peterborough 442	Huddersfield ... 1514	Bacup ... 286
Hitchin ... 449	Towyn ... 1583	Stockton-on-Tees ... 509
Hayle ... 451	Waterfoot ... 1697	Hartlepool ... 531
Uttoxeter ... 456	Pembroke ... 1748	Jersey ... 590
Spalding ... 469	Clevedon ... 1750	Southport ... 593
Shaftesbury ... 472	Shoeburyness 1817	Salford ... 935
Longton ... 486	Tynemouth ... 1863	Pontypool ... 1578
Guisborough ... 501	Whitstable ... 1915	MARK LODGES.
Salisbury ... 586	Cardiff ... 1991	Bolton ... St. Johns
Sleaford ... 588	Ashburton ... 2189	Devonport ... 16
Glossop ... 615	Widmermere 2217	Darlington ... 250
Brighton ... 732	Westbury ... 2227	Birmingham ... 403
Birmingham 739	Guilford ... 2234	Leeds ... 417
Littleborough 816		
Batley ... 971		

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Gravesend ... 77	Manchester ... 581	Leyton ... 1685
Batley ... 204	Sudbury ... 1224	Shanklin ... 1884
Leeds ... 289	Wimbleton ... 1360	Carshalton ... 1892
Gravesend ... 483	Hatfield ... 1580	Carshalton ... 1973

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

CRAFT LODGES.	Eccleshill ... 1034	Scunthorpe ... 2078
Cardiff ... 36	Kirkby Lonsdale 1074	Davenport ... 2380
Woodbridge ... 81	Leighton Buzzard 1087	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Weymouth ... 170	Mirfield ... 1102	Leeds ... 306
Stadburn ... 401	Bishop Auck-land ... 1121	Brighton ... 811
Stowmarket ... 516	Birkenhead ... 1283	Harrigate ... 1001
Wolverhampton 526	Landport ... 1428	Rochester ... 1050
Holmfrith ... 551	St. Columb ... 1529	Halstead ... 2154





The duties of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642, will be resumed on Friday, the 9th prox., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, at 8 p.m.

Bro. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, the British Ambassador at Madrid, left San Sebastian on Thursday for England on leave of absence, the staff of the Embassy returning to Madrid.

Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., commanding the camp at Aldershot, will leave England to-day (Friday), for Germany for the purpose of attending the military manoeuvres.

Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., and the Hon. Lady Ridley, who have been staying at Blagdon, are about to visit Bro. Lord Tweedmouth, at his seat in Invernesshire.

We are glad to hear that Bro. the Marquis of Bath, who is staying at Longleat, Wilts, and who last week while on a visit on business to Bath, contracted a chill which brought on a sharp attack of inflammation of the lungs, is slightly better.

The Duke of Connaught, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Bro. Sir George Willis, and other distinguished officers were present at the Army and Navy Athletic Sports which were held on the United Service Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, on Saturday last.

The death is reported of Dr. William Forbes Skene, Histiographer Royal for Scotland, who was in his 83rd year, and whose loss as an historian and archaeologist will be greatly deplored, not only in Scotland, but by students and scholars generally.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir David Evans, K.C.M.G., and the Lady Mayoress will return to the Mansion House from their excursion to the West by the end of the present week. His lordship, however, will again leave town early next week to fulfil his engagement at the Welsh Eistedfodd.

On the ground of being more convenient to a majority of its members, the Clapton Lodge of Instruction has been moved to the City. The lodge room at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., has been kindly placed at the disposal of the lodge by the management. Meetings will be held every Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Between 60 and 70 members and friends of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 1362, Redhill, went to Brighton on the 17th ult. for a day's excursion. Bro. E. G. Field, W.M., accompanied the party, which started by the 10.6 a.m. train. The weather was showery but warm, and the members dined together at the Café Royal in West-street.

Sheerness Royal Regatta was held on Monday, in fine weather, and in the presence of thousands of spectators. There was a full programme, and the competitors were composed principally of representatives of the navy and army and men employed in the Sheerness Dockyards. Several of the events were keenly contested.

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton presided at the half-yearly meeting on Tuesday of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, and, though he admitted it was unsatisfactory to find the calculations of the engineers constantly upset, he pointed out that the whole system had been re-organised, and based on the calculation that the canal would be opened by the end of 1893.

The heaviest rainfall that has been known at Rothesay set in about 4 p.m. on Monday, from which time it rained continuously till the following morning, when the roads and streets in the town except in the highest parts had all the appearance of rivers. Some districts around Glasgow are also surrounded by water, and in consequence very severe damage has been done to the crops.

Numerous Wesley relics were recently discovered by the authorities of the Wesleyan Conference Book Room, City-road, and to these must now be added some 15 manuscripts, said to be in an excellent state of preservation, which the Rev. C. H. Kelly, the Connexional Book Steward, has just found in the cellars of that establishment. The greater number are hymns and poems of Charles Wesley, all in his own handwriting. There is also a volume of poems by Samuel Wesley.

On Monday Bro. Lord Mayor Evans addressed an appeal to the public to contribute to a Mansion House Fund for the relief of the widows, orphans, and aged relations of the miners killed by the recent terrible colliery disaster near Bridgend. In making this appeal, his lordship refers to the fact of his being a native of South Wales, and that only a few weeks ago, when he visited Bridgend, these colliers, many of whom have been killed by this disaster, and their wives and children flocked out to give him a hearty welcome. The number of deaths is stated at 110.

"The Cornish Freemasons, at the head of whom is the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, held high festival at Truro on Tuesday. There are not wanting cavillers and detractors who decry Freemasonry, yet it has of late years made rapid strides, and the only danger is, according to Mr. W. J. Hughton, of Torquay—who very many were glad to welcome to Truro once again—lest sufficient use is not made of the ballot when the question of the admission of a new member arises. It is, of course, largely because Freemasons do not act up to their principles that ground is given to the caviller and detractor."—*Royal Cornwall Gazette*.

The daily talk is of cholera, but with the great sanitary improvements which have been adopted in London since 1866, when it raged in the East-end of the Metropolis, there is no reason why the public mind should be seriously perturbed. The few cases which have occurred have been promptly dealt with, and the sufferers completely isolated, but the persons attacked appear to have come from Russia or Hamburg, and we are glad to see the announcement in some of the morning and evening papers that some of the shipping companies have resolved to take no alien paupers as passengers. Meanwhile the disease seems to be raging frightfully at Hamburg and in Russia, while occasionally cases are reported as having occurred at Berlin, in France, and in some of our own provincial towns.

The Star Chapter of instruction will resume its meetings to-day (Friday), at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 7 p.m., and will meet every subsequent Friday at 8 p.m.

The Guildhall Library will, in future, be fitted with the electric light, it having been found that the gas has done considerable damage to the bindings of many of the books. The new light will also add considerably to the comfort of readers.

According to an American newspaper there is one woman Freemason in the world. Her name is Mrs. Salome Anderson, and she lives in California. She secretly entered a lodge-room in Paris, witnessed some of the initiation ceremonies, and on being discovered was admitted into the Order.

A lady has forwarded a cheque for £1000 in aid of the building fund of the new Home for Incurables at Streatham, the first stone of which was laid by the Princess Christian on the 16th July last, on which occasion a cheque for a like sum was handed to her Royal Highness on behalf of two sisters.

It is understood that the title which will be assumed by Bro. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, lately M.P. for South-West Norfolk, on his elevation to the peerage, will be that of Baron Amherst of Hackney, in which district of the Metropolis he owns considerable property. His lordship is of the same ancestry as Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent.

The second Venetian fête was given, by permission of the Commandant, Bro. Col. Shaw-Hellier, in the grounds attached to the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, on Wednesday evening, when, notwithstanding the showery state of the weather, thousands flocked from Hounslow, Twickenham, Richmond, and neighbouring towns to witness the spectacle and listen to the military music.

Among those who will entertain parties during Doncaster Race week are Bro. the Duke of Portland, at Welbeck Abbey; Sir Tatton and Lady Sykes, at a residence they have taken in Doncaster; and Lord and Lady St. Oswald, at Nestell Priory, among whose guests will be Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, Lord and Lady Alington, the Dowager Countess of Dudley, and the Lady Edith Ward.

The Queen, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg and their children and the children of the Duchess of Connaught, left the Isle of Wight on Monday evening for Scotland. The Royal party reached Ballater the following afternoon, and drove thence in closed carriages to Balmoral Castle, where the Court will remain till some time during the month of November.

Sir J. Heron-Maxwell presided at a special court of the Governors of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, Holloway, when, out of a long list of candidates, three girls and four boys were elected to the benefits of the charity. It was stated that at present 186 children of Scottish parentage are being maintained and educated in the asylum, many of them being the orphans of Scottish soldiers and sailors killed in the service of the country.

Medals have recently been awarded by the Royal Humane Society to A. V. Parker and W. J. Froggyard, firemen, for rescuing children from drowning near Cherry Garden Pier, Rotherhithe, on the 25th July and 4th August respectively, and Private R. Summers, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, for saving F. Burton of the same regiment, who in attempting to escape from military escort, was on the point of drowning, when Summers in full uniform jumped in and saved him.

Bro. General Lord Roberts, V.C., Commander-in-Chief of India, has informed the Duke of Grafton, Chairman of the Mansion House Committee of the Lord Strathnairn Memorial Fund, that the Government of India have unanimously agreed to present the requisite quantity of gun metal for the equestrian statue which is to be erected to the late Lord Strathnairn at the junction of the Knightsbridge and Brompton roads. The commission for the statue has been entrusted to Mr. E. Onslow-Ford, A.R.A.

The Prime Minister appears to have had a narrow escape from what might have proved a very serious accident. The right hon. gentleman had been for a drive in Hawarden Park with Mrs. Gladstone and was returning home on foot, when he was suddenly knocked down by a mad heifer which had escaped from its owner and was wandering in the park. On recovering his feet Mr. Gladstone sought shelter behind a tree, and the heifer, which made off in another direction, was subsequently shot. We rejoice to hear that he has sustained no serious injuries from the accident.

We are informed by Comp. John Chadwick, Prov. G.S.E. of East Lancashire, that the consecration of the Hutchinson Chapter, No. 381, will take place on Wednesday, the 28th inst., in the Council Chamber, Darwen, at 3 o'clock p.m. Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.S.N., Grand Supt. of East Lancashire, will consecrate the chapter, whilst Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.H., will install the Principals, assisted by Comp. A. H. Jeffers, Prov. G.J. It is expected there will be a very large assembly of companions from this and other provinces.

All brethren of our Fraternity in Scotland will hail with satisfaction the elevation to the peerage of Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythwood, Bart., Past Grand Master of Scotland. Sir Archibald is everywhere highly respected, but nowhere more highly than amongst Freemasons. As a distinction of merit it was well merited, and as one of worth it is worthily conferred. Sir Archibald has the congratulations and best wishes of every member of the Craft in his new title, which, I understand, will be that of Lord Blythwood.—*"Mallett" in the Glasgow Evening News*.

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In our report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall last week one or two errors crept in which we desire to correct. That Cornwall's contribution to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was £7775 was such an obvious error that our readers have no doubt corrected it for themselves—it should have been £775. The sums voted to the Institutions at the meeting were: Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, 50 guineas; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Widows) (not Cornwall), 10 guineas; Masonic Institution for Widows, 10 guineas; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 20 guineas; and Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 20 guineas.

The next session of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Lodge of Instruction, will commence on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8 p.m., punctually, and every Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Mr. Stevenson's "Wrecker" is already well advanced in its fourth edition. His new book, "The Beach of Falesa," will be ready during this month or early in October, and the first edition of his work on Samoa, entitled "A Foot Note to History," has been nearly exhausted.

A protest has been published, signed by the Duke of Westminster, Lords Tennyson and Monkswell, Miss Octavia Hill, Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., William Morris, E. N. Shaw, and others against the demolition of Emanuel Hospital, Westminster.

General regret will be felt at the intelligence that Sir Richard Owen, who is in his 89th year, and has been confined to his bed at Sheen Lodge, Richmond, for some three weeks, is able to take but little nourishment, and that his condition is causing great anxiety to his friends.

For a long time past Messrs. Cassell and Company have had in contemplation the issue of an illustrated boys' paper on different lines from existing periodicals, and since the commencement of the year have been making preparations for its issue. The services of Mr. Max Pemberton have been secured as editor, and it has been arranged to issue No. 1 on the 14th inst.

The struggle for the County Cricket Championship has terminated in a victory for Surrey, which of the 16 matches played this season, has won 13, lost two, and drawn one. Notts, which almost to the very last stood a good chance of being champion, was a good second with eight, and Somersetshire, which has been doing some rare scoring was also well placed.

The Duke of Portland returns to Welbeck from Scotland at the end of the week, and entertains a distinguished party of about 30 for Doncaster Races. Among them will be the Duke of Cambridge, this being his Royal Highness's first visit to Welbeck since his host came to the title. A special train will be run each day between Worksop and Doncaster. The Duchess of Portland remains at Langwell.

A team of the Mortlake Working Men's Cricket Club visited the White Lodge, Richmond Park, on Saturday last, and played an eleven selected from the servants. At the close of the game the visitors were entertained by the Duke of Teck. Subsequently Prince Alexander of Teck played in a tradesman's match at Mortlake in aid of the funds of the Richmond Hospital, the result being a clear profit to that institution of about £13.

Barnet Fair will commence on Monday next, and the town and country round will be thronged with a strong contingent of London thieves and blackguards. It is said the Lord of the Manor has renewed his proposal for its abolition, and has given an undertaking to forego the tolls he is entitled to on all live stock sold at the fair and taken out of the district. It is to be hoped the proposal will come to something, and that ultimately the fair will be abolished.

Her Majesty has, through Dr. Reid, telegraphed a message of condolence to the Rev. W. H. Macleod, son of Sir George Macleod, Surgeon-in-Ordinary to the Queen in Scotland, whose death has just been announced. The message runs as follows: "The Queen commands me to express to you her very deep regret at your father's death, and her sincere sympathy with your family in the great loss you have sustained."

To the Baroness Burdett-Coutts is the credit mainly due of establishing the fishing industry of Baltimore, a village not far from Skibbereen, county Cork. A crowning effort on the part of her ladyship, assisted by the Rev. Father Davis, is a railway which the late Government were induced to construct for the purpose of assisting Ireland's industrial progress. The line is to be opened shortly, and the Baroness has undertaken to perform the ceremony.

A tremendous fire—the greatest since Bro. Capt. Shaw resigned his command of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade—broke out early on Monday morning in the block of buildings belonging to the Goldsmiths' Company, and bounded by Jewin-street, Jewin-crescent, Australian-avenue, and Red Cross-street. A large number of steamers and manual engines were employed in extinguishing the flames, but so fierce was the conflagration that it was resolved to keep two steamers and two hydrants at work till Tuesday morning.

Election Day was celebrated at the Hall of the Coach and Coach-Harness Makers' Company, on Thursday. Mr. Edmund Boulnois, M.P., the retiring Master, having vacated the chair, the Senior Warden, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, was sworn and admitted as Master for the year ensuing. The following elections were also made: Mr. W. B. Brook, Senior Warden; Alderman and Colonel Wilkin, Renter Warden; Colonel J. W. Lee, Junior Warden; and Bro. Peter de Lande Long, Clerk. The Court afterwards lunched together, the new Master presiding.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry visited Sunderland in order to place a block weighing 45 tons in position on the new Roker Pier. After her ladyship had performed the ceremony, the marquis pointed out that the pier which the River Wear Commissioners were constructing would be one of the largest and most important on the North-East Coast. Its length would be 2000 feet, and it was six years since the foundation-stone was laid. Subsequently the party proceeded to the board room, where luncheon was served, and the chairman, Mr. James Laing, on behalf of the commissioners, presented to the marchioness a model representing the block which had been laid.

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