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R.W. BRO. HUGH DAVID SANDEMAN, P.D.G. MASTER OF BENGAL.

The *Indian Freemason* for June contains the following account of the Masonic career of Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, who for the past 14 years has filled the important office of Grand Secretary-General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of England. No better tribute could be paid to his ability than to say that he has successfully administered the affairs of an Order that for many years previously had had the advantage of the services of so able a brother as the late Col. Shadwell Clerke, and the increasing prosperity and importance of the Order is owing, in no small degree, to the painstaking labours of its present Grand Secretary-General. What Bro. Sandeman's services to Masonry generally in this country have been is known to most of our readers, and we make no apology (except to the Editor of the *Indian Freemason*) for reprinting the following interesting account of our Brother's Masonic career in India. We may mention that the biography is accompanied by an excellent full-page portrait which we regret we cannot also transfer to our columns:—

"The subject of the portrait in our present number is a brother, who, after distinguishing himself in the Craft in India for over a quarter of a century and attaining the highest position in it, is still for the last twenty years taking an active and leading part in Freemasonry in the old country, occupying a prominent position in the Order there.

R.W. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman, who was District Grand Master of Bengal for eleven years, first saw the light in Lodge Hope, No. 413 (then 596) at Meerut, on the 12th of July, 1847, and took his Second and Third Degrees in that lodge respectively on the 9th August and 13th September following. He served as Master of no less than eight lodges at different periods, viz., Star in the East, No. 67, at Calcutta in 1861 and 1862; Industry and Perseverance, No. 109, at Calcutta in 1869; Independence with Philanthropy, No. 391, at Allahabad; Hope and Perseverance, No. 782, at Lahore, of which he was one of the founders and first Master; Fraternity and Perseverance, No. 1746, at Benares; (and since his return to England) Friends in Council, No. 1383, London; Caterham, No. 2095, Surrey; and Old Westminster, No. 2233, London. Of the last-named lodge, he is the present Master.

Whilst Master of Lodge Star in the East, No. 67, he initiated into Freemasonry the late Maharajah Duleep Singh at a numerously attended meeting held on the 13th of March, 1861. The event at the time attracted some attention, and was noticed by the local newspapers.

Besides being Master of the lodges named, Bro. Sandeman joined several other Calcutta and Mofussil lodges, and took an active interest in them. All the lodges to which he belonged and several others paid him the compliment of electing him honorary member.

After filling the offices of District Grand Junior Warden in 1861, and District Grand Senior Warden in 1862, he was in the latter year appointed Prov. Grand Master of Bengal, under a patent dated the 3rd of September, 1861, and was installed in that high office at a Special Communication of District Grand Lodge on the 29th of the following month. By a change in the designation of the office, in the following year, he became District Grand Master of Bengal.

During his tenure of office, the late lamented Earl of Mayo became Lord Patron of the Order, and it fell to R.W. Bro. Sandeman's lot to receive and welcome His Excellency into Grand Lodge, at a communication held on the 20th of January, 1870. The Hall was crowded to its full capacity, and all the leading Masons were present on the occasion—the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, Bro. William Grey, accompanied the Lord Patron. His Excellency, in acknowledging the toast of his health and the welcome accorded to him, said that it was a source of great gratification to him soon after his arrival in the country to find his name inscribed in the Freemasons' Diary, and to notice in the same page the establishment of the Bengal Masonic Association for the education of the children of indigent Freemasons. He added that it was a source of gratification to him to remember that the Association took its birth in the same year that he became Lord Patron of the Order. We may here observe that Lord Mayo evinced his interest in the Institution by subscribing Rs. 500 to its fund. A similar amount was subscribed by the Lieutenant-Governor.

During R.W. Bro. Sandeman's tenure of office, 12 new lodges were established in different parts of the district, which then included the Punjab and British Burmah, but it should be here noted that the lodges in British Burmah and the Punjab were, during his rule, created into the separate districts of British Burmah and the Punjab in the years 1868 and 1869 respectively.

R.W. Bro. Sandeman, at District Grand Lodge held on the 27th of December, 1872, announced to the brethren that in view of his approaching departure for Europe, he had thought it fit to tender to the M.W. the Grand Master the resignation of his office. The announcement was received with universal regret. He remained in charge of the district until the end of March, 1873, when he left for England, placing the district in the immediate charge of Bro. J. Pitt Kennedy, P.D.D. Grand Master.

We cannot do better than briefly refer here, to the principal features of his rule, which extended over a decade, and to the various reforms introduced by him in the administration of the affairs of District Grand Lodge and the managements of its funds. The District Grand Steward's Fund was instituted by him, by which the cost of District Grand Lodge banquets have ceased to be defrayed even in part from the funds of District Grand Lodge. It was chiefly through his exertions that the Fund of Benevolence was placed on a sound basis, and under the immediate control of District Grand Lodge. A new system of accounts was organised, and a new fund opened for the maintenance of Freemasons' Hall, while a regular system of audit was introduced by which a more complete control and check over District Grand Lodge Funds, which had been more than once imperilled, was secured. The Freemasons' Diary was first published under his immediate guidance and support in 1869; prior to which, dating from 1866, Bro. Sandeman used to issue annually an almanac containing useful Masonic information for the guidance of the Freemasons of Calcutta.

Bro. Sandeman was the first District Grand Master who introduced the system of annually appointing a few of the prominent brethren of the Mofussil or country lodges to offices in District Grand Lodge—a practice which has been followed by his successors, and very largely extended by the present District Grand Master of Bengal, R.W. Bro. the Hon. Sir Henry Prinsep.

But Bro. Sandeman's chief claim to the gratitude of his brethren is the establishment by him on the 2nd of June, 1869, of the Bengal Masonic Association for the education of the children of indigent Freemasons. By virtue of his office he was its President, and during the three-and-half years that he was connected with it he took the deepest interest in its development and success, and when he retired from India, in March, 1873, its invested funds exceeded Rs. 20,000, with children on its roll. It must be very gratifying to him to find that this Institution has at the present moment an invested capital of one lac of rupees, with 39 children on the rolls. R.W. Bro. Sandeman's laudable example was followed by the newly created districts of British Burmah and the Punjab, and similar Educational Institutions have been created for these districts in the years 1871 and 1872 respectively.

Services such as these, rendered ungrudgingly, could not be silently passed over, and on the announcement of his approaching retirement from India, the brethren resolved to present him with a farewell address and a suitable testimonial in token of their appreciation of his valuable services, and of their esteem and regard for him. A special committee was appointed to carry out that object. The farewell address was presented to him at District Grand Lodge held on the 21st of March, 1873, and he was requested to sit for his portrait and to accept the testimonial which would be sent to him. Bro. Sandeman thanked the brethren for their generously-worded address, which he said overrated his services to Freemasonry. He considered the address a sufficient reward without being supplemented by any testimonial, and consented to sit for his portrait on his arrival in England. The portrait which now adorns Freemasons' Hall, was received from England in due course, and was presented to District Grand Lodge by Bro. H. H. Lock, P.D.D. Grand Master Bengal, at its communication held on the 29th of December, 1875.

No notice of Bro. Sandeman's Masonic career could be considered complete, without reference to his connection with the higher Degrees of Freemasonry, of all of which he was the ruling head.

In the Royal Arch he filled the First Principal's chair in four different chapters, and was appointed Grand Superintendent of the Order in Bengal, under a patent dated the 5th of September, 1862. On his retirement from India, in March, 1873, Comp. H. H. Lock, Past Second Grand Principal, assumed charge of the district, and ably guided its affairs until the appointment of Comp. the Hon. J. Pitt Kennedy, as Grand Superintendent, who was installed in the office on the 9th of February, 1878, under a patent dated 5th November, 1877.

Bro. Sandeman took the Mark Degree on the 4th of October, 1865, in Lodge Victoria in Burmah, No. 68, at Rangoon, and subsequently joined the Capstone Lodge, No. 80, in Calcutta. He was appointed the First Provincial Grand Mark Master of Bengal. He formally constituted and opened Provincial Grand Mark Lodge on the 21st of February, 1867. He resigned his office in March, 1873, on his retirement from India, placing the province in charge of his Deputy, Bro. J. Mackintosh.

Bro. Sandeman was Provincial Grand Commander (now styled Provincial Grand Prior) of the Order of the Templars and Knights of Malta.

He also took the Rose Croix or the 18th Degree, and on his return to England, the 33rd Degree, which is known as the blue ribbon of Freemasonry, was conferred upon him, and he was appointed a member of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, and is, since 1880, the Grand Secretary-General of that body.

It is worthy of note that a Craft lodge, Mark lodge, Royal Arch chapter, and Rose Croix chapter have been named after Bro. Sandeman,

in appreciation of his Masonic work—a compliment rarely paid in such a manner.

We cannot better conclude this sketch of the Masonic career of our distinguished brother than by giving a brief outline of his official career in India. He joined the Bengal Civil Service in the year 1844, and after serving as Assistant and Joint Magistrate at different stations, he went to England on furlough from 1854 to 1857, and on his return here, was appointed Collector of Jaunpore. He was subsequently appointed Accountant-General, Punjab; Sub-Treasurer, Madras; Accountant-General, Bengal; and Comptroller-General and Chief Commissioner of Paper Currency, from which last office he retired on pension in March 1873.

It is now three-and-twenty years since Bro. Sandeman has left India, and during the whole of this time, he has been and is still, though advanced in years, an active and zealous worker in the Craft, the interests of which he has thoroughly at heart. Let us hope that we may, for many years to come, still have the benefit of his vast and varied experience extended over a period of forty-seven years."

FREEMASONRY AND THE GREAT PYRAMID.

By H. R. SHAW.

(Continued from page 14, vol. xxxii.)

II.—SQUARE AND COMPASSES.

We will now proceed to consider a few of the symbols used in Freemasonry, and which, as we have already promised, will be found to be used also by the architect of the Great Pyramid to elucidate the lessons which he places before mankind. Prominent among these symbols we find that of the square and compasses the first and universal emblem and, so to speak, trade mark of Freemasonry. We cannot, of course, make any attempt at explaining what Masonic virtues lie hidden within their folds; we may quite accept our author's statement that they do illustrate good morals, as well they may, for as implements of operative Masonry they are unquestionably necessary to the production of sound, well-built stone edifices, and thus seem to offer but little scope for any very deeply mysterious teaching.

But looking a little more closely at the matter we may perceive that they are always delineated in conjunction, and are so arranged as to form a geometrical figure of peculiar proportions, for whereas the square is an implement, always rigidly fixed at an angle of 90 degrees, the compasses, being subject to the will of the operator, are usually found placed across the square and opened to an angle of about 60 degrees more or less, and thus inevitably suggesting the circle with the equilateral triangle that may be formed upon its radius.

Now if this square and compasses be thus the universal emblem and seal of Freemasonry, it is equally certain that it forms the beginning and ending and the universal seal of the building of the Great Pyramid, as may be discovered by even the most casual observer, notwithstanding that this does not seem to have been noticed by anyone until the late John Taylor, of Gower-street, London, made the discovery, some 40 years ago, that the Pyramid's height, in the original condition of the monument, when each of its four sloping triangular sides were made into a perfect plane by means of the polished outer surface of the casing-stones, was to twice the breadth of its square base as the diameter to the circumference of a circle; or as has been shown more recently the area of the Great Pyramid's right section—that is, of a cut right through the centre, parallel to one of the sides of the horizontal base, is to the area of the base as 1 to $3\sqrt{1415}$, &c., which last number, as is well known, is the best simple arithmetical expression that can be given for the proportion between diameter and circumference, or the simple squaring of the circle. This same fact admits of being differently and perhaps more felicitously stated in saying that the vertical height of the Great Pyramid is the radius of a theoretical circle, the length of whose curved circumference is equal to the sum of the lengths of the four straight sides of the actual and practical square base of the building. And in this last statement we may doubtless read the real genesis of the building. The architect with his compasses ruled a circle which was afterwards to be moulded into four-square shape by his square, and from whence should arise a four-faced pyramid reaching to a height equivalent to the opening of his compasses or the radius of his circle.

But we need not look so deeply into the building as did John Taylor and others following, for, as already intimated, the square and compasses appear so plainly there as to be almost palpable, as we have said, even to the casual observer. Viewing the Great Pyramid upon its low hill at the border of the desert, or even looking at its pictorial representation, the squareness of its base is taken for granted while either of its four faces presents an accurate delineation of a pair of compasses naturally reposing thereon and opened to an angle of just about sixty degrees; the faces are not quite equilateral triangles, since the bases are notably longer than the isosceles—but this is scarcely perceptible to the eye.

It is worthy of remark, and may here be repeated, that it is only the Great Pyramid of all the great pyramidal buildings in Egypt which is possessed of the circle-squaring property. True it is that all the others, being mere imitations, have square bases and triangular faces, and some of them even get a near approach to the original shape, but as Piazzi-Smyth remarks, "the ability of head is wanting" in their construction, and they are evidently the work of men supremely ignorant of this truly ancient mystery of square and compasses.

It is not only in the shape of the building that we perceive these remarkable symbols of Freemasonry. The geographical situation of the Great Pyramid is as unique as the building itself, for it is placed upon the brow and close to the extreme edge of a flat-topped hill 130 feet in height, which overlooks the entire land of Lower Egypt, containing the delta of the great river Nile. Now Lower Egypt, as may be known, is of a sector shape, being, indeed, almost accurately a quarter of a circle, whose 90° angle resides very near to the centre of the Great Pyramid, as a glance at the map of Egypt makes evident, and whose two straight sides fairly coincide with the low ranges of desert hills bounding the delta landwards, while the quadrant line which completes the figure is formed by the coast-line of the Mediterranean Sea, extending in a uniform average curve from near Alexandria to beyond Port Said. Here, then, we have the square and compasses symbol in full play, coupled with a key to the solution of a most remarkable enigma contained in our Masonic friends' Volume of the Sacred Law (Isa. xix. 19), which tells of an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof; for since the building coincides exactly with the sectorial centre of the land of Lower Egypt, it must be, as pointed out by

Mr. Henry Mitchell, United States hydrographer, at one and the same time both at the border thereof and in its quasi middle, or just as was to be the altar and pillar spoken of by the prophet Isaiah as being destined also to be for a witness to the Lord of hosts in the idolatrous land of Egypt.

It will now be possible, or indeed necessary, to go through the interior of the Great Pyramid in order to prove how this circle-squaring problem appears and re-appears therein with varied illustration. Past volumes of the *Banner* contain much information to the curious upon this point, as do also the several treatises already mentioned. But our Masonic friends might be usefully reminded that the architect has not plied his square and compasses solely for the purpose of producing picturesque sections of circles which might only convict him of "triviality." No! the first of his circles was undoubtedly the circumference of the round world, and the next was its orbit; and with inches derived harmoniously from the axis of rotation of that round world he proceeded to set out his ground plan for this circle-squaring building, in terms 100 inches for each apparent revolution of the earth during the complete course of the second circle or orbit around the sun; or it may be, of course, the he means us to read in the perimeter of his square base, 36,524 inches, the number of days in one century, at the rate of one inch for one day; or as Piazzi-Smyth has it also, the number of sacred cubits of 25 inches contained in one base side is equal to 365^2 , or the number of days in one solar year. And this again is precisely what the other Egyptian Pyramids know nothing at all about, and can tell nothing, test them by what standard we will.—*The Banner*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., the Presiding Officer being Comp. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Grand Superintendent. There was a large attendance of the Craft, and the companions fully appreciated the arrangements made for their comfort, heartily recognising and appreciating the kindly services of Comp. Andrew Durrant and Comp. T. J. Ralling, Prov. G.S.E. The report showed that there was a balance in hand of £23 17s. 5d. The roll of chapters in the province remains at 11, with a membership of 289 against 280 last year. There have been during the year 32 exaltations, and five joining members; the resignations have been 24, deaths three, excluded one. Ten guineas was voted to charity.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in the course of his address, congratulated the brethren upon maintaining their efficiency, numerically and financially. He had a word or two to say of those who had "passed away," particularly referring to Comp. Welch, who was so horribly murdered at Colchester. He was a very thoughtful and earnest Mason, and who had assisted at the consecration of a chapter, his address on that occasion being greatly appreciated. Others who had gone over to the majority were Comps. George Cooper, of Brentwood, and Vaux, of Harwich, both worthy and zealous Masons.

On the motion of Comp. VERO W. TAYLOR, P.P.G.H., seconded by Comp. J. P. LEWIN, P.P.G.S.N., Comp. Andrew Durrant was re-elected for the 12th time Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The following were elected members of the Provincial Board of General Purposes: Comps. G. H. Finch, P.Z. 2005, P.P.G.J.; John J. C. Turner, P.Z. 51, P.P.G.J.; and Francis A. White, P.Z. 1437, P.P.G.J.

The officers installed and duly invested by the Grand Superintendent were:

Comp. A. C. Durrant, M.E.Z. 276	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. Glass, M.E.Z.	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Thos. J. Ralling, P.Z. and S.E. 51, P.G.S.B.	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
Eng. (12th year)	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" A. S. B. Sparling, P.Z. 51	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. C. Jones, H. 211	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. T. Warner, M.E.Z. 2005	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" F. H. Meggy, H. 276	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" James Speller, H. 2255	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. J. Glasscock, H. 1000	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" M. T. Tuck, J. 1437	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Lucking, P.Z. and Treas. 1000, P.A.G.	...	...	Prov. Asst. G.D.C.
D.C. Eng. (12th year)	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Joseph Sadler, J. 1024	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.F.
" Clement Spurgeon, Org. 453	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" G. W. Knight, M.E.Z. 2256	...	...
" A. W. Martin	...	...

The banquet followed at the White Hart Hotel. A selection of vocal music was commendably rendered by Comps. Herbert Schartau and Albert James.

SECRET SOCIETIES AND SECRET TRIBUNALS.

Chambers' Journal for last week has an interesting article on Secret Societies, commencing with the Order of Knight Templars, which, founded in 1119, was suppressed in 1314, when it ceased to exist as an Order of Chivalry. The writer traces the existence of the several societies down to the Rosicrucians, which after the Company of Troubadours he considers the most attractive Secret Society of which there is any record.

"It was theirs to invest the debased art of alchemy with a fantastic charm, none the less graceful because it was unreal. They were very closely connected with the Troubadours, holding the 'Romaunt of the Rose' as the epic of their order. Their professed aim was the restoration of the 'sciences'—that is, alchemy and astrology—to their true spheres. Their tenets and ceremonies were of the most graceful and poetical description, very different from the stern Vehmic code and the crude mummery of other secret societies. Their beliefs were worthy of their general character. Boldly and unreservedly, they denied the grotesque horrors of monkish theology—there was no witchcraft or sorcery; incubus and succubus had no existence; the unseen world was peopled, not with horned devils and dismal spectres, but with beautiful spirits, loving mankind. It is to them that we owe nearly all the folklore of ancient Germany—of the gnomes which toil in the mines, of the legend of Undine, of the sylphs which inhabit the air. The sect spread into Scotland and Sweden and throughout all Europe. It gradually became merged in the Craft of Freemasons."

This is true in the sense that many members of the Masonic Fraternity are also members of the Rosicrucian Society of England, but it forms no part of the system recognised as English Freemasonry.

Correspondence.

OLD MSS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think many of our brethren will thank Bro. Watson, P.M., for sending you a copy of the "Beaumont MS." I have read it carefully through, and find that it differs but very little from a MS. which appeared in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for June, 1815, and said to be copied from a long parchment written about 300 years before that time. The difference between the Beaumont MS. in spelling and phrases are not to be wondered at, as no doubt it was handed down from brother to brother by reciting before it was put in writing.

For the benefit of those interested, and who may not have time or access easily to the above magazine, with your permission, I will give you the beginning, and quote a few of the noticeable differences, so that brethren who have a copy of the *Freemason* of August 11th can compare, and see some of the changes in both articles.

"The might of the Father of Kings, with the wisdom of his glorious grace, through the grace of the goodness of the Holy Ghost, there bene three Persons in one Godheade, be with us at our beginninge, and give us grace so to governe us here in this mortall life liveinge, that wee may come to his kingdome that never shall have endinge. Amen.

"Good Bretheren and Fellowes; Our purpose is to tell you how and in what manner this Worthy Science of Masonrye was begunne, and afterwards how it was favoured by worthy Kings and Princes, and by many other worshipping men. And also to those that be willinge wee will declare the Charge that belongeth to any true Mason to keepe for in good faith. And yee, have good heede thereto; it is well worthy to be well kept for a worthy craft and curious science, &c., &c. . . . and that other stone was clipped *laterns* . . . worthy scoller that height *Euclyde* . . . since longe after when the Children of Israell were coming into the Land of *Beheast*, that is now called amongst us the *Country of Fhrlm*, King David began the Temple that they called *Templum D'ni*. . . . And he had a son that height *Ayrom* . . . and this is witnessed by the Bible, in *libro regum* the third (fifth) chapter. . . . *Curious Craftsmen* walked about full wide. . . . And soe it befell that there was one curious Mason that height *Maymus Grecus*. . . . And there was one of the regal lyne of France that height *Charles Martell*. . . ."

Charge No. 11 reads: "And also that no Mason shall not be any common player att hazard or at the dice, nor at any other unlawfull playes, whereby the science might be slandered."—Yours fraternally,

T. H.

Southampton, August 13th.

SACKVILLE LODGE, No. 1619.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am very sorry to find that the report of the proceedings of the above lodge which I forwarded you contained some trifling inaccuracies. I take the blame and apologise, although I wrote only from information given me by a brother, but the trifling mistakes as to who presided over the lodge on a certain evening, and whether a new member was initiated are not really the "serious errors" the Secretary terms them. I certainly never asserted that the jewel presented to Bro. Betchley was already manufactured, and as, when the new member of the lodge is initiated, the number of members will, upon the Secretary's own showing, be 39, there is not much to complain of, when in round numbers the lodge is said to consist of 40. The tone of my communication was in no way meant to be unfriendly, far from it; financially, and, I believe, as to members, Sackville Lodge is in as good, perhaps I should say better, position than it has ever been, but surely in the important town of East Grinstead, the centre of a district, the population of which is about 6000, a lodge meeting of even 40 members would very poorly represent our Honourable and Ancient Craft. It was the greatest kindness, in my opinion, to point this out to the members of Sackville Lodge, and to call their special attention to the reason, as given me by several worthy brethren, why Masonry was not the power it ought to be in the district, because there was no place set apart for Masonic meetings and lodges of instruction unconnected with the sale of drink. I did not wish to put it so plainly, but the Secretary's letter obliges me to do so. There is a growing desire on the part of many of the noblest and most influential of our brethren to raise the tone of the Craft by encouraging the building of Masonic Halls and Temples set apart solely for Masonic purposes. And I have no doubt if the brethren of Sackville Lodge put their shoulders to the wheel and get their proposed hall built they will find that the number of members will soon be more like 80 than nearly 40, and that, as my present desire is, their lodge will become one of the leading and most influential lodges in the county.

YOUR CORRESPONDENT.

August 11th.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The results of the examinations in Music at Trinity College, London, and in Science and Art at South Kensington have now been published.

In Music they are excellent. Broad, Leeming, Watson, and Chinneck have passed the Intermediate Division, gaining an average of 75 per cent. of the marks given.

Whale, Thompson, Bourdeaux, Hitchcock, and Moreton have passed in the Junior Division with an average of 78 per cent. There was only one failure.

In Science and Art, the results are as follows:

Freehand Drawing—Five in the First Class and five in the Second Class, while in Model Drawing two gained a Second Class.

Mathematics—Three are put in the Second Class of the Second Stage, while eight got a First in the First Stage, 15 being marked as up to the standard of the old and now abolished Second Class.

In Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry the numbers are respectively six and five.

In Sound, Light, and Heat, two and twelve.

SUMMER EXCURSION OF THE JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

The excursion of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., when a goodly gathering, under Bro. E. G. Packman, the W.M., and his Wardens, Bros. Evans and Barlow, assembled at Waterloo Station to speed to Windsor by the 10.50 a.m. train. Saloons were secured for the party, which at starting numbered 39 brethren, and Windsor being reached, the electric launches *Flosshilde* and *Alpha* were in readiness for the down stream trip to Hampton Court. Luncheon of a very substantial character was provided on board the larger boat (the *Flosshilde*), and the weather and arrangements generally went far to make the outing one of the most enjoyable yet exploited. In due time *Staines* bore in view, and here, as the regatta was on, a short stay was made while some of the principal race events were decided.

About five o'clock, without hitch of any sort, Hampton Court, where the party was to dine, was duly reached, and here Bro. W. F. Potter, with his usual talent, mustered the brethren in artistic form, and took photographs of them, as in former years. The banquet was served in the large room at the *Mitre Hotel*, and Bro. Sadler on the occasion proved himself worthy of the old reputation in providing a well-selected and ample repast. The wines also were all that could be desired.

At the close of the dinner, the W.M., in happy terms, proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts. These were warmly received, as also were those of "The Initiate (admitted on the previous evening), Bro. Dasloor," and "The Visitors."

Bro. DASLOOR, a Parsee, expressed his gratification at the ceremony, and what he had so far understood of the Craft, adding that his best friends in Bombay were members of the Fraternity, and were exemplary in all respects, and that he intended to follow their example, and become a good and true Mason.

Bro. LE HAY replied for the visitors in a humorous strain, and was followed by Bro. DODD, P.M., and others, expressing their pleasure at the programme of the day.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was received with acclamation, it being known that to them the success of the occasion was largely due.

Bro. SORRELL, P.M., briefly acknowledged the toast, saying that it was to the Secretary all must look.

Bro. REEP, P.M. 2241, then replied, reminding the brethren of the Sub-Committee appointed, and, while congratulating all present on the success of the day, stated he was well content if his efforts had met with general approval.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion, and the return journey was made in saloon carriages from Hampton, thanks being due to the South-Western Railway and their officials for the manner in which response had been made to the requisitions and enjoyment of all concerned.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.

Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1.—A meeting of this lodge was held in Edinburgh on Tuesday evening, the 7th instant, when there was a large attendance of Masters and Past Masters of neighbouring lodges. Bro. Dr. George Dickson, R.W.M., presided. Three candidates were introduced and admitted in membership namely, Lord Elphinstone, Mr. Cranston (son of Councillor Cranston), and Mr. Cockburn. The meeting was very successfully conducted, and proved one of the most pleasant and harmonious of this ancient lodge.

KILWINNING.

Kilwinning Mother Lodge (No. 0).—Bro. William Scott, D.M., presided at a special meeting of the above lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, and was supported by his Wardens, Bros. James Boyd and John Clark, Bro. Laurence Matheson, Secretary, and other office-bearers.

There was a large attendance of the brethren. Two candidates were initiated, one a gentleman from Bombay, and the other a Dane. From the oak floor of the old Kilwinning Masonic Hall—which dated back about 400 years, and was demolished some time ago—miniature mallets were made. These souvenirs were distributed among members of the Craft, who prize them as relics of Mother Kilwinning, and they have found their way to all parts of the globe, one even reaching Ceylon. The Secretary of Bonnie Doon Lodge, No. 611, S.C., at Colombo, Ceylon, has written the Secretary of the Kilwinning Mother Lodge to convey his thanks for one of these curios which was received from Bro. J. A. Brownlie. On the mallet has been inscribed the following: "This gavel is made of a piece of wood which formed a portion of the lodge-room of Mother Kilwinning, No. 0. Presented to Bonnie Doon Lodge by Bro. J. A. Brownlie, Lodge Mother Kilwinning. June 1, 1894."

The Craft Abroad.

MALTA.

Bro. Hamilton Sharpe, who has for many years occupied the position of District Grand Secretary, has retired from that position, and takes leave of his brethren in that capacity in the following circular:

Masonic Hall,

Valletta, 19th May, 1894.

My Dear Sir and Brother,

It is with deep sorrow that I have to announce my official severance from the District of Malta, owing to circumstances over which I have no immediate control. In offering you this intimation, I desire to couple with it my personal gratitude for the courtesy and kindness I have received at your hands, and at the hands of the entire Masonic community. I have laboured as long as it was in my power to maintain and uphold the interest of the Order, and, after active service in the various branches for a period of six years, I am reluctantly constrained to retire in favour of my ordinary vocation, which has been a heavy sufferer. To our respected District Grand Master, Deputy District Grand Master, the officers of the District, Worshipful Masters, officers, and brethren generally, I am deeply indebted, no words of mine being sufficient to express the sorrow with which I leave the happiest associations of my life. I owe to the Order but love and gratitude. In every possible sphere I have tried to do my best as long as my health and circumstances permitted, and it is only the failure of both that has necessitated a step which is the most honourable of my choosing. I have only to renew my earliest pledges of fidelity to the obligations which have always bound me to the Order with which I have been so long and actively associated, and my retirement will be brightened with the recollection of the courtesy, hospitality, and fraternal assistance it has been my good fortune to enjoy.

With kindest fraternal greetings, and a heartfelt wish that T.G.A.O.F.U. will ever look with favour upon each and every member of our fraternal union.

I beg to remain, in love, peace and unity,

Your very obedient servant,

HAMILTON SHARPE,

P.D.G. Sec. Craft, Mark, Scribe E., Sec. 349, &c.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Buffalo Lodge (No. 1824).—The installation of Bro. William Searle as W.M., and the investiture of officers of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, on Monday evening, the 2nd ult. The ceremony was preceded by a public religious service, conducted in the handsome temple by Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Grant, P.D.G.C., Chaplain, assisted by the Rev. John Aldred, Rector of St. Peter's West Bank. A great number of townspeople, especially ladies, were at the service, the musical portion of which was pleasingly rendered by the choir of St. John's Church, with Bro. J. H. Whipp as choir-master and Bro. H. Bentley as organist. The brethren, largely supplemented by visiting brethren from other lodges, attended in the customary regalia and took up their positions along the walls and platform, the officiating clergy being stationed to the left of the chair of the W.M., Bro. W. Paterson. The sermon delivered by the Archdeacon was from the words of St. Paul in one of his closing epistles to the Corinthians, "Covert earnestly the best gifts," and the discourse was a most able one. The preacher touched upon many points in connection with the work of Freemasonry, eulogising the Institution as being one of human effort to do good in the world; as a handmaid to religion; and as a great educational agency. At the close of the sermon, and during the singing of hymn 276 (A. and M.), an offertory was taken on behalf of the Educational Funds, the enlarging of which is so dear to the hearts of the Craft all the world over.

The service being over, the lodge was opened, and after the usual business had been disposed of the W.M. requested Bro. D. Rees to take the chair as Installing Master, and a lodge of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Searle duly installed as Worshipful Master. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Paterson, I.P.M.; H. G. Stapylton-Smith, S.W.; W. H. Gordon, J.W.; Ven. Arch. Grant, P.D.G.C., Chap.; H. C. O. Clough, Sec.; H. E. Knibbs, P.M., Treas.; J. Tooley, S.D.; H. G. Drake, J.D.; J. H. Whipp, P.M., D.C.; H. Bentley, Org.; J. W. French, I.G.; R. Mitchell, H. M. Hepper, H. B. Cuming, G. Lynn, and M. F. Dickerson, Stwds.; and J. Lambert, Tyler. Before closing the lodge the W.M. thanked Bro. Rees for the able manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony.

The lodge being closed, an adjournment was made to the Phoenix Hotel, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared by Bro. J. W. French, the popular proprietor, and the decorations and arrangements of the festive board, together with the general surroundings of the supper-room, reflected no small amount of credit on the hostess.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with great enthusiasm, and suitably responded to, the interest of the proceedings being enhanced by the contributions of the musical portion of the brethren, and a true Masonic spirit pervaded the gathering, which dispersed shortly after midnight.

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Masonic Notes.

The organisation of the lodges in Guernsey and
Alderney into a Province is satisfactory for more reasons
than one. It recalls the days when there was a
Province of the Channel Islands, and at the same time
it confers Provincial organisation on the solitary group
of home lodges under the Grand Lodge of England
which has none. From the Grand Lodge Calendar we
learn that, in 1753, a Bro. T. Dobree was appointed
Prov. G. Master of the Channel Isles; in 1807 the
appointment was renewed in the person of Bro. General
Sir John Doyle, Bart., G.C.B., whose name is intimately
associated with the senior lodge in Guernsey—the
Doyle Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84, founded by the
"Ancients," in 1762.

Coming down to later times we find that in 1848,
Bro. James John Hammond was appointed by the late
Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., as Prov. Grand Master,
but subsequently differences of opinion among the
lodges in the Islands appear to have arisen, and when
the Hammond Provincial Grand Lodge came to an
end, the old Provincial organisation came to an end
likewise. In 1869, when the question of renewing it
was brought forward, the new Provincial Grand Lodge
was restricted to the Island of Jersey, with Bro. Col.
de Carteret as Prov. Grand Master, the lodges in the
other Channel Islands being left out or preferring to
be left out in the cold. Thus matters remained till last
month, when Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, upon whom
the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to confer the office of
Prov. Grand Master of Guernsey and Alderney, was
installed in the chair by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov.
Grand Master of Northants and Hunts. We have no
doubt the new arrangement will prove successful and
that under Bro. Dr. Cockburn's auspices the Craft of
Masonry in the two islands will flourish even more
abundantly than it has done in the past.

It is a rare experience for a Provincial Grand Lodge
to be summoned for the purpose of taking part in three

important functions on one and the same day. Such,
however, was the good fortune of the Provincial Grand
Lodge of Northumberland, which assembled on the 25th
ultimo, for the purpose of attending on its respected
chief, Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P.,
when laying the chief corner-stone of a new Masonic
Hall in Newcastle-on-Tyne, and consecrating two new
lodges—the Carville, No. 2497, and the Prince of
Wales, No. 2520. The ceremony of laying the corner-
stone drew together, both along the line of route and
round the site of the proposed hall, a large concourse
of spectators, who were anxious to witness the unac-
customed proceedings, and catch a glimpse of the
brethren in the full glory of their paraphernalia. By
the addition of the Carville and Prince of Wales
Lodges the roll of the Provincial Grand Lodge of
Northumberland includes 25 lodges, of which New-
castle itself is in a position to claim the larger half.
We congratulate Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley and his Pro-
vince on the success of the proceedings, and the pro-
gress of Freemasonry in Northumberland, of which
they are the outward and visible sign.

The recent annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge
of Hertfordshire at the Hall, Bushey, near Watford, of
which we published a full account last week, appears
to have been attended with more than the usual
success. The brethren mustered in very considerable
force, about 100 remaining to the banquet, the pro-
ceedings at which were of an enthusiastic character.
The reasons for this are not difficult to discover. The
year that was then brought to a close had been an
eventful one. The Province had well maintained the
prestige it has established for itself under its present
chief, while the number of its lodges had been in-
creased by the consecration of a new lodge named after
Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., one of the most
popular brethren in Hertfordshire and the chief founder
and first W.M. of the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323,
under whose auspices the meeting was held. "Little
Herts" can now boast of having 22 lodges on its roll,
of which 14 have been constituted during the 20 years
that have elapsed since Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., was
installed in office as Prov. G. Master.

It is evident from the report we published a fort-
night since, that Surrey is very far from being the
least prosperous of our Provinces. The consecration
of five lodges within a period of about 12 months is a
tolerably sure sign that the Province is in charge of an
able administrator, an enthusiast himself, and the
cause of enthusiasm in those around him. Nor is this
increase the only evidence we have of the flourishing
condition of the Craft in these parts. There is still
another lodge for which a warrant has been granted,
and which will shortly be constituted, while the
generous support given to Bro. Col. Money, when he
presided at the Festival of the Royal Masonic
Benevolent Institution, is fresh in the recollection of
our readers. We can only hope that Freemasonry in
Surrey will continue to maintain itself as prosperously
for many years to come as it has done under the
presidency of its present P.G. Master and his im-
mediate predecessor.

Every now and then the statement is being circu-
lated of Sir Christopher Wren's connection with the
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. The error will
not die somehow, as it is a matter of sentiment
apparently, though it has been exposed time after time.
Wren was not a Freemason until 1691, if then, which
has not been proved, but as he was to be accepted that
year, it is possible his initiation did take place. As to
his official position as a Freemason there is not the
slightest evidence.

The editor of the *Voice of Masonry* (Chicago) in-
dulges in the following reminiscences: "Sixty-two—
How rapidly life passes. It seems a brief time since
we were a small boy on a farm in Ohio, and yet Aug.
12th, 1894, is our sixty-second birthday. Van Buren,
Andrew Jackson, and William Henry Harrison are far
in the past of the century, and yet they seem to us as
but here yesterday. What improvement the nation
has made since our first school day! How steam, the
telegraph, and enterprise have triumphed! And how
wonderful is the advance in intelligence, religion, and
Freemasonry! This paragraph can merely give a
hint of its vastness. It is all vivid before us and it
makes us glad we are sixty-two. One third of our
life has been devoted to this magazine, and how much
more if it shall be so used is for God and the Craft to
decide." We wish our good *confrère* another 20 years
of useful and beneficent labour in the same direction.

The *Voice of Masonry* continues to be the most
bulky and, to our minds, the most able Masonic
journal we receive from "the other side." Now
in its 32nd vol. it shows no signs of decadence,
and, although like most of its American contem-
poraries it is given to the production of somewhat
heavy matter and sermonising, it justifies its claim to
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THE BEAUMONT MS. (D 38, Branch 1).

The *Beaumont MS.* is very like the *Buchanan Roll*,
now in the Grand Lodge of England Library, though I
do not consider the original of Bro. Watson's transcript
and the "*Buchanan*" to be one and the same docu-
ment. The text also resembles the "*Atcheson-Haven
MS.*" but not so closely. There are only three known
MSS. having the *seven miles* limit, with which
the "*Beaumont*" copy is in agreement, and
neither can be the missing scroll, viz., the
above two, and the celebrated "*T. W. Tew MS.*"
The *Buchanan MS.* was transcribed by me
direct from the roll and reproduced in Bro. Gould's
History, Vol. I. It is also in the "*Masonic Reprints*"
of the Lodge "*Quatuor Coronati*," No. 2076, in full
facsimile (Vol. IV.), so that either of these can be
compared with the copy made by Bro. Watson. With
all the transcriber's care, I think one or two errors
have been made; the late Mr. Thomas Dunderdale
having mistaken such words as *Behest* for "*Vshest*"
and *Marritil* for "*Marhill*." I hope Bro. Watson's
anticipations will soon be realised by the discovery of
the original MS., and doubtless our zealous Bro.
Cocking will leave no "stone unturned" to trace the
document. I should like to know when it was copied
by Mr. Dunderdale.

W. J. HUGHAN.



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PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—The regular
monthly meeting of this lodge was held of Thursday even-
ing, the 2nd inst., owing to many of the brethren being
away for holidays there was only a moderate attendance.
Bro. J. T. Last, W.M., presided, and was supported by
Bros. F. Pearson Peterson, P.M., Sec., as I.P.M.; Joseph
Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., as S.W.; S. A. Bailey,
P.M., Treas., as J.W.; John Morton, S.D.; J. B.
Fearnley, J.D.; R. S. Hird, as I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler,
and other brethren. Visitors: Bros. George Heaton, 258;
Herbert Heaton, J.D. 258; Julius Whitehead, P.M. 1034;
Isaac Hirst, Org. 1522; and W. J. Westaway, 1550.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of
the last meeting were duly confirmed, after which Bro.
Wm. S. Smith, 1018, was elected a joining member, and
Bro. Richard B. Nichols was passed to the Second Degree
by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. The
charge was delivered by Bro. Bailey, P.M., Treas. Bros.
Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and John Niven,
I.P.M. were elected to act on the Audit Committee.
Apologies were recorded for the absence of a number of
brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting
brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned
to refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly
honoured, "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M.,
who accorded them a hearty welcome. He remarked that
the lodge was particularly honoured that evening by a visit
from Bro. George Heaton, 258, whose munificence in
support of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions was
widely known throughout the Province. It had been his
pleasure to have met Bro. George Heaton at the recent
Brighton (Boy's School) Festival, where so many West
Yorkshire Freemasons assembled to support the Prov. G.
Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., who pre-
sided on the occasion. They were glad to welcome Bro.
Westaway, from Plymouth, and he (the W.M.) trusted
that he would carry away with him pleasant reminiscences
of his visit that evening to the lodge.

Bro. G. Heaton, 258, responded, and expressed the
pleasure it had afforded him to visit the lodge and to partake
of the hospitality of the brethren. He had observed
that the working of the ceremonies varied somewhat from
the manner in which they were worked in his own ancient
lodge.

Bro. J. Whitehead, P.M. 1042, and Bro. Westaway, 1550,
also responded. The latter stated that he was visiting in
Bradford, and that it was particularly gratifying to him to
receive such a hearty welcome as a visitor from a distant
lodge.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. White-
head, P.M., who congratulated the lodge on having what
he considered the right man in the right place. He was
pleased with the manner in which the duties of the lodge
had been conducted, and he was glad to have had the privi-
lege of visiting the lodge that evening.

Bro. Last, W.M., responded, and thanked the brethren
for the hearty manner the toast had been received. He
regretted the absence of so many brethren that evening

who were generally present, but they would not deny them their well deserved holidays.

"The Past Masters" was proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bro. E. P. Peterson, P.M., Sec.

Bro. Wm. Shaw Smith responded to the toast of "Our Joining Member," and trusted the brethren would have no cause to regret having admitted him to membership of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant meeting.

Music, songs, and recitations were contributed by Bros. Hirst, 1522, Bowler, and Wilson.

BROXBORNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—At the regular meeting held on Saturday, the 11th inst., the attendance was smaller than usual, owing to so many of the brethren being away for holidays. There were present: Bros. E. H. Moore, W.M.; H. T. Nell, I.P.M.; R. W. Nicole, S.W.; G. T. Chretien, P.M., J.W.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., S.D.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D., as J.D.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., Sec.; N. Pearce, as I.G.; W. E. Goodwins, Org.; T. Williams, Tyler; R. Von de Sahl, H. R. Bower, and F. Page. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Ball, P.M. 45; F. G. Mason, 1385; and D. B. Cummings, 43, Halifax, Nova Scotia. The minutes of the installation meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Frederick Page, of No. 1613 and other lodges, was balloted for as a joining member and unanimously elected. A ballot was also taken for Mr. Francis William Tompkins, a candidate for initiation, and proving unanimous he was admitted and duly initiated. The bye-laws were then read, also communications from absent brethren with apologies and regrets.

The lodge was then closed.

After dining the customary toasts were given, the W.M. discharging his duties at the table in the same admirable manner in which he had performed the work in the lodge.

The proceedings were pleasantly varied with songs by Bros. Goodwins, Bower, and Mason, and recitations were given by Bros. Von der Sahl and Coxon.

CROYDON.

Mozart Lodge (No. 1929).—The installation meeting of this well-known musical lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 4th inst., at which there were present Bros. Fredk. Flood, W.M.; R. S. Taylor, S.W.; H. J. Macfarlane, J.W.; the Rev. H. V. Tyrrel, Chap.; A. Briscoe, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; C. H. Howlett, S.D.; Walter Wesché, J.D.; E. Branscombe, P.G. Org.; J. A. Chalk, Stwd.; A. R. Vanden Bergh, W. Dennis, G. Briggs, W. Salmon, A. Toop, R. Travis, Dr. Walter Groome, Dan Price, R. Codd, A. R. Shubbrook, G. Pownall, H. J. Salmon, R. Emery, J. J. Larmigeon, E. C. Tegetmeier, J. Lecquire, J. J. Kern, W. H. Squier, F. Oxley, C. Holmes, Stanley Smith, and G. Harrison, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. King, P.M. 1639, P.P.G.D.C. Bucks; W. Will, P.M. 1901; E. P. Waymouth, 1744; J. H. Cureton, P.M. 2182; E. M. Nightingale, P.M. 87; the Rev. G. S. Flack, 1615; C. Kelly, W.M. 53 (I.C.); and R. T. West, 1744.

After the minutes of the last lodge meeting had been read the W.M. raised Bros. R. Travis, A. Toop, and R. Codd, and his working of the ritual was excellent. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. S. Taylor, was then presented and installed into the chair by Bro. Frederick Flood in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers by the new W.M. for the ensuing year: Bros. H. J. Macfarlane, S.W.; C. H. Howlett, J.W.; Rev. H. V. Tyrrel, Chap.; Arthur Briscoe, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; F. Flood, I.P.M., Sec.; W. Wesché, S.D.; L. R. Dicksee, J.D.; E. Branscombe, P.G.O., I.G.; R. J. Porter, D.C.; J. A. Chalk, A.D.C.; W. Salmon, J. J. Kern, and G. C. Tegetmeier, Stvds.; G. Pownall, Org.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses was ably rendered by Bro. Frederick Flood, I.P.M. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Auditors and acknowledged by Bro. H. J. Macfarlane who stated that he and his co-Auditors were gratified that the members were satisfied with their efforts. It was unanimously resolved that a ladies' night be held in the autumn. In eloquent terms Bro. Arthur Briscoe called attention to the case of Mabel Smith, a candidate for the next Girls' election, and he hoped the members would give it their earnest support.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was well served under the personal superintendence of the manager, Mr. T. S. Morris.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, in brief but eloquent terms.

In submitting the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. made special reference to Bros. Briscoe and Branscombe, whose names he coupled with the toast.

Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.P.G.O., responded. He said that the Grand Officers of the province had honoured the lodge by visiting it on two occasions, and although there were only 18 collars to be given, yet the lodge had been fully recognised as an important one, by receiving two collars for two years in succession.

Bro. Branscombe, Prov. G. Org., also replied, observing that it was the first time he had had to acknowledge the toast. He was very proud of his collar, and would do his best to carry out his duties as befitted the important Province of Surrey.

Bro. Frederick Flood, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that no words of his were needed to commend the toast to the members. Bro. Taylor had said many things which were always for the good of the lodge and he would get, as he wanted, loyalty all round. He (Bro. Flood) had known the W.M. longer than anyone in the lodge and he was a splendid Mason and friend and he could not speak too well of him. He sincerely hoped that he would have as he deserved, a successful and happy year of office, and he was more than certain that the lodge would prosper under his able Mastership.

Bro. R. S. Taylor, on rising to respond, received quite an ovation. He said that the way he had been received made it difficult for him to say anything, and he wanted to say so much. He had looked forward with some anxiety to that night. When he came into Masonry some years ago he did so with a great idea to be useful and he had endeavoured to carry that out. If he had trodden on toes during his Masonic career he was sorry, but what he had done was as he thought best for the Craft, but it should correct and support each other. He hoped to work in

brotherly love, and that the same would be extended towards him. He belonged to a family who had been Freemasons from generation to generation, but when he was initiated he knew nothing, he did not know much now, but he hoped to get more knowledge, which, if he did, he would give it to the lodge.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that they were always welcome. They had very few that evening, but the eve of a general holiday was the cause. He read out their names with a kind word for each, but making special reference to Bro. Kelly, W.M. of an Irish lodge, whose name he coupled with the toast.

Bro. Kelly responded. He said that it was his first visit to an English lodge, and he was very much struck with the great welcome the visitors had received. He was glad to record that the Masons in old Ireland always received the toasts of the "Queen" and "The M.W. Grand Master" with acclamation, and that "God save the Queen," and "God bless the Prince of Wales" were always sung at length.

Bro. Wills also replied, observing that that was the 70th meeting of the lodge since its consecration, and he had had the good fortune to attend many of them.

Bro. Rev. Flack also responded. He was glad to have been present, and he had very much enjoyed the excellent working of Bro. Flood.

The W.M. gave "The Installing Master." He said that it was an important toast, and it was to him a great pleasure to have the honour of submitting it. Bro. Flood was a friend of many years' standing, and the members would not forget all the offices he had efficiently filled, and his rendering that night of the installation ceremony and the addresses was simply superb, and it would have been impossible to have been done better. He took that opportunity of presenting him with a Past Master's jewel as a small return for his great services to the lodge, and he hoped that they would see it on his breast for many years to come. The inscription on the jewel was—"As a slight acknowledgment of his valuable services."

Bro. Flood replied in feeling terms. His difficulty was not to know what to say but to express what he felt. He had been treated with every kindness during his happy year of office, which he should never forget, and the reception he had had promoted him to think that he had been a popular W.M., and if he was correct in that he was gratified, and he should always honour the handsome jewel.

The next toast was "The Past Masters," who, the W.M. stated, had shown the good they had done for the lodge by their deeds.

In responding Bro. A. Briscoe said he did with some regret, as he found he was the oldest member of the lodge present that evening, death and other causes being the reason why so many of the Past Masters were absent.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" having been duly honoured and suitably responded to,

The W.M. gave "The Musical Brethren," whom, he said, deserved the heartiest thanks for the grand entertainment they had provided that evening, to which Bro. G. Pownall and Dan Price responded in appropriate terms.

In responding for "The Working Officers," Bro. H. J. Macfarlane asserted that he and his colleagues would be loyal to the W.M., and do their utmost to assist him and to promote the interests of the lodge in every way.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very happy meeting, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the gathering.

The entertainments at this lodge are always of the very best, and it is a great musical treat to us when we attend. On this occasion an excellent programme was presented in which the following took part: Bros. Dan Price, Edward Branscombe, Rev. H. V. Tyrrel (recitation), G. Pownall, Stanley Smith, and C. Kelly who is Vicar Choral of St. Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedrals, Dublin, and whose efforts were greatly appreciated. Bros. Wesché, Pownall, and Branscombe presided at the pianoforte.

The portrait of Bro. R. S. Taylor, the W.M., appears in our Gallery of Worshipful Masters in this issue.

The Past Master's jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

GREAT STANMORE.

Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 1st inst., when the highly-esteemed Bro. W. W. Mansfield was duly installed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of numerous Past Masters. The worthy brother was initiated in this lodge, and has successfully filled the various minor offices in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge in consequence was well supported on this occasion, being honoured with the presence of Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; Robert W. Bilby, P.G. Treas.; A. J. Oliver, P.M.; John Hill, P.M.; and Thomas Sheppard, W.M. of 1702; S. H. Green, 2032; J. C. Lake, 2272; T. Cole, 2495; J. Pollard, 2098; I. Hayes, 1425; Reginald Groome, 2190; H. B. Weatherall, I.P.M.; C. T. Tolman, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; E. Bamford, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. Veal, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey; all the officers, and a large gathering of the members of the lodge.

In the unavoidable professional absence of Bro. Dr. B. C. Gowan, W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Bilby, P.M., P.G. Treas., who opened the lodge. After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been duly confirmed, with also the report of the Audit Committee (which was considered very satisfactory), Bro. S. W. Hunt was raised to the Degree of M.M. very impressively. Bro. Bilby, P.M., then proceeded with the ceremony of installation and very effectively gave the addresses. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bro. H. W. Blackney, S.W.; J. Blackburn, J.W.; E. Bamford, P.M., Treas.; C. Veal, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Veal, S.D.; F. S. Conway, J.D.; E. Winterbottom, I.G.; and S. Ellis, Tyler. Two presentations were made to the lodge, one of a handsome new cushion for the Volume of Sacred Law, and also three sets of gauntlets, the former from the hostess through the Secretary, the latter from the new W.M.; both were received with acclamation and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Letters of regret for non-attendance were duly mentioned from the Prov. Grand Master and many other brethren, and the lodge was closed. A most enjoyable banquet followed, the Worshipful Master most happily gave the customary toasts, which were duly honoured.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master replied most effectively to that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The Immediate Past Master gave "The Health of the

new W.M.," which was well received, and he in reply presented the I.P.M. with the handsome Past Master's jewel voted at a previous meeting, for which he suitably responded.

"The Visitors" were hospitably welcomed as usual, and replied seriatim.

"The Installing Master," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" were also honoured in turn, and the Tyler's toast completed a most enjoyable meeting long to be remembered for the excellent musical contributions of Bro. Reginald Groome (who was ably accompanied by his daughter) and the bass songs of Mr. Arthur Withers. Bro. Groome also gave one of his recitations, which created much amusement, and was fully appreciated. Bro. J. C. Lake, 2272, very ably acted as organist and pianist.

LIVERPOOL.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).—At a meeting held on Thursday, the 9th inst., Bro. George Johnston, M.D. was duly installed as W.M. of the above lodge, at the Masonic Hall, in the presence of a large gathering of the brethren of the lodge and many distinguished members of the Craft in the Province of West Lancashire. Amongst the latter were: Bros. W. Simpson, P.S.G.W.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Kellet Smith, P.P.G. Reg.; E. Paul, P.P.G.D.; Rev. F. J. Powell, Chap. 2463; A. Samuells, P.P.G.D.; W. Savage, P.P.G. Treas.; C. Fothergill, P.J.G.D.; R. G. Bradley, P.D.G.D.C.; H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C.; Robert Foote, P.P.G.T., &c., &c., and many Worshipful Masters of lodges. The first portion of the installation work was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. Tunnicliffe, the ceremony being completed in a masterly manner by Bro. Ferguson, P.M., who delivered the various addresses to the W.M. and officers with fine elocutionary effect. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. R. Tunnicliffe, I.P.M.; D. Lowthian, S.W.; T. Holme, J.W.; J. Pitlaway, P.M., &c., Treas.; T. R. Olver, Sec.; G. Edwards, S.D.; J. R. Barnaby, J.D.; R. Wright, I.G.; Robertson, Grace, and Johnson, Stvds.; and H. B. Wright, Org.

A capital musical programme was contributed to by Bros. Lewis, Hollis, Edwards, Lane, Sparling, and others, Bro. H. B. Wright being the accompanist.

A Past Master's jewel, collar, and apron was presented to the retiring chief, the latter being supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

WESTHAM.

Hadrian Lodge (No. 2483).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Corporation Arms, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. The W.M., Bro. Major E. W. Stillwell, opened the lodge, and was supported by Bros. J. Creighton, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Geo. Fowler, P.M., acting S.W.; Henry J. Capon, J.W.; Richard Francis, S.D.; W. R. Griffin, J.D.; John Boyles, Sec.; Albert Gosling, Treas.; F. Russell, I.G.; Jas. Wood, D.C.; E. Streets, Org.; F. C. Golden, Stwd.; W. Strickland, P.M.; J. C. Catford, P.M.; Geo. Nicholson, W. Rutter, Henry White, W. Trigger, J. Castle, C. W. Smith, H. C. Russell, and Percy Boyles. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Catford, jun., and F. Pike, 1110.

After the minutes and correspondence had been read, Bro. Henry Campbell Russell was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., and Bro. Joseph Clement, of the Hugh Myddelton Lodge, was successfully balloted for as a joining member. The Secretary read the names of the brethren qualified to fill the chair in the ensuing year, and the ballot subsequently taken, resulted in an unanimous vote for Bro. Henry John Capon, the Junior Warden. Bro. Albert Gosling was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Boyes was also re-elected Tyler. On the motion of the Junior Warden, seconded by the Senior Warden, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted for the W.M.

After the lodge was closed the whole of the brethren were photographed by Bro. Catford.

At the supper which followed the usual loyal and other toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

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LEWES.

Lewis Lodge (No. 391).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 7th inst. During the past year 16 new members have joined and the financial condition of the lodge is very satisfactory. Bro. W. Wright, the retiring W.M., presided, there being a good attendance. Bro. A. F. Lamette was installed as Master for the ensuing year. He appointed the following officers: Bros. R. Weston, S.W.; G. Wilson, J.W.; S. R. Hunt, M.O.; W. Gates, S.O.; W. Grainger, J.O.; J. Farncombe, Treas.; R. L. Thornton, Sec.; J. A. Day, Reg.; J. H. Wright, S.D.; A. J. Howard, J.D.; J. Easter, Org.; T. MacQueen, D.C.; J. H. Ewart, I.G.; J. C. Foran and Lawson Lewis, Stewards; and H. Hall, Tyler.

There were also present Bros. Newbery, 27; A. Lloyd, 453; A. King, 489; H. Histed, 75; J. Eberell, 386; J. Tickell, 120; J. Thomas, 1; and the following other members of the lodge: Bros. J. R. Legg, P.M.; J. Adams, P.M.; H. Fowler, Willmore, and others.

A Past Master's gold jewel was presented to Bro. W. Wright in appreciation of the marked ability and energy displayed by him during his occupancy of the chair.

The formal business ended, the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where Mrs. Whitcomb served an excellent banquet.

The usual toasts were drunk. Miss Hopper and Mr. A. Barnard were the vocalists on the occasion, Mr. A. J. Hopper accompanying. Their exertions were greatly appreciated and warmly applauded, especially the singing of Miss Hopper.

BRO. SIR CHARLES WARREN.

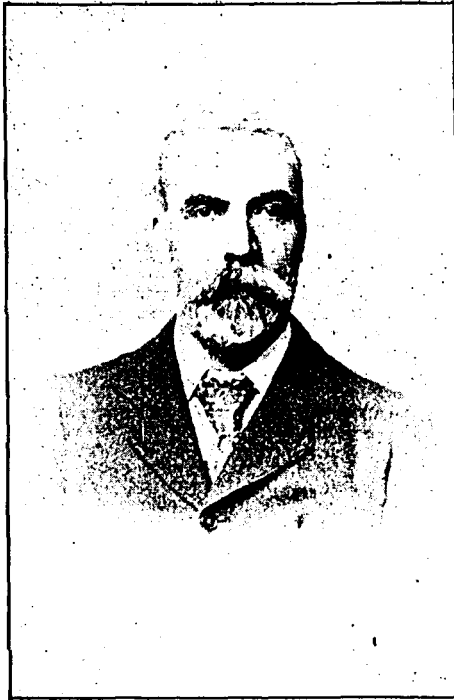
Shortly before leaving the Straits Settlements Sir Charles Warren, District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago, was presented with a farewell address and a portrait at a special general meeting of the District Grand Lodge and was afterwards entertained at a banquet by the Masons at the Singapore Club.

In proposing "The Health of General Warren," the Chairman, Bro. J. P. JOAQUIM, said it was a unique position in the annals of Freemasonry in the Eastern Archipelago for a chairman of a banquet to be supported by such distinguished brethren as H.E. the Governor and H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops. The toast of the health of the latter needed little commendation. Sir Charles Warren's military career could only be described as a brilliant one. Joining the Royal Engineers in 1857, after being stationed in Gibraltar for a short time only, he was selected to conduct researches in Palestine and explorations at Jerusalem, a work which had been a credit to himself, a benefit to the world, and of the greatest advantage to Freemasonry. He had since been on active service in many parts of the world, notably in South Africa, where his exploits had gained him high distinction. He was also Chief Commissioner of the Police at London, a position he gave up to the advantage of the Straits, for he found them here in an insecure state and would leave them in one of efficiency. As a scholar their R.W.D.G.M. was no less distinguished, being a F.R.S. His Masonic career was, however, particularly interesting to them. He first saw the light of Freemasonry in 1860 in Lodge Friendship, No. 345, Gibraltar, and thus commenced a 34 years' active connection with the Craft. The Palestine explorations were of the utmost interest to Freemasons; and Sir Charles Warren held in the quarries at Jerusalem the first lodge of instruction, probably since the time of King Solomon. In 1876 he founded and became the first W.M. of Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," whose researches had been so widely appreciated throughout the world. The same activity had been shown by him in connection with the Eastern Archipelago; he had always attended to matters himself; and owing to his exertions the Craft had prospered greatly. The Borneo Lodge was an instance, and the holding of the D.G.L. in Penang was another, bringing the brethren into peace and harmony. They would join him in regretting his approaching departure and wish their R.W. brother a long life to do service honourably for the Queen, and faithfully to the Craft.

Bro. Sir CHARLES WARREN, in reply, said he wished he could thank them as he ought to do, and express to them the sentiments he felt on that occasion. That was quite impossible. When he came to Singapore he felt himself to be a bird of passage, as many of them no doubt had felt themselves to be. Somehow or other, after a period of five years, he had become so welded and blended in the Straits Settlements that he felt as if he belonged to the place. He felt considerable emotion in leaving; and, touching the sympathy which had been expressed towards him on that occasion, he assured them he could not express his feelings towards them. One point particularly in the address had touched him and that was, whatever might have been said about his administration nothing had affected him so much as that they could look upon him as a brother and a friend. It was pleasing to think that, amongst Masons, one should be looked up to as a friend in every respect. They knew that "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin"; and when it was felt that one could be looked upon as a friend, as a Mason was, that was all one wanted. One particular point of Masonry was to bring people together; and one of its grand points was that men were not classified. When Masons were brought together they were brought together on the "level," and became friends; and when they parted on the "square" they never forgot that meeting on the "level." There were two or three other grand points in Freemasonry which he hoped would never be forgotten. He considered that Freemasonry, as it was established, was one of the safeguards of their State. Masonry was always a safeguard of law and order. Therefore Masonry should always be regarded with a kindly feeling by their governing bodies—as it was now. Their Royal families, the highest in the land, always supported Freemasonry because they knew it to be an eminent factor in favour of law and order in the country. In England in the same way the clerical bodies knew of the value of Masonry. They knew that every Mason believed in a Supreme Being to whom the Mason looked up. There was another point in connection with Freemasonry; although Freemasonry was so absolutely democratic or socialistic, it was also most aristocratic because every Mason knew he had the privilege of meeting brethren on the "level," and then came the parting on the "square" and the resumption of the position he kept in life. Although all that could be said had been said about the progress and position of Masonry in the Peninsula he felt it would be out of place if he were not to mention the great cordiality existing among the Masons here; and, wherever he had been in the Peninsula, there was but one feeling among Masons—that of working entirely in unison and of progressing at the same time. It was of very great importance that they had with them that evening such a distinguished guest as the Governor of the Straits Settlements. He felt that the Governor could come there knowing that Masons never took advantage of their positions. Masons with Masons had their rules. During the whole 35 years in which he (Sir Charles Warren) had been a Mason, he said he never once had occasion to regret his being a Mason with regard to relative positions with other Masons. He had learned to form friendships in every class in society; and he assured them that his early experience in Masonry had had a very great effect upon him during his career. Some of the lasting friendships of his life had been amongst men

and Masons in all classes of life. Some of his happiest recollections in leaving Singapore would be in connection with Freemasonry, and lodges here. They would also recollect that they were all birds of passage, were going home and would meet again; and he hoped when meeting again they would meet on terms of even stronger friendships. He praised the work of his officers in Masonry. His (the speaker's) method was to bustle about and try and do a thing when he found it was not being done. But finding a thing being done properly he did not take any notice but allowed it to go on. He eulogised the work done by the District Grand Lodge; and he added that the progress of Masonry in the Peninsula was entirely due to the cordial co-operation he had always received from everybody connected with Freemasonry in the place. He would go away feeling that there was nothing like Freemasonry for cementing friendships.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. R. S. TAYLOR.

was initiated into Freemasonry in the Mozart Lodge on the 6th of March, 1886, by the late Bro. Wm. Aynsley, his sponsors being Bro. Fredk. Flood (now I.P.M. and Sec.) and Bro. Hedley Carus. He is a Life Governor of the R.M.B.I. for Aged Freemasons. Springing as he does from an old Masonic family, our brother could not but be deeply interested in Freemasonry. Almost from the very first he was attracted to the minutiae of the lodge management, and he has rendered most valuable assistance in that direction. The clearness of his mental vision and his strength of purpose have been abundantly manifested during his rapid progress through the offices, while his aim, always most clearly expressed, has been to establish his mother lodge upon a sound financial basis. He is also strongly of opinion that the Order would be benefited by a more rigid application of the rules affecting admission. Now that Bro. Taylor holds the reins, the Mozart Lodge is to be congratulated upon the accession of a Master who unites in a remarkable degree the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re*. Under his vigorous rule the lodge cannot but flourish.

A report of the proceedings of Bro. Taylor's installation appears in another column.

MONUMENT TO GENERALS WOLFE AND MONTCALM.

The following account of the laying of the foundation stone of a monument to Generals Wolfe and Montcalm with Masonic ceremony is from the *Edinburgh Weekly Journal*, of 13th February, 1828:

"By the *Quebec Mercury*, a copy of which has just been handed us, we find that the foundation-stone of a monument to the rival heroes of Quebec was laid in presence of his Excellency the Governor in Chief, of the Countess of Dalhousie, and a large party of fashionables, on the 15th November last. The fund for this purpose had been raised by public subscription, in which his Excellency took the lead.

At the commencement of this interesting ceremony of laying the stone, his Grace delivered the following address:

"Gentlemen of the Committee, we are assembled upon an occasion most interesting to this country, if possible more so to this city. We are met to lay the foundation of a column in honour of two illustrious men, whose deeds and whose fall have immortalised their names and placed Quebec in the rank of cities famous in the history of the world."

The Rev. Dr. MILLS, Chaplain to the Forces, then offered up a prayer, after which the preliminary Masonic ceremonies followed, and the subsequent proceedings derived peculiar interest from the

presence of Mr. James Thompson, one of the few survivors (supposed to be the only man in Canada) of that gallant army which served under Wolfe on the memorable 13th September, 1759.

This venerable Mason, in the 95th year of his age, walked with the party which accompanied the Earl, and stood near his lordship, leaning on the arm of Captain Young of the 79th Highlanders, the officer whose pencil produced the chaste and appropriate design which has been adopted for the monument. His lordship called upon the patriarch to assist in the ceremony in these words: "Mr. Thompson, we honour you here as the companion in arms, and a venerable living witness of the fall of Wolfe, do us also the favour to bear witness on this occasion by the mallet in your hand."

Mr. Thomson then with a firm hand gave the three mystic strokes with the mallet on the stone. An appropriate prayer was then pronounced by Dr. Harkness, the Provincial Grand Chaplain. The ceremony closed with a *feu de joi* from the troops under the command of Colonel Nicol, and the band playing the King's Anthem."

THE ALMIGHTY FORCE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF TRUTH.

As a student of the traditional lore of Freemasonry, I often find myself asking the question (though, I trust, in a different spirit), which Pilate asked of the Master, "What is Truth?"

Referring to the Deity, we are told that "His Word is Truth," and that "By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made." In this light truth appears to me to be the formal manifestation, in active, creative efficiency, of love. For "God is love." This is His inmost essence; infinite, unselfish love, which can only find gratification in the communication of its own blessedness to others. This is the mainspring of creation—the heart-life of the Great Architect of the Universe.

The love which God is, is the Father, from which is eternally begotten His infinite Wisdom, by which He creates and sustains the stupendous forms in the descending series of Being, from the highest heavens to the bed rock. All things which exist are, therefore, finite forms, which are moulded and filled with life, through the truth, and each individual atom, in its place and degree, is the manifestation or expression of the Divine truth acting from and revealing the Divine love.

Therefore, "the invisible things of God are clearly seen in the things that are made." Hence the study of nature is one of the methods by which we may confirm the teachings of Revelation. If God has created man into His own image and likeness; has given to him the power of loving, and of developing and establishing his love in forms of truth (which are the works of finite hands), in imitation of the infinite, surely it is reasonable to suppose that such love in the Creator would not leave the wants of such a creature unprovided for. God must, therefore, have revealed something of the characteristics of His own nature to man, and have foreshadowed to man the destiny which awaits him.

And here is where the wonderful teachings of Masonic tradition fill us with profoundest awe and gratitude. They show us that such instruction has been given; they show us how, in the exercise of his human volition, man has at times abused and perverted his privileges and opportunities; they tell us how the fair temple of innocence and purity, built up within the soul of man (in which the spirit of God was the ever-present Shekinah), has been overthrown and laid waste, and the holy affections of the heart carried away into captivity and made to do the work of slaves, while the cruel lusts of the flesh and the infernal love of self have ruled over them. They teach us how, in the fullness of time (at the end of the symbolical "seventy years"), the Truth has come to secure their release from captivity, the restoration of the exiles and the re-edification of the living temple. And all this is so fully and variously and wonderfully wrought out in the minutest detail, with so much of symbolic instruction, that we cannot help but be moved with love and gratitude towards Him who has revealed to us His great and holy Name, with all its ineffable power and glory.

In some form or other, the "secret art and mystery" of the Word has been taught through all the ages, and it is because of this underlying and inherent burden of Divine signification and value that these mysteries have such persistence among men. Many thousands there are, no doubt, who come to study these mysteries, who never get beyond the outer veil of the tabernacle in their hearts. He only who has a love for the truth, which is the form and expression of the goodness which is of God, will succeed in finding his way into the *Sanctum Sanctorum*, and really learn how to pronounce the true and ineffable Name of the I Am. While we give all praise to the faithful workers among the Craft, who strive to hand down the "ancient work," unchanged in its external form, we would also urge the still greater importance of each member of the Craft being raised, in his heart, to a love of the Truth, as well as in his understanding, to a perception, of its beauty, so that by a union of the love with the wisdom, the almighty force and the importance of Truth may be "established in strength" in the deeds of his life. Francis H. Hemperley in the Keystone.



Bro. Sheriff-Elect Hand and Mrs. Hand contemplate taking a holiday in Scotland prior to entering upon the duties of the Shrieval office.

Mr. Brancker, Chairman of the Mersey Dock Board, has, in commemoration of his golden wedding, distributed £2000 to the Liverpool charitable and educational institutions.

OPENING OF CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.—The gold badges to be worn by the Committee on the above occasion are being made at George Kenning's Manufactory, Little Britain, E.C.

Several Grand Masonic bodies have prohibited the naming of subordinate organisations after any living man. The rule is a wholesome one. It is better to wait until a brother's earthly career is finished before honouring him by calling a lodge or other Masonic body by his name.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

At the instance of the Newcastle Co-operative Society, Mr. Justice Stirling has granted an injunction until trial or further order against the Masonic Hall Company, Newcastle, restraining them from proceeding with the building of the new Masonic Hall in High Bridge so as to obstruct the lights of the Co-operative Society's premises.

At the last meeting of the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, held at Portishead, Somerset, on Saturday, the 11th inst, Bro. W. Rice, P.M., P.P.G.D., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, the both Wardens having signified their intention not to take that position. Bro. J. R. Thebridge, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Frank Simpkins re-elected Tyler. The installation takes place on September 8th.

Bro. Matthew Burnett, the "Yorkshire Evangelist," whose name is a household word in Australasia, where he is affectionately called the "Father Matthew of Australia," is about to make a tour of the United Kingdom as a gospel, temperance, and Evangelistic missionary. Mr. H. Osborn, of the Temperance Press Agency, 112, Fleet-street, is taking sole charge of correspondence and arrangements connected with Bro. Burnett's engagements.

In Indiana they are "as good as good can be." The Grand Master recently respectfully declined an invitation—and very properly, too—to lay a corner-stone on the Sabbath. On another occasion he refused permission to confer the Degrees of Masonry on an "importer and wholesale dealer in wines and liquors." But the Grand Lodge of Colorado exceeds even this vigilance, and holds that a lodge in Colorado cannot entertain a petition from a "stock holder in a brewery."—*Mallet*.

Bro. Sidney T. Purnell, of Exeter, has been appointed manager of the Union Bank at Laura, South Australia. He is the third son of Bro. T. B. Purnell of that city, whose name is well known in the west as the inventor of a new name for coal, "Bottled Sunshine," the commodity in which he deals. Before leaving his native city for the Antipodes, Mr. Sidney Purnell was admitted into the noble Order in Lodge No. 39, of which his father is a P.M., and who was kindly invited to perform the ceremony of initiation, making the third time he had done so with his own sons as candidate. He has yet another grown-up boy without the pale who is only awaiting the opportunity of a visit to Exeter to be able to call his father "Brother."

RAILWAY FACILITIES WITH REGARD TO LUGGAGE.—Whilst many of our readers know of the vast improvements which have, within recent years, been introduced by the principal railway companies in the way of dining cars, sleeping carriages, and corridor trains, all designed to add greatly to the comfort of the travelling public, few are aware of the arrangements which one company, the London and North-Western, has made to relieve passengers of the trouble and inconvenience necessarily arising in connection with the transport of the large quantities of luggage with which families on their holiday tours find it essential to encumber themselves. It appears that this company undertakes, at a comparatively small charge, to collect, convey, and deliver luggage (with certain restrictions) at the watering places and other tourist resorts reached by their railway, and by the lines running in correspondence with it. The arrangement will prove a great boon to the public, by whom it will doubtless be largely taken advantage of. By another system, which has only to be better known to be highly appreciated by that large class who spend the "week-ends" in the country, the traveller may, when taking his ticket at the station, hand over to the officials his bag, and, by payment of a small fee, have it delivered at his residence or hotel in any town in which the company has its own carts or omnibuses.

It is a question how much, or rather how little, of intelligence and learning ought to be required as a prerequisite for admission into the Masonic Fraternity. Obviously a stupid man or one devoid of ordinary education is poorly fitted to enter the lines of Freemasonry. Just how rigidly the line should be drawn respecting the intellectual qualifications of candidates is a matter about which some difference of opinion will be likely to exist; but all thoughtful brethren will agree that a dull, stupid, un-informed man, ought to be kept on the outside of the Masonic Institution. No candidate should be received who is lacking in mental capacity or has failed to gather the acquisitions of knowledge that prepare for ordinary life and usefulness. Freemasonry has an intellectual side. It furnishes food for the mind. It presents itself to the candidate on a philosophical as well as a moral basis. It enjoins upon brethren that they should search for wisdom as for pure gold, and that they should study principles and truths belonging to the different departments of Masonic instruction. No man can become a true Mason without receiving some quickening to his mind. The ceremony will suggest in many ways the use of his intellectual powers, and as a Mason he will have some additional stimulus to acquaint himself with the arts and sciences, and to make progress in the way of acquiring knowledge. Freemasonry gives forth no uncertain word in calling its followers to mental activity—in urging them to be earnest seekers for light and truth.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

No less than £960,000 was bequeathed last year to the cause of charity. The Metropolis took about £580,000 of this sum.

The annual athletic sports and fête in aid of the funds of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution will be held at Wembley Park, on Monday next.

A curious collection will come under the hammer of Messrs Debenham, Storr, and Sons on Wednesday next—the personal impedimenta of his Highness the late Maharajah Duleep Singh.

The Rev. Dr. Paton and Mrs. Paton, of Nottingham, have given £1000 to the West Kirkley (Cheshire) Convalescent Home, in memory of their son, recently drowned in a Bournemouth boating disaster.

Miss Olga Nethersole is about to make a tour in America, commencing at Daly's Theatre, New York, on October 22nd. She will appear there in a play specially written for her by Mr. Henry Hamilton, and founded on Prosper Merimée's novel of "Carmen," which she will afterwards produce in London.

Bro. Sir Albert J. Altman's numerous friends in the Ward of Aldersgate contemplate making a presentation to him to evidence their esteem, to show their appreciation of his public services, and to celebrate the honour her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer upon him. Mr. B. Norman, 62, Aldersgate-street, and Mr. G. V. de Luca, 6 and 7, Long-lane, are respectively acting as the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

Sir Adam Gibb Ellis, Chief Justice of Jamaica, died at Kingston, Jamaica, on Thursday, from the effects of an accident in which he was severely burned. The late judge was admitted a member of the Scottish Bar in 1806. In 1871 he was appointed Advocate-General of Mauritius, in which island he filled various posts, culminating in that of Chief Judge of the Supreme Court. He received the honour of knighthood in 1882, and a year later was transferred to Jamaica as Chief Justice.

Upon the conclusion of the International Fire Brigade Congress the British representatives received from the City of Lyons a bronze statuette valued at 2000f. The figure was designed by M. Emile Laporte, and represents a victorious gladiator offering a sword to the Roman Emperor after a combat in the arena. The motto, "Honor et Patria," is inscribed upon the base. The handsome gift was subsequently presented by the British Fire Service to Mr. T. G. Dyson, chief officer of the Windsor Fire Brigade, who had charge of the contingent during its stay at Lyons.

Those who have only seen Dr. Parker in the pulpit merely know, so Miss Sarah Tooley tells the readers of the *Woman's Signal*, one phase of his character. Thus off duty "he is full of æsthetic tastes, loves music, paintings, and flowers, indulges in playful banter with his wife, and tells a north country story with a twinkling eye and with a mischievous chuckle. Seeing him thus gives a key to the magnetic individuality which has exercised so powerful an influence upon the religious life of London, and which has a remarkable testimony in the vast congregation which assembles every Thursday, at noon, in the City Temple."—*City Press*.

The lesson read us by the Canadians regarding "rushing candidates" is still exercising the minds of brethren here, a fact which shows a desire to amend our ways. Lodge St. John's, Greenock, 175—one of the lodges found fault with—claims that, whatever may have been their sins in this respect in the past, they are particularly careful now, and have been so for some time. No Master of the lodge has been more jealous of her honour than the present one. A correspondent, writing on the same subject, sends me a copy of a pamphlet published in 1880, entitled "Emergency Initiations." The matter was originally given as a lecture in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire (Middle Ward), and afterwards extensively circulated in the province; but as I know the evil which Brother W. Dempster, 305, then cried down still exists in the province, the pamphlet but proves that individual effort to put down the practice cannot prevail, and that nothing short of a decisive prohibitory law laid down by Grand Lodge can free our Constitution of the stigma which has so long been a reproach to our members who have had occasion to come in contact with brethren in foreign lands.—*Mallet*.

THE MASONIC PRESS.—The Masonic press of this country is a source of pleasure and enlightenment to those members of the Craft who are desirous of keeping informed on Masonic matters. The majority of the Masonic editors are well qualified to discuss questions relative to the good of our venerable Society. But a few of them, we regret to say, are filled with prejudice and pride of opinion, and are dogmatic to a degree that is simply absurd. One of the oldest Masonic papers in America makes itself ridiculous in its discussion of the landmarks. Some Masons are always harping on the landmarks. They are for ever fighting innovations. Well, all good Masons believe in the landmarks—in the real landmarks—and oppose serious innovations, innovations that tend to change the character of the Craft. But the brethren who pretend to be horrified at innovations would do well to inform themselves on the history of innovations. The fabrication of one of the most beautiful and important Degrees in Masonry—the Sublime Degree of Master Mason—early in the last century was certainly an innovation. Later on the fabrication of the august and important ceremonial work of the chapter was certainly an innovation. In Virginia the change from E.A. to M.M. as the Degree in which to transact the business of the lodge was something of an innovation. But these innovations were for the "good of the Order," and were, no doubt, readily acquiesced in. From the way some Masonic writers and talkers discuss innovations, an uninformed brother might think that no change had been made in the Masonic organisation since the time of the Most Worshipful King Solomon. It would be well, we say, for Masons to keep in mind the history of innovations.—*Rough Ashlar*.

WHAT MONEY CAN DO.—Money can do a great deal, but it cannot do everything. It cannot stop the passing of time, it cannot make us young again, it cannot renew with health the enfeebled frame. In the face of the demon ill-health, rich and poor are on an equality. Rich and poor have to seek the same remedies, and wise indeed are they if, in their sorrow and suffering, they turn to Holloway's Pills and Ointment. These are within the reach of the poor as well as of the rich, and it is no idle testimony, but the natural result of long experience, which has declared Holloway to be the poor man's friend.

The Queen's departure from Osborne is likely to take place a little later than was anticipated, her Majesty being now expected to leave the Isle of Wight on or about Monday week for Scotland.

The Earl and Countess of Cork have left London for the South of France. The Master of the Horse will return to England at the end of September. Meanwhile the duties at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, will be discharged by Major-General Sir H. Ewart.

The second portion of the army manœuvres was commenced in the neighbourhood of Aldershot on Thursday, when a field column under Major-General Gregorie, and a force commanded by Major-General Utterson carried out certain operations upon a plan devised by his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

A sum of no less than £305 10s. has been forwarded by Sir Whittaker Ellis to the Treasurer of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows, Kingston-on-Thames, as the result of the recent garden fête at Buccleuch House, Richmond. The expenses of the fête were entirely defrayed by Sir Whittaker.

Startling reports were current on Thursday night in the City that the steamers Koh-i-Noor and La Marguerite had foundered. Inquirers at the company's offices received re-assuring information, but, notwithstanding this, there were anxious relatives and friends at Fenchurch-street Station waiting for the trippers, who arrived about the usual times, after a pleasant and uneventful voyage.

A curious postcard has reached Strasburg from Canada. It was a piece of bark on which was pasted a piece of paper with the address, the date, and the words "Postcard of the American primeval woods post." The back contained the letter, not written, but scratched on the bark, and perfectly legible. The sender is a painter and traveller, Rudolph Cronan, who is on a pedestrian tour in Canada. The receiver is going to give the card to the Postal Museum in Berlin.

For a Masonic Home the citizens of Springfield, Ohio, generously presented 154 acres in the immediate outskirts of that thriving and prosperous centre of industry, at a cost to them of over 20,000 dollars. On this beautiful tract will, on the 19th of October, assemble Craftsmen to lay the corner-stone of the main or administration building; will cost when completed and furnished something over 100,000 dollars and will be able to accommodate about 200 inmates. As additional rooms are needed cottages of various sizes will be built up in proximity to the main building until every Mason, his wife, widow or children who shall need care and the comforts of a home, shall be able to find it under the auspices of our Craft.—*Ex*.

The Royal Victoria Yacht Club had most favourable weather for their races at Ryde. The first match was for the Town Cup, with a second prize of £20. The start was very even, Vigilant leading slightly, but soon after passing the line, Britannia and Vigilant commenced a juffing match, which gave Satanita an opportunity her skipper was not slow to embrace, and she slipped away with a long lead, which she succeeded in retaining throughout the day. Vigilant and Britannia had a very hard fight between themselves, and for some time the American boat had the best of it, leading at one time by nearly a mile; but on the second round the Prince's cutter caught her, and once in front Carter succeeded in keeping there. The finish was timed as follows: Satanita, 3h 36min 39sec; Britannia, 3h 42min 23sec; Vigilant, 3h 43min 50sec.

The traffic regulations in connection with the Tower Bridge, as agreed to by the Thames Conservancy and the City Corporation, were on Thursday notified to the various shipping authorities, and are as follows: The bascules will be opened for the passage of vessels at or about the time of high tide at the bridge, and will remain so open for half an hour, or for such period as may be from time to time directed by the Thames Conservators. Arrangements are also made for the opening of the bascule bridge at any hour of the day or night upon notice being given as provided, and in order to carry out this regulation the Corporation are establishing at Cherry Garden Pier—not Deptford, as at first proposed—a signal station in electrical communication with the Tower Bridge. At Cherry Garden Pier signals will be exhibited day and night if from any unavoidable cause the bascule bridge cannot be opened.

In connection with the literary and scientific section of the Grindelwald Conference, Mr. Edward Whymper, the distinguished mountain traveller, gave, on the 16th instant, in the Parish Church, the first of a series of lantern lectures on mountaineering. He commenced with an account of the beginnings of mountain craft, and then went on to describe how mountaineering is practised at the present time, illustrating his remarks at every stage with exciting pictures of Alpinists at work. He further gave a thrilling narration of his first famous ascent of the Matterhorn, and in conclusion described his two memorable ascents of Chimborazo, in the great Andes of the Equator. The brilliancy of the pictures thrown upon the screen excited general admiration, and an additional interest was lent to the proceedings by the presence of a number of veteran guides of this great mountaineering centre.

There is a diversity of opinion as to what constitutes a prosperous lodge. With some a lodge is so designated when it has a large membership, a full treasury, and is receiving large acquisitions to its numerical strength. We take a different view of what constitutes a prosperous lodge. A lodge may have large membership without having exercised that care in its selection to make the material desirable to the Order. The treasury may be full for the reason that charity has failed to receive its proper exemplification at the hands of its members. A prosperous lodge is one whose membership has been carefully selected, whether they be few or many. The officers are competent for the performance of their duties, and have accepted their respective positions determined to do their duty to the lodge and Order. The visiting and relief committees are busy looking after the sick and needy, and when a question of passing upon benefits is before the lodge it is not surrounded by a mass of technicalities, but is freely voted to those who need them. Their charity is not confined strictly to those who are entitled to it under the laws of the lodge. But members of the Order, if found worthy and in need of assistance, receive it with an open hand, and in a manner that makes them feel that they are in the hands of brothers of the Order. The members are not jealous of each other, or the prosperity of a sister lodge. These are some of the requisites to entitle it to the name of a prosperous lodge.—*Lodge Secret*.