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TRANSACTIONS OF THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE.

The second part of Volume VII. will prove a most acceptable and interesting number, because of its varied character, instructive papers and numerous reviews. The latter feature has been paid more attention to of late, and, to my mind, is one of the most useful departments of our Transactions, not only because the admirable notices are by brethren familiar with the works and subjects reviewed, and who sign their brief and pointed critiques, but they are sure indications of the scope of each volume so treated, and enable the readers to judge of the nature and value of the works published, so as to decide whether they need copies or otherwise.

The "Ancient Masonic Constitutions," or the York MSS. of the "Old Charges," is most appreciatively described by Bro. Speth, and I feel the quartette of us interested in its production cannot fail to be gratified at the reception our labours have met with, especially Bros. Todd and Whytehead, the Editors, and the excellent publisher—Bro. Peck. Copies of this beautiful book, so ably edited, can still be had at five shillings each, from M. C. Peck and Son, Printers and Publishers, of Hull. The Secretary has also done the "History of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, London," written by me, and presented by the publisher, Bro. George Kenning, to the members and other favoured brethren; besides a capital notice of the "Catalogue of the Medals in the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands," and other works. Bro. John Lane has said a few words in praise of Bro. Speth's "Builders' Rites and Ceremonies," and I hope his endorsement of this extraordinary paper will lead many to speculate in a florin and secure copies for themselves from the gifted author. Bro. E. Macbean, the J.W., is to the fore with a most friendly notice of Bro. Willox's "versified relation of the author's feelings and experiences when receiving the E.A. and F.C. Degrees," and I say *ditto* to the wish that he "may long be spared to carol forth lays that are both pleasant and instructive." The Junior Warden has also contributed a racy sketch of the "Newcastle College Roll" of the "Old Charges," recently edited by Bro. Schnitger, C.C., and has so pleasantly discharged that duty, that many of us will be glad to see his signature more frequently in this most useful department.

The most important of the reviews is on the great History of the Phoenix Lodge, Chapter, &c., Portsmouth, of Bro. Alexander Howell's, and is by the facile pen of Bro. R. F. Gould, who has done justice to the merits and importance of this sumptuous volume. "New Masonic Periodicals" are also duly noticed by the Secretary.

The first paper printed in the order of reading is mine on "The Masters' Lodge at Exeter," the separate minutes running from 1777 to early in this century, some of which are very curious, and all are most interesting. The account of the discussion has made me still more sorry because of my enforced absence. The Secretary kindly read the paper for me.

The second paper, read by Bro. Edward Macbean, J.W., is an able review of the magnificent tome lately published by the Rev. R. Scott Mylne, on "The Master Masons to the Crown of Scotland," which Bro. Macbean has admirably described, and has also considered the subject in relation to the Masonic Craft generally, so it is really an independent paper of considerable importance, and of great interest to all those who are anxious to know reliable particulars as to the *Crown* Master Masons and their connection with the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

Of the general Papers, No. 2 on "Freemasonry in Mexico," is a most judicious and thorough examination as to the evidence, condemnatory or otherwise, of the Masonic authorities in that country. As it is by Bro. Gould, we all know he has grounds for each of his statements, and undoubted facts on which to build his denunciations of the vagaries and unmasonic deeds of the local Bodies; for the evidence clearly points to the initiation of Females, and their presence in open Lodge. These facts are denied, but the negatives are *not* proved. We only wish they were, for the witnesses for and against appear to be at variance most seriously as to many details, and I am bound to say the authorities have, as yet, not cleared themselves from the charges made. Let us hope they will, though from the facts submitted by Bro. Gould, I fear there is no chance of that. The article deserves to be most carefully studied, especially by the Grand Lodges of the United States.

Bro. L. de Malczovitch continues his extremely able and exhaustive account of Masonry in Austria and Hungary, a proper notice of which I must reserve for the contribution when completed. The labour involved in its preparation must be immense.

The "Notes and Queries" are attended to this time at rather more length than usual, and so much the better. The illustrations of the old Jewels sent by Bro. J. McN. Campbell are of interest, and quite curiosities in their way, and some of the Marks collected recently in India by Mrs. Murray-Aynsley, are most welcome additions to our store of these ancient souvenirs.

Bro. G. W. Bain's Grand Collection of Masonic Works, MSS., &c., have been wisely utilised, and I think much good might be done by his sending brief descriptions of the unique pieces in his Library, whether Books, Medals or MSS.

Bro. W. H. Rylands has called attention to the pretty gold jewel beautifully engraved, and having the field cut out, presented to Bro. J. Gregor in 1774, by the old Inverness Lodge, and written a most pleasing sketch of it with particulars of the presentation; besides furnishing an illustration of the decoration. The arrangement of the symbols and tools is much like a larger medal or jewel in the Grand Lodge of England. This one is the size

of half-a-crown, but the Grand Lodge piece is about twice the size, and, I believe, of silver.

Bro. Rylands has also obtained the loan of the plates which illustrate his valuable paper on "Masonic Marks in the Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire," by desire of our zealous Secretary, which will be a boon for those not having copies of that scholarly production. This series of county Masonic Marks is unequalled, and suggests what other students might do, in concert, who are moving about the country, and have the necessary time and knowledge, to make copies of these memorials in stone.

Last, but not least, is the imposing picture, reproduced most faithfully, illustrating Bro. Macbean's paper of the members of the Incorporation of Trades, Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh, represented as engaged in their several Crafts in front of the Royal Palace, Holyrood, by Roderick Chalmers in 1721.

My space cries "stop," but I have much more to say if there had been room.
W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire was held at the Hall, Bushey, on Tuesday, the 31st ult., under the banner of the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M.; G. E. Lake, D.P.G.M.; Rev. S. R. A. Buller, P.G.C.; Rev. R. A. Pope, P.P.G.C.; T. Fenn, P. Pres. B. of G.P.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., P.G.S.B., P.G.D.C.; F. S. Knyvett, P.G.D., P.G. Treas.; C. Bullock, P.G. Sec.; T. S. Carter, P.P. G.W.; R. Lomas, P.G.Reg.; C. M. Coxon, P.J.G.D.; D. Field, P.G. S.B.; W. Metcalfe, P.G.P.; W. Warr, P.P.G.O.; T. Kent, P.P.G.D.; J. Purrott, P.P.G.D.; W. Wilson, P.P.G.P.; Dr. G. Mickley, P.P.S. G.W.; F. Levick, P.P.G.W.; J. Robinson, P.P.G.W.; Rev. G. Finch, P.P.G.C.; and many others.

Prov. G. Lodge was formally opened, the minutes confirmed, and the roll of Prov. G. Officers and lodges called.

On the motion of Bro. T. S. CARTER, P.P.G.W., seconded by Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the 19th time.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

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| Bro. John Purrott, P.M. 1479 | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " C. E. Birch, W.M. 2323 | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. R. H. Pope, 504 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " Rev. S. W. Tidswell, 504 | ... | ... | |
| " F. Sumner Knyvett, P.M. 404, P.G.D. | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " H. Wigan, P.M. 409 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " Charles Bullock, P.M., 504 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " R. W. Wilson, P.M. 2054 | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " H. J. Nell, W.M. 2278 | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " C. P. Ayres W.M. 404 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " Jas. Terry, P.M. 2372, P.G.S.B. | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " O. Wigginton, W.M. 403 | ... | ... | Prov. Asst. G.D.C. |
| " R. Middlehurst, P.M. 1327 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " F. Fisher, P.M. 1984 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Std. Brs. |
| " E. W. Jaquet, P.M. 2323 | ... | ... | |
| " E. Apelt, Org. 869 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " Alfred Prudames, P.M. 504 | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Sec. |
| " R. Carley, W.M. 1757 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " F. R. Adams, P.M. 2136 | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Purst. |
| " A. S. Gilbertson, W.M. 449 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " F. C. Collingwood, W.M. 1385 | ... | ... | |
| " H. L. Barrett, W.M. 2218 | ... | ... | |
| " C. N. Cornish, S.W. 2323 | ... | ... | |
| " H. Trash, W.M. 2372 | ... | ... | |
| " Williams, J.W. 2518 | ... | ... | |

The report of the Board of Finance was adopted, and the following grants were made: 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £10 to the Bushey Hall Lodge towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Prov. G. Lodge, and £10 to the Watford Cottage Hospital. £20 was ordered to be invested in Consols to increase the sum of £278 2s. 1d. already invested.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER gave an interesting account of the work of the Charity Committee of the Province, from which it appeared that £795 0s. 6d. had been contributed to the three Masonic Institutions during the past year. One candidate was elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the first application with 2458 votes, and a brother was assisted in securing an annuity in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He appealed to the brethren to send their votes to their representatives, and thus secure the election of provincial cases. He suggested to those lodges where it was the custom to elect the W.M. as the representative, that it would be far preferable to re-elect a brother year after year, as he then became accustomed to the work and knew the voting power of the various members. Having been honoured by being elected as Treasurer of the Boys' School, he (Bro. Keyser) could no longer be their representative on the Board of Management of that Institution, and he therefore proposed Bro. Levick as the nominee of the province.

Bro. LAKE, D.P.G.M., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER having endorsed the remarks of Bro. Keyser with reference to the Charity Committee, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the customary toasts were duly honoured. The "Queen and the Craft" having been given,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said they would drink the toast with double enthusiasm on the present occasion, when they remembered the new Prince of the new generation of the Royal Family lately born.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said they were always fortunate in getting a good attendance of Grand Officers at their Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. On the present occasion they had with them Bro. Fenn, whose name was a household word in the Craft, and nowhere more so than in the Bushey Hall Lodge. They had also Bro. Knyvett and Bro. Terry, and at the lodge meeting Bro. Dawson, their late Dep. Prov. G. Master, was present in improved health, and they hoped to frequently see him at their gatherings.

Bro. T. FENN, P.P. Bd. General Purposes, in reply, said that a chair on his left had been kept in expectation of Bro. Loveland Loveland being present, and he was sure that brother regretted his absence as much as they all did. No one regretted it more than he (Bro. Fenn), for it would have prevented him from the necessity of boring them with a speech, and in the second place he would have been gratified to hear Bro. Loveland as his successor on the Board of General Purposes. Having been a Grand Officer for 30 years, he (Bro. Fenn) had, therefore, had some experience and personal intercourse with the two Grand Officers mentioned at the head of the toast. He could safely assure them that during the whole of those years he had never met two Grand Officers occupying exalted positions who were so thoroughly interested in Masonry and so desirous of fulfilling the important duties devolving upon them. With respect to the other Grand Officers, they had excellent examples in that province, and he would only say they were anxious and desirous of doing all they could for the benefit of Masonry and of discharging the onerous duties they were called upon to perform in justification of their high appointments.

Bro. G. E. LAKE, D.P.G.M., proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M.," a toast, he was glad to say, was always received in an enthusiastic manner, and he was sure it would be received no less enthusiastically when he reminded them that that was the 21st Provincial Grand Lodge over which the Provincial Grand Master had presided. When Bro. Halsey was installed as Provincial Grand Master there were eight lodges, and there were now 22, and that fact spoke volumes for the ability, zeal, and enthusiasm with which he had presided over the destinies of Masonry in Herts. Nothing further was required to recommend the toast, and he, therefore, asked them to drink heartily, on that the 21st occasion on which he had presided, the health of the Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., Prov. G.M., thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. He could look back upon the 20 years he had been Prov. Grand Master with the greatest pleasure. He did not think the result was due to any merits of his own, but to the inherent virtues of the cause. He believed Masonry would have increased equally under any circumstances, but it had been his pleasure to assist in that prosperity, and, at any rate, he could venture to say he had done nothing to check it. He thought Herts could be proud of the position it took. They could necessarily be nothing but a small province, but they held a position any province might be proud of. As Bro. Keyser had told them, they had a power in carrying their cases through the Charities, which showed what a small province could do by husbanding its forces and working them together. It was the old story, with a new application, of the bundle of sticks, perfectly strong when bound together in a faggot, but of no service when severed. If they worked together in the same harmonious way, he believed they would attain even greater successes in the future. With regard to the Charities, he hoped by putting their shoulders to the wheel to carry their three cases. He hoped the province would continue its prosperous career, and that the only rivalry between the new lodges and the old would be, which could best assist those objects for which Masonry existed. He was proud of presiding over such a province, and thanked them again sincerely for the manner in which they had received the toast. As the time was short, he would ask them to assist him in drinking "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers." He had learnt during the years he had presided that a Prov. Grand Master could accomplish nothing unless backed up by his Prov. G. Officers, especially his Dep. Prov. G.M. He had been most singularly fortunate in the deputies he had had under him during the past 20 years. There was Bro. Sedgwick, whom some of the older brethren remembered, and who had served as Prov. G. Sec. Then they had Bro. Wilson Iles, whose memory was still green amongst them, and who first gave that revival to the work in the individual lodges. Then followed Bro. Dawson, whom they were all pleased to welcome in the lodge, and last but not least Bro. Lake, who they hoped would long be spared to continue his good work. A Prov. G. Master like himself, with pressure of other avocations, could appreciate the value of the services of such a Deputy as Bro. Lake. With regard to the other Prov. Grand Officers, one and all had striven to do their duty, and those appointed that day would resolve not to be one whit behind their predecessors in carrying on the traditions of the Province.

Bro. G. E. LAKE, Dep. Prov. G. Master, returned thanks, and said their hearts were in Masonry, and any services they had placed at the disposal of the Prov. G. Master would continue at the disposal of Masonry in the Province. The officers would use their utmost endeavour to rival their predecessors, and carry on the excellent working which, as had been remarked, was revived by Bro. Wilson Iles. He remembered that when he was initiated in the province it was the exception for the Master to do his own work, but now the contrary was the rule, and it was a point of honour that every Master placed in the position did his work. That was largely due to the efforts of the senior members of the Province, and he ventured to say similar efforts would not be wanting in the future.

The Prov. G.M. being obliged to leave to attend to duties in another place, the Dep. Prov. G.M. assumed the chair, and proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. DE LARA COHEN, P.G. Stwd., replied.

Bro. J. TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I., responding on behalf of "The Masonic Charities," said that in an assembly like that, where so many had done their best on behalf of their Institutions, very few words were required. £19,000 collected for the Boys' School, £18,500 for the Girls, and £13,100 for the Old People was a grand result to attain in one year from the Masonic body. The Centenary of the Girls' School realised £51,500, and the Craft grew in four years so that in 1892, at only a "Jubilee" of the Old People's Institution, £69,000 was collected. In a few years they would have the Centenary of the Boys, and with the growth of the Craft who should say that the announcement that would then be made would not run into six figures in

the pounds column? The Girls' Institution was one they all fell in love with on visiting it, and the Boys' would be the backbone of the Craft in the future. What were they to do with the Old People? Those who had spent their lives well, and had honourably maintained the reputation of the Craft, but then adversity overtaking them, had reluctantly been compelled to ask for assistance. When he was first elected an officer of the Institution 30 years ago, they had only to raise £1800 to pay the annuitants, but now £16,100 was required. The men then received £26 and the widows £25; now the amounts were £40 and £32 respectively. They now had 475 annuitants, and therefore he ventured to say that, whilst the girls and boys could appeal to their sympathies on account of their youth, let them not forget those who had been overwhelmed by trouble and misfortune. He appealed to them to support that Institution, which, although the youngest of the three, was the most deserving of them all in his way of thinking.

"The Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province and the Bushey Hall Lodge" was then submitted by the DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, and

Bro. C. E. BIRCH, W.M. 2323, P.J.G.W., in response, thanked them for the great honour conferred upon the Bushey Hall Lodge by holding the Prov. G. Lodge meeting under its banner. The members had done their best to give them a good reception. He hoped they had enjoyed themselves.

The Tyler's toast then closed what was unanimously agreed to be a very successful gathering, thanks to the efforts of the entertaining lodge, the brilliant weather, and, last but not least, the beautiful building and grounds in which the meeting had taken place.

Under the direction of Bros. A. R. Bilby and C. Winterbon the following artistes assisted in the musical programme: Miss Agnew Samson, Miss Ada Watchurst, and Messrs. Herbert Groves, and Harrison Brockbank.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

By command of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., the annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Whitchurch, on Tuesday, the 31st ult.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the Prov. Grand Master, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. G. Venables, J.P., P.A.G.D.C. were saluted. Bros. J. Bodenham and W. H. Spaul, P.A.G. Dirs. of Cers, and Capt. G. Williams Freeman, P.G.W. Egypt, were also saluted.

The minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Shrewsbury on 21st September, 1893, were read and confirmed.

Letters of apology for inability to accept invitations were read from Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, and Horatio Lloyd, Esq., the Prov. G. Master and the Deputy Prov. G. Master of Cheshire. Letters of apology for absence were read from Bro. Sir Chas. Soame, Bart., P. Prov. G.W., and from other brethren.

The roll of lodges was called over, and showed every lodge in the province to be represented, the number of brethren in attendance being 61.

The accounts of the Prov. Grand Lodge to the 31st December, 1893, showed a balance in the bank of £47 3s. 3d., and the Prov. G. Master, after congratulating the Prov. Grand Lodge on the satisfactory statement, moved that it be adopted and printed, it was further proposed that Bro. J. H. Cooksey be re-elected Prov. G. Treas., and this was unanimously agreed to.

The Prov. G. Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

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| Bro. R. G. Venables, 611 (re-appointed) | ... | Dep. Prov. G.M. |
| " A. E. Lloyd-Oswell, 262 | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " T. J. Salwey, 611 | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. G. R. Plant, 2311 | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " J. H. Cooksey, 1621 (re-elected) | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " A. S. Townsend, 611 and 117 | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " W. H. Spaul, 1124 (re-appointed) | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " G. C. Cooper, 1621 | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " R. Williams, 1896 | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " J. D. Southam, 262 | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " W. Adams 2311 and 117 (re-appointed) | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " W. Baxter, 2311 and 117 (re-appointed) | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " W. B. Morris, 117 | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " C. H. Cowling, 117 | ... | } Prov. G. Std. Brs. |
| " T. Free, 1575 | ... | |
| " C. T. Reynolds, 1124 (re-appointed) | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " R. J. Roberts, 1432 (re-appointed) | ... | Prov. A.G. Sec. |
| " R. A. Burdon, 1120 | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " A. Joyce, 2311 | ... | Prov. A.G. Purst. |
| " S. C. Southam, 262 | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " W. Calwell, 601 | ... | |
| " W. H. Packer, 1120 | ... | |
| " W. Martin, 1432 | ... | |
| " W. Rhodes, 1621 | ... | |
| " A. C. Minshall, 2131 | ... | |
| " J. Cartwright, 1896 (re-appointed) | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER read the report of the Committee appointed to compile the Provincial Calendar, which showed a profit of £2 5s. on the sale of 271 copies, and the Prov. Grand Master in complimenting the Committee on the success attending the publication, moved that the same brethren be re-appointed to compile the calendar for the ensuing year. This was unanimously agreed to.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then read his report on the position of lodges, by which it appeared there were 348 subscribing members to the 12 lodges, the number of initiations in the year 1893 having been 21 and the joining members 12.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his pleasure at the continued progress of Masonry in Shropshire and intimated that the next meeting would be held at Bridgnorth under the banner of the Castle Lodge, No. 1621.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a luncheon at the Victoria Hotel.

The Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in response to that of "The Charities," Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Secretary to the R.M.I. for Boys, alluded to the gratifying fact that a sum of nearly £50,000 had in the present year been raised for the three Institutions, and towards which this province had borne its share. In eloquent terms Bro. McLeod impressed upon the brethren to still further support these Charities, the claims upon which were continuous.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held at Teignmouth, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., when about 400 brethren were present. The business commenced with the Committee of Petitions, who met at the Assembly Rooms, at 11.30, Bro. Major G. C. Davie, Prov. G. Secretary, presiding. The other members present were Bros. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Brewer, P.P.J.G.W.; S. Jones, P.P.J.G.W.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G. Sec.; J. Allsford, J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T.; W. Browning, E. H. Littleton, N. Radmore, G. Merrifield, E. M. Ellis, W. Bennett-Maye, J. G. Kevern, P.P.G.D.C.; C. H. Cooper, P.P.J.G.D.; W. A. Gregory, P.G.T.; C. Emmett, T. W. Atherton, W. J. Stanbury, R. Hambly, R. Pengelly, J. D. Ford, F. G. Cowd, W. Ferguson, J. Taylor, R. D. Renwick, F. G. Knight, R. Cawsey, P. Rousham, W. Powell, P.P.G.T.; J. C. Clark, F. C. Frost, C. A. Nicholson, Mark Whittle, F. Sanders, W. Locke, and A. P. Reece.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee had £214 to dispose of. There were nine petitions for relief, some of which, however, were withdrawn, and in the other cases various sums were voted. Twenty guineas were voted to each of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys, Girls, Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, and the total sum voted absorbed the whole of the available balance.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 2 p.m., at the East Devon and Teignmouth Club. Bro. Viscount Ebrington not having arrived, Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M., presided. Bros. the Rev. H. G. Morse, P.G. Chap., and W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D., represented the Grand Lodge of England, the former acting as D.P.G.M. Bros. J. Brewer, as P.S.G.W. pro tem.; Capt. J. S. Storde-Lowe, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.G. Chap.; Major G. C. Davie, P.G. Sec.; and the other officers.

The P.G. SECRETARY reported that the returns from the lodges in the Province for the year ending December last showed that there were then 3138 Masons on the books, an increase of 38. There are 767 Past Masters of lodges.

The P.G. Treasurer (Bro. GREGORY) reported that the receipts for the year had been £685, and expenditure £430, leaving a balance of £255.

The Committee of the Fortescue Annuity Fund reported that there were now five annuitants on the fund, and for a vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Simon Hyne, of Lodge No. 1205, five applications had been received. The election will take place on September 11th.

The revised rules of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, as adopted at the annual meeting of the Governors held at Exeter on July 3rd, were submitted and approved.

The Committee of Petitions reported that their efforts to obtain and concentrate the votes of the province for the great Charities had been fairly successful. Notwithstanding the large number of votes the province owed, they had succeeded in electing a candidate to the Boys' School, and reduced the votes owing from 4056 to 2974. They felt grateful that their credit was so good that other provinces were always ready to assist Devon in any time of need; but it must not be forgotten that for many years they had been receiving benefits far in excess of the amounts subscribed, and that they should endeavour to impress upon the lodges their duty to do much more for the Charities than they had hitherto done.

Bro. W. Allsford, 202, was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and Bros. J. R. Lord, 1247, and J. W. Cornish, 223, were elected Auditors. Bro. the Rev. Wm. Whittle, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G.D. of England, was nominated a brother for election on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The D.P.G.M. handed the handsome centenary warrant to Benevolent Lodge, No. 303.

Bro. G. N. BURDON, the W.M., acknowledged the gift. It is stated that Bro. Burdon's grandfather was the first S.W. of the lodge; his father filled the W.M.'s office that he himself now holds, and his son is also a member of the lodge.

The officers appointed and invested for the coming year were:

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| Bro. W. G. Rogers, ... | Deputy P.G.M. |
| " Lieut.-Col. G. Vernon, 2nd Bedford Regiment ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " G. N. Burdon, 303 ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. Dr. Lemon, 189 ... | } Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " Rev. W. French, 1125 ... | |
| " W. Allsford, 202 ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " A. H. Dymond, 112 ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " Major G. L. Davies, 251 ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " W. R. Lisle, 39 ... | } Prov. S.G.Ds. |
| " W. Orchard, 164 ... | |
| " W. E. Chapell, 156 ... | } Prov. J.G.Ds. |
| " J. Grant, 328 ... | |
| " G. S. Bridgeman, 1358 ... | Prov. G.S. of Wks. |
| " J. R. Lord, 1247 ... | Perm. G.D.C. |
| " W. R. Velvin, 1091 ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " J. C. Pierce, 1753 ... | } Prov. A.G.D.Cs. |
| " C. A. Nicholson, 1847 ... | |
| " W. Pengelly, 2189 ... | } Prov. G.S.B. |
| " J. Hoyten, 223 ... | |
| " W. T. Hocking, 70 ... | } Prov. G. Std. Brs. |
| " A. M. Martyn, 421 ... | |
| " W. Hector, 1332 ... | Prov. G.O. |
| " R. Harper, 251 ... | Prov. A.G. Sec. |
| " E. M. Ellis, 666 ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " A. C. Titherley, 1550 ... | Prov. A.G. Purst. |
| " T. W. Atherton, 243 ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " J. J. O. Evans, 303 ... | |
| " H. R. Grover, 1135 ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " W. Edwards, 1284 ... | |
| " G. Hooper, 1486 ... | } Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " H. W. Pengelly ... | |
| " H. Shooter, 112 ... | |

In the evening a large number of the brethren dined together at Bro. H. A. McBryde's London Hotel. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Viscount Ebrington presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. McBryde, who is an old Plymothian and a Past Master of 105, was warmly complimented on the excellence of the dinner, and on the arrangements made for the accommodation of the brethren.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent was held by the Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-street, Dover, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Over 80 were present. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and the following Prov. Grand Officers were invested for the ensuing year:

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| Comp. James S. Eastes, P.Z. (re-appointed) ... | Prov. G.H. |
| " Major-General Thomas Cumming, Z. ... | Prov. G.J. |
| " Thomas Warne, P.Z. (re-appointed) ... | Prov. G.S.E. |
| " Allen Tassell, P.Z. ... | Prov. G.S.N. |
| " William Russell, P.Z. (re-elected) ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " Edward Murton, P.Z. ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " Sidney Clarke, P.Z. ... | Prov. G.P.S. |
| " Thomas Tuff Dene, P.Z. ... | Prov. 1st A.G.S. |
| " Andrew J. Crane, P.Z. ... | Prov. 2nd A.G.S. |
| " Major C. Walker, P.Z. ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " Henry C. Jones, P.Z. ... | } Prov. G. Std. Brs. |
| " Richard Durnell, P.Z. ... | |
| " Henry E. Pannell, P.Z. ... | } Prov. G.D.C. |
| " Henry Morris, P.Z. ... | |
| " Ernest A. Marsh, P.Z. ... | } Prov. A.G.D.Cs. |
| " Frederick Nicholls, P.Z. ... | |
| " Rufus Stevenson, P.Z. ... | } Prov. G. Org. |
| " George Nichols, P.Z. ... | |
| " J. T. Funnell, P.Z. ... | Prov. A.G.S.E. |
| " John Cooke (re-appointed) ... | Prov. G. Janitor. |

A banquet was held in the evening at the Apollonian Hall, under the presidency of Earl Amherst, when a splendid menu was served by Mr. Fairlie. There were nearly 70 present.

A number of toasts were submitted, including: "The Most Excellent the Pro Grand Z, Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B.; the Most Excellent the Grand Second Principal, Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; the Most Excellent the Grand Third Principal, Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the other Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, Present and Past;" "The Most Excellent the Grand Superintendent of Kent, Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Amherst;" "The Most Excellent the Provincial Grand Second Principal, Comp. J. S. Eastes; the Most Excellent the Provincial Grand Third Principal, Comp. Thomas Cumming, and the other Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Present and Past;" "The Scribe E. and Treasurer;" "The Principals, Past First Principals, and Companions of the Peace and Harmony Chapter, No. 199, and the Military Jubilee Chapter, No. 2195;" and "The Visiting Companions."

Earl Amherst and the Prov. Grand Officers lunched at the Esplanade Hotel, and there held a preliminary meeting.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex was held at the London Tavern on Tuesday, the 19th ult., Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Bott Cook, Prov. G.M., presiding. After the reading of the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge and the transaction of the usual business, the Prov. Grand Master appointed his officers as follows:

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| Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson ... | D.P.G.M. |
| " Frank Richardson ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " Wyndham Hart ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " George Everett ... | Prov. G.M.O. |
| " Laurence Steele ... | Prov. S.G.O. |
| " Cusworth ... | Prov. J.G.O. |
| " George Gardner ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " Bellerby ... | Prov. G. Reg. of M. |
| " A. Brown ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " B. Stewart ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " J. M. Klenck ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " Porter ... | Prov. G.I. of W. |
| " W. J. Fisher ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " W. Metcalfe ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " R. G. Tucker ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " A. R. Trew ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " Puttick ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " Bridges ... | Prov. G.I.G. |
| " J. E. Lane ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " H. W. Seager ... | |

There were also present amongst others Bros. Lord Dungarvan, C. F. Matier, Sir J. B. Monckton, Laurence, W. M. Stiles, Scurrah, and others. A banquet afterwards took place.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 2nd instant in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. The Grand Master Mason, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., occupied the throne, and among others present were: Bros. Col. John Campbell, as S.G.W.; James Dalrymple Duncan, P.S.G.W., as J.G.W.; Lord Saltoun, Grand Master Depute; John Graham of Broadstone, Substitute Grand Master; R. F. Shaw Stewart, Past Substitute Grand Master; Constance Burke, Prov. G.M. of Jamaica; J. Balfour-Melville, Prov. G.M. of Fife and Kinross; G. Christie, Prov. G.M. of Stirlingshire; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; D. Reid, G. Cashier; the Rev. George Gunn, G. Chap.; General J. J. Boswell, G.D. of C.; James Caldwell, P.G.D.; Thomas Halket, P.G. Bible Bearer; J. Macnaught Campbell, G. Marshal; H. Munro Benholm, G.I.G.; George Hay, G.O.G.; and others.

Bro. Constance Burke, Prov. G.M. of Jamaica, was introduced to Grand Lodge, and was cordially welcomed by the Grand Master. Bro. F. W. Crowe, of the Grand Lodge of England, was also received and welcomed by Grand Lodge.

The report of Grand Committee that Bro. Col. Harry Lumsden of Pitcable be appointed Grand Master of Aberdeenshire (West) was adopted; as was also the recommendations that Bros. William B. Melish and George Mackenzie be appointed representatives to the Grand Lodge of Ohio and Kansas respectively.

Charters were granted to Lodges Duke of Rothesay, South Brisbane, Queensland; Fassifern Kilwinning, Harrieville Queensland; and Balfour Melville, Methil, Fife.

A recommendation by the District Grand Lodge of Queensland that Bro. Thomas Mylne, Brisbane, Depute District Grand Master, be appointed District Grand Master in room of Bro. the Hon. John Douglas, C.M.G., resigned, was adopted. Grand Committee reported from the Consulting Committee on the Bank question. The report proceeded: Letters were read to the Grand Committee from the agents of the complainers and defenders respectively, intimating that parties had arranged that the disabilities on "honorary members" of the lodge, as regards voting and holding office, will be removed in Constitutional form. It was agreed by Grand Committee to approve the Consulting Committee's report, and to remit to the Special Committee, with powers to carry out the agreement with parties in No. 52. The minute was adopted. On the subject of "Masonic purposes on Sunday," the minutes of Grand Committee contained the following: "Grand Secretary read a letter from the Master of Zetland, Grangemouth, No. 391, apologising to Grand Committee for having when asked declined to give information as to the circumstances under which his lodge had been opened for work on a Sunday. A report on the case was read from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire.

After some conversation, it was agreed to accept the apology tendered by the Master of No. 391; to thank the Provincial Grand Lodge for the report, and to remit to the Provincial Grand Master to admonish the Master of Lodge Zetland for the impropriety of conferring a Degree on a Sunday." A long discussion arose on a subject connected with the Edinburgh (Metropolitan) District. The minute of the Grand Committee thus stated the situation:—"Grand Secretary reported that, agreeably to instructions, he had by circular consulted the lodges in Mid-Lothian upon the application of Portobello, No. 226, and St. John, Corstorphine, No. 788, to be removed from the province in question and placed within the Metropolitan District, under direct supervision of Grand Lodge; and replies had been received from eight lodges, seven of which were favourable to the applications for disjunction from Mid-Lothian; but while so expressing themselves, one or two indicated their intention of asking to be placed within the Metropolitan District. It was moved by Bro. Caldwell, seconded by Bro. Dalrymple Duncan, that Grand Committee recommend to Grand Lodge to decline the disjunction of Lodges Nos. 226 and 788 from the Province of Mid-Lothian." Grand Lodge's disapproval of this report was moved, but the report of Grand Committee was adopted, on a division, by 47 votes to 32. The only other important business was a motion by Bro. Robert Gibson—"That it be remitted to Grand Committee to consider and devise the best means whereby the benevolent funds of this Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodges under its jurisdiction can be increased." The "previous question" was moved, and was carried by 74 votes to 17.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

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The Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge of New York are the following: Credentials (3), Jurisprudence (7), Foreign Correspondence (3), Warrants (9), Grievances (3), Finance (3), Pay of Representatives (3), Constitutions and Statutes (3), Charity (3), Printing (3), Unfinished Business (3), Work and Lectures (9), Hall and Asylum (9), Exemption of the Work (30), Deceased Brethren (3), Antiquities (5), and Accounts (3).

The Grand Lodge resumed work on June 6th, at 9 a.m., when the reports of various Committees were received and adopted, and the Grand Master, Deputy, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary for the ensuing year were elected.

Additional reports were presented on June 7th, but I shall pass at once to that of the Committee on Jurisprudence, from which I extract the following:

"At the last Annual Communication we reported that the 'Grand Symbolic Diet' [of Mexico] is similar to that of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland with their Provincial Grand Lodges, and confined to the first three or Symbolic Degrees, and we should have recommended their recognition then but for the protest of Toltec Lodge, No. 520, located in the City of Mexico, under Charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri: Action was deferred until further information could be obtained as to the character of that Grand Body and its subordinates. From information in the possession of your Committee, we are satisfied that this protest of Toltec Lodge, No. 520, at the City of Mexico, was from a desire to retain their Charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and being composed in the main of Americans residing in Mexico, desired the prestige of their position as the only lodge in Mexico with an American Charter. The charges made by the Master of Toltec Lodge were so fully met by the 'Grand Diet' that the Grand Lodge have revoked their Charter of Toltec Lodge, No. 520, and the members petitioned for and have received a Charter from the 'Grand Dieta Symbolica.' We, therefore, recommend that the 'Grand Symbolical Diet of the United States of Mexico' be duly recognised by this Grand Lodge, and welcomed to the circle of Symbolic Grand Lodges."

At a later stage of the report, the Committee say: "We unanimously approve the action of the M.W. Grand Master in declining to grant a dispensation to form a so-called "Travelling Lodge" in France, for the use of English persons sojourning in that country, who now have no opportunity of visiting French Lodges."

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

That the recognition of the "Gran Dieta" by the Grand Lodge of New York will turn out to have been premature and injudicious, I shall not be so rash as to affirm. But the "information" which satisfied the Committee on Jurisprudence (N.Y.) that the "Gran Dieta Simbolica" was entitled to admission into the family of Grand Lodges has been withheld; and I can therefore only hope that their credulity has not been imposed upon to an equal extent with that of their Grand Master, whose amazing utterance with respect to English "Travelling Lodges" on the Continent, has already been recorded.

The lodges in the State of New York are under the direct supervision of 30 District Deputy Grand Masters, the 28th District consisting of 28 lodges working in the German language, and the 29th of seven lodges working in French, Spanish, or Italian.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, Past Grand Master, and it carefully reviews the proceedings of the Grand Lodges in other jurisdictions, with the skill and precision for which that worthy brother is so justly renowned. There is also a supplementary report, by Bro. Charles Sackreuter, on the German and other non-English-speaking Grand Lodges, which is of great interest, and recalls the equally meritorious labours in a very similar field of Bro. F. de P. Villasana, whose

admirable notes on the lodges in Spanish-speaking jurisdictions were, a few years ago, a most agreeable feature of the Report on Correspondence, Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Lastly, Bro. Jesse B. Anthony contributes a series of statistical tables of the greatest possible value. The largest jurisdiction is that of New York, consisting of 730 private (or subordinate) lodges, with a total membership of 83,287 Master Masons; 18,344 Royal Arch Masons; and 10,435 Knights Templar. The total number of Master Masons (affiliates) in the U.S.A. is 713,721; of Royal Arch Masons, 187,311; and of Knights Templar, 97,765.

The jurisdictions having lodges of the largest membership are in the following order: Minnesota (674), New York (617), Colorado (610), Illinois (585), Michigan (578), Connecticut (557), District of Columbia (546), Pennsylvania (500), Massachusetts (489), California (464), Rhode Island (450), and Ohio (446).

The more prominent of the Grand Lodges (U.S.A.) according to extent of jurisdiction (after the subject of the present article) rank as follows: Illinois, Lodges 713, Members, 48,222; Pennsylvania, L. 414, M. 45,937; Ohio, L. 495, M. 38,123; Michigan, L. 376, M. 35,517; Massachusetts, L. 232, M. 33,936; Missouri, L. 561, M. 30,000; Indiana, L. 473, M. 26,266; Texas, L. 561, M. 24,472; Iowa, L. 461, M. 23,737; Maine, L. 193, M. 21,487; Kansas, L. 350, M. 19,898; Kentucky, L. 458, M. 17,942; Tennessee, L. 429, M. 17,826; and California, L. 255, M. 17,006.

THE BEAUMONT MS.

To the number of Masonic MSS. now missing, but known to have been in existence within a comparatively recent period, must be added the one of which the text here follows, bearing the title of "The Beaumont MS."

To W. Bro. Cocking, P.M., of Huddersfield, I am much indebted for the copy of the M.S., which he has kindly placed at my disposal for the benefit of the Craft, and also for other information bearing on the subject. Bro. Cocking, it should be remembered, was the generous donor of the priceless "T. W. Tew MS." to the West Yorkshire Library, and the thanks of all Masonic students are due to one who has furnished so much valuable material for thought and research.

The last trace of the original document appears to have been on the occasion of its being copied by the late Mr. Thomas Dunderdale, of Whitley Beaumont, near Huddersfield, Yorkshire, since which time it has been missing. The rightful owner is Henry Frederick Beaumont, Esq., of Whitley Beaumont, aforesaid, in whose muniment room the document should now be resting.

In the absence of the original manuscript it is difficult to form an accurate opinion of its character and value. As to the correctness, or otherwise, of the copy, we can only be led by the reputation which the copyist may have had for care and exactness. In reply to my enquiries on this point, Bro. Cocking says "I should say a most careful copyist as he was a splendid surveyor, which makes one note small matters." This view appears to be fairly reasonable and sound. So far, therefore, as the text itself is concerned, the copy may be accepted as a tolerably safe guide for the commentator, notwithstanding that Charge No. 11 is omitted. It may, possibly, also have been absent from the missing original.

We have not the caligraphy (nor any facsimile), which is almost the evidence necessary for us to form anything approaching to an accurate opinion of the period of the Manuscript; nevertheless, my feeling is that the date is about the middle, say, of the 17th century, or earlier.

It will be noticed that the opening of the Invocation is very unusual. There are also other peculiarities in the text, which doubtless Brothers Hughan, Speth, and other learned brethren, will at once observe. May we venture to hope to see, at an early date, their views in the *Freemason* respecting the "Beaumont MS.?" May we be more sanguine in another direction, and look forward to the speedy recovery of the missing document itself, towards which object I feel this publication of the text will render valuable aid.

WILLIAM WATSON, P.M.,

Leeds, July 31, 1894.

Honorary Librarian of West Yorkshire.

O Lord God father of Heaven wth the wisdom of the Glorious Sonn through the grace & goodness of the holy Gost w^h are three psons in one God, be with us now at our begininge & guive Us grace to Govere us here in this Life, Liveinge that wee may come to the heavenly blisse which never have Ending. Amen.

Good Brethren & Fellows: our purpose is to tell you in what sorte & manner this Craft of Masonry was first founded & afterwards mentained & upholden by many Kings, Princes & other worshipfull men & also to them y^e bee heare, we shall declare y^e charges w^h belongeth to every true Mason to Keepe, for it is a Siencie that is worthy to be Kept, for a worthy Craft & verteouse Siencie, for it is one of the seaven Liberrall Siences, & these be the names of them, the first is Grammer & y^e teacheth a man to speake & write truly, the second is Retorick & y^e teacheth a man to speak & write in subtilteames. The 3rd is dialectica & y^e teacheth a man to diserne & Know truth from falshood. The 4th is Arithmetica & y^e teacheth a man to recon & count all numb^{rs} y^e 5th is Geometria & y^e teacheth a man to mete & measure y^e earth & all other things of w^h is Masonry. The sixt is Musick & y^e teacheth a man y^e Craft of songe & voyce of tongue, organ harpe & Trumpett. Thus you may know y^e all the Siences of the world weare Grounded on this Siencie of Geometry the seaventh is Astronomy & that teacheth a man to know y^e Course of y^e Sunn, Moon, & Starrs, these be the seaven Liberrall Siences w^h be all founded by one Siencie w^h is Geometry, for it teacheth mete & measure ponderation & weight of all mann^or of kindes in y^e earth, for there is no man that worketh by some mete or measure, nor any man y^e buyeth or Selleth, but he may use mete, measure or weight & belongeth to Geometry & these Marchants or Crafts of Geometry, do finde all other of y^e Six Siences, espetically y^e Plowman & tiller of y^e Grounde for all mann^or of corne, wireplanters, & settors of other fruites, for Grammar nor Musick, Astronomy nor any of y^e other Siences can finde mete, measure or weight without Geometry wherefore y^e Siencie may well be caled y^e most worthy of all y^e Siences w^h findeth mete or measure to all y^e rest; if you aske how this science began I shall tell you. Before y^e flood of Noa there was a man caled Lameck as it is in y^e 4th Chap^r of Genesis, in y^e Byble & this Lameck had two wives the name of y^e one was caled Adah & ye name of y^e other Zillah. By his first wife Adah he had 2 sonns y^e name of ye one was caled Jaball & ye name of y^e other Juball: & by his other Zillah he had a sonn caled Tuball & a daughter caled Naamah. These 4 Children found oute ye begininge of all y^e crafts in ye world & y^e eldest sonn Jaball found out y^e craft of Geometry & departed flocks of sheepe, Larids in y^e field and first wrought a house of stone & timber as is noated in y^e chapter afoaresaide and his brother Juball found y^e crafte of Musick Song of Tongue, Harpe, Organ and Trumpett

and ye 3rd Brother Tuball found out ye Smithcrafter to work in Gold, Silver, brass, copper Iron and steele, & ye Daughter Naamah found oute ye crafter of weaving, and these children knew yt God wold take vengeance for sinns either by fire or water wherefore they writt the Sciences they hadd in 2 Pillors of Stone yt they might be founde when God hadd taken vengeance for sinn, the one stone was marble & would not burne wth fire and the other it was caled lateras & it would not dround in water, there resteth more to tell you how the stones were found yt y^s sciences were written in. After ye destruction of the world by Noahs fludd the great Hermerius who was Chuss sonn ye wch was ye sonn of Sem, the sonn of Noah. Hermerius was after caled Hermes ye father of ye wise men he found oute one of ye 2 pillors of stone & found the Sciences written therein & he taught y^m to other men. And all ye making of ye Tower of Babylon. Masonrye was made much of. The King of Babylon yt Height Nimroth was a mason himselfe, and loved well the crafter as is saide wth all the Maisters of Historys and wⁿ the City Nineveh and other cittyes of ye East Assia shold be made, this Nimroth King of Babylon sent thither threscore att ye desire of ye King of Nineveh his Cousin, & wⁿ they went forthe he gave y^m a charge in this manner yt they shold be true each of them to other, & yt they shold love truly together, so yt he might have worshipp for sending y^m to his Cousin ye King of Nineveh & further he gave them 2 charges as concerning their Science & they were the first Charges yt ever mason hadd of his worke and Crafter. Moreover when Abraham & Sarah his wife went into Egypt, he taught ye seaven Sciences to ye Egiptions, & he had a worthy scollar whose name was Euclid wch Learned very well & became Maister of the 7 Sciences and itt befell in his days that Lords & great men of these Quarters & Dominions Had so many sonns by their wives & some by other women for those countries are very hott of Nature & Generation & they had not compitent lands & goods to maintaine their children wch made much care. So ye King of yt land considering their Poverty, caled his Counsell Together, & caused ye Parlimt to be holden, ye greatest of his Interest was to know how they shold maintaine their Children, & they cold not find any way unless by Cunning & good science whereupon he let a Proclamation be made through his Relme That if there were anny cold inform y^m in any good cunning arts or Science he shold come unto him & be very well contented for his Pains & Travell. After this Proclamation made came this worthy Clerke Euclid & said unto ye King & nobles, if you will betake your Children unto my govermt, I shall teach y^m ye 7 Sciences whereby they may live honestly & like Gentlemen. Upon condition yt you grant me a Comition to have rule & power over them. The King & his Counsell granted ye same & sealed ye Comition & then this worthy doctor tooke unto him these Lords sonns & taught y^m ye sience of geometry in practis for to worke all manno^r of worthy workes that shold belong to building of temples, Churches Castles Mannors Towers Houses & Mannors of Buildings & he gave them a charge the first was yt they shold be true to ye King & ye Lords they served & that they shold love well together & be true each one to another & to call each one his Fellow or Brother & not servant or Knave or any other foule name & yt they shold ordaine ye wisest of them, To be Maister of their Lord & Maisters worke, & yt neither Lord, nor man of great Linage or Riches or for favor should make & ordaine such an one to Beare rule & to be Governo^r of their worke, yt hath small knowledge or Understanding in ye Science wheare by ye owner of ye worke shold be evle served and you ashamed of yo^r workmanship & also to call ye Governo^r of the worke, Maister, whilst they wrought with him; and many other charges wch were to long to tell, & to all ye charges he made them to sweare the Great Oath wch men used att yt time, & he ordained for y^m reasonable wages that they might live wth honesty. And also that they shold come & assemble themselves once every yeare, that they might take advise & counsell among themselves, how they might worke best to serve their Lord & Maister, for his proffit & their own credit & Honesty. And to correct among y^m selves, him or them yt erred or transgressed, & thus was the Crafter or Science of Geometry grounded there. And yt worthy Maister gave yt ye name of Geometry & now it is caled Masonry since the children of Israell were come into ye land of Vsheth that wch is now caled the Land of Canaan. The City of Jerusalem, King David begun ye Temple wch is caled Templum Dominis & is named with us The temple of Jerusalem: And ye same King David loved Masons well, & cherished y^m & gave good payment unto them & gave them ye charges in manno^r as he had in Egypt by Euclid & other charges more as you shall heare afterwards following, and after ye death of King David, Solomon sonne of ye saide Kinge finished ye temple wch his father had begunn & he sent after Masons of Divers Townes & Countrys & gatherd y^m together for yt he hadd 2400 Masons & a 1000 of them were ordained Maisters & Governors of their worke, & there was a King of another land whose name was Hiram & he loved King David well & he gave him timber for his worke & he hadd a sonn named Aymon & he was Maister Geometry & the Chiefest Maister of all his Masons & Governo^r of all his graven & carved worke & of all other masonry wch belonged to ye temple & all this witnesseth ye 4th Booke of Kings in ye Byble & this same King Solomon confirmed both Charges & Mannors that his father had guiven to Masons & so was this worthy Crafter or Science of Masonry confirmed in ye Cuntry of Jerusalem & in many other countrys & kingdoms, Glorious Craftsmen walking full wide aboute in divers countrys & kingdoms, some because of learninge more Knowledge & skill in ye Crafter & some to teach others & so it befell yt there was a Curious Mason whose name was Mamon Grecus that hadd been at ye building of Solomons temple & he came into France & there he taught ye Craft of Masonry to men in France & there was a man in France Caralus Marehill came unto this Mamon Greus afforesaide & learned of him ye craft of Masonry & he loved Masonry well & took upon him the charges & afterwards by ye grace of God he was elected King of France & when he was in his Estate he tooke a many masons & helpt to make new masons yt were none before, & sett y^m on worke & gave good wages, & confirmed to y^m a charter to hold their assembly from yeare to yeare wheare they would & cherished y^m much & thus came ye Craft of Masonry into France. England stood att yt time void of anny charge of Masonry untill ye time of St Albon & in his time ye King of England being a Pagan waled ye toun about wch is now caled St Albons, & St Albon was a worth knight & chief Stuard wth ye King & had ye govermt of the Relme & also of making ye Toun walls and also he loved Masons well & cherished y^m right much & he made their pay right good, standing as the Relme did then, for he gave y^m Two shillings & sixpence a weeke & threepence for their Noonshings, and before yt time a Mason took only a penny a day & meate. Untill St Albons mended it and he gave to y^m a charter wch he hadd obtained from ye King & his Councill, for to hold a Generall Councill and he gave yt ye name of an assembly & he beinge a Mason himselfe, whereas he was, he helped to make Masons & gave y^m ye charges as you shall heare afterwards. Right soon after ye death of St. Albon, there came men of divers nations to war against

ye Relme of England so yt ye Rule of Masonry was destroyed untill ye time of King Athelston. In his days there was a worthy King in England who brought ye land to Rest & Peace & builded many great buildings of Abbys, & Castles, & divers other buildings & he loved Masons well & he hadd a sonn caled Edwin & he loved Masons much more than his father did, & he was a great practiser in Geometry & came himselfe to commune & talk much wth Masons & to learne of y^m ye craft & afterwards for the love he hadd to Masons, and to ye Crafter, he was made a Mason himselfe, & he obtained of his Father the King a charter & a comition to assemble every yeare and wheare they would within ye relme of England that they might correct falts errors & trespasses, if yt anny were committed and done concerning ye crafter of Masonry, and he with many other Masons held an assembly at Yorke & there he made Masons & gave y^m a charge & commanded yt rule to be holden and kept for ever thereafter. And he gave y^m a charter & Comition to keepe and made an ordinance that yt shold be Renud from King to King, And when they were gathered together he caused a loye to be made in this Manno^r, that all old Masons & young yt had anny writings or understandinge of ye Charges & Mannors yt before were made in ys land or in anny other Country yt they shold shew y^m forth and there was som found in Greeke som in Latin some in French & som in English & some in other languiges and ye meaning of y^m were all one and he caused a book to be Reade whensoever yt anny Mason shold be made for to give him ye charges & from yt till this time, Masonry has bene kept and yt from time to time as well as men might Governe itt & furthermore there hath bene putt and ordained at divers assembleys certain charges by ye best advised Masons & fellows.

The manno^r of taking an oath at the making Free Masons.

Tunc Unus ex senioribus tendat Librum utt illi vell ille ponant vel ponat manum supra librum tunc precepta debeant legi.

Every man yt is a mason take heed right wisely to these charges if you find yo^r selves guilty of anny of these charges yt you may amend of yo^r errors against God & principally they yt be charged for itt is a Great Perrill to forswear y^m selves upon a book.

1st The Charge is yt you shall be true men to God & his holy Church yt you use no heraci nor errors in ye understandinge to distract mens teaching.

2^{ly} That you be true men to ye King without treason or falshood & yt you shall know no treason or falshood but yt you shall amend it or else give notis or knowledg to ye King & his Councill officers thereof.

3^{ly} And also that you be true each one to another (vid) to every Maistrs and Fellow of ye crafter of Masonry that be Masons allowed & do you to y^m as you wold they shold do to you.

4^{ly} That every Mason keepe counsell truly of Lodg & of ye Craft & all other Councill yt ought to be kept by way of Masonry.

5^{ly} And also yt no man be a theife or accessory to a theife as farr forth as he shall know.

6^{ly} And also yt you be true to ye Lord & Maister you serve & truly see to ye profit & advantage.

7^{ly} Also you shall call Masons your fellows or bretheren nor no other foule name, nor to take your fellows wife violently nor desire his daughter ungodly or his servt in villany.

8^{ly} Also you shall truly pay for the table & for ye meat, Drinke where you go to table.

9^{ly} And also yt you do no Villanny in the house where you go to table whereby you may be ashamed.

These be ye charges in generall yt every Maister shall have, both Maistrs & Fellows.

These be ye charges of every man & fellow as followeth—

1st That no mason take upon him anny Lds worke or other mens worke unlesse he know himselfe to be able & skillfull to Pforme itt so as ye Craft may leave no disgrace but yt ye Ld & owner of ye worke may be well & truly served.

2^{ly} And also that no maister or fellow take any worke but yt he take it reasonably so yt ye Ld may be truly served wth his owne goods & ye Maister may live honestly & pay his fellows truly as mannors asked of ye Craft.

3rd And also yt no Maister nor fellow shall supplant any other man of his worke yt is to say, if he have taken itt of a Ld or Maister yt you put him not oute unless he be unable in Knowledge to finish yt worke.

4 And also yt no Maister or fellow take anny apprentis to be allowed to be his apprentis anny longer than 7 yeares & ye apprentis to be able of birth & limbs as he ought to be.

5 And yt no maister or fellow shall take anny allowance to be allowed to make anny free Mason without ye consent of 5 or 6 of his fellows, & that they be free borne of Good kindred & not a bondman & have by yr wright limbs as a man ought to have.

6 And also yt no Maistr or fellows put any Lords worke to taske, yt was wont to go journey by false workmen.

7 And yt no Maister shall give or pay to his fellow but as he may deserve so as they may not be desseived.

8 And also yt no fellow slander another behind his back whearby he may loose his good name or worldly goods.

9 And also yt no fellow within ye Lodge or without ye Lodge missweare one another ungodly without just cause.

10 And also yt every one reverence his fellow Elder putt him to worshipp.

*11 And also that noe mason should play at Cards or Dice or any other Unlawfull games of Hazard whereby the Craft should be slandered.

12 And also yt no Fellow be a common Ribald in Letchery to make ye Craft slandered.

13 And also yt no Fellow shall go into ye Towne by night whereat is a Lodg of Fellows without some to bear him witness yt was in an honest place.

14 And also yt every Maister and Fellow shall come to ye Assembly if he be within 7 miles abt Him if he have warning, or else to stand to the Award of ye Maister & Fellows.

15 And also yt every Maister & Fellow if he have trespassed shall stand to the award of Maisters & Fellows, to make the accord if he may & if he may not accord to go to the Common Law.

16 And also yt no Mason make mold, nor square, nor rule to any be within lodg or without ye Lodge how to mould stones without a mould of his owne makinge.

17 And also yt every Mason receive and cherish every strang Mason when they come to their country and sett them to Worke as the manno^r is (vide) if he have mould stones in ye place, he shall sett him a fortnight at least to worke & give him his pay, & if he have no stones he shall refresh him wth money to ye next Lodg.

18 And you shall every mason serve his Lord truly for his pay & truly finnish his worke be it taske or journey if you may have your pay as you ought to have.

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In future numbers of the *Freemason* we purpose giving a series of portraits of Worshipful Masters who have been recently installed. Recognising the fact that no greater honour can be bestowed on a brother than to be elected the Master of his lodge, we desire to do our part towards creating a permanent record of such event in his Masonic history by placing his portrait before our readers. We shall be pleased to furnish Secretaries of lodges and others who may take an interest in our project whatever information may be desired as to our proposed method of procedure.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1894

Masonic Notes.

A correspondent informs us that in our recent Notes, in which we criticised an article from the Liverpool *Porcupine* of the 14th ult., we were wrong in our surmise that the lodge referred to by our contemporary was No. 1505, which meets nine times in the year. It was, he tells us, No. 823, which meets 12 times. This only makes the case worse as against the *Porcupine*, which jumped unscrupulously to the conclusion that because £135 was expended in the year in "refreshments," the bulk of such refreshments must have been "intoxicants." If six shillings per meeting per member leave little or no margin for intoxicants, still less does the smaller sum of four shillings and six pence per member.

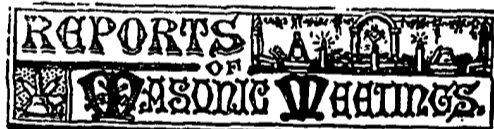
As for the number of lodges and the aggregate membership of the Province, they in no way affect our argument. We took the number of lodges as stated in the issue of Grand Lodge Calendar for the current year, while as to the membership, we stated it roundly as "upwards of 7000," and our correspondent, though a trifle more precise, corroborates our estimate. However, we are greatly obliged to our Lancashire friend for the information he has furnished, and we trust the next time we hear of our Liverpool contemporary it will be to find it has made a graceful apology to Lodge No. 823—firstly, for having criticised its private affairs, and secondly, for having wantonly charged it with an excessive devotion to intoxicants.

We never cease to wonder, as, almost week by week, we receive the printed proceedings of the various Grand Lodges of the United States, at the vast amount of painstaking energy displayed in the compilation of these wonderful records. No subject seems too insignificant, no occurrence too trivial to be dealt with, in the minutest fashion. There are rulings on every conceivable point, and grave discussions on matters only of passing moment; and we rise from the perusal of one of these colossal records with the feeling that the American Mason is not the least remarkable product of that hive of industrious energy.

We have received the report of the quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, which, although not presenting any marked features, is a record of good Masonic work in that district. The District Grand Master, Bro. Sir H. T. Prinsep, was absent on a well-earned holiday in England, and the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. W. B. Mactanish, presided. He summed up the state of the District in the satisfactory announcement that "the returns for the first quarter received from the lodges show steady work and all of them seem to be doing well, while harmony prevails throughout the district."

At the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, which was held in St. Augustine's Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the 18th April last, the subject of English Masons visiting lodges under the unrecognised Grand Lodge of New Zealand was referred to, and after a long discussion it was resolved—"That the attention of the Board of General Purposes be called to the indiscriminate manner in which members of the N.Z.C. were being admitted, as visitors, to lodges in England; that the said Board be requested to give the matter full consideration; and should it be deemed necessary, to communicate the decision arrived at to the Grand Lodge."

The subject is one which undoubtedly requires to be brought to the notice of the authorities of Grand Lodge. The so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand is not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, nor, having regard to the fact that the establishment of this unrecognised body in the face of a very formidable opposition from numerous sections of the Craft in the Colony has resulted in the complete disorganisation of Freemasonry in New Zealand, for the time being, at all events, is it entitled to much consideration. Whatever differences may have previously existed among the three Constitutions, a means of tiding them over was always found sooner or later, and generally sooner rather than later. They were, in fact, nothing else than family jars, and the exercise of a little tact soon restored harmony. Now there are five Constitutions almost at "daggers-drawn" with each other, and poor Freemasonry, with its geniality and kindness, its anxious desire to do unto others as it would be done unto, has become the laughingstock of the whole community. The men who have caused this merit no sympathy from those who love and respect Freemasonry.



Craft Masonry.
PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.
CHINGFORD.

Thomas Ralling Lodge (No. 2508).—When this lodge was consecrated on the 1st May last, the Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, was unable to attend, owing to a sudden call to America, and in a letter written at the time his lordship promised to pay a visit to the lodge on the earliest opportunity. This promise his lordship redeemed on Monday, June 30th, when, at an emergency meeting at the lodge room, Victoria Hall, Chingford, he was an honoured guest. The W.M., Bro. Thomas J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec. Essex, presided, and there were between 30 and 40 brethren present, who greeted his lordship most heartily as he entered the lodge room, accompanied by several Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers. Two brethren having been raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the W.M., in the name of the lodge, invited the Provincial Grand Master's acceptance of a founder's jewel as a memento of the occasion, remarking that although it was a matter of great regret to them that Lord Warwick was unable to be present at the consecration meeting, they all felt much honoured that he had graciously consented to be present that evening. Having been for some years intimately associated with the R.W.P.G.M. in the work of the province, he (the W.M.) could speak from personal experience of the deep interest his lordship took in the welfare of the province, and the result of that interest was to be seen in the prosperity and unanimity which prevailed there. The Earl of Warwick, in reply, thanked the brethren for their hearty greeting. No one regretted more than himself that urgent business prevented his attendance at the opening of the lodge, and he was particularly glad that they had given him the present opportunity of paying them a visit. They would quite understand that he was not able often to witness the working of a degree in a lodge, and he had therefore been much interested in the ceremony of that evening. He congratulated the W.M. on the manner in which he had carried out the work, and the officers for the ready way in which they had done their parts. He trusted that they would all take to heart the lesson of fortitude and fidelity which was inculcated in the Third Degree. In conclusion, his lordship said he was very proud of the position he held in the province, and as long as he could be

of service to Masonry in Essex he should be pleased to continue to hold that position.

His lordship afterwards dined with the brethren. Some high class music was given by the members during the evening, and Bro. Fernandez kindly gave two very striking recitations.

HARROW.

Henry Levander Lodge (No. 2048).—It is a red-letter day in one's Masonic career to be elected Worshipful Master, but to be installed on six occasions, including twice in one lodge, is, indeed, a great honour. This has fallen to the happy lot of Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., who was installed W.M. of this lodge on the 28th ult. at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, at which there were present a great many distinguished visitors.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. F. C. Joseph, the W.M., through illness; Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., officiated, supported by Bros. A. W. Wace, P.M.; H. W. Parker, J.W.; A. H. Scurrah, P.M., Sec.; W. D. Dickinson, S.D.; H. T. Gurner, J.D.; J. Stubbings, I.G.; J. W. Ryder, D.C.; H. Webb, P.M.; J. V. V. Tyler; R. Whiting, P.M., Asst. Tyler; H. Wall, G. A. Wall, G. H. Paine, R. Smith, C. I. Axford, P.M., T. F. Bryen, W. Paine, G. H. Lewis, and W. M. Stiles, P.M. Visitors: Bros. C. Arnold, 2206; J. Read, 1383; H. T. Tilley, 183, 2348; W. W. Langley, W.M. 2206; H. Sillis, 2362; H. W. Lofts, 177; J. J. Thomas, W.M. 2150; J. Irvine, 862; R. W. Walker, P.M. 1107; J. F. Saunders, 1507; C. Woodrow, P.M.; H. Longman, P.M. 2271; G. Gregory, P.M.; H. Ashley, 2206; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507; W. G. Ferguson, 177; C. J. Scales, 1507; Walter George, P.M. 101; A. Goodchild, 704; John Ramsey, P.M.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. Barnett, W.M. 177; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 1503; J. T. Rowe, P.P.G.S.B. and P.P.A.G.D. of C. Herts; E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 179; John Osborne, P.M. 1602 and 1897, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Geo. Lander; H. Lovegrove, P.M. 1507, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; W. B. Parsons, S.W. 2206; A. Paine; W. W. George; J. W. Dewnap; H. Sadler, P.M.; T. Ward, S.W. 1706; E. W. Hislop, P.M.; A. H. Cole, S.W. 1744; J. E. Paine, 101; G. R. Langley, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; A. Martin, J.W.; F. E. Choveaux, 1622; S. G. Derham, W.M. 1622; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the minutes of the last lodge meeting had been read, the Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. W. A. Scurrah then raised Bro. H. Wall, and his working of the ritual was of the very best, and fully maintained his great reputation. The next important business was the installation of Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year, and this duty was performed by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, in a most exemplary manner. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers. The delivery of the usual addresses was ably and impressively rendered by Bro. W. A. Scurrah. The W.M. then initiated Mr. J. H. Wilson, and it need hardly be recorded that his working was excellent. Letters and telegrams were read from the following regretting their inability to attend, and with several in consequence of a previous Masonic engagement: Bros. Lord George Hamilton P.G.W.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Sir George Harris, P.G.D.; Capt. Walls, G. Std. Br.; H. H. Room, P.G. Treas. Middx.; A. R. Graham; S. Cechrane, P.G. Treas.; E. Storr; Walter Martin; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Smithson; George Reed; E. Pcock; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; Parkhouse; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; and many others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them.

The W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts with a few appropriate remarks.

In submitting the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. made special mention of Bros. Hogg and Sadler, who had honoured the lodge with their presence.

Bro. Hogg responded. He said no words of his were necessary to refer to the present Grand Officers, who were ever willing to do anything for the Craft, and as to many of them he often wondered how they could find time for Masonic matters when they were so much engaged in other ways, and they set a good example to the Craft. Bro. Henry Levander was an old friend of his, both in Masonry and otherwise, and he had learnt to esteem him early in life, and he fully deserved the Grand honours he had received. This was his first visit to the lodge, although he had often been invited, and he was pleased with what he had seen and heard. Their W.M. was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, and he offered him his hearty good wishes for his success at the next election, and when he was elected he and the members would have the great pleasure of meeting him as a Grand Officer. The lodge had been known to him (Bro. Hogg) for a long time, and he hoped to come again, but he could never forget the way the members had received him that night.

Bro. Sadler said it was a privilege to him on that auspicious occasion to have the honour to respond to the toast, but after the eloquent words of Bro. Hogg nothing more was needed of him, except to record that he found it hard to refuse an invitation to their excellent lodge, in which Bros. Stiles and W. A. Scurrah had done so much and everything good for the Craft.

In proposing "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said he owed a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Lord George Hamilton and Bro. Thrupp for what they had done for him in the last election of Grand Treasurer, and he paid a tribute to the great services of Bro. Room, Prov. G. Sec. He made, also, special reference to Bros. Dr. Goodchild, G. R. Langley, the Charity Secretary of the Province, Briggs, Osborne, and Reed.

Bro. Dr. Goodchild responded in happy terms, remarking that he was always prepared to do his best for the province. Bro. G. R. Langley also replied. He said that the lodge had done the best of any in the province for the Charities, and he was delighted to have seen Bro. Stiles installed that day.

Bro. Lovegrove also responded, observing that he was the first W.M. and practical founder of the lodge, in which he had severed his connection because it met on Saturdays, which was not a convenient day for him, and he gave another reason, which he explained. In eloquent terms he referred to the great services rendered by Bro. Henry Levander, and, in congratulating Bro. Stiles as W.M., he said that he ought now to have been Grand Treasurer of England, but that honour would be deferred until the next election.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that it would be an agreeable toast to every one present. It had been Bro. Stiles' privilege and great honour to have been installed W.M. on several occasions. His many virtues were so well known that it was not necessary for him to say anything more, but he would like to add that he (Bro. Scurrah) was initiated in the Royal Savoy Lodge, at which time Bro. Stiles was the Secretary, and from that day they had both been the firmest and fastest friends, and he had no better. He wished him every success during his year of office and in the Craft generally.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, on rising to respond, had a great reception. He said that he was not accustomed to speech-making, and to speak of one's self brought blushes to his cheek. He appreciated the position he held that night, and it was a great honour to him to have been elected as their W.M., and in return he would do all he could for the good of the lodge. It was not his intention to have referred to the office of Grand Treasurer, but it had been forced upon him by the kind remarks of Bro. Hogg and others, which he should never forget. In his opinion he lost the last election through his friends being too sanguine.

The W.M. gave "The Installing Master and Past Masters." He said that his best thanks were due to Bro. W. A. Scurrah, the senior Past Master of the lodge, for his excellent services that night. He had done the installing ceremony because Bro. Joseph was too ill, and he had filled up the gap. He (Bro. Scurrah) was never better pleased than when working in the Craft, and he had excelled himself. He was one of the best of Masons, who had done great things for their other lodges, and they were all proud to have him associated with them. He made a kind reference to the other Past Masters, and he coupled the names of Bros. W. A. Scurrah and Wace with the toast.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah responded. He said that he was put on his mettle that day, because he had to install one of the best workers of the ritual, and if he had done it to their satisfaction he was glad. It had been to him a great pleasure, and he could not do too much for their happy lodge.

Bro. Wace also replied. In proposing the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. said he was honoured with having an initiate at his installation. He (the initiate) appeared to take a great interest in the ceremony and was somewhat nervous, but he thought that the man who showed some feeling in going through the ordeal would make a good Mason. He was glad to receive him as a member, and he hoped he would look upon his reception with the same amount of pleasure as they greeted him.

Bro. H. J. Wilson responded, thanking the members for his cordial reception, and for having made him a Mason. Truly he was nervous, but that was due to his modesty, and he hoped to do his duty in the Craft.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said they had a great number, and he gave them a very hearty welcome, and hoped they would come again and again. He personally esteemed it a great honour, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Ramsey, J. J. Thomas, W. W. Langley, W. B. Parsons, and A. H. Cole.

Bro. Ramsey responded. He said he had known Bro. Stiles for many years, and he was a very old friend, and he congratulated the members on having so good a Mason and splendid worker as their ruler.

Bro. J. J. Thomas also replied, remarking that if the office of Grand Treasurer was to be given to one who had been an ardent worker in the Craft, Bro. Stiles was the man, as no one could surpass him for what he had done for Freemasonry and the Charities.

Bros. W. W. Langley, W. B. Parsons, A. H. Coles and Scales also replied in good and appropriate speeches.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," suitably responded to by Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Treas., A. H. Scurrah, P.M., Sec., and H. W. Parker.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very happy and enthusiastic meeting.

Bros. Henry Wall, Derham, Choveaux, Horace Ward, and W. M. George vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren, but Bro. George was a host in himself and made a great hit, for which he received a well deserved encore.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.)—A meeting of this old council was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 20th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Andrew McDowall, W.M.; G. Graveley, S.W.; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., P.M., as J.W.; George Powell, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.A.D.C., P.M., Sec.; Nelson Prower, M.A., I.G.; and H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Lt.-Col. G. Lambert, F.S.A., P.M.; R. Roy, M.A., P.M.; J. L. Mather, R. Berridge, and C. F. Driver were elected honorary members. The resignation of Bro. James Willing, jun., was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. C. L. Shepherd, J.W.; J. J. Pakes, S.D.; L. Steele, J.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., P.M.; W. G. Lemon, L.C.C., J.P., P.M.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A.; Major Hanzard, R.A.; and many others.

The council was then closed, and adjourned till the third Friday in September next.

The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave a few toasts, which were duly honoured.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Monday, the 13th inst. Among those present were Bros. S. G. Pigache, M.W.S.; G. Grimwood, J.P., Prelate; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., 1st Gen.; Nelson Prower, M.A., 2nd Gen.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. Maple, R.; Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; T. W. Coffin, M.D., P.M.W.S., 30°; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; H. J. Lardner, 30° P.M.W.S.; George Graveley, 30° P.M.W.S.; Major J. E. Anderson, 30° P.M.W.S.; and Victor Jagielski, M.D.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner having by request of the M.W.S. assumed the chair, impressively installed Bro. G. Grimwood, as M.W.S. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. W. B. Williamson, 30° Prelate; Nelson Prower, 1st Gen.; Laurence Steele, 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, 30° P.M.W.S., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, Recorder; W. Maple, G.M.; Victor Jagielski, R.; J. Speller, Captain of Guard; A. W. Humphreys, Herald; Dr. E. M. Lott, 31° Org.; F. E. Roberts, Asst. Org.; Biddlecombe, D.C.; and Capt. Baldwin, A.D.C. A vote of thanks was passed to Ill. Bro. Lardner for his services as Installing Officer. A Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to Bro. G. Pigache. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Bro. Corrie Jackson, F.R.C.S., &c. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, 30° P.M.W.S.; W. Paas, 30° P.M.W.S.; L. Steele, 30°; Dr. E. M. Lott, 30° Org.; G. A. Berkeley, P.M.W.S.; C. Tayleur, M.A., P.M.W.S.; and many others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

Thanks to the kindness of the M.W.S., a most excellent programme of music was presented, in which Bro. Egbert Roberts particularly distinguished himself. Bro. Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., kindly officiated at the piano. The M.W.S. is to be congratulated upon the great success that attended his efforts to enhance the comfort and pleasure of the brethren.

LAYING OF A FOUNDATION-STONE AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

The foundation-stone of the new chapel of the Wolverhampton Orphan Asylum, Penn-road, Wolverhampton, was laid on Thursday, the 2nd inst., with Masonic ceremonial, by the Lord Lieutenant of the county, the Earl of Dartmouth, who appeared on this occasion, however, as the Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire. The new chapel, which is being provided on the initiative of the late Mr. W. H. Rogers, is being built on a plot of ground contiguous to the Asylum, and abutting upon Penn-road. The chapel is of the conventional shape, and the chancel is directed eastwards. The building is already several feet above the level of the ground. The memorial stone, which is in the wall of the north transept, bears the following inscription: "To the glory of God. This stone was laid by the Right Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth, R.W. P.G.M. of Staffordshire, 2nd August, 1894."

Some hundreds of persons had assembled to witness the function. Some of them stood in the body of the chapel, and others occupied the low scaffolding surrounding it.

About an hour before, a meeting was held within the Orphanage of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Staffordshire. At about 3.15 the meeting concluded, and the members, numbering about 200, formed into a procession, and marched from the central entrance of the Orphanage to the chapel grounds. The brethren wore their regalia, and the officers carried their symbols of office. The majority of the brethren marched to places in the body of the chapel and the north transept, while the officers, accompanied by several gentlemen who were not Masons, occupied positions around the foundation stone. Prominent among this group was Bro. Rev. L. C. A. Edgeworth, P.G. Chaplain, wearing his vestments, accompanied by four boys, wearing surplices and Masonic badges. These boys, who officiated as lewises, carried a board, on which was a copy of the Bible.

Among those present at the ceremony were the Earl of Dartmouth, P.G.M.; Sir Alfred Hickman, M.P., and Lady Hickman, the Bishop of Shrewsbury, Bros. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, Dep. Prov. Grand Master; Major G. W. Walker, Director of Ceremonies; C. A. Newnham, acting Prov. S.G.W.; Major Gilbert, Prov. J.G.W.; W. Lees, Chairman of the Orphanage; Rev. C. Lee, and many others.

Apologies for non-attendance had been received from the Right Hon. H. H. Fowler, his Worship the Mayor of Wolverhampton (Alderman C. T. Mander), Lieut.-Col. Thorneycroft, Sir Smith Child, Bart., and others.

On the arrival of the procession at the site, the proceedings were commenced with the singing of the hymn "The Church's one Foundation," after which

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, addressing the assemblage, said that the brethren who were present to witness that ceremony knew that they, as Masons, were bound to be faithful to the laws of their country, and to erect handsome buildings to the service of God. There were amongst them, concealed from the eyes of man, secrets which had not been revealed and which no man had discovered. Those secrets were in due recognition to the laws of God and man. They were entrusted to Masons in ancient times in honour and peace, and having been so faithfully transmitted to them, it was their duty to convey them unimpaired to posterity. Unless their Craft had been good and their calling honourable, it would not have lasted through these many centuries, nor would they have had so many brethren in their Order who assisted in maintaining the laws, and to further their interest. They were assembled that day in the presence of Him who was the light of wisdom to lay the foundation-stone of a building which in due time would be consecrated to God, and to the glory of His name, and as it was the first duty of Masons in all their undertakings to invoke a blessing from the Great Architect, he called upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain to offer up prayer to the Throne of Grace.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN then offered prayer, and the laying of the foundation-stone was proceeded with.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER having declared it "plumb, level, and square," he declared it to be properly laid, and, in accordance with the ceremony, he poured upon it corn, oil, and wine, the corn being an emblem of plenty and abundance of God's gifts, the oil a symbol of peace and harmony, and the wine of strength and gladness.

The National Anthem was then sung, after which the assembly dispersed.

A luncheon afterwards took place.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Lees) proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was duly honoured. Miss Emilie Lloyd sang the solo of the National Anthem. The toast of "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," was then given.

Mr. T. BEACH proposed "The Freemasons of Staffordshire." He stated that he was not a member of the Craft, but knew that if Freemasonry had never existed England would not have possessed such noble piles as York Minster at one end of the land and Westminster Abbey at the other. Freemasons had established schools for young and asylums for the old, and recognised the two cardinal virtues of honour to God and Charity to their fellow men. He recognised the high services the Freemasons had given to that institution that day, and especially those of the Earl of Dartmouth, who, in his exalted Masonic rank had laid the foundation stone of the chapel in a most impressive manner.

The Earl of DARTMOUTH, who was enthusiastically greeted, said he wished to return the most sincere thanks of the Freemasons of Staffordshire for the cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed, and the manner in which it had been received. Perhaps there were few Masons who after so short an experience in the mysteries of the Craft found themselves occupying such a position in the Craft as he. It was to them mainly that he owed that position, and he knew that it was only by their consideration and support that he could hope to carry out the duties of that position. He had already had experience of their consideration and support, and he felt perfectly confident that as long as it was his endeavour to carry out the duties of his position he would not ask in vain for a continuation of that support. Mr. Beach spoke as he always spoke, in the most admirable manner, and though it made it additionally difficult for him to follow that speech, he would not follow his example and regret that the duty of responding to the toast had not been placed in abler hands, for although there were more experienced Masons present who would have responded in a better manner than he—he was sincerely proud to be called upon to respond. The rites, ceremonies, and mysteries of the Craft would remain mysteries to those who were not within the membership, but they were perfectly content, as Mr. Beach very rightly and kindly stated, that the works that they performed should speak for themselves. Mr. Beach deplored his ignorance of the mysteries of Freemasonry, but there was a very simple way of overcoming that ignorance. It was not so long ago that he (the speaker) was equally ignorant, and he could assure Mr. Beach, on behalf of the Freemasons of the county, that when he made up his mind to overcome that ignorance—and it would never be too old to learn—he would receive a very hearty welcome. He was not sufficiently acquainted with the members of the Craft in Staffordshire to speak of them individually—though he hoped shortly to be able to say he was better acquainted with them personally—but speaking of them as a whole, he could say that they were a body of which no one had any reason to be ashamed to be connected with. He had derived much pleasure from the fact that his first appearance as Provincial Grand Master of the county was on such an occasion as the present, and Mr. Beach had told them truly that one of the principal, if not the principal, object of the Brotherhood was to help those who were not able to help themselves—not necessarily Freemasons. One of the facts which had enabled Freemasonry to establish itself to such an extent in the county was the action which the Order had taken with regard to the Charitable Institutions of the county. He was happy to be present at the Orphanage a short time ago at the annual prize distribution, and judging by the happy health which shone on the faces of the children, and the manner in which they went through the various performances which they were called upon to go through, he realised at once—and all who saw what he did must have realised at once—that the instruction given them at that Institution, and the life they were taught to live, were as good and as happy as possible. This was an Institution which deserved support, and he was glad that, as Prov. Grand Master of the county, with the assistance of the body of Masons in the county, he had been able to do a little to help it.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. BINDLEY, D.P.G.M., proposed "The Wolverhampton Orphan Asylum." He stated that that glorious Institution had been established by a relative of the chairman, and it had risen from a small Institution to a colossal one. It was not confined to one sex or to one province, and there were at present in the Institution 60 or 70 of the sons and daughters of former Freemasons. The members of the Craft therefore ought to feel that they were bound to be more in touch with it than they had been, for it depended upon voluntary contributions.

The CHAIRMAN, in responding, said the interest in the institution had been shown that day in a remark-

able manner by the large assembly that had gathered at the stone-laying ceremony, whilst a large measure of the success of the gathering had been due to the presence of Lord Dartmouth. The Orphanage had been established over forty years, and although the founder would have been pleased if he had seen 50 children in it, they would soon have six times that number. The late Chairman (Mr. W. H. Rogers) left a sum of money to build a chapel, and they were bound to work with all possible energy to carry out that work. They wanted something like £600 if they were to open the chapel free from debt in the spring, and if there was anyone who had not contributed towards the fund donations would be gratefully received, and would relieve the committee of their anxiety in the matter. He wished to acknowledge the kind services Miss Emilie Lloyd had rendered the institution by coming down from London purposely to sing at that gathering.

At the conclusion of the luncheon the following subscriptions were announced: H. Coghill, J.P., £50; Bro. T. J. Barnett, £10 10s.; Bro. H. R. J. Denton, £5 5s.; Bro. W. E. Marsh, £5 5s.; Bro. T. Spencer, £5 5s.; Miss Stuart (Orphanage), Collection, £8; Bro. R. Dain, £1 1s.; T. Harrison Evans (collection), £50; Bro. W. Smith, £50; Friend, per Bro. F. Guosill, £50; Bro. A. Green, £5 5s.; Bro. H. Hall, £3 3s.; Bro. Pepper (promised), £1 1s.; F. B. Kelly, £10 10s.; Bro. J. Stevenson, £1 1s.; and T. Wardley, 10s. 6d.

The Craft Abroad.

MARK MASONRY.
COLOMBO.

St. George of Colombo Lodge (No. 464).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 11th ult. There was a very large attendance of brethren, many of the "up country" members having come down to Colombo to attend the meeting. The lodge was opened by Bro. Capt. G. Hearn, D.G.S.W., W.M., and the minutes of the last regular and five emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for four brethren, and they were duly elected. At this stage Bro. Lieut.-Col. Blake (commanding the Royal Artillery in Ceylon), P.M., P.D.S.G.W. of the Mediterranean, was announced, and was received and saluted in a manner befitting his rank. Two of the candidates being in attendance, were advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M. The Treasurer's accounts were then passed. The accounts showed that the lodge was in a very flourishing condition. A letter was read from the Deputy D.G.M., Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise, expressing his regret that he was unable to leave Bombay to instal the W.M. elect, but wishing the lodge every good wish. The W.M. said he had received from Bombay the District Grand Lodge diplomas of those members of the lodge whom the District Grand Master had been pleased to select as his officers, and presented them accordingly. Bros. Col. Blake and Maitland then presented Bro. Hercules John Scott to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, which he carried out in a most impressive and masterly manner. The newly-installed Master invested the following as his officers:—Bros. W. R. F. Lukis, Dist. G. Std. Br., S.W.; W. M. Roddy, J.W.; B. G. L. Bremner, M.O.; A. J. Baker, S.O.; L. W. Kershaw, J.O.; T. N. Grant, Chap.; John Guthrie, Treas.; W. H. Figg, Reg. of Mks.; Capt. G. Hearn, I.P.M., Dist. S.G.W., Sec.; J. W. Ridal, Dist. G. Std., S.D.; H. J. Orford, J.D.; M. Carey, D.C.; E. J. Hayward, Organist; and H. J. Harman, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the various visiting brethren, the W.M. said before he closed the lodge he begged to thank the I.P.M., Bro. Capt. Hearn, for the most effective and impressive manner in which he had performed not only the ceremony of advancement but had installed him in the chair of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a very excellent dinner was partaken of. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

A MASONIC CENTENARY AT BURLINGTON, VERMONT.

The brethren of the State of Vermont celebrated their centenary by a banquet at Burlington, Vermont, recently. Among the guests was Bro. J. H. Graham, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

In responding to the toast of "The University and Beneficence of Freemasonry," Bro. GRAHAM said: M. W. Bro. Hall and brethren, the intelligent Craftsmen of the far-famed Green Mountain State, as also those of every other state and territory of your great Republic, are justly proud that they are citizens of one of the few great nations of the world, upon whose domains, the sun in his diurnal course never sets; and all the sons of light greatly rejoice at the wondrous providential fact that, with but few unhappy exceptions, our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity has a duly organised and constantly expanding existence in every civilised country on the face of the whole earth from north to south and from east to west, thus demonstrating that both literally and symbolically the sun is always at its meridian as regards Freemasonry; and also showing that during almost every hour of passing time our brethren in some clime are assembled in our temples, from whose altars the incense of "brotherly love, relief and truth" continually ascends as a sweet-smelling savour to our Father in heaven, the great and glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe. And, my brethren, the youngest Masonic novice need not be reminded that prominent among the vivifying fundamental principles of our time-immemorial and ever youthful Fraternity are benevolence and beneficence, and that with these are inseparably intertwined all the obligations and duties which we owe to God,

to our neighbours, and to ourselves; and while humble Craftsmen vaingloriously boast not of the hundreds of thousands of shiekels voluntarily given by them and annually expended for the care and comfort of the widow, the fatherless, the needy, aged, and infirm; yet all true brethren of the Mystic Tie, glorify in the fact that the great ends and aims of our Fraternity are not only to promote individual good and present betterment, but to aid in all things, to hasten the coming of the glorious Era, of which our beloved Brother, Robert Burns (the immortal laureate bard of the Freemasons of my own dear native land), sang with triumphal prophetic joy:

"It's coming yet for a' that,
When man to man the world o'er,
Will brithers be for a' that."

"M. W. Grand Master Whipple, officers and brethren, permit me in closing these brief remarks, heartily to congratulate you upon this first centenary of the beneficent existence of your renowned Grand Lodge, and that of my own Masonic nativity; and in the unavoidable absence of our esteemed Grand Master Noyes, I beg you also to accept, through me, the warm, fraternal greetings, and the grateful thanks of our Grand Lodge of the Ancient Province of Quebec, whose first Provincial Grand Lodge predecessor of A.D. 1759-91; had, in the latter year, and by its last like official act, the rare felicity and the distinguished honour of chartering dear old Dorchester Lodge, Vergennes, No. 1, on the Masonic Registry of your notable state. "Brethren, my fervent prayer is that the choicest blessings of the Most High, may ever rest upon the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the Freemasons of Vermont; and that it may exist and be abundantly prospered in all its beneficent labours, world without end. So mote it be."

DEATH OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER, 33°, OF ILLINOIS.

Bro. John Corson Smith, Deputy Grand Commander, 33°, of Illinois, has issued the following circular to the members of the Commandery:

"Ill. Brethren,—For the third time in three years, the Angel Death has invaded the chamber of the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and the beloved Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Philip Crosby Tucker, 33°, has been called from suffering to eternal rest in Heaven.

"Ill. Bro. Philip Crosby Tucker, 33°, was born in Vergennes, Vermont, February 14, 1826, and removed to Texas in 1853, where he became actively identified with Freemasonry. The son of one of the best members of the Craft in its dark days in Vermont, Bro. Philip C. Tucker, who disseminated the 'Webb Work,' and stood so firm in the anti-Masonic times, our frater could not be lukewarm where there was so much good work to be done.

"His devotion to our Fraternity was not overlooked by his brethren, who in due season called him to the high offices of M. W. Grand Master of Ancient Craft Masons, M. E. Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masonry, and R. E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar. He became an active member of the Southern Supreme Council in 1868, and its Grand Commander October, 19, 1893, succeeding Ill. Bro. Dr. James C. Batchelor, 33°, who had been elected Grand Commander in October, 1892, to succeed that Nestor of Scottish Rite Free Masonry, Ill. Bro. Gen. Albert Pike, 33°.

"Ill. Bro. Tucker was ill from malaria but two days when he was stricken to death by apoplexy in the 'Holy House of the Temple' at our National Capital, from which his predecessors had also passed to that Holier Temple, 'that House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.'

"A wife and seven children, together with the entire brotherhood, are left to mourn his absence from us.

"The remains of our distinguished frater, accompanied by his wife and one daughter, and Grand Secretary-General Fred. Webber, 33°, were received in Chicago on the 11th inst. by an escort consisting of Active and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A., the Commander-in-Chief, officers and many members of Oriental Consistory, S.P.R.S. 32°, and lovingly transferred to the train which bore them to their final resting place.

"Let our altars and working tools be draped in violet for 60 days in memory of the deceased.

"Lieut. Grand Commander Thomas Hubbard Caswell is now the acting Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction.

"To the bereaved wife and family, the brethren in the District of Illinois extend their sympathy; they mourn with their fratres of Texas and the Southern Supreme Council the death of their Grand Commander, but not as they who will not be comforted, for they remember the Divine assurance that we shall meet in the hereafter, in that world so graphically described by the American Poet Laureate, the lamented Bro. Rob. Morris:

"'There's a world where all are equal, we are hurrying to it fast,

We shall meet upon the Level there, when the gates of Death are passed;
We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there,

To try the blocks we offer with His own unerring Square.'

"JOHN CORSON SMITH, 33°,
"Deputy."



Bro. Lord and Lady Carrington have been staying during the past week at the Granville Hotel, St. Lawrence-on-Sea, Thanet.

The Goldsmiths' Company have sent a donation of £25 to the general funds of the Dental Hospital of London. The Company have also voted a similar sum to the building fund.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York has been graciously pleased to become Patron of the Seaside Convalescent Hospital, Seaford, Sussex, the oldest institution of its class in England.

The Duke of Norfolk, who is the owner of most of the property in the ancient town of Arundel, officiated at a pleasant ceremonial on Wednesday in connection with the opening of a new road and bridge constructed at his Grace's expense at the foot of the Castle. Various festivities followed in honour of the event.

To wish him *bon voyage*, Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, who left London on Saturday for a business trip to the States, was entertained on Friday by Bro. Major Probyn, L.C.C., and a few intimate friends at the Constitutional Club. Those present included representatives of the theatrical and legal professions, and several City dignitaries.

The Marquis of Londonderry, who was accompanied by Lady Aline Beaumont, Lady Helen Stewart, and Lord Castlereagh, on Thursday, opened a grand bazaar at Machynlleth Town Hall in aid of the restoration of Machynlleth Parish Church. In doing so he said the Church in Wales had always held its place, and did so still, among all classes and sects.

EXCURSIONS TO SCOTLAND.—The Great Northern Railway Company will run excursions from King's Cross Station to Edinburgh and Glasgow on August 17th and 31st and September 14th, and to the North of Scotland on August 17th and September 14th. The excursions to Edinburgh and Glasgow will be for 11 days and those to the North of Scotland for five and 11 days. Tickets at a single fare for the double journey will be issued by these trains, in addition to the excursion tickets, available for return by one fixed train on any day within 16 days.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 31st ult., in the Falmouth Masonic Hall, Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart., the Provincial Grand Master, presiding. He was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. Chirgwin, J.P., Mayor of Falmouth). The usual business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was transacted, and at the conclusion a cold collation was partaken of, the customary toasts being submitted.

Since the Jura-Simplon Railway opened their agency in Shaftesbury-avenue, a large influx of tourist and holiday makers have availed themselves of the gratuitous information supplied by the company, and are enjoying the bracing air of beautiful Switzerland. A tour will be mapped out to suit everybody's time and pocket, and intending visitors will do well to call at the Jura-Simplon Office before making up their minds where to go. The panoramic splendours of the Swiss mountains and scenery are never more gorgeous than in August and September, and there is no country in the world where hotel keeping is better done and moderate prices asked.

The Duke of Connaught, accompanied by Colonel T. Kelly-Kenny, Major Crabbe, and Captain Lord Bingham, was present at the field-day in the Long Valley, Aldershot, on Thursday, in which the West London Brigade, under Col. H. Trotter, were engaged. This force was composed of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Volunteer Battalions of the Royal Fusiliers, one squadron 6th Dragoons, and a battery of Artillery. Their opponents consisted of the 3rd and 17th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps, 2nd V.B. Middlesex Regiment, and 1st Highland Light Infantry, one squadron 6th Dragoons, and a battery of Artillery. To-day (Friday) his Royal Highness will act as chief umpire at extensive operations in the vicinity of the Fox Hills, in which the whole of the regular and volunteer forces at Aldershot will be engaged.

Not by any means the least interesting of the many attractive entertainments at the Earl's Court Exhibition on Bank Holiday were the instructive lectures delivered by Bro. James Stevens, representative of the Australian Irrigation Colonies. These were illustrated by no less than 150 recently prepared dissolving views of the principal features of Australian cities and townships, with special reference to the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia, and the local districts of the fruit farming settlements. The morning lecture bore the title of "Under the Southern Cross," and was listened to by a large and appreciative audience. In the evening—under the title of "The Fruit Gardens of the World"—the lecturer illustrated the river Murray and its characteristics, the formation of the marvellous settlements of Mildura and Renmark, the methods of irrigation and results, the extensive fruit farms in full bearing, and the large and important town of Mildura, which, within the short period of six years, now occupies a vast area hitherto a wilderness and waste. The interesting details of the work done, and the enterprising manner of its accomplishment, drew frequent and gratifying testimonies of approval from those whom the lecturer addressed, and to such as desire to know more than they at present do of the capacity of the Australian Continent for development in the direction of fruit production, we strongly recommend a visit to hear these lectures when opportunities may offer. For the next month or two they will be repeated at Earl's Court, and at the Crystal Palace, on alternate Thursdays.

AN EXCITING GAME OF FOOTBALL gives more real pleasure to the onlookers than is provided in a contest at almost any other sport. It is amusing to watch the interest displayed in one of the great League matches. How many of the spectators seem as though they would delight to participate in the struggle! Unfortunately for many of them, active exercise of any kind is impossible. In this happy land of ours, rheumatism, gout and lumbago claim their victims by the thousand. If you happen to be one of these victims, get some Holloway's Ointment without delay, and take Holloway's Pills for complaints of the liver, impurities in the blood, disorders of the stomach, &c.

The Grocers' Company have made a grant of £100 to the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor.

THE SHRIVALTY.—The badge and chain of office to be presented to Mr. Alderman Marcus Samuels, Sheriff elect, is being made at George Kenning's manufactory, Little Britain and Aldersgate-street, E.C.

LINCOLN'S-INN GARDENS.—On and after Monday next until Friday, September 14th, the Gardens of Lincoln's-Inn will be open every evening for the benefit of the poor children of the surrounding neighbourhoods from five o'clock until dusk.

Messrs. J. R. Parkington and Co. state that the shipments of port for July were 7267 pipes (Great Britain, 1888 pipes), making 50,701 pipes for seven months, against 59,283 pipes in 1893. The sherry shipments were 2656 butts, making 27,721 butts for seven months, as compared with 30,630 butts for the corresponding period of last year.

The convalescent home erected by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards at Pegwell Bay, near Ramsgate, for the members of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union was formally opened on Monday. Though the weather was showery there was a large attendance, including Mr. Edwards and the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman Blackburn), who made appropriate speeches.

In accordance with ancient custom, the First Commissioner of Works (Mr. Herbert Gladstone) has forwarded warrants for bucks from Richmond Green Park to the Lord Mayor of London, the Sheriffs, the Recorder, the Chamberlain, the Town Clerk, the Common Serjeant, and the Remembrancer. The Civic Chief receives four, the Sheriffs each have three, and the others one each. These warrants had their origin in the early charters granted to the citizens of London, in which their "hunting" were secured to them. The first records of the custom date from 1101.

The London Season may now be said to be practically over, and "Society" is widely distributed to country seats and elsewhere. Amongst the departures we notice that of Lady Redhouse, daughter of the late Sir Patrick Colquhoun, of Knight Templar fame, who has retired to her country residence at Penhurst. Lord de L'Isle has made Penhurst Castle a very charming place, and has attracted a great number of visitors of the surrounding gentry. At the Flower Show on Monday last, we noticed Bro. Dr. Anthony Nutt, one of the numerous visitors entertained by Lady Redhouse.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—A new departure in the issue of tourist tickets has been inaugurated by the Midland Railway Company, which will prove to be of great convenience to persons taking their holidays at this season. Excursion tickets are issued to tourists available to return *any time within sixteen days*. Considerable difficulties have had to be surmounted in what appears to be a simple arrangement, but we hope that, although at present it applies only to Scotland, its success will be such as to enable the company to extend the privilege to other portions of their system.

Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons have made a christening gift to the infant Prince Edward of a cot coverlet of white satin surrounded with Honiton lace. In the centre is a Royal crown bordered with delicately-shaded silk, while on the left, worked in pale gold, appears the motto "Angels guard thee." Encircling the crown are painted seven cherubs, scattering buds and petals of York roses. The case in which the coverlet is contained is a fine specimen of the wood-carver's art. The gift is of English make throughout. By the Queen's command, after her Majesty had inspected the work, a photograph of the coverlet has been sent to Osborne. The Duchess of York in accepting it, desired that the expression of her thanks "for the very beautiful coverlet should be conveyed to the workers."

MASONIC SERVICE.—The brethren of Preston attended Divine service in St. James's Church, on Sunday, the 22nd ult., upon the invitation of Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, M.A., vicar, P.G.C. England, W.M. 304, in accordance with the custom that has marked the holding of office by him in the Order. The service was taken by Bro. the Rev. J. Pimblett, vicar of St. Matthew's, P.M. 113, P.P.G.C.; Bro. the Rev. A. B. Beaven, M.A., P.M. 314; Bro. the Rev. C. O. L. Riley, M.A., vicar of St. Paul's, J.W. 314; Bro. the Rev. C. F. Wood, L. Th., curate of St. James's, Chap. 314. Bro. the Rev. C. M. Clarke, M.A., vicar of Christ Church, was unavoidably prevented from being present. There was a good congregation, and the musical part of the service was well rendered by the choir. Mr. J. Stubbs, L. Mus., A.R.C.O., ably presided at the organ. The procession, headed by the band of the 1st V.B. North Lancashire Regiment, was held under the banner of Unanimity Lodge, No. 113, Bro. C. Blackhurst, the junior member present, acting as Standard Bearer. The sermon—which we regret we have not at present sufficient space for in our columns—was preached by Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, M.A., vicar, P.M. 2229, P.M. and W.M. 314, P.P.G.C., P.G.C. England, taking for his text Hebrews xiii., v. 1.—"Let brotherly love continue." The collection amounted to £15 14s. 9d.

HEREFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual meeting of the members of this association was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on the 30th ult., when there were present: Bros. F. G. Chance, W.M. of the Palladian Lodge (President); T. Smith, W. Margrett, and the Hon. Secretary, W. Earle. The report stated that since August, 1878, when this local association was established, the following sums had been remitted to the Masonic Institutions: To the Boys' School, £309 15s.; to the Girls' School, £267 15s.; to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—Male Fund, £152 5s.; to the Female Fund, £141 15s.; total, £871 10s., an average of more than £54 a year, which remittances had purchased 153 votes for life. The cash statement for the year showed that the members' subscriptions amounted to £39 18s., of which £32 was sent to the Institutions, and 10 guineas was carried forward as a balance. A ballot resulted in the following life subscriptions to the Masonic Institutions, viz., Bros. W. T. Sale, G. H. Piper, W. J. Grant, J. H. Hall, W. H. Smith, Thomas Smith, Perrigrine Prince, Chas. Rootes, Wm. Margrett, and Sir Joseph Bailey. The Committee for the ensuing year was appointed as follows: President, Bro. Charles Rootes; Vice-President, Bro. the Rev. E. Williams; Treasurer, Bro. H. C. Beddoe; Secretary, Bro. William Earle; Bro. W. C. Gethen (for Palladian Lodge), Bro. W. F. Marvin (for Vitruvian Lodge), Bro. G. A. Piper (for Eastnor Lodge), and Bro. E. F. Mitchell (for Arrow Lodge).

The Leathersellers' Company have voted donations of £31 10s. to the Deptford Park Fund and £21 to King's College.

The Duke and Duchess of Westminster, Prince Adolphus of Teck, Lady Margaret Grosvenor, Lord and Lady Arthur Grosvenor, Lord Belgrave, and Lady Lettice Grosvenor were present on Wednesday at a horticultural exhibition held at Eaton for the benefit of the cottage tenants on the estate. At the close of the day the Duke, speaking from the terrace, congratulated those present upon the success of the show, which was the first of the kind held on the estate.

The chief event at the Shoeburyness Artillery Volunteer meeting was the contest for the Queen's Prize, amounting to £100, and the Prince of Wales's Prize of £45. The 6th Detachment 4th West York were declared the winner of the former, with a score of 48 points; the 2nd Detachment 2nd Glamorgan taking the Prince of Wales's Prize, with a score of 36 points. The third aggregate was won by the 4th Detachment City of London, and the fourth by the 10th Detachment City of London.

CRICKET.—With his innings of six on Wednesday against Yorkshire, Albert Ward, the well-known Lancashire professional, completed his thousand runs in first-class cricket this season. He was the third to achieve this distinction, the other two players being Brockwell and Abel, and his aggregate now stands at 1004. Only a day behind Albert Ward, the veteran champion, Mr. W. G. Grace, yesterday (Thursday) at Clifton, by making 27, completed his thousand runs in first-class matches this summer. At the end of last week he had made 950, and against Sussex in the early part of the week he scored 33 and nine, so that his aggregate now stands at 1019.

St. Briavel's Castle, situate about Sooft above the River Wye, between Tintern and Monmouth, is to be let, as is also Greystoke Castle, Cumberland, another of our ancient fortresses. St. Briavel's was formerly of much account; its ruins show it to have been very strong and of large extent. Built in the reign of Henry I., it has had among its owners Simon de Montfort and Warwick the "King Maker." In 1608 the manor and castle belonged to the Crown. Afterwards, when the Duke of Beaufort was lord of the manor, he had a Court of Attachment, the castle serving as a prison for offenders in the forest and of debtors within the hundred. Though now modernised, parts of the old building, in a good state of preservation, still testify to its antiquity.

NIAGARA IN WINTER.—The last days of "Niagara in Winter" are announced, and the Hall will be re-opened in October with an entire novelty for London. The proprietors of Niagara Hall have acquired the patent rights of an invention for the production of a natural transparent ice. They will greatly extend the premises, and convert the hall into a real and natural ice skating rink, the area of which will greatly exceed that of any of the ice skating rinks which have proved so successful on the Continent. Not only is real ice produced for skating purposes, but there is a simultaneous manufacture of ice for table and general commercial purposes.

The Duke of Richmond presented new colours on Thursday at Glasgow to the 92nd Gordon Highlanders. This famous regiment, one of the few distinctively Scottish that still wear the kilt, is now celebrating its centenary. It actually completed its hundredth year last June, but was then quartered in Dublin, and the festivities were postponed until their removal to Maryhill Barracks. There was a special appropriateness in the ceremony, inasmuch as the battalion was raised by George, fifth and last Duke of Gordon in the male line. The 92nd bore their flag to victory in the wars of the Peninsula, when it was specially thanked by Sir John Moore, and at Waterloo, where they successfully beat back column after column of the enemy. Its latest distinction was to take part in the march to Kandahar, and General Lord Roberts, in bidding them farewell, said: "I can but hope that it may be my good fortune to have such soldiers by my side when I next go into action. The 92nd have made a name for themselves that will never be forgotten by me."

Arrangements for the visit of the German Emperor to Aldershot have been completed. His Majesty will arrive from Cowes at half-past nine on Monday morning, and, having been received by a guard of honour of the Northumberland Fusiliers, will proceed at once to Laffans Plain, where a review of the troops, under the Duke of Connaught, will be held. A Royal salute by a battery of artillery will be fired from Pavilion Hill. The Brigade of Guards, under Major-General Lord Methuen, will arrive at Aldershot to-morrow (Saturday) in order to take part in the review on Monday and the field-day on the following day. The Royal Pavilion, which her Majesty occupied during her recent visit to the camp, has been prepared for the Kaiser's reception. Some of the Queen's horses and carriages will be sent to Aldershot to-morrow (Saturday) for the use of his Majesty and suite. The Kaiser will lunch with the officers of the Rifle Brigade on Monday afternoon, and dine in the evening with the Duke of Connaught at Government House; on Tuesday his Majesty will take luncheon with the officers of the Royal Artillery, and dine at the Scots Greys' Mess in the evening.

The various performers of the past season are now holiday-making either in this country or abroad. The brothers de Reszke are *en route* for Poland, Madame Melba is in Paris, and Madame Calvé at a French holiday resort. Mr. Lloyd is at Brighton, but is going in a week or two for a short holiday at Ostend. Mr. Santley is at Stresa on the Lago Maggiore, Mesdames Nordica and Brema are, of course, at Bayreuth. Mr. Plunket Greene, who has been to Bayreuth, is now at Carlsbad. Mr. Ben Davies is at present in London; but when his wife is convalescent he will go to Westgate. Mr. Jean Garrard is at Spa. Señor Sarasate is at Pampeluna, but proceeds next week to San Sebastian. Miss Eibenschütz is at Ischl. Miss Fillinger is in the Salzammergut, Upper Austria. Mr. and Mrs. Henschel have taken a manse in Inverness-shire for the autumn. Middle Kavogh is in Italy. Mr. Watkin Mills is holiday-making in North Devon. Mr. Barton McCuckin is at Folkestone. Madame Marian McKenzie (who has just been engaged for the Birmingham Festival) has taken a villa near Boulogne. Miss Hilda Wilson is at Northwood. Madame Ainy Sherwin is at Hastings. Mr. Vert is in town; but Mr. Daniel Meyer left on Thursday for his holiday in Scotland; and Sir Arthur Sullivan is at his river-side residence, working at his music for the Lyceum.