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GRAND LODGE.

It only occasionally happens that the scene in Grand Lodge is as animated as it was on Wednesday evening. The business which is submitted for the consideration of brethren at our stated Communications is mostly formal, with now and again a resolution or an appeal which is calculated to excite the interest, not of the general body, but of the limited circle of those whom it more immediately concerns. On this occasion, however, the Agenda contained two or more items of importance—in one instance to those who take a special interest in the administration of our Institutions; and in another, to those who busy themselves with the affairs of Masonry in our Colonies, and the relations which now or may hereafter exist between United Grand Lodge and the local Grand Lodges which at different times have been established in different parts of the British Empire. Moreover, it was the meeting appointed by law for the nomination of candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer during the year 1895-6, and the experience of the last ten or a dozen years has shown that this is always an attractive feature in the evening's programme and one that is certain to bring together a larger attendance of brethren than usual. As for this last item we may as well state at once that three candidates were nominated for the office, namely, Bros. Alderman VAUGHAN MORGAN, W. M. STILES, and C. H. HUDSON, and of these the last two named were candidates at the election in March last, when Bro. Alderman and Sheriff DIMSDALE was placed at the head of the poll. We may therefore look forward to a similarly keen contest at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1895, when the three brethren who entered the lists on Wednesday will strive among themselves as to which of them shall win the much-coveted honour of serving this distinguished office during next year. The next item to which it is our duty to allude will be found in the Report of the Board of General Purposes, in which it was announced that, owing to the serious state of his health, Bro. A. A. PENDLEBURY, Assistant Grand Secretary and Chief Clerk in the Grand Secretary's office, had felt it necessary to resign after upwards of thirty years' service, and the Board recommended that he should be assigned a retiring pension of £400 per annum. The recommendation was adopted instantly amid general expressions of sympathy with Bro. PENDLEBURY in his enfeebled state of health and with the sincerest good wishes for his recovery. The other recommendation of the Board—that Bro. W. LAKE, P.M., P. Prov. G. Registrar of Cornwall, be appointed to the vacant office of Chief Clerk at a salary of £400 per annum, rising by annual increments of £20 to £500—was likewise adopted unanimously; and so, too, were the amendments of Articles 83, 87 and 262 of the Book of Constitutions to which we alluded more fully in our Article of last week. Item No. 9, in which an addition to Article 23 of the Rules and Regulations of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, as agreed to at a recent special meeting of its Committee of Management, as stated at length and submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge, and was, after considerable discussion, very properly adjourned, the almost universal feeling among the brethren present being that the Benevolent Institution and our two scholastic Institutions should be on a footing of complete equality in respect of the rights and privileges they are permitted to grant to Subscribers and the several grades of donors; it being, however, at the same time and fully recognised that as the Benevolent has only one election in the year, while the Schools have two, the money qualifications for the several grades of donors, such as are granted to individuals or lodges, chapters, or other Masonic bodies, shall carry with them double votes for the one election of the former, and only single votes at each election of the latter. Thus, by way of example, a donation of 10 guineas to the Benevolent Institution, will, as now, carry with it *four* votes at its *one* yearly election, while an equal donation to either of the Schools will entitle the contributor, as now, to *two* votes at the spring election, and *two* at the one held in the autumn. So, too, with a donation of 400 guineas by a lodge to either of the Schools, as it entitles the contributing body to 80 votes at the Spring and 80 votes at the Autumn election, it must be manifest to everyone that if more than 100 votes are accorded to a lodge donation of equal value to the Benevolent Institution, the Schools, in their endeavour to win support, will be at a very serious disadvantage.

The other item of interest, to the discussion of which a large number of brethren had been looking forward, was the notice of motion by Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past Grand Treasurer, in reference to the resolution passed by Grand Lodge in June, 1893, and the brethren who claim to be the English Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, Sydney, N.S.W. In respect of this and the long discussion it evoked, we feel we are not called upon to say more than this, that though Bro. EVE exhibited all his wonted ability, and was, if

possible, rather more plausible than usual, there was no resisting the clear and concise and telling arguments of the Grand Registrar, admirably supported as they were by Bro. WILKINSON, Deputy G. Registrar, and Bro. the EARL OF JERSEY, who, as a Past G. Master of New South Wales, must of necessity speak with the weightiest authority. Grand Lodge at once grasped the bearings of the whole question, and—to use a form of expression which is constantly to be met with in old minute books—the motion passed in the negative. For the full details of this and previous discussions, we refer our readers to the report of the meeting which appears in another part of our columns.

"MASONIC UNION."

The *Indian Masonic Review*, in its issue for last month, has an article on this subject, in which it expresses its belief that the time is fast approaching "when something will have to be done towards unifying the various constitutions which are now working in Greater Britain." It points out that both here and in India, these various constitutions are to be found working side by side "and often with a certain amount of rivalry." In the course of this rivalry some very objectionable features are occasionally developed. A feeling of jealousy sometimes arises, and one constitution is apt now and again to claim a certain superiority over the other constitutions. Hence the tendency which has latterly made itself felt in Australia and New Zealand, as it had previously made itself felt in British North America, towards establishing a number of local Grand Lodges. "All this," says our contemporary, "points to an element of separatism, which, if it increases in strength, will gradually but inevitably lead to Masonry being, not a bond of union, but of disunion amongst those who should be Brethren." Accordingly, it goes on to suggest that "the three Constitutions should be joined under one Supreme Head," and that that Supreme Head should be the Prince of Wales. It does not consider that such a union under his Royal Highness would render necessary the abolition of the Grand Lodges in the United Kingdom, and their respective territorial jurisdictions, and it thinks a *modus vivendi* might easily be arranged for the colonies and India. It argues that if such a scheme were adopted, all questions of rivalry and superiority would forthwith disappear, and that all things would go smoothly where now there is often found to prevail a considerable amount of friction.

In reviewing these suggestions of our contemporary, we have to consider, in the first place, whether any such scheme is practicable, and in the next place if, in the event of its being found practicable, any such beneficial consequences as are anticipated may be expected to follow. In respect of the first of these points, the only guide we have is to be found in the case of the United States, where every State and Territory either has already, or as it grows strong enough Masonically, will in all probability constitute for itself, a Grand Lodge with supreme authority over the lodges located within its territorial limits. There exist among these Grand Lodges substantial differences of procedure, and there occasionally arise conflicts of jurisdiction amongst them, chiefly upon matters of which we in England are very disinclined to take any account. Yet about the last thing in the world which our brethren who dwell under the Stars and Stripes are desirous of constituting is a supreme authority over the whole body of their Grand Lodges. They have a General Grand Chapter for the Royal Arch Degree, and a Grand Encampment for the Order of the Temple, but they do not desire a General Grand Lodge; and when the Masonic Congress was held in Chicago in 1892, during the great International Exhibition, we believe it was a special instruction to most, if not all, of the delegates who represented the different Grand Lodges that any scheme for establishing such a General Grand Lodge should be severely left alone. Hence, it strikes us as being not unreasonable to assume that if in the United States, which is a continental power without any outlying territories or dependencies, and in which there are some 50 Grand Lodges, with differences of procedure existent amongst them, which now and again provoke conflicts of opinion, it is held to be undesirable that there should be one central supreme authority, it must be still more undesirable that any such central power over the whole of Masonry should be created in the British Empire, where there are any number of outlying territories and dependencies, in the majority of which there are either local Grand Lodges or District or Provincial Grand Lodges holding under the Grand Lodges in the United Kingdom. But though a scheme may be undesirable it does of necessity follow that it should be impracticable. No doubt it would be very satisfactory if, as we have a Prince of Wales who happens to be a Mason, a plan could be devised by which his Royal Highness, if he were minded to accept the position, were constituted "Supreme Sovereign of United Masonry

in Great Britain, the Colonies, and Dependencies"; but would any such appointment render the Masonic body throughout the British Empire in any way more homogeneous than it is at the present time, when the Grand Lodges in the United Kingdom with their dependent lodges abroad and the different local Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada and Australia, are one solid Craft of Masonry, but with local differences of procedure and occasional local frictions? And does not the movement for the establishment of local Grand Lodges, to which our contemporary very properly alludes, point rather to a desire for Masonic autonomy than to any wish for the disintegration of Masonry? At this moment the Prince of Wales is not only the Grand Master of England, but he is also Patron of several of the Grand Lodges in the British Empire. Would the ties which unite the various sections of the Craft in that Empire, be one whit the stronger if he were Patron or Supreme Sovereign of them all? What is more to the point — if a General Grand Lodge for the whole of the British Craft were established in the capital of the Empire, would it be in a position to exercise greater controlling powers over the lodges and brethren in the more distant parts than the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland? We do not think so. A central authority must be felt in order to be recognised. If the ties which now bind English, Irish, and Scotch Masons to their respective mother Grand Lodges are not strong enough to resist the tendency of present-day Masonry towards decentralisation, we do not think they would be any stronger, or even as strong, if there were a single central supreme Masonic authority for the whole of the British Empire. Neither do we consider that any beneficial results would follow upon the establishment of such an authority. We are a united body in spite of the local differences, local jealousies, local frictions, which undoubtedly exist. We are united in our principles, if not in our procedure. We are a religious body without the taint of sectarianism, and we are a political body, in so far as we respect all constituted authority, but without partisanship. This, in fact, is the basis of our "Masonic Union," nor do we think a multiplication of Grand Lodges will tend to weaken, much less destroy it, any more than that the concentration of the supreme authority in one person or one body will have the effect of strengthening it or making it more enduring.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, presiding; the Earl of Jersey, G.C.M.G., P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., as Senior Grand Warden; and Lord Skelmersdale as Junior Grand Warden; and among other brethren present were Bros. H. D. Sandeman, Dr. Balfour Cockburn, W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; W. F. Smithson, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., T. L. Wilkinson, R. Loveland Loveland, B. Coltman, Robert Grey, E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Capt. N. G. Philips, G. J. McKay, J. E. Le Feuvre, J. A. Farnfield, S. Cochrane, Richard Eve, George Everett, Fred. Mead, R. Clay Sudlow, Major-General Randolph, General Fred. Gadsden, ex-Sheriff Sir J. C. Dimsdale, Lennox Browne, Frank Richardson, Dr. Ralph Gooding, and Peter de Lande Long.

Grand Lodge having been opened in form, the GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of September 5th.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said the Grand Secretary had not read that he (Bro. Eve) stated when he objected to his notice being postponed to the present meeting, the reasons why he objected—that he had then already given 21 days' notice to all the brothers whose action he called in question.

Bro. LETCHWORTH said that Bro. Eve's reasons appeared fully in the official printed proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Bro. RICHARD EVE remarked that he was aware that that was so.

The minutes were then confirmed.

Bro. SWINFEN EADY, Q.C., P.G. Steward, P.M. 21, rose and said, Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, I have now the honour to nominate his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Applause.) I know full well it is quite unnecessary for me to add any words to the formal nomination, and that it is the earnest desire of every Freemason throughout the length and breadth of the land that his Royal Highness should be elected by acclamation. Nineteen years and more have elapsed since his Royal Highness presided first over the Craft as our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and during that time it has been a period of unexampled prosperity of the cause of Freemasonry, and I am sure we all feel that much of that success is due to the zeal and devotion he has shown, and the great services he has rendered to the Craft, and that the feeling through their ranks is one of loyalty, fraternity and gratitude to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. I have therefore the honour to nominate his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Bro. Col. ROUTLEDGE nominated as Grand Treasurer Bro. Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan, who had not only performed his Masonic duties with credit to himself, but with satisfaction to the Craft. Alderman Vaughan Morgan left Wales, a very small boy, and went into a very distinguished establishment known as the Bluecoat School, and now it was a satisfaction to all his friends that he was president of that magnificent Institution. He now aspired to be Grand Treasurer of England. In a civic position, he was in a fair way to become Lord Mayor. He had always acted in a most friendly and cordial manner to the Masonic body. In another character, he might say by his works he should be known and trusted. There had been no more beneficent giver of this world's wealth to the

great hospitals and other charitable institutions of this country than Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan. As such he had shown during the whole of his career the most hearty, sincere and loving sympathy with the poor and suffering of this country. He had exemplified by his own gifts that he had a fixed canon of life in what was understood as that double best gift of all Masons—the gift of Charity. Should Bro. Vaughan Morgan obtain the distinguished honour of Grand Treasurer, he would be, the brethren would be able to say at the end of the year, that during his year of office the glory of Freemasonry had not been dimmed or its lustre tarnished. (Applause.)

Bro. LARDNER nominated Bro. William Mason Stiles, who had worked for many years for the advancement of Masonry generally, not only in private lodges, but particularly in the Charities of the Order. In 1872 he passed the chair of the Kings' Cross Lodge, of which he was a founder. He was a founder of the Royal Savoy, and was now a Past Master of that lodge and Treasurer. He was a founder of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, and was now a Past Master of it; founder and first Treasurer of the Hendon Lodge, No. 2206, and still was its Treasurer. He was also member of the Henry Levander, No. 2048, province of Middlesex. In R.A. Masonry he was exalted in Mount Sinai Chapter of which he was now a Past Principal, founder of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, founder and first Principal Hendon Chapter, and a P. Prov. G. Soj. of the Province of Middlesex. He had served the office of Steward of the Charities 14 times, and was Vice-Patron of all the then Masonic Charities. This was a record which was seldom found, and perhaps not equalled; it showed his heart was in Freemasonry. Since he had been a Freemason almost every year he had served Steward to one or other of the Charities. By his work and perseverance he had brought large sums of money into the coffers of the Institutions, and he had not spared his own purse. At the last election of Grand Treasurer, for which he was a candidate, he polled a larger number of votes than any previous candidate had polled, although, unfortunately, he was unsuccessful. He had now allowed himself to be put in nomination again, and it was with much pleasure and satisfaction that he (Bro. Lardner) in nominating Bro. William Mason Stiles for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. WILLIAM HENRY ARBER nominated Bro. Charles William Hudson, P.G.W. of the Province of Sussex, P.M. 315 and 1320, Vice-President Boys' Institution, Vice-Patron Benevolent, Life Subscriber Girls'; had served Steward, and had always been an active member of Freemasonry. These qualifications admirably fitted him for the office of Grand Treasurer. He had on many occasions acted for the Charities, and he had also sent a large sum of money, besides giving a vast amount himself.

Bro. Col. NOEL MONEY then announced that the Prince of Wales had again appointed Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence.

Bro. Robert Grey advanced to the chair, and was invested as President of the Board of Benevolence by Bro. Col. Money, amidst loud and general applause.

Bro. Col. MONEY afterwards declared Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, duly re-elected, and the following brethren (Past Masters) elected members of that Board: Bros. George Graveley, P.M. 834; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; George R. Langley, P.M. 2381; George B. Chapman, P.M. 27; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; William Fisher, P.M. 834; James Bunker, P.M. 1558; William Vincent, P.M. 1194; Simon H. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329; Robert A. Gowan, P.M. 2029; Robert H. Evans, P.M. 1139; and William Kipps, P.M. 1275.

On a motion of Bro. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Bro. HENRY GARROD, the recommendations of grants which appeared in our last issue, were confirmed.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President of the Board of General Purposes, then moved the recommendation of the report of that Board as published in these columns last week. With reference to the first, he said he moved the recommendation with mixed feelings of regret and pleasure—of regret that Grand Lodge had lost the services of a very faithful officer in the Grand Secretary's Office, and of pleasure because he felt sure that Bro. Pendlebury was so well known by all the members of Grand Lodge, and so universally respected that they would feel with him (Bro. Loveland) that as a recognition of his past services they ought to do something for him now that he was incapacitated. Bro. Pendlebury, as they knew, had been in various positions in the Grand Secretary's office, until he arrived at that of Chief Clerk, and during the time he had been their official—over thirty years—he had been most faithful and assiduous in his duties. But latterly his health had failed, and on several occasions he had had to take rest and change. However, as soon as he in any small degree got better, he was back at his post endeavouring to his duty. Unfortunately his constitution had not improved as all had hoped, and the time had now arrived when his friends told him it was unsafe for him to come to the office unless he was attended and assisted by some kind friend. Therefore Bro. Pendlebury thought he ought to place his resignation in the hands of Grand Lodge. Last year, Grand Lodge lost an old and faithful officer in Bro. Buss, who retired some years ago, after many years' service, and Grand Lodge granted him a pension of £400 a year. This pension having fallen in by his death in 1863, the Board, taking into account the long and faithful services of Bro. Pendlebury, unanimously recommended Grand Lodge that he be granted on retirement a similar pension of £400. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON with great pleasure seconded. In considering the grant they should also consider that when they were in good health and retired of their own accord, they could curtail their expenses within income, but when the G.A.O.T.U. thought fit to inflict them, as He had afflicted Bro. Pendlebury, expenses arose they knew not of, as he (Bro. Richardson) himself could testify from a recent illness. Doctors and medical comforts had to be provided for an invalid, and a pension such as that now proposed was not too much to give in such a case. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was carried with acclamation.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND next said it would be in the recollection of Grand Lodge that on 7th June, 1893, the following rule was adopted, arising out of the Report of the Board of General Purposes: "That all appointments in the Grand Secretary's office should in future be by recommendation of the Grand Secretary to the Board of General Purposes, and subject to their approval, and that promotion should not necessarily go by seniority, but on the occasion of a vacancy the appointments should be made by fitness for the particular office vacated." That had been done, as the Report showed, and the Grand Secretary, finding that he had dispensed with the services of Bro.

Pendlebury, had to look out for another chief clerk suitable in all respects, and who would know, and be known to, all the members of Grand Lodge, and who would know the duties required of him, who was well versed in ritual, and, above all things, have a knowledge of Masonic law. The Grand Secretary, having taken great trouble in the matter, had recommended Bro. William Lake, whom they all knew, and the Board had agreed to the appointment of Bro. Lake, who was an old Mason, initiated in 1862; had been Prov. Grand Registrar of Cornwall; was exalted in the Royal Arch; had been S.E., and a founder both of lodges and chapters. When Grand Lodge knew the capability of Bro. Lake, they would feel that the Grand Secretary had made a good appointment. The Board had no hesitation in adopting the recommendation. All that remained to consider was the question of salary. They recommended that it should be £400 a year, rising by yearly increments of £20, to £500, and he begged to make a motion to that effect. (Hear, hear).

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said he had much pleasure in seconding this proposal of the President of the Board of General Purposes, and he thought he could add little to what he had said, excepting that as to the question of salary, they ought to consider the duties they required of the officer. It was impossible to take anybody from a distance to put him in the Grand Secretary's office, the duties of which required special qualifications, and even more than a special qualification. The brother must know Masonic law and also know the brethren who took interest in the work of Grand Lodge. If, as was necessary, they had a brother of mature age they must pay him a proper remuneration, and they were quite satisfied it was not too much to fix Bro. Lake's salary at £400 per annum to commence with. He had therefore much pleasure in seconding the proposition. (Applause.)

The motion was carried unanimously amidst loud cheering.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND next moved the following alterations in the Book of Constitutions recommended by the Board.

That Rule 83, Book of Constitutions, be altered to read as follows:

"A Provincial Grand Master must have served for the full period of five years, and a District Grand Master for the full period of three years, from the date of his installation, to entitle him to Past rank."

That the following words be inserted in Rule 87, after the fifth line from the top of page 46:

"A District Grand Master, if a Prince of the Blood Royal, may appoint a Pro District Grand Master, to rank immediately before the Deputy District Grand Master."

That in Rule 262 the words 5 o'clock be substituted for 4 o'clock.

With respect to the first, he said the present Rule 83 was "A Provincial or District Grand Master must serve for the full period of five years from the date of his installation to entitle him to past rank." The reason for the alteration, which was sanctioned by the Grand Master, was that many District Grand Masters abroad did not remain in their Districts so long as five years, their callings taking them elsewhere. With respect to the second alteration which was of Rule 87, it was thought for the interest of Masonry, that a District Grand Master should appoint a District Pro Grand Master where the District Grand Master was a Prince of Blood Royal. Such a case had now arisen, the Duke of Connaught, District Grand Master of Bombay, having been for some time resident in England. As to the third alteration recommended, it was found more convenient that the hour of meeting of the Board of General Purposes should be five o'clock. At one time they took place at three, and as they could not get many members together at that hour it was made four; but even now they were not able to have the assistance at that hour, sometimes of the Grand Secretary, and at others, members of the legal profession, both of which advantages they would have if the hour was altered to five.

Bro. T. L. WILKINSON seconded the different motions, which were put respectively and carried.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, brought forward the following motion, of which he had given notice:—

What steps have been taken by the Grand Secretary or the Colonial Board to give effect to the resolutions of Grand Lodge on the 7th June, 1893, in respect to the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, and if found necessary, to move—"That the Colonial Board and the Grand Secretary be instructed to take prompt action to assist the loyal brethren of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, in upholding their rights, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be respectfully requested to use his gracious influence in inducing the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales to give the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, friendly and fraternal recognition."

First of all he would put the question—"What steps have been taken by the Grand Secretary or the Colonial Board to give effect to the resolutions of Grand Lodge on the 7th June, 1893, in respect to the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, and, if found necessary, to move."

Bro. Sir GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President of the Colonial Board, said: M.W. Grand Master in the chair,—the Colonial Board has very carefully considered the motion made by Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, and I have handed to the Grand Secretary the report of the Board, which I request he will be good enough to read.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary.—Cambrian Lodge, late 656. —In reply to the question what steps have been taken by the Grand Secretary and the Colonial Board to give effect to the resolution of Grand Lodge of the 7th June, 1893, in respect of the "Cambrian Lodge of Australia," No. 656, the Colonial Board has to state that they at once put themselves into communication with Lord Carrington, the Past Grand Master of New South Wales, and its accredited Representative at the Grand Lodge of England, and also with the Earl of Jersey, the Immediate Past Grand Master, immediately on his return to this country, very soon after Grand Lodge was held, and they have also had interviews with Colonel Remington and Dr. Carruthers, brethren filling high office in the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with the view of ascertaining whether there was any likelihood that a friendly solution of the matter could be arrived at by fraternal negotiations with the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Before the resolutions of Grand Lodge in June, 1893, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales had communicated to the Grand Secretary that the old warrant of the Cambrian Lodge had been improperly taken by a brother named Parkinson, a member of the old Cambrian Lodge, from the custody of a Past Master of the new Cambrian Lodge (Australian Constitution), under the pretence that he desired to look at it; indeed, the complainant alleged the warrant had been taken under circumstances that almost amounted to robbery. Bro. Parkinson's version of the circumstances under which he took the warrant, alleged he had only borrowed it for the purpose of inspection, and had promised to return it. On the 6th December, 1892, Bro. Baskett, acting

under a power of attorney from certain of the brethren of the old "Cambrian Lodge," E.C., produced to the Colonial Board the original warrant, plainly bearing the cancelling stamp in the margin, and assured the Colonial Board that he was authorised to state that his constituents pledged their Masonic honour it should be returned to the brethren from whom it had been so taken. Shortly after, the resolution of Grand Lodge were confirmed in September, 1893, the brethren of the old Cambrian Lodge appeared to have received the warrant back from Bro. Baskett and to have met under it as the old "Cambrian Lodge," and it has been reported that an installation meeting was held and a Master installed. In a communication sent by the Installing Master to the Grand Secretary, he distinctly informs him that the warrant he acted on in performing the ceremony was uncanceled, and it seems, from other information, that all the cancellation marks had been removed from the face of the warrant—whether by chemical or other means is not known—and the brethren of the old "Cambrian Lodge" have failed to send any reply to a letter of inquiry on the subject. It appears they are still in possession of the warrant, and, in direct violation of the express pledge given by their agent, Bro. Baskett, refuse to return it, asserting a claim to hold it as their property, and the Past Master of the new Cambrian Lodge from whom it was taken has in vain sought to recover possession. To further complicate the situation, the brethren claiming to be the old Cambrian Lodge, E.C., have brought an action in the Courts of Law in New South Wales against the new Cambrian Lodge, claiming £500 as the value of the property of the former lodge, including its funds. Recent letters from the Colony state that the issues in this action are now ready for trial, and the proceedings closed. The Grand Lodge of New South Wales is defending that action. A report has also reached England that a suit is threatened by the old "Cambrian Lodge" to recover a very large sum (£20,000 upwards), the entire amount of the Charitable Funds formerly held by the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and transferred to the new Grand Lodge on its formation. The Grand Lodge of New South Wales has expressed its astonishment at these acts and proceedings, and is, it is feared, so much aggrieved at what has taken place, that the Colonial Board has felt it would be impossible to continue negotiations with any hope of successful result at the present time. The main question in the action is, whether the brethren who are serving are legally the old "Cambrian Lodge," and entitled to recover its former property; and it appears to the Colonial Board that it would be improper for them to take any steps while the matter was still *sub judice*. By the last letter received, it was stated that an application has been made by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales to the Supreme Court of the Colony to issue a commission to England for the examination of witnesses here on the issues involved. This application had not been disposed of up to the last news received in England." That is the answer.

Bro. RICHARD EVE thereupon said he thought it would have been a matter of courtesy if the President of the Colonial Board and the Grand Secretary had allowed him to read this statement first, but they did not do so, because if they had he would have been able to put an entirely different complexion on it. He had asked the question what steps they had taken to give effect to the resolutions of Grand Lodge of June 7th, 1893. All that they said they had done was that they had seen certain members of the New South Wales G. Lodge, and they were the enemies of the Cambrian Lodge. Don't let Grand Lodge go away from what they had before them that day. It was all very well for the Colonial Board to lay a long statement like that before Grand Lodge, all of which they could have no personal knowledge of. If he were to read to the brethren the large amount of correspondence which had been sent to him, which was not a sixth part of that which had been sent to other brethren in this country by the Cambrian Lodge he would take up the time of Grand Lodge till midnight. He merely asked what steps had been taken to give effect to the resolution of June 7th, 1893. The Colonial Board in answer said they had received complaint from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales that some one had taken the warrant of the lodge from Bro. Back. Was not that a fearful thing? If that were so, why not bring the brethren before the Board of General Purposes. The complaints made in New South Wales Grand Lodge in 1893 were before Grand Lodge granted the motion of relief to these brethren. Nothing had been done to assist those brethren who were the loyal brethren to United Grand Lodge. The Colonial Board had not told Grand Lodge what had taken place. It was said there was cancellation of a warrant, that the warrant was in the possession of a brother, whether rightly or not.

Bro. RAWLE, W.M. 2369, rose to order. If the warrant was cancelled there must be some trace of it in the books of Grand Lodge.

Bro. EVE said the Colonial Board harped upon this, that the warrant was cancelled.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND said the warrant was produced to the Colonial Board, and it was cancelled. It was now said that the cancellation was taken off.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said they could not go beyond the resolution of Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge could speak for itself. The resolution of Grand Lodge was, "That this Grand Lodge declares that the conclusion of the Colonial Board, viz: that Article 219 did not apply to the case of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, of Australia, is totally opposed to the uniform practice of Grand Lodge since 1779, and that the correct construction of law is that laid down by the V.W. Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick, and the V.W. the President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Fenn, on the 3rd June, 1885, by the late M.W. Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, on the 5th Dec., 1888, and by the R.W. Bro. W. W. Bench, and by the V.W. Grand Registrar, and the V.W. President of the Board of General Purposes on the 2nd Dec. 1891, and adopted by Grand Lodge on those dates. And that the alleged cancellation of the warrant was in direct contravention of the terms on which Grand Lodge granted recognition to the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. And that these brethren who adhere to their allegiance to this Grand Lodge are therefore entitled to recognition as the lodge." What could be stronger than that. The Colonial Board and the Grand Secretary had endeavoured to find out a means not to carry out the resolution, but simply to allow somebody else to make a complaint. It was said the cancellation was illegal. As to the question of possession, he would quote the Rule 221—"Should a lodge be dissolved, the warrant, books, and papers shall be delivered up to the Grand Master. No warrant can be transferred under any circumstances." They pretended it was transferred to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Bro. PHILBRICK said this was not so.

Bro. RICHARD EVE contended that warrants ought to be returned to the Grand Master, if returned to anyone, but it was the property of the Master of the lodge for the time being. If it was obtained from him improperly, a

complaint should be made to the legal authority. He submitted that the lodge was now working, and had made its returns to Grand Lodge, and had paid the dues. Bro. Eve offered to withdraw the last part of his notice as to asking the Grand Master to take steps.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE seconded the resolution.

The Earl of JERSEY said he had been Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, but that did not make him less loyal to the Grand Lodge of England, to which he belonged. That night that question had been made more difficult by the speech of Bro. Eve, who propounded the theory that it was right for any individual to act wrongly because somebody else had done so. That was not only un-Masonic but uncivilised. Bro. Eve insinuated that he (the Earl of Jersey) was one of the enemies of the Cambrian Lodge. Now, when he was at Sydney and this matter came before him, it was his earnest endeavour to try and pour oil upon the troubled waters. (Hear, hear). This difficulty had arisen some years before he went there. He had communications with Bro. Robinson, and did all he could to bring about a reconciliation, but he found it was impossible because Bro. Robinson would not give way at all. Therefore he disclaimed the idea of being actuated by any hostility either personally to the brethren who belonged to the lodge or to those who did not come into the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. It was undoubtedly a difficult question, but what was the policy of Grand Lodge of England when she recognised these Grand Lodges? It was one of true statesmanship—that all these Grand Lodges should not be interfered with by Grand Lodge of England. But this Grand Lodge took care that any lodges which did not wish to come underneath the new Grand Lodge should be allowed to remain under the Grand Lodge of England. In that particular case the W.M. and Wardens handed over their warrant to the new Grand Lodge of New South Wales. That warrant was cancelled under the authority which the Grand Master of New South Wales received from the Grand Lodge of England. (Cries of no, no.) He did not wish to make that discussion more bitter than it had been. He did not believe any great injustice had been done to the members of the Cambrian Lodge. Bro. Eve had talked of loyal members, but he could assure the brethren that there were no more loyal members than the brethren of lodges of Australia. None were disloyal to Grand Lodge of England. He had travelled in all parts of the world, and found there was no disloyalty. (Hear, hear). If they created this Cambrian Lodge, it would be a new creation, and it would not be in existence for many years; it was dormant when he was there, and would be so for some years. He hoped the Grand Lodge would hesitate, and not be actuated by the idea that they were righting some brethren who would be wronged. The question had been gone into by brethren on the spot, and there was no desire to do anybody harm. If there had not been a solution of this matter, it was because those who might have helped the solution, remained obdurate and refused to make advances towards the Lodge of New South Wales. He thanked the brethren for allowing him to say what he had said.

Bro. S. R. BASKETT, P.M. 1367, said the whole thing lay in a nutshell. The question was simply that this Grand Lodge had decided, after a very full discussion, in June, 1893, that the lodge was entitled to retain the warrant, and the officials of the Grand Lodge overruled that by their act on. It was not a question of a few distressed brethren, it was one of vital importance to the Colonies generally. These were loyal brethren. He assured the brethren he could show them printed reports in which votes of thanks to Bro. Eve appeared for the stand he was making for these colonial brethren. He asked the support of Grand Lodge on behalf of himself and on behalf of all loyal minorities. He did not mean to say there were disloyal brethren beyond the meaning of the word in the Book of Constitutions. He thought Bro. Philbrick had tried to get rid of the matter by a side wind.

Bro. T. L. WILKINSON, Deputy Grand Registrar, thought that the motion carried at September Grand Lodge should have been deferred to the present meeting. It was alleged against the brethren in Australia that they had been guilty of grossly bad conduct, and these questions were about to be tried. He suggested that in the present state of circumstances the brethren should not commit themselves to any motion, but wait till the investigations were completed.

Bro. RAWLE, W.M. Cornish Lodge, thought this was a prudent course to take.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar, said he had sat in Grand Lodge for some years, and had endeavoured to serve the Craft faithfully. For the first time in his life he had heard a brother dare say (and that was Bro. Baskett) that he had intentionally, by a side wind, tried to get rid of the decision of Grand Lodge. He gave Bro. Baskett, as distinctly as politeness and fraternal consideration would allow, a most emphatic denial. (Hear, hear.) He was sorry this agitation had been carried on with forces which the Earl of Jersey said did not tend to facilitate business. So much for Bro. Baskett; he should not refer to his words again, except to say that he would not impute to him motives which he had not scrupled without reason to impute to him (Bro. Philbrick). He then dealt with Bro. Eve, who said the warrant had been fraudulently taken possession of. It had been. Bro. Eve talked of culprits. The Court of New South Wales had to deal with them; but what did Grand Lodge think of the fairness of representing the matter in that language? The Master and Wardens gave up the warrant to the new Grand Master of New South Wales. All the other lodges did the same. Grand Lodge decided it was right, when suddenly somebody thought the warrant ought not to have been given up. But it was done openly and there was no fraud. A cancelling mark was put on the warrant. All the questions were going to be tried by competent judges in Australia, and he thought Grand Lodge would be placing itself in a false position if it interfered now.

Bro. EVE having replied, the motion, with the exception of the last paragraph, which was allowed to be withdrawn, was put to Grand Lodge and rejected.

The next business was the consideration of an addition to the Rules of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, agreed to by a special meeting of Governors and Subscribers, of November 15th last, in the following words:

A Lodge, Chapter, or Masonic Society, or any office therein, subscribing 100 guineas in one sum or in sums of not less than five guineas each, shall during its existence be entitled to 30 votes for Annuitants on the particular Fund to which the donation is paid, and the Master, or first Principal, or other officer of such lodge or chapter, for the time being, shall be a Vice-Patron of the Institution in right of such payment, and for every additional sum of five guineas thereafter subscribed, to four votes at each election. A Lodge, Chapter, or Masonic Society, or any office therein, subscribing 200 guineas in one sum, or in sums of not less than five guineas each, shall during its existence be entitled to 90 votes for

Annuitants on the particular Fund to which the donation is paid, and the Master, or first Principal, or other officer of such Lodge or Chapter, for the time being, shall be a Patron of the Institution in right of such payment, and for every additional sum of five guineas thereafter subscribed, to six votes at each election.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, first read a communication he had received from the Secretaries of the two other Institutions protesting against the proposition.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, Treasurer of the Benevolent Institution, moved the adoption of the resolution.

Bro. FREDERICK MEAD seconded, but pointed out that there were some mistakes in the figures which might be corrected.

A long discussion ensued, in which Bros. W. Morley, John Glass, Frank Richardson, F. A. Philbrick, A. C. Spaul, James Terry, J. Morrison McLeod, and the Earl of Jersey took part; and in the result an amendment in favour of an adjournment till next Quarterly Communication was carried.

It being then past 10 o'clock no new business could be taken, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge was held last Tuesday evening at Mark Masons' Hall. The Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided, and there were present, among other brethren, Bros. the Marquess of Hertford, P.G.M.; Viscount Dungarvan, Dep. G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, S.G.W.; Justice Gainsford Bruce, J.G.W.; Dr. Turtle Pigott, G. Treas.; Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; Col. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middx.; Dr. Balfour Cockburn, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart.; Capt. Philips, J. E. Le Feuvre, C. F. Hogard, W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., and George Gardner.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, the minutes were read and confirmed.

The following report of the General Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

During the three months ending the 30th September, 1894, there have been issued—Mark certificates, 303; total number registered, 33,365. Warrants for new lodges, four, viz.:

No. 475, Henry Bryde, Kandy, Ceylon.

" 476, Justicia, London.

" 477, Fitzwilliam, Peterborough.

" 478, Bootle, Bootle, Lancashire.

Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 63; total number registered, 4290. Warrants for new Ark Mariner lodges, three, viz.:

Gladsmuir, to be attached to the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 367.

Royal Albert, to be attached to the Royal George Lodge, No. 456.

Antigua, to be attached to the Avondale Lodge, No. 460.

His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to re-appoint for a further term of three years: R.W. Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart. Provincial Grand Master for South Wales; R.W. Bro. Col. George Singleton Tudor, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire; R.W. Bro. Charles James Egan, M.D., District Grand Master for South Africa.

The Board have to record with sincere regret the death of R.W. Bro. William Kelly, Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Rutland and Derbyshire, who had ruled over that large and important Province for 36 years, with the greatest benefit and advantage to the Order. As the oldest Provincial Grand Master in the Mark Degree, his loss will be most sincerely mourned, not only by the members of his Province, but also by the Executive and by the Order in general.

In consequence of the great increase of Lodges and brethren in this Province, His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to direct:

1. That the existing Province of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Rutland and Derbyshire, be, and is, hereby dissolved.

2. That the Lodges in the Counties of Leicester and Rutland be constituted a Province by the title of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicester and Rutland.

3. That the lodges in the County of Derby be constituted a province by the title of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire.

4. That the lodges in the Counties of Northampton, Huntingdon, and Bedford, be constituted a province under the title of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northampton, Huntingdon, and Bedford.

His Royal Highness has been pleased to appoint: M.W. Bro. Right Honourable the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master, to be Provincial Grand Master for Leicester and Rutland; R.W. Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, J.P., to be Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire; M.W. Right Honourable the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master, to be Provincial Grand Master for Northampton, Huntingdon, and Bedford.

His Royal Highness has also been pleased to appoint: R.W. Bro. William Edward Brymer, M.P., J.P., to be Provincial Grand Master for Dorset, in succession to the R.W. Bro. Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, M.A., resigned, who has ruled this province since 1882, and to whom the thanks of Grand Lodge are due, for the zeal and ability with which he has discharged the duties of this important office.

The District Grand Secretary of Bengal having reported that Albert Lodge, No. 270, Morar, Gwalior, and Behar Lodge, No. 335, Somastipur, have not met for several years, and are practically extinct, the Board recommend that the last known Masters be summoned to attend in Grand Lodge in March, to show cause why such lodges should not be respectively erased.

The Board have completed the revision of the Book of Constitutions, and have sent a copy to every Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Secretary, and to the W. Master of each lodge in England and Wales.

The following amendments having been submitted, the Board have carefully considered the same, and recommend their adoption as follows:

By W. Bro. J. T. Williams, W.M. 94: Art. 30.—That the words "North and South," be substituted for "Right and Left."

By Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, R.W. Prov. G.M., N. and E. Yorks: Art. 75.—That the words "during pleasure" be omitted.

By Wor. Bro. John Strachan, P.G.D.: Art. 52.—To insert the words "The Grand Treasurer or," at the beginning.

Art. 53.—That the Rule shall read, "The moneys of Grand Lodge shall be paid to the current account thereof, and all investments shall be made in the names of three Trustees, &c., &c."

Art. 99.—To insert after the words "Craft Lodge of Freemasons," the following Clause: "In Provinces and Districts petitions for such dispensations must be sent through the Provincial or District Grand Master."

The following amendments have also been laid before the Board, and, on mature consideration, they agreed to recommend their rejection to Grand Lodge:—

By W. Bro. Fred. T. Elworthy, P.G.D.: Art. 99.—To insert after "Special dispensation of the Grand Master," the words "or Provincial or District Grand Master respectively."

By W. Bro. J. Matthewman, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks: Art. 30.—To omit the words "Each member having one vote."

Art. 30.—To insert at end "Assisted by at least two Tellers, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master."

Art. 52, Art. 53.—That these Rules be not altered.

Art. 62.—To strike out the words "Six Lodges in the London District and Eight Provincial," and to substitute the words "Four Lodges in the London District and Ten Provincial."

Art. 99.—To insert after the words "Craft Lodge of Freemasons," the words "That in Provinces and Districts Petitions for such dispensations must receive the recommendation of the Provincial or District Grand Master, and must be made through the Provincial or District Grand Secretary."

Art. 121.—To omit "day before or day after," and to substitute "any of the seven days before or after."

Rules for Annuities—VIII., page 68, to alter £26 to £40; IV., page 71, to alter £21 to £32.

The Board recommend that the Book of Constitutions as now presented to Grand Lodge, be adopted as the Constitutions of the Order, and be printed and distributed.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland has adopted the ceremony of installation of Worshipful Master as used by this Grand Lodge, in accordance with the following resolution unanimously carried 7th March, 1894:

"That the degree of *Installed Master* in the Mark Degree shall be conferred only upon the Principals Z. and Past Principals Z. of Royal Arch Chapters, and the Masters and Past Masters of Mark Master Lodges holding a separate warrant from the Supreme Grand Chapter; and the names of all Principals Z. and Masters of Mark Master Lodges so installed shall be transmitted to the Grand Scribe E. for registration in the books of the Supreme Grand Chapter; and they shall be supplied with a diploma on payment of the prescribed fee."

All such Principals Z. and Past Principals Z. and Masters and Past Masters of Mark Master Lodges, S.C., are entitled to be present at a Board of Installed Masters on production of the diploma mentioned above.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Sub-Committee on Education, having carefully considered the Annual Reports of the Head Masters and Mistresses of the Schools at which the various pupils on the Fund are being educated, have awarded the silver medal for proficiency in studies and general excellence to Herbert Stanley Thorn, educated at the Cheltenham Grammar School, and Dora L. Pulley, educated at Miss Hamley's, Summerbrook, Redlands-road, Reading.

The following cases have been relieved:

Mrs. J. I. S. (widow of a brother of Southwark Lodge, No. 22) £10 0 0
The children of a brother of Roberts Lodge, No. 24 ... 10 0 0

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.
FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.
C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G. Secretary.

On the motion of Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, the different recommendations in the report were adopted, as was also the report.

Bro. WILLIAM E. CHAPMAN then said: M.W. Pro Grand Master, Grand Officers and brethren in rising to nominate his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales as our Most Worshipful Grand Master, I am sure I but express the wish of every member of this Degree. Those of us who were privileged to attend the installation of his Royal Highness will, I am sure, never forget the enthusiasm with which his entrance was greeted, and if such enthusiasm could have been aroused on his assuming the chair, what bounds will it reach after the eight years of brilliant success the Order has achieved under his rule. In 1886 we had 376 lodges on the roll; it has now increased to 490, and out of the nearly 34,000 registered Mark Masons, 1200 Mark Masons have been advanced since his Royal Highness came to the chair. We believe that much, if not all, this extraordinary advance has been due to the influence and work of his Royal Highness. Undertaking no duty that he does not take a warm interest in, the Prince has set an example worthy of emulation by every member of the Order, and the result is that under his benignant sway Masonry throughout the land has flourished root and branch. I beg, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, to nominate his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Masons. (Applause.)

Bro. Dr. TURTLE PIGOTT—M.W. Pro G.M.: It is my privilege, as Grand Treasurer, to nominate my successor, and I feel it a great honour to nominate W. Bro. Percy Wallis, P.G. Stwd., P.G.D., Vice-Patron Mark Benevolent Fund, of which he has served ten Stewardships. I believe I need not make a long speech in nominating him, but I deem it a great privilege to do so.

Bro. LARDNER nominated Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, P.M. Francis Burdett Lodge, W.M. Carnarvon Lodge, P.M. Prince Leopold Lodge, Steward of the Benevolent Fund, and Life-Governor of that Fund, P.J.G.W. Middx., and P.G.S.B. He thought that showed that Bro. Walls was not an idle member of Mark Masonry. But he had not confined his attention at all to Mark Masonry. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex he had done good suit and service to Masonry, and for these services to the Order he had received Grand Lodge honour. The brethren would, in electing him as G. Treasurer, be conferring honour where honour was due.

Bro. RICHARD EVE nominated Bro. W. F. Lamony, who had been a Mark Mason 22 years, was Founder of three lodges, two of which he personally consecrated. He was a Past Grand Officer of Cumberland and Westmoreland, had been three times Steward, and he was Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, of which he had also been Steward. He had had great experience in the colonies, where he stood in the highest position among the colonial brethren, and as such he was not so well known in Grand Lodge as he otherwise would have been. If he had attended Grand Lodge for years he would have been better known. He was a most esteemed brother, and useful, and had been of great service to the Order. He was well worthy to be Grand Treasurer, and he (Bro. Eve) had much pleasure in nominating him.

The EARL OF EUSTON said, brethren we have met here for the last time in the current year to transact the business of Grand Lodge, and I think if we look back on this year we shall see the Mark Degree has flourished and prospered. I therefore take this opportunity of thanking every brother of Grand Lodge of this Mark Degree for helping forward the Degree to the point to which it has prospered. If you had not so worked the Degree could not have prospered. The Degree has prospered, and therefore I thank those in office and out of it for their great services. On behalf of his Royal Highness, the Grand Master, I thank you most thoroughly for your services. I hope as the season is coming on you will all have a joyous time, have a Merry Christmas, and a very happy and prosperous New Year. (Cheers.)

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

Not since the joint celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew and the third jubilee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland has there been so large a gathering in connection with the annual meeting as assembled on the 30th ult. in the Queen's Rooms, Glasgow. In 1886—the year of the third jubilee—over 1,300 brethren assembled in the Volunteer Drill Hall, Edinburgh—the largest indoor assembly of Masons ever held in Scotland. While lacking the inspiring influence of a jubilee meeting, the gathering on Friday numbered nearly 500—a large increase on the usual attendance. The chief point of attraction to members of the fraternity was the exceptional circumstances of the installation of Grand Officers and the St. Andrew Festival being held for the first time in the 158 years' history of Grand Lodge out of Edinburgh. It has now passed into law, under the Scottish constitution, that Grand Lodge shall hold its annual meeting on St. Andrew's Day alternately in Edinburgh and one in the provinces. Glasgow is the first honoured with a visit under the new rule, and the enthusiastic welcome accorded to the members of Grand Lodge by the brethren in the West of Scotland was most gratifying.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge was opened in the Pillar Hall, Bro. J. Graham, of Broadstone, Substitute G.M., presiding, assisted in the duties by Bros. Col. Campbell, S.G.W., and Lord Rosslyn, J.G.W. The Grand Officers for the ensuing year were declared elected, and the Grand Master elect, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, of Newhailes, Bart., heralded by trumpeters, was escorted into the lodge by the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, the G.S.B., and the Vice-President of Stewards, and announced by Bro. G. Christie, P.G.D.C.

The Grand Master was installed with the impressive ceremony of the Order by Bro. Lord Haddington, P.G.M. On inducting Sir Charles into the throne of Grand Lodge, Lord HADDINGTON said he thought the Freemasons of Scotland had done wisely and well in re-appointing their Grand Master for another year.

The other officers were then obligated by the newly-installed Grand Master, the following being a complete list of the officers:

Bro. Lord Saltoun	...	G.M.D.
" John Graham, of Broadstone	...	S.G.M.
" Lieut.-Col. John Campbell	...	S.G.W.
" Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn	...	J.G.W.
" Murray Lyon	...	G. Sec.
" David Reid	...	G. Cashier.
" Rev. G. Gunn, M.A.	...	} G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. McClelland	...	
" Major F. W. Allan	...	S.G.D.
" Capt. David Sneddon	...	J.G.D.
" R. Macfarlane Cameron	...	G. Architect.
" Robert K. Inches	...	G. Jeweller.
" J. MacNaught Campbell	...	G.B.B.
" James Muir	...	G. D. of Cers.
" R. W. Macleod Fullarton, Q.C.	...	G. Bard.
" Lieut.-Col. W. I. Macadam	...	G.S.B.
" Emile Berger	...	G.D. of M.
" Robert Davidson	...	G. Org.
" W. M. Denholm	...	G. Marshal.
" Robert Kennedy	...	G.I.G.
" George Hay	...	G. Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was closed and an adjournment made to the large hall of the Queen's Rooms, where an excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Thiem, of the Windsor Hotel. The hall was decorated with tapestry, evergreens, bunting, &c., by Messrs. Lambertson, Glasgow. The brethren were seated at a series of eight tables, running from end to end of the hall, and at three tables running the full length of the platform.

Following the precedent of 1886, the Grand Lodge was not opened after dinner. The group painting by Bro. J. Drummond Young, W.M. 757, of the Grand Officers, and those associated with Lord Haddington while Grand Master, was unveiled, and in accepting the picture on behalf of Grand Lodge, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple said it was their regret that through ill-health Lord Haddington had not been able to accept the office for a third year. The picture would be a pleasant memento of a Grand Mastership which would long remain in the memory of the brethren of Scotland.

Bro. Lord HADDINGTON acknowledged the compliment, and assured them that the picture recalled many happy associations of his connection with Grand Lodge, and the kindness and hospitality he had enjoyed with many of the brethren around him.

The toasts of the evening were then proceeded with.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "The Prince of Wales and the Royal Family" were given briefly, but with sincere loyalty, from the chair.

"The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," proposed by Bro. J. M. MARTIN, were responded for by Bros. Sir JAMES BUCHANAN, LORD SALTOUN, and Col. JAMES A. REID respectively.

In replying for "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," proposed by Bro. Sir JOHN STIRLING-MAXWELL, the GRAND MASTER made a happy reference to Sir John's remarks, and, continuing, said he counted this a great Masonic occasion—one unique in itself, and calculated to be of great advantage to the brotherhood. It was gratifying that they had come in such splendid numbers. To him the occasion would be one of encouragement and inspiration. The entrants registered in Grand Lodge during the past year numbered 5,080, against 5,188 in the previous year. Had the returns from the lodges in colonial and foreign provinces been received this week, he understood that the number of entrants would have exceeded that of last year. The income of Grand Lodge during the year was £5,104, against £5,355 last year. The grants made from the Benevolent Fund was £525, and £1,004 had been paid in annuities. The Annuity Fund amounted to £21,000.

The other toasts were "The Grand Master Depute and the Substitute Grand Master," coupled with the names of Bros. LORD SALTOUN and JOHN GRAHAM, proposed by Bro. LORD ROSSLYN; "The Past Grand Masters," proposed by Professor Dr. STORY, and responded to by Bro. LORD HADDINGTON; "The Grand Wardens," proposed by Bro. Dr. NIVEN, replied to by Bros. Rev. G. GUNN and Major ALLAN; "The Provincial Grand Lodges," proposed by Bro. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN, replied for by Bro. J. R. K. JOHNSTON, Past Substitute Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, who gave a detailed and descriptive account of the work of Masonry in India; "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," from the CHAIR, responded to by Bro. GRAHAM, Prov. G.M.; and "Deputations from Daughter Lodges."

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1894.

Masonic Notes.

According to the statement made by the Acting G. Superintendent of the District G. Chapter of Bengal at its half-yearly convocation on the 30th August, there were 12 chapters on the roll—of which, however, three are in abeyance—and a warrant had been granted for the constitution of another. The aggregate of the subscribing members to the nine working chapters was 330, as compared with 280 for the previous half year, so that the reduction in the qualifying period as confirmed by Supreme G. Chapter at its convocation in February appears to have been attended with satisfactory results in the District, an increase at the rate of nearly 18 per cent. being in so short a time very considerable. We trust the additional interest in Royal Arch Masonry, which this progress indicates, will be maintained.

The Transactions of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Durham during the year 1894 show that Freemasonry in both these branches has fully maintained its strength and efficiency during the

past 12 months. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's report shows an increased balance in bank at the close of the account, while the report of the Charities Fund was similarly satisfactory. The returns showed a slight increase in the number of subscribing members, which now stands at 2695, as compared with 2682 the year previous, and 2576 in the year preceding that, the number of lodges on the roll being 36. In Royal Arch Masonry the number of chapters is 12, and the number of members 436, for the year ending 1st February, 1894, as compared with 409 for the previous year. We must add that the number of children on the Education Fund, which has been in existence for 17 years, was 23, in whose behalf the sum of £167 10s. was expended during the past year, the number remaining on the establishment at the close being 17, and the amount assigned for distribution amongst them £150.

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The proceedings at the regular communication of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China, which was held in the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, under the presidency of Bro. J. I. Miller, D.G.M., on the 22nd September, appears to have been uneventful. The D.G.M. delivered his usual address, in the course of which he described how, during a visit to Hong Kong some months previously, he was shown some Masonic property for which no owner could be found, but which from certain indications he judged to have belonged to the Royal Sussex Lodge, which had met in Canton prior to 1859. This turned out to be the case, and he had since had the pleasure of returning it—a service of plate of 163 pieces—to the successors of its former owners, and this after the lapse of 35 years.

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Bro. Miller also alluded in feeling terms to the sudden and unexpected death in May last of Bro. C. H. Dallas, Past District Grand Master of Japan, who had been a Mason since 1862, and was initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501. Beyond this, however, there is nothing in the report which calls for comment, unless, indeed, we offer a word or two of commendation in respect of the tabular statements appended, of which one shows numerically the state of the lodges in the District during the 17 years from 1877 to 1893, both inclusive, while the other contains a nominal list, arranged alphabetically, of the Present and Past members of the District Grand Lodge, with their status in lodge and District Grand Lodge respectively. These returns appear to have been compiled with the greatest care.

Scotland.

INSTALLATION OF P.G.M. OF RENFREWSHIRE WEST.

An event of great importance, Masonically speaking, took place on the 23rd ult., in the Town Hall, when Bro. Michael Hugh Shaw Stewart, of Carnock, M.P., was, with fitting and impressive ceremony, installed as Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., M.P. The solemn ceremony, in accordance with the ancient ritual, was carried out in the Saloon of the Town Hall, where the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodges had assembled.

Bro. SIR CHARLES DALRYMPLE, in addressing the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West, in graceful language referred to the fact that Bro. Stewart occupied the unique and proud position of succeeding his father, who had so worthily occupied the chair of the Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West for the lengthy period of forty-six years. To Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Scottish Freemasonry was under the most profound obligations, and he trusted that the new Provincial Grand Master would continue to gain and retain, as his father had done, the respect and attachment of every brother of the craft.

In a few words, the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master remarked that he accepted the acclamation of the brethren as a tribute of the kindly feeling entertained towards his father.

The lodge was then duly closed, and an adjournment made to the large hall where dinner was served.

A "FUNERAL LODGE" of Lodge Livingstone, No. 559 (S.C.), Stonefield, was held last week in memory of 23 members of the lodge who had died during the year. Bro. Major Ness, V.D., R.W.M., presided. After "The Dead March in Saul" by the Organist, Bro. Herbert W. Jones, A.R.C.O., the death roll was read in solemn silence, the members upstanding. Prayer by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. David Ness, M.A., of Whiteinch parish, Glasgow, followed, and the usual psalms, hymns, and Scripture readings, with the other appurtenances of a funeral lodge ceremonial took place, in the course of which the Chaplain delivered an oration, and an eloquent address was delivered by the R.W.M. After the lodge was closed, "Chopin's Funeral March" was impressively rendered by Bro. Jones, during which time the office-bearers retired. Bro. William Steven acted as conductor.

Correspondence.

RESIGNATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a Secretary of large experience, I should like to inform "Ex-Secretary" that if a brother resigns his membership the act is complete; he must rejoin in the ordinary way should he desire to continue a member. This is the law as defined by our respected Grand Registrar.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

After the experience at the last election for Grand Treasurer, and with the prospect in the ensuing year of another similar experience, would it not be possible for Grand Lodge to alter the mode of election? The poll on the last occasion was about 3,000, and to record this number of votes caused great inconvenience to the officials, and also an amount of discomfort to the brethren who attended to record their votes, on account of the crowded state of Grand Lodge. As a remedy, I would suggest that voting papers be issued to all brethren entitled to vote in Grand Lodge, with the names of candidates for Grand Treasurer thereon, and that these voting papers be sent to the appointed officers by a date named, in the same manner as is done at the elections of the three Charitable Institutions. I can see no objection to this form of election, but, on the contrary, see three very good reasons for its adoption. *Firstly*, it would prevent the overcrowding at Grand Lodge, and the necessity of a visit to London by those brethren who simply attend on that occasion to record their vote. *Secondly*, it would put a stop to the canvassing for votes, which, I am informed, was very prevalent at the last election, as it is evident it would be useless soliciting votes from London brethren only, when the selection would be made by the entire voting power of the Craft. The qualifications of each brother nominated as a candidate could be set out on the voting papers, and brethren would be able to give their votes according to the merits of the brethren seeking the honour. *Thirdly*, it would enable the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of colonial lodges under the Grand Lodge of England to have a vote in the election. I feel sure that this would be appreciated by the large number of brethren who, although entitled to a vote in Grand Lodge, yet, on account of the distance, never have the satisfaction of attending and exercising that privilege.

The office of Grand Treasurer being an elective one, anything that would tend to make the office representative of the whole Craft would be desirable. Until the present, on the occasion of an election, the selection has been made chiefly by the London lodges and those of adjacent provinces.—Yours fraternally,

COLONIAL PAST MASTER.

Larnaca, Cyprus, November 17th.

Reviews.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1895 has just been issued by Bro. George Kenning, the printer and publisher, with commendable promptitude, and though the information is so varied and extensive, the price is still the one shilling, as heretofore. This very handy companion is now in its 25th year of publication—its silver wedding anniversary—and if only for that reason, should obtain very hearty support from the Craft; but seeing it contains a mass of information obtainable nowhere else, and is full of particulars of all regular Grand Masonic Bodies under the sun, excepting as to the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England (about which the official Calendar should be consulted), it is a valuable *multum in parvo*, and indispensable to all brethren who need reliable data as to the status of the universal Craft at Home and Abroad. There are some 200 pages of closely printed matter, the type, though necessarily small, being exceedingly clear and readable, and the numerous tables are clearly and ably arranged. It asks to be consulted, and deserves a wide circulation.

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Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were: Bros. A. C. White, W.M.; R. T. Godfrey, S.W.; Swan, S.W.; W. J. Hakim, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Gluckstein, S.D.; Moss, I.G.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G. Stwd., G. Std. Br.; C. Wetzel, P.M.; and Hudson, P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and the audit report read for confirmation. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that in future old members of the lodge may rejoin upon payment of two guineas, and that the existing by-law, be amended accordingly. The W.M. then, with the assistance of his officers, ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The Secretary, having read numerous apologies for non-attendance, the lodge was closed.

Honour and Generosity Lodge (No. 165).—The ordinary meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 27th ult. Among those present were: Bros. Henry Times, W.M.; J. R. Drake, S.W.; E. J. Wiberforce, J.W.; W. G. Lemon, P.D.G.D.C., Treas.; F. Baggallay, S.D.; Alfred P. Crabb, J.D.; E. H. Paterson, acting I.G.; Herbert Powell, Org.; Aldridge, P.M.; J. W. H. Thompson, P.M.; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; R. A. Bush, P.M.; T. Dale Hart, P.M.; Charles Belton, P.A.G.D.C.; G. E. Wainwright, P.M.; F. Richardson, W. E. Blakeley, J. W. Woodhouse, and a large number of visitors, including the following: Bros. Edward Letchworth, Grand Sec.; Fred West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. of Surrey; C. H. Driver, P.G. S. of W.; W. E. Chapman, P.P.S.G.W. Bucks.; Fred H. Cheesewright, W.M. No. 937; G. F. Brown, P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. Russell, P.G.S., P.M. 8; W. H. Sands, I.P.M. 1724; A. H. Herbert, P.M. 173; Archdeacon Dunbar, D.D., Chap., 2374; J. Bayden Clark, 2228; J. H. West, 3; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Frank Richardson answered the necessary questions in a faultless manner, and was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The ballot was next taken separately for Mr. William De Bracey Herbert, B.A., LL.B., barrister, and Mr. Godfrey Sykes, solicitor, which proving unanimous in favour of both, they, being in attendance, were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Henry Times then read a letter he had received from Bro. Robert C. Driver, P.M., P.G.D., tendering his resignation as Secretary of the lodge on account of ill-health, after having given his services in that capacity for 35 years. The W.M. stated that all his efforts had failed to induce Bro. Driver to reconsider his decision owing to his advanced age of 78 years. Bro. Aldridge, P.M., proposed a suitable resolution of deep regret on the part of every member of the lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Lemon, P.M., and unanimously carried. The W.M. then appointed and invested Bro. George E. Wainwright, P.M., as Secretary of the lodge. After the third rising all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the dining room, where an excellent banquet was served.

The speeches were all of commendable brevity.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by the Grand Secretary and Bro. Fred West, P.G.D., and they warmly congratulated the lodge on the excellence of the work they had seen.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., proposed "The Health of the Initiates."

Bros. Godfrey Sykes and Herbert replied in speeches which showed the interest they had taken in the ceremony they had previously passed through, and which had so much impressed them.

Bros. the Ven. Archdeacon Dunbar and Cheesewright responded for "The Guests," and also sincerely congratulated the lodge on the splendid working of the ritual, both ceremonies having gone without a single hitch.

A most enjoyable musical programme had been arranged by Bro. Herbert Powell, Organist of the lodge, in which the inimitable singing of Bro. Fred. Cheesewright, the violin solo of Bro. Alfred P. Crabb, and the recitations of Bro. Ernest Paterson were most enthusiastically appreciated.

Letters of regret were received, on account of unavoidable absence, from Bros. Edward Ferry, P.G.T., and Lionel Brough, P.M.

Lodge of Industry (No. 186).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., when there were present Bros. E. Apelt, W.M.; T. M. Wood, S.W.; S. Eare, J.W.; W. H. Hook, P.M.; Treas.; W. S. Page, P.M., Sec.; W. W. Westley, P.M., D.C.; Nicholas Cornock, P.M.; S. M. Banker, P.M.; J. B. Sherring, P.M.; A. J. Newton, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; J. D. Phillips, I.G.; S. Cartwright, Org.; W. Stewart and Chas. Smith, Stewards; H. C. J. Edwards, H. Stubbings, A. F. Pumfrey, G. J. Argent, B. Boyce, D. Dawkins Spratt, C. Chapman, Archibald Nagle, M. W. Tossell, W. D. Gittins, and others. Visitors: Bros. John Barnett, W.M. 177; W. Haynes Dunn, P.M. 1208; J. E. Overed, P.M. 1708; Walter T. Barwell, 2504; Alfred Buck, 453, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; H. T. Stubbs, I.P.M. 1339; R. R. Templeman, P.M. 1339; G. R. Rix, S.D. 1962; W. T. Christian, 453, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; J. H. Moggridge, J.W. 1321; H. A. Jager, W.M. 453; W. Holloway, P.M. and Treas. 1457; G. W. Hook, P.M. 2087; Robt. Martin, P.M. 453; F. J. Sheppard, I.G. 3; W. T. Childs, 1692; George J. Newton, 27; G. W. Corble, P.M. 453; and E. M. Money, P.M. 23.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting confirmed. Bro. T. Megam Wood, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. W. H. Hook, P.M., as Treasurer; and Bro. C. Sheppard as Tyler. The ballot having been taken for Messrs. William Samuel Page, jun., and Henry Burton, the W.M. expressed the pleasure it gave him to vacate his position on this occasion for the purpose of affording Bro. W. S. Page, P.M., Secty., the opportunity of initiating his son, who had only some five days before attained his majority, into Freemasonry. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. Henry Burton, and afterwards gave "The Charge" in a most impressive manner. A Past Master's Jewel having been voted with acclamation to Bro. Emil Apelt for his valuable services to the lodge during his year of office, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner at the Holborn Restaurant.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bros. Barnett, W.M. 177; Buck, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; E. M. Money, P.M. 23; and H. A. Jager, W.M. 453, replied for "The Visitors."

The toast of "The Initiates" elicited most felicitous expressions both from Bros. Page, jun., and Burton. The former, after thanking the W.M. and brethren for the honour done him, stated that he was greatly impressed by the beautiful ceremony of his initiation, and that, in listening to the address of the W.M., he could feel that if he were able to live up to or even within some measurable distance, attain to the standard of rectitude therein unfurled. He hoped that he should not discredit his father, who proposed him, the W.M., who so kindly seconded him, or the brethren, who so heartily received him.

During the evening songs were given by Miss Jennie Argent, and Bros. G. W. Hook, P.M., W. H. Hook, Barwell, and W. S. Page. Mr. C. H. Mottley accompanied in his usual excellent manner.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).

—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 26th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. H. Herbert, W.M.; N. P. Lardner, I.P.M.; C. Bachoffner, S.W.; Witt, acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Webb, I.G.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., P.G. Org. Middx., Asst. Org.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G. Std. Br.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; J. Young, P.M.; I. Simpson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; E. Schultz, P.M.; J. W. Gaze, C.C., P.M.; G. Walter, C.C.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Samuel Weingott, C.C., 15, and F. P. Weinle, P.M. 1828, as joining members. The I.P.M. ably passed Bros. M. C. Chandos and A. E. Cook to the Second Degree. Bro. J. H. Lile, C.C., was unavoidably prevented from attending to be raised to the Third Degree. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Woodhill, J.W.; Nelson Prover, M.A., P.M.; Murphy, S.D.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.M., P.G. Org. Eng., and others.

The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed. The W.M. presided ably. In giving the first toast, he said that his utterances would be but brief, as he had several visitors who would vocally entertain them.

The brethren were greatly favoured during the evening by some excellent singing. Bro. W. J. Porter, P.M. 1793, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., was an excellent accompanist. Bros. J. Young, P.M., and E. Schultz, P.M., contributed several humorous songs. Thus did the evening pass pleasantly away.

Clapham Lodge (No. 1818).—The installation

meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Criterion, when Bro. Arthur H. P. Dale was installed as W.M., in the presence of numerous members and visitors, amongst the former were: Bros. Alfred C. Gooding, W.M.; A. H. P. Dale, S.W.; S. G. Budd, J.W.; Howard Smith, P.M., Sec.; W. T. Snell, S.D.; Sackville Evans, J.D.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; and Dodd, Stwd. Visitors: Bros. F. Leaver, P.G. J.W. Surrey; Murché, W.M.; Jermyn, W.M. 2005; Voisey, P.M. 1329; A. G. Hayman, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; Crump, J.D. 2005; Hughes, J.D. 2243; Jennes, 1963; Esfer, 2272; Morgan, 1150; Matthews, 509; Mossop, 706; May, 2243; and Wood, 2456.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was laid before the lodge which was considered highly satisfactory, as having the largest balance since the lodge was founded. The report was adopted. The W.M. elect was then presented by Bro. Howard Smith, P.M., and Bro. A. H. P. Dale, was regularly installed into the chair by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Alfred C. Gooding. The following officers were then invested: Bros. S. G. Budd, S.W.; W. T. Snell, J.W.; J. Liscombe, P.M., Treas.; Howard Smith, P.M., Sec.; Sackville Evans, S.D.; J. A. Anderson, J.D.; G. T. Gooding, P.M., D.C.; G. Wingrand, I.G.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; and Bowler Tyler. Ballot was then taken for Mr. C. B. Hughes, who was initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M. The W.M. then presented to the I.P.M., Bro. A. C. Gooding, a very handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services during the past year.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, "The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., who said: It is now my privilege and pleasure to propose to you that toast, which is rightly considered the toast of the evening, and I ask you to drink to the health and prosperity of our W.M. We have already shown our appreciation of him by placing him in the chair of this lodge, and whatever I might say would not increase the respect and esteem with which he is held by all the members. We all know the deep interest he takes in Masonry, and I feel confident that he will take a lead in the welfare of the affairs of the lodge, and I am sure we can congratulate ourselves in having him at our head, and that we can look forward to a most successful year, both as regards initiates and a good balance at the end of the year.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he felt quite overcome by the kindness of the reception of the toast, and fully appreciated the dignity of the office in which he had been placed. He thanked the brethren most heartily for placing him in the chair, and would use every endeavour to keep up the high position and prestige of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," and paid him a great compliment as to the correctness of his working of the several ceremonies, and the manner in which he had held up the tenets of the Craft, and was very pleased to bear testimony to the excellent manner in which the lodge had been conducted during the past year, and concluded by saying that the I.P.M. was not only an efficient Master, but a true and faithful friend.

The I.P.M., in reply, said: I thank you most sincerely for the kind and cordial reception given to this toast, and the W.M. for the too flattering manner in which he had proposed it. I have only done my duty in the lodge, and that to the best of my ability. The duties I have had to perform have been to me most pleasurable ones. I cannot sit down without thanking you all for the great kindness and consideration I have received from you during my year of office, and to again express my gratitude for the handsome jewel with which I have been presented, which I shall regard as a token of your esteem and appreciation, and whenever I wear it I may be reminded of the happy year I have spent and the many friends I have made.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors."

Bros. Jermyn, W.M. 2005; A. G. Hayman, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; and Voisey, P.M. 1320, responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Initiate," which was responded to in a humorous speech by Bro. C. B. Hughes.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Duncan Harrison, P.M.; and the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" by Bros. J. Liscombe, P.M., and H. Smith, P.M.

"The Officers" was responded to by Bros. S. G. Budd, S.W., and W. T. Snell, J.W.

The lodge was delighted by a choice selection of music from members and visitors—Bros. Braxton Smith, Sackville Evans, Matthews, F. Leaver, and Crump—assisted at the piano by Bros. F. A. Jewson and J. C. Jenner.

The Tyler's toast closed one of the most successful evenings ever held in the lodge.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge (No. 2241).

The November meeting of this lodge, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, was well attended. The lodge was opened by Bros. F. W. Potter, W.M.; C. Wilkinson-Pinkney, S.W.; R. C. Moon, J.W.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, Sec.; Soper, Dangerfield, C. T. Buck, P.M.; J. F. Hepburn, P.M.; J. R. Reep, I.P.M.; Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.M.; F. Stuart, and others; Bro. Rev. Wood-Samuel and several other visitors.

Bros. Percy and Cyrus Bealy were passed to the Second Degree. A banquet followed, with songs and recitations.

Borough of Greenwich Lodge (No. 2332).

The wonderful progress of the above lodge since its consecration, some seven years ago, is certainly a startling instance of the necessity for its existence, and amply justifies its founders in their application for its warrant on the grounds of "the want of a home for Masonry at East Greenwich." It is strong in numbers, sound in its finances, and earnest in the cause of Charity, while the excellent working of its Masters and officers is, and always has been, a theme for the admiration of all who have the honour and privilege of entering within its "sacred walls." This was fully proved on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when Bro. Wm. H. Burney, J.W., W.M. elect, was installed Master of the lodge in the presence, and with the assistance, of a large and influential body of Masons from far and near.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. H. Oakley, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. G. Everard and R. W. Thomas (the latter being a son of Bro. Thomas) a Past Master and founder of the lodge, who, by special permission of the W.M., performed the ceremony of initiation in a most perfect and impressive manner. The W.M. then assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and Bro. Burney, having been duly presented, was placed in the chair of K.S., proclaimed, and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. H. Oakley, I.P.M.; J. Harper, S.W.; E. W. Higgs, J.W.; S. J. Gore, P.M. 829, P.P.G.P. Kent, Treas.; W. J. Huntley, Sec.; A. Eades, S.D.; W. J. Frooms, J.D.; G. P. Carter, P.M., D. of C.; W. J. Newell, Org.; R. D. Simpson, I.G.; E. J. Relf, E. J. Cook, and J. T. Andrews, Stewards; E. S. Cockton, Musical Director; and E. Spinks, Tyler. The Installing Officer then delivered the addresses; the tone and manner of which will have left an indelible impression on the minds of all present, and for which he was congratulated on all sides, and a special and hearty vote of thanks accorded him; the lodge was then closed.

The banquet was simply perfection, and was partaken of in the large and elegantly appointed assembly room of the establishment, and under the immediate eye of Bro. George Burney, P.M., the esteemed and affable proprietor.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. H. Bateman, P.M.; H. Roberts, P.M.; H. Giles, R. F. Watts, J. W. Rogers, A. Lewis, J. F. F. Shields, T. Rogers, H. R. Hacking, R. Blagrove, B. Priddy, G. Hallam, T. Priddy, C. Waller, G. Burney, jun., A. Bargent, B. Smallwood, C. Laurance, W. Grimes, A. E. Ringer, F. Goddard, T. Virgo, W. Watts, C. Bone, G. B. Goodall, T. Law, A. Elen, H. Inwood, E. W. Carpenter, J. Nixon, A. Knight, S. Dawes, H. Burton, H. Austin, and J. Illman. Visitors: Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., P.P. S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. P. Watts, P.M. 158, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; R. Salter, W.M. 76; C. O.

Pook, W.M. 2041; S. G. Bonner, W.M. 1382; S. Bygrave, W.M. 1658; H. Frouseca, W.M. 1565; G. W. Sly, P.M. 79; W. J. Navell, P.M. 73; T. D. Leng, P.M. 147; G. Bird, P.M. 879; F. Goddard, P.M. 1861; A. Dealer, P.M. 871; J. Dewhurst, P.M. 79; W. Martin, P.M. 879; T. Dunkley, P.M. 201; C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184; J. W. Tims, W.M. elect 871; W. G. Simmons, S.W. 1139; J. Ward, J.W. 2041; W. Monk, 1816; W. Gummer, 1155; E. S. Cockton, 141; C. E. Lewis, 2374; A. G. Feyett, 2361; T. G. Levy, 147; F. Bottomly, 79; R. Amon, 871; W. Turner, 1623; S. Baker, 2265; J. McLoughlin, 30; J. Hewett, 299; G. Hall, 199; and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom," having been duly honoured,

The W.M. proposed that of "The R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which he coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, and the Masonic Charities. He said as Bro. Terry had a long way to go, he would more particularly speak of the Charities, and was proud to say that the Borough of Greenwich Lodge had sent up a Steward to one of the Charities every year since its formation. Their esteemed Bro. Oakley that year had taken up 100 guineas to the Boys' Festival, and he (the W.M.) meant to go up next year for the Benevolent Institution, and he felt sure they would send him up with a list worthy of the lodge and its reputation. They had an institution attached to the lodge, whereby every brother who paid sixpence per week, would, in due time, become a Life Governor of one, or, if he continued paying, all of the Charities.

Bro. Terry, in referring to their Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, said he felt sure there was no need for him to say one word in the Borough of Greenwich Lodge as to the many excellences and qualifications of those distinguished noblemen and brethren, both in the work of Grand Lodge, or in their private capacity. So far as the other G. Officers, past and present, were concerned, he could only say that they were proud of the honour conferred on them, and he trusted some day to see some of the Past Masters of that lodge—their first Master (Bro. Boord) was a Past Grand Officer—occupying the position of a Grand Officer in Grand Lodge. He had that day been asked by Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the Boys' School, to thank their I.P.M. and the lodge for the very handsome support rendered his Institution at the last annual festival, when over 100 guineas was taken up by Bro. Oakley. The year 1894 was a most successful year for the Institutions, no less than £50,000 had been subscribed by the Masons of England to the Charities of the Order; not a trifle to raise among them, but one that they were proud of. The Secretaries of other institutions looked upon the Masons of England with a great deal of jealousy, that was to say, the Masonic Institutions which still kept up their payments and put something by for a rainy day. The W.M. had told him and them that he intended to stand Steward for the Benevolent Institution in February next, for which he (Bro. Terry) thanked him, but whether they went for the Boys', Girls', or Old People, their prime object was to keep up the grand Institutions of the Order. At the present time they had a hundred applicants for the benefits of the Benevolent Institution, and only four vacancies, that would show them the necessity of unceasing efforts on the part of all, and when the time came round in February next, he trusted to have a good account to give of their kindness and generosity, and he strongly advised them, between now and then, to get their money ready for the Worshipful Master's list.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who, he said, was one of the founders of the lodge in 1887, and who had gone through the offices held in it with credit to himself, and also to the lodge. Both in the lodge, and at the lodge of instruction, Bro. Burney had shown his capability for the high and important office he now held, and in his hands the prestige of the lodge was safe, and would lose none of its lustre.

Bro. Burney, who was received with hearty applause, said he thanked Bro. Oakley, P.M., for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast, and he hoped that at the end of his year of office, he would leave the chair with the same credit that their I.P.M. had.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," and after speaking highly of the manner in which Bro. Oakley had performed his arduous task, pinned a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel on his—Bro. Oakley's breast, and, in the name of the lodge, hoped that he might long live to wear it.

Bro. Oakley having returned thanks, Bro. Roberts replied for "The Past Masters."

Bros. Salter, Bonner, and others responded for "The Visitors," and "The Initiates," "Officers," and Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings.

Bros. Bell, Corum, A. E. Brett, Carpenter, Cockton, and Waller contributed to the harmony, and the whole affair was a splendid Masonic treat.

Hiram Lodge (No. 2416).—The election meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 28th ult. Bro. F. A. Powell, W.M., was supported by his officers: Bros. H. T. Bonner, S.W.; G. Elkington, J.W.; Henry Lovegrove, Sec.; A. F. Wrighton, J.D.; J. West, I.G.; W. J. Ebbetts, P.M.; T. C. Yates, W. H. White, H. J. Pain, and others. Bro. Sashs was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Bonner was raised. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Bro. Horace T. Bonner was elected W.M., Bro. F. R. Tallow, Treasurer, and G. Austin, Tyler. Bro. H. Lovegrove announced that a warrant had been granted for a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to the lodge; the consecration, he hoped, would take place about the end of January.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

EASTBOURNE.

Tyrian Lodge (No. 1110).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Gildredge Hotel on Monday, the 26th ultimo, when Bro. Frank Bolton Sutton was installed as W.M., in succession to Bro. J. A. Skinner (Mayor of Eastbourne), to whom was presented a Past Master's jewel for his services to the lodge. The officers appointed were the following brethren: Bros. J. A. Skinner, I.P.M.; G. Bromley, S.W.; J. Welch, J.W.;

the Rev. A. A. Toms, Chap.; W. E. Morrison, Treas.; J. Creighton, Sec.; W. Loddar, S.D.; F. R. Terson, J.D.; A. A. Oakden, D.C.; J. Easter, Org.; H. C. Pocock, I.G.; J. Andrews and R. Puttick, Stwds.; C. H. Haine, Charity Stwd.; and F. Goldring, Tyler. Bro. Warwick Toms having retired from the Secretaryship, a position which he has held for 10 years, was voted a special jewel in recognition of his services.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren were entertained at a sumptuous banquet, provided with that degree of excellence in every particular which is a distinguishing feature of the Gildredge Hotel.

Bro. H. Sutton, the much-esteemed host, was unable to be present through indisposition. His son, the newly-installed W.M., presided, and he was supported by a large number of visitors, the company including Bros. Slingsby Roberts, W. E. Morrison, W. L. Wallis, Jos. Farncombe, W. Wright, J. H. C. Coles, E. W. Adamson, C. Briscoe, C. Toms, T. W. Dean, the Rev. W. Wakeford, A. Lloyd, J. H. Ewart, C. H. Haine, H. J. Capon, W. M. Caffyn, J. Easter, G. Fowler, and many others, in all about 60.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

A feature of the evening was the musical programme. Grace and some glees were capably rendered by Messrs. J. T. Parsons, Dynham, Farncombe, and Roper; Master Leonard Griffiths sang two songs very sweetly; and Mr. Louis Stevens contributed buffo melodies. Bro. F. Bartlett gave a recitation in admirable style. Bro. Oakden was musical director, and the proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable character.

LOWESTOFT.

St. Margaret's Lodge (No. 1452).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Royal Hotel on Monday, the 3rd inst., when Bro. Kerry Rix was installed W.M., the Installing Master being Bro. the Rev. H. S. Hume, P.P.G. Chap. Somerset, and his conduct of the ceremony was subsequently highly extolled. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Brooke, I.P.M.; W. James, S.W.; F. G. Mayhew, J.W.; H. S. Hume, Chap.; B. S. Bradbeer, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. J. Roberts, P.M., P.G.S. of W., Sec.; H. J. Eastaugh, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; J. E. Cook, S.D.; E. C. Titcomp, J.D.; H. Stebbings, I.G.; F. J. Smith and F. W. Clark, Stwds.; and John Symes, Tyler. The banquet followed.

PLYMOUTH.

Huyshe Lodge (No. 1099).—The annual banquet of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons' Club, on Thursday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. S. Fry. About 70 brethren were present, including: Bros. Picking, T. May, W. T. Walter, H. W. Pengelly, E. Roseveare, J. W. Foster, S. J. Page, W. H. Dillon, W. J. Stanbury, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. H. Gillman, P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. Sullivan, and J. Allen, all Past Masters of the lodge; G. Miller, S.W.; W. H. Bird, J.W.; L. Panter, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; W. A. Staton, Sec.; Rev. E. Sullivan, Chap.; A. G. Friend, S.D.; W. Henderson, J.D.; J. A. H. Brideaux, J.D.; A. Booth, D.C.; A. Weir, A.D.C.; W. B. Kerswill, Org.; A. C. Nurse, J. T. Healey, G. F. Hill, and C. Tomlin, Stwds.; J. Rashbrook, Tyler; E. G. Dyke, P.P.G.O. Cornwall; P. Hannaford, W.M. elect, 223; E. A. Davis, P.P.G.S. Wks.; A. H. Whidden, P.M., Treas. 1212; W. Ferguson, W.M. 1212; J. Bassett, P.P.G.S.D.; and T. W. Martyn, W.M. 954.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and were interspersed with songs and recitations given by the following: Bros. W. H. Gillman, Pile, Roseveare, E. G. Dyke, Sawdye, Simmons, Crews, Mullen, Foster, and Willis.

The banquet was served in an admirable manner by Bro. Harvey, steward of the Club.

REDHILL.

Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1362).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Market Hall, on the 1st inst., and was well attended by both members and visitors. The newly-installed Worshipful Master was Bro. Arthur Wood, who invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Putman, I.P.M.; T. Bacon-Phillips, S.W.; H. A. Howe, J.W.; J. Mew, P.M., Treas.; H. Summers, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. H. Roberts, P.M., S.D.; T. K. Pearce, J.D.; R. Jennings, P.M., I.G.; P. Shepherd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Jinks, A.D.C.; W. E. Bartlett, F.R.C.O., Org.; G. Privett and G. Peat, Stwds.; and A. Room, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, catered for by J. Keasley, Reigate.

Under the direction of Bro. W. E. Bartlett a fine selection of music was rendered by Miss Maggie Purvis, Miss Marie Hooton, Bro. Edward Branscombe, P.G. Organist, and Bro. E. H. Holder.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.

Ryburn Lodge (No. 1283).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ultimo, when there was a numerous gathering, the visitors including Bros. Hy. Smith, Dep. Prov. G.M. West Yorks.; J. Barker, Dep. Prov. G.M.M.; and other Prov. Grand Officers. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Bro. J. Corrin Bell was most impressively installed W.M. for the coming year by Bro. T. Gaukroger, P.P.G.P., assisted by Bros. Wm. Haigh, P.P.G. Std. Br., and Wm. Ackroyd, P.M. The new W.M. then invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Cocker, I.P.M.; Wm. Barrett Richards, S.W.; J. Smith, jun., J.W.; Wm. Haigh, Chap.; T. Gill, Treas.; J. Dunn, Sec.; Wm. A. Wood, S.D.; Sam. Smith, J.D.; Thos. Gaukroger, D.C.; A. Greenwood, I.G.; J. Greenwood, P.M., Tyler; William Haigh, jun., Org.; and John Crowther, J. W. Bancroft, T. Briggs, and W. P. Brown, Stwds. Bro. Wm. Haigh was re-elected to represent the lodge on West Yorks. Charity Committee, and Bro. John Smith was also re-elected Almoner.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Bull's Hotel.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and other brethren, and duly honoured.

During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Bell, Greenwood, Rickard, Buckland, Milligan, Riley, and others. Bro. H. Gaukroger acted as accompanist.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Clarence Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. B. Müller, W.M.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656, S.W.; J. Barns, I.G., as J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; C. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Smith, J.D.; T. Middlewick, D.C.; C. J. Packington, Org.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Std. Br., and C. Hall, Stwds.; J. Finch, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. R. Barns, P.M. and W. Middlewick, P.M. Bros. W. P. Barnshall, W.M. 25, and H. Watling, 455, were visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf Mr. Albert Williams, and it proved to be unanimous, but he was unavoidably prevented from attending. Bro. Herbert James Thompson was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being well performed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. J. E. Ruffe, J.W.; W. H. Windeatt, I.P.M.; J. Piller, P.M.; C. Stevens, P.M., and others.

The lodge was then closed when refreshment followed labour.

Bro. R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. W. Middlewick, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," spoke in high terms of his working and of his genial character.

The W.M., in reply, said that not being an Englishman born, he found it difficult to thoroughly master the beautiful ritual of the Craft. However, he trusted the brethren would excuse his little shortcomings. He was proud of being W.M. of so happy a lodge as No. 1793.

Other toasts followed in due course.

A most entertaining programme of instrumental and vocal harmony was carried out under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Packington. Bros. E. Hall, W. Middlewick, E. W. Warren, T. Middlewick, and H. J. Thompson particularly distinguished themselves.

Mark Masonry.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 293).—There was an excellent attendance at the last regular meeting of the present year, held on Monday, the 3rd inst. Amongst others there were present: Bros. T. R. Short, W.M.; J. A. Armstrong, I.P.M.; W. Brown, P.M., D.C.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; W. F. Carmon, P.M., Treas.; T. R. Jobson, S.W.; A. Dodds, J.W.; C. P. Laidler, M.O.; W. Stafford, S.O.; H. Jackson, J.O.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., as Sec.; James Shaw, as S.D.; W. Holzappel, J.D.; W. Douglass, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. Douglass, Stwd.; J. Appleyard, as Tyler; T. Chegwidder, R. Harrison, J. Lightbrown, C. W. Hodgson, J. B. McKenzie, J. H. Elliott, G. E. Macarthy, W.M.; James Shaw, S.W.; John Usher, P.M.; W. M. Lyons, P.M.; F. R. Turnbull, W. T. Hall, R.M., all of N. and B. Lodge; S. Coates, 403; and others.

After the preliminary business, Bros. George Graham and Wm. E. Peacock, previously balloted for, were advanced to the honourable Degree by the W.M., who also gave the charges incidental to the ceremony. Bro. T. R. Jobson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, the Treasurer, Bro. W. F. Carmon, was re-elected, and the Finance Committee appointed. There was also a candidate proposed.

The lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board.

STOCKPORT.

Benevolent Lodge (No. 68).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the White Lion Hotel, on Tuesday, 27th ult. The formal business of the lodge having been disposed of, the W.M. elect, Bro. H. G. Small, P.G.D.C. Cheshire, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. William Cartwright, P.P.G.J.W., by Bro. J. Marshall, P.M. 58, W.M. 130, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorks. The ceremony of installation was then performed by Bro. Cartwright in a most impressive manner, and at its conclusion the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. W. Markland, P.P.G. Reg., S.W.; J. R. R. Jeffrey, P.G.S.B., J.W.; Henry Lomas, P.G.S.W. M.O.; L. Jagger, S.O.; P. D. Heyer, J.O.; H. Powell Jones, P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. Cartwright, P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; George Brown, S.D.; Flower, J.D.; W. Bourne, I.G.; and J. Clarke, Tyler. Bro. Marshall then gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in his usual eloquent and impressive manner. It was proposed by Bro. James Cookson, P.M., seconded by Bro. Cartwright, P.M., and supported by several brethren, "that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.M., be placed on the privilege subscription list as and from November, 1893"—carried unanimously.

This being the whole of the business, the lodge was closed. The banquet was presided over by the W.M., Bro. H. G. Small.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and duly honoured, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. John Marshall for the assistance he had rendered during the evening.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238). A meeting of this council was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 20th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., I.P.W.C.N., in the chair; L. W. Harvey, J.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., S.D., as S.; Capt. Walls, P.W.C.N., P.G.C., Scribe; and Goldard, Warder.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Holroyd, W.C.N.; Frederick Graves, S.; N. Prower, M.A., P.W.C.N., Treas.; and others. There being no other business to transact, the council was closed.

The members dined with the brethren of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge, under the presidency of Bro. L. W. Harvey.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF DEVONSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Priory of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 23rd ult., under the banner of the Royal Veterans Priory, for the purpose of conferring the Degree of Knight Hospitaller of the Order on such Knights of the Temple that presented themselves. They were Sir Knights Grey, Skipwith, A. Roberts, and J. Clift, of Royal Veterans Encampment, and Sir Knight A. W. King, Royal Brunswick Preceptory.

The ceremony was a very impressive one, and was ably conducted by the following officers: V.E. Sir Knight Rev. Dr. Lemon, Prior; E. Sir Knights J. R. Lord, Captain-General; E. C. Clemens, Lieutenant-General; F. E. Remfry, First Lieutenant; J. Austin, Second Lieutenant; E. A. Davies, Prelate; H. Stocker, Chancellor; J. B. Gover, Marshal; J. Kinto-Bond, Marshal; W. H. Dillon, Treasurer; J. Dunster, ville, Admiral; J. H. Swanton, Hospitaller; F. C. Frost, Baliff; A. Trout, Conservator; J. R. Wilson, Turcopoller; and J. Wallis, Captain of the Outpost.

E. Sir Knight F. B. Westlake, Royal Veterans, and Sir Knight J. Gidley were also present.

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BRO. R. HUDSON,

P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G.S. Durham, W.M. 2497,

was initiated in the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland, in March, 1862. In 1863, he joined in founding the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, at Sunderland, and served as W.M. in 1870. In 1871, was one of the founders of the Fenwick Lodge, No. 1389, at Sunderland, and acted as Treasurer for 11 years. In 1884, was one of the founders and first W.M. of the Londonderry Lodge, No. 2039, at Sunderland, and in 1894, was one of the founders and first W.M. of the Carville Lodge, No. 2497, Wallsend. In 1870, he was appointed Prov. G.D. of C. for the Province of Durham, and held that post till 1882, when he received the collar of Provincial Grand Secretary, an office he still holds. In 1887, brevet rank as P.G.S.B. England. In 1863, he was exalted in the Strict Benevolence Chapter, No. 97, Sunderland, and in 1867 joined the St. John's Chapter, No. 80, at its formation, and served as First Principal in 1875 and 1877, and is now the oldest member. In 1878, he was one of the founders and first M.E.Z. of St. Helen's Chapter, No. 531, Hartlepool, and in 1881, one of the founders and first M.E.Z. of St. Bedes Chapter, No. 1119, Jarrow-on-Tyne. In 1883, he was appointed P.G.S.E. for Durham, an office he still holds, and in 1887, he received brevet rank as P.G. Std. Br. England. He was advanced in 1871 to the Mark Degree, and served as W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 124, in 1885, and is P.P.G.M.O. Northumberland and Durham. He is the present Secretary for the Durham Charities Association, and a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge since 1887, and has served two Stewardships to the Girls', and one each to the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions.

THE 350TH PERFORMANCE of "The New Boy" will take place at the Vaudeville Theatre on Saturday night, the 15th instant, on which occasion will be produced a new and original one act play of exceptional interest, by H. M. Paull, entitled "Hal the Highwayman." So many of the public repeat their visits to "The New Boy" that Mr. Grossmith has decided to give the early comers an opportunity of seeing a new first piece every 100th performance. These plays Mr. Grossmith selects himself and rehearses and stages with the utmost care, believing that too little regard has hitherto been given to the merits and production of curtain raisers.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Thomas, W.M.; Winsborrow, S.W.; Marriott Matthews, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Ivor Davis, S.D.; A. W. Thompson, J.D.; Ham, I.G.; Holland, P.M.; Saunders, P.M.; H. Thompson, Lightfoot, Calfe, and Fayers.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Calfe, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree and called off and on. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lightfoot, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. Lightfoot was elected a joining member of the lodge and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro Winsborrow was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. H. C. Parker, W.M.; A. Terry, S.W.; J. Mason, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; George Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Willby, P.M., Sec.; Jackson, S.D.; W. Hoggins, J.D.; A. Narten, I.G.; Cizzio, Leather, Beedle, and Bazzi.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hoggins. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leather being the candidate. The 4th Section was worked by Bro. Thom and the 5th Section by Bro. J. Paul, Preceptor. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bros. Leather and Beedle were elected joining members. The dues were then collected. At the second rising, Bro. A. Terry was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. H. C. Parker for his excellent working of the ceremonies of the chair for the first time. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. M. Rosenberg, W.M. 1425, W.M.; W. Chapple, P.M. 1425, S.W.; Major E. Reed, J.W.; G. Read, G.S.B. England, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.O. Essex, Sec.; T. M. Lambie, S.D.; R. J. Rogers, I.P.M. 733, J.D.; G. Weaver, I.G.; H. Campbell, Stwd.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Dep. Preceptor; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; and D. F. Norrington. Visitors: Bros. R. Armstrong, 733; R. Bench, 733; W. E. Collison, 1608; Charles Riemann, 511; and W. H. Faircloth, W.M. elect 733.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Faircloth being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren, worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The following brethren were elected members: Bros. Faircloth, Armstrong, Bench, Collison, and Riemann, all of whom acknowledged the compliment. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, there being present Bros. J. H. Whadcoat, W.M.; W. Rapley, S.W.; D. C. Ritchie, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; A. Cook, S.D.; Milton Smith, J.D.; R. P. Upton, I.G.; T. E. Williams, R. Eddie, A. Wolter, P.M.; H. R. Bower, A. Oliver, P.M.; W. A. Goring, G. Gregory, P.M.; R. Loomes; and M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cook, when Bro. Goring answered the questions leading to the Second Degree and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. Bro. Whadcoat took the chair, and resumed the lodge in the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goring being the candidate. Bro. Rapley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CITADEL LODGE (No. 1897).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 30th ult., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington. Present: Bros. H. Willsmer, W.M.; T. Kebbelle, S.W.; A. Rusby, J.W.; F. Dunstan, P.M., Preceptor; A. Wyatt, acting Sec.; S. Crane, P.M., S.D.; Von Holtorp (Preceptor), J.D.; C. J. Robinson, I.G. and Org.; G. Clark, P.M.; Ditchman, W. Whittaker, Cole, G. Kebbelle, Mason, R. Emery, Calley, and Lamigeon.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Cole being the candidate. Bro. Ditchman answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Dunstan worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Bro. F. Kebbelle was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. of the evening, it being the first occasion on which he had occupied the chair in this lodge. Three new joining members were admitted, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 30th ult., when there were present: Comps. T. Grumant, M.E.Z.; Bendetti, H.; J. Pullen, J.; F. Hilton, A.G.D.C., Preceptor; Rice, acting S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; Cornford, P.S.; R. J. Voisey, Treas.; Addington, Coombs, Cass,

Shelvey, Barton, Aggleton, Plant, Beecroft, Salmon, West, Osterstock, Cope, Elgar, and A. C. Wood.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating the candidate. Comps. Shelvey, 1622, and Barton, Beecroft, and Aggleton, 1901, were elected joining members. Comp. Benedetti, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and the chapter was closed.

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR.

"The Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for the year 1895 was ready last month, and thus early as usual. If the Provincial authorities generally followed the lead of the Grand Lodge in the issue of their Directories, it would be a great boon to the Provincial brethren who need these handy guides from January to December in each year.

It is not easy to discover any points in which the Grand Lodge Calendar can be improved, for, as respects the text, it is practically exhaustive, most accurate and ably arranged, the typographical excellence being also very satisfactory, through the press of Bro. George Kenning.

It appears to me that every W.M. and Secretary of the English Constitution should be duly provided with a copy of this ever-welcome and most useful Annual, and also all who desire the latest information as to the position of the English Craft. The details are ample, interesting, and instructive withal, and if brethren would familiarize themselves with a few of the numerous facts to be found in its pages, their speeches would be better worth listening to, after the "grave business" is over.

The succession of Grand Masters, Acting G.Ms., and D.G.Ms. from 1717 to 1894, and the complete Roll of all Grand Officers from 1813, are excellent compilations to begin with, followed by the list of Present Grand Officers, &c., and a full account of Remarkable Occurrences (general and financial) conclude the preliminary matter; after which the List of Lodges and Chapters are given, and another list notes all removed from the Roll since the last numeration of 1863. There are 2107 Lodges on the Roll; 411 London, 1251 Country, and 445 Colonial (including the three Military Lodges), being a net increase of twenty-one since the last issue. There are 201 Lodges noted as possessing Centenary Jewel Warrants.

There are 799 R.A. Chapters; 169 London, 500 Country, and 130 Colonial; 19 of these Chapters having Centenary Jewel Warrants. It is but fair to acknowledge that the figures as to the totals are now printed with the Calendar for the first time, and has saved me no little time in going carefully through the several pages to make up the particulars.

The succession of Provincial and District Grand Masters from 1725, and those of the Grand Superintendents from late last century, afford much valuable information to the Craft, locally or Provincially, which cannot fail to interest very many brethren who desire reliable data, and the arrangement besides of each Province and District in alphabetical order, and recording the names of each Prov. G.M., Dep. Prov. G.M., and Prov. G. Sec. (with the address of the latter), and all the Lodges alphabetically arranged under each Province or District, and so also with the Prov. and Dist. Grand Chapters, which must have involved considerable labour, leaves nothing as to these to be desired, and is a very handy compilation.

There are several other attractive features, but the foregoing must suffice for the present. The sale is on behalf of the "Charity Fund," and the cost per copy is 2/- nett. I congratulate the Grand Secretary, and the Assistant Grand Secretary, most sincerely on the publication of the best Masonic Calendar issued by any Grand Lodge.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE CARNARVON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1572.

The members of this flourishing lodge held their annual supper at the Manchester Hotel on the 26th ult. Bro. W. S. Whittaker, P.M., in the chair, was supported by 45 members and friends, and the visitors were Bros. Arthur Cohen, P.M. 188; Jubal Webb, P.M. 55; Spur, 1507; G. F. Newell, 177; E. Grove Johnson, 192; Vernon Lee, 1288; McClure, 499 (S.C.); Andrade, King, and others. The usual toasts were most ably given and heartily received. Bros. Newell, Spur, Vernon Lee, Gatti, and Cavossa enlivened the evening with songs. Bro. Arter kindly officiating at the pianoforte. Bro. Sec. stated that during the past 12 months the members made 525 attendances. Four new members are to be proposed at the next meeting.

SPECIAL MASONIC SERVICE AT DULWICH.

An interesting service took place on Sunday evening at St. James's Church of Scotland, East Dulwich. A pretty general desire had been expressed in Masonic circles that a service for members of the Craft should be arranged for in Camberwell, and a Committee was formed to carry out the object, headed by Bro. the Rev. P. Henderson Aitken, minister of St. James's, 1597, Prov. G. Chap. Middlesex, and Bros. Hopekirk, P.M. 179, 1896, P.G.P., and D. D. Mercer, P.M. 1329, 2381, P.G.P.

A special dispensation was granted in due course by the Grand Lodge, and, thanks to the unanimity with which the suggestion was taken up, a large number

of Masonic brethren attended the service. The greater part of the area of the church was of necessity reserved for the special worshippers, who, arranged in order of Masonic rank by Bros. Dr. W. Cock, P.M. 1597, 2624, and 2272, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., and G. R. Langley, P.M. 2381, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., Directors of Ceremonies, and conducted by Bros. W. H. Cloake, 1896, and R. Henderson, 1314, Marshals, and followed by Bros. the Rev. P. Henderson Aitken and the Rev. Alexander Macrae, Chaplain of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 199, Cumbernauld, entered the church to the processional hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Bro. Frank Swinford was musical director, and officiated at the organ, while Mr. Anderson conducted the choir and orchestra—the latter comprising a number of stringed instruments played by Masons. The brethren were in full Masonic dress, and the scene was alike impressive and animated. Special psalms, hymns, and prayers were duly set out in a pretty booklet presented as a souvenir of the service by Bro. T. Piper. The Old and New Testament lessons were read by Bro. Macrae, and a special sermon appropriate to the occasion was given by Bro. Aitken from the words: "The city lieth four-square; the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal" (Revelations xxi 16).

We regret we have not the space at present to give even a summary of the eloquent sermon preached by Bro. Aitken, but hope to do so in some future issue. It was listened to with marked attention and interest.

The solos and recitatives of the special music were sung by Bro. E. Pownall (bass), Mr. Spencer (tenor), Miss Henderson Aitkin (soprano), and Miss Swinford (contralto).

The offertory amounted to over £26, part of which sum will be devoted to one of the Masonic Charities.

Before the service, the voluntaries—"Benedictus" (Mackenzie), and an original work by Bro. Swinford, were played, and after the service the "Overture to 'Occasional Oratorio'" (Handel).

Scotland.

THE PRIORY OF THE TEMPLE IN GLASGOW.

The annual meeting of the above priory was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., in St. John's Hall, Frater Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, the Prior, presiding. There was a good attendance. The minutes having been read and approved, Mr. William S. Curphey was admitted a member of the Order. The election and installation of office-bearers then took place, as follows:

Frater Col. John Campbell	...	Prior.
" J. D. Hedderwick	...	Past Prior.
" R. King Stewart	...	Sub Prior.
" Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie, Bart.	...	Marischal.
" Sir James Buchanan, Bart.	...	Chancellor.
" Sir Jas. R. C. Maitland, Bt.	...	Hospitaller.
" F. W. Allen	...	Secretary.
" James Provan	...	Treasurer.
" Rev. W. W. Tulloch, D.D.	...	Chaplains.
" Rev. Prof. Storey, D.D.	...	
" John Mitchell	...	Bauceniffer.
" Col. John S. Stirling	...	Bearer Vex. Belli.
" Robert Frame	...	Chamberlain.
" James A. Reid	...	Steward.
" Emile Berger	...	Director of Music.
" A. A. Speirs	...	1st Aide-de-Camp.
" Rees Price	...	2nd Aide-de-Camp.
" Walter Ross	...	Warder.

Thereafter the fratres dined in the Windsor Hotel, the Prior being chairman, and Major F. W. Allen croupier. Apologies for absence were intimated from Fratres A. A. Speirs, R. K. Stewart, Sir James Buchanan, Bart., Col. J. S. Stirling, and others.

The Craft Abroad.

CYPRUS.

St. George's Lodge (No. 2402).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Larnaca, on the 10th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. Carletti, W.M., assisted by Bros. H. Morton, S.W., W.M. elect; Rossives, as J.W.; F. Harvey, P.M., Treas.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M.; Hon. Member; Cannons, D.C.; Turner, Sec.; H. C. Harvey, J.D.; Gargick, Augustin, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Jones, W.M., G. Meyer, I.P.M., and J. Blattner, of 2277.

After the routine business was finished, the W.M. and his officers vacated their chairs, and Bro. F. Harvey, P.M., took the chair as Installing Officer, and appointed Bros. Meyer, I.P.M. 2277, as S.W.; Jones, W.M. 2277, as J.W.; Prower, P.M. 1745, as D.C.; and Carletti, W.M., as I.G. Bro. Albert Morton, W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Prower, P.M., and duly installed into the chair of K.S., the working tools being given by Bros. Jones, Meyer, and Prower.

The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. A. Carletti, I.P.M.; W. H. P. Turner, S.W.; H. E. Clarke, J.W.; F. V. Harvey, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Harvey, Sec.; J. A. Gargick, S.D.; T. Sturges, J.D.; L. D. Pierides, I.G.; C. Cannon, D.C.; Major the Hon. E. J. Chetwynd and Dr. Dray, Stwds.; and W. H. Hawkins, Hon. Tyler. The handsome Past Master's jewel of the lodge was presented to Bro. Carletti, I.P.M., the third Master of the lodge.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where justice was done to a most excellent repast provided by Bro. A. C. Harvey.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and heartily responded to,

Bro. F. Harvey, the Installing Master, proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he had particular pleasure in proposing this toast, as Bro. Morton was the second candidate initiated in St. George's Lodge, and the first of their own children to reach the proud position of Master of that lodge. Having, therefore, initiated, passed, and raised him, they would understand the pride he felt in being privileged to instal him as Master that night, and he felt sure, from the able manner in which the new Master invested his officers, they would agree that they had a Master who would justify their selection, and a son of the lodge of whom they could all feel proud.

The toast was received with musical honours.

Bro. Nelson Prower, P.M., gave the toast of "The Installing Officer" in very kindly terms, which was briefly replied to.

"The I.P.M." was given by the W.M., and suitably replied to.

"The Visitors," proposed by Bro. F. V. Harvey, was responded to by the W.M. of No. 2277, who thanked the brethren of the lodge for the hearty reception they had met with.

Bro. Prower, P.M. 1745, also replied, and in the course of a most able and interesting speech, remarked upon the true Masonic hospitality he had always received in Cyprus. Although he was a Founder and Hon. Member of St. George's, this was the first time he had had the pleasure of attending a regular meeting, and after the excellent working he had seen, he regretted it was the first. He was afraid to say how many Installation Meetings he had been present at, but certainly quite thirty, and he had never seen the ceremony given better than on that occasion, and he congratulated the members of St. George's upon having officers who could so thoroughly do the work.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast brought a commendable short toast list to an end.

The evening's proceedings were greatly enlivened by songs from Bros. Meyer, Cannon, Harvey and Turner, a very effective duet by Bros. Cannons and Blattner, and some most humorous verses from Bro. Gargick.

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IN VIEW OF THE FACT that their present lodge room is likely to be demolished very soon to make room for the new post office, the members of St. John's Lodge, Rothesay, are talking of getting up a dramatic entertainment in aid of the erection of a new hall.

A curious libel case has been tried at Lons-le-Saunier. The *Croix du Jura* published, without any comment, what purported to be a list of the Freemasons of the district. Five persons, who declare they are not Freemasons, brought an action for libel, and each received 100f. damages.

AT THE Highbury Vale Society Show of Poultry and Cage Birds held last week Bro. W. Pine was awarded first, second, and third prizes for crested Norwich canaries, also awarded a silver cup for best bird in the exhibition by Judge Dobson.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S PRESENTATION to Christ's Hospital has been bestowed upon Master Lawrence Ward Baskcomb, son of Bro. William A. Baskcomb (late chief clerk to his Royal Highness) and godson of Bro. John Lawrence Toole. Sixty boys recently competed for 31 vacancies in the Bluecoat School.

MR. CHARLES B. CARTER, of Messrs. Bellman, Ivey, and Carter, the Sculpture Galleries, New Bond-street, had the honour of submitting a collection of bronzes and objets d'art to her Majesty the Queen, at Windsor Castle, on Monday last, when her Majesty was pleased to make a selection for Christmas presents.

Mr. Weedon Grossmith and the entire company from the Vaudeville Theatre will give a special matinee of "The New Boy" at the Grand Theatre, Islington, on Thursday afternoon, the 13th inst., at 2.30, thus giving the numerous visitors to the Cattle Show an opportunity of seeing this great success in Islington.

AT A MEETING of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton, held on Monday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Lord Stanley, M.P. West Houghton Division of Lancashire, and S.W. of the above lodge, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and his installation as W.M. of this old lodge will take place on January 14th, 1895.

PRINCESS MARY ADLAIDE, Duchess of Teck, and the Duchess of York, attended by Sir Francis De Winton and Lady Eva Greville, will arrive at Eaton Hall, Chester, for the marriage of Prince Adolphus of Teck and Lady Margaret Grosvenor, to-day (Friday), and the Duke of Teck and Prince Alexander will join their Royal Highnesses on Monday.

BROS. MAJOR F. G. NEWALL, P.D.G.M., and Provost Milloy, acting P.S.G.W., as a deputation from the Prov. Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles, paid an official visit to Lodge Lochfyne on Friday, the 30th ult., and met with a warm reception from Bro. Wm. Jack, R.W.M., and the other brethren of the lodge. After examining the books, &c., the deputation spoke in high terms of the lodge, characterising it as one of the most successful and prosperous in the province.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES generally are to be congratulated on the result of the action tried before the Lord Chief Justice, Hambrrough v. Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, which resulted, on Wednesday, in a verdict for the defendants, on the ground that the statements made in the proposal were false and fraudulent. Any other result would have been fatal to the confidence which Insurance Companies must necessarily place in the statements made by proposed insurers, and in which risks are accepted. The Lord Chief Justice made this very clear in his exhaustive and lucid summing up.

Miss MORRILL, Hull, recently made a great success as an elocutionist at a reception in Cavendish Rooms. This was the second appearance of Miss Morrill under the same auspices, and was by special request. She recited, among other selections, a scene from "The School for Scandal." Lady Teazle and Sir Peter were a tax, but she displayed considerable talent. She had a good grasp of the characters, her voice was excellent, and her style admirable. Miss Morrill, who is a pupil of Miss Annie Rutter, formerly of Hull, has since received several invitations to appear in London and Windsor. We congratulate Miss Morrill on her success. We may mention that this accomplished young lady is the daughter of Bro. Morrill, of the Humber Lodge, No. 57 (Hull).

FRATERNAL AMENITIES.—On Wednesday, the 28th inst., one of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings of Freemasons ever held in connection with Crook Lodge, No. 2019, Crook, took place under the presidency of Bro. Myles Taylor, W.M. The special feature was a fraternal visit of the Whitworth Lodge, No. 1932, Spennymoor, who, with Bro. Black, the W.M., and a very large contingent of his officers and brethren, embraced the opportunity of the social invitation. Not only was the Whitworth Lodge well represented, but visitors were present from Tristram, Marquess of Granby, St. Helen's, St. Hilda, Harmony, Barnard Castle, and Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodges. After the ordinary business was concluded the brethren retired to the spacious dining hall, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by the efficient Stewards, Bros. Wilson and Brown, when about 80 sat down. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the meeting was spent in harmony and fraternal greetings. Bros. T. Dunn, P.M., Prov. G.D. of C.; W. Makepeace, T. Farthing, P. Prov. J.G.D.; W. Rolson, G. W. Rippon, and others contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

A LOT OF MONEY is wasted every year by people who can ill afford to lose it. They buy what they do not want, or what afterwards turns out to be useless for the purpose for which they bought it; and so they are compelled to go without many things of which they stand in need. A man suffering from headache, loss of appetite, indigestion, or low spirits, will dose himself with noxious drugs, and waste his money on all sorts of useless medicines, when by taking a dose of Holloway's Pills he could immediately put himself right. Of course, if he has gout, rheumatism, lumbago, bronchitis, sore throat, or weak chest, he must use Holloway's Ointment, a world-famed remedy for all such complaints.

AT THE MEETING of the Prince of Wales Lodge, in Newcastle, on Monday evening, a new banner was unfurled by Bro. Ald. R. H. Holmes, D.P.G.M., in the presence of a large gathering of brethren. Bro. R. Hopper Holme, W.M., presided.

THE MARQUESS OF ZETLAND, as Provincial Grand Master for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, will, on the 30th of January, conduct the opening ceremony and laying of the last stone, with Masonic honours, of the Missions to Seamen Institute, at Middlesbrough.

THE EMPRESS EUGENIE concluded her visit to the Queen and left Windsor Castle for the Metropolis on Thursday. Princess Henry of Battenberg accompanied the Empress to the Great Western Station, and Major-General Sir John McNeill and Lady Biddulph were in attendance.

THE NATIONAL THRIFT SOCIETY having completed a vigorous campaign in the Midland Counties, has now commenced a series of benefit meetings in London and surrounding districts. Bros. William Darley and T. Bowden Green are the principal speakers of this society, which is doing valuable work in promoting thrift among the industrial classes and young people. As the work of this institution has greatly increased of late, the committee are very desirous of obtaining increased support for the movement.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN ASYLUM.—A subscriber has presented to the Institution a number of old Scottish curios. These, the directors think, would form the nucleus of a collection which might ultimately prove of great interest. They are of opinion that the Caledonian Asylum is a most fitting home for such a collection, and they, therefore, respectfully invite contributions of articles from all who may feel disposed to aid them in their attempt to found a Museum of Scottish antiquities. Communications should be addressed to the Secretaries, who will be glad to receive gifts of articles.

A GREAT many Masons seem to think a lodge is not progressing unless it has new work continually on hand. This is a mistaken idea, and one too prevalent, says *Tidings from the Craft*. The lodge must work, it is true, because our Masonry teaches us to work, but in every lodge there is old material to be worked on, some one to be worked over, and consequently there is no necessity for the Craft to remain idle. Where are the inactive and indifferent Masons? They are in your lodge. They need working on—and some of them need working over.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC.—The annual opera by the pupils of the Royal College of Music under the direction of Professor Stanford, is to take place at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, on the afternoon of the 13th inst. The work selected for the occasion is Delibes' "Le Roi l'a dit," hitherto never produced in this country, notwithstanding its extraordinary popularity at Paris and Dresden. The opera has been for some time in preparation, and there is every reason to anticipate the usual good performance. Mr. Richard Temple is the stage-manager, and for the theatre the college is indebted to the kindness of the management of the Prince of Wales.

THE PRINCE OF WALES, accompanied by the Duke of York, arrived in London on Thursday from St. Petersburg. Their Royal Highnesses embarked at Calais on board the Calais-Douvres shortly after 9 a.m., and were due to leave Dover for Charing Cross at 10.25. Owing, however, to the prevalence of fog in the Channel, the passage could not be made so expeditiously as usual, and the Royal train did not depart for London until 10.47. At the Admiralty Pier, where the Royal party were received by Mr. M. D. Tyrwhitt, deputy manager, and Mr. Buckmaster, superintendent, of the South-Eastern Railway Company, there was a considerable concourse of spectators, but, by the wish of the Prince of Wales, the arrangements for his reception, both at Dover and at the London terminus, were of a nature to ensure comparative privacy.

MR. THEODORE PLOWITZ'S CONCERT.—An attractive entertainment was given in Steinway Hall, on Tuesday evening, by Mr. Theodore Plowitz, who, together with Mr. Tivadar Nachez, supplied the instrumental music. This included Grieg's Sonata in C minor for pianoforte and violin, capriciously rendered; Liszt's Twelfth Rhapsody, a Caprice from Mr. Plowitz's own pen and several of the most popular violin solos in Mr. Nachez's extensive repertory. For those who preferred songs to instrumental works, ample provision was made; Madame Paula Plowitz, Miss Paula Edenfeld, Miss Agnes Jansen, and Mr. Ben Davies assisting. Miss Jansen introduced a new declamatory song, "A Norway Champion," by Grieg, for the first time, and was much applauded, as were her associates in the doings of a pleasant and interesting evening.

UNFURLING A NEW BANNER.—On the 5th inst. an interesting ceremony took place at Consett in connection with the Constance Lodge, No. 2135, when a very choicely designed and beautifully painted banner was unfurled by the Provincial Grand Secretary of Durham, Bro. Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B. of Eng., who officiated at the request of the W.M., Bro. George T. Hyden, who presided upon the occasion. There was a numerous attendance of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, as well as officers and brethren of the lodge. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. G. T. Hyden, who briefly stated that the lodge having decided to obtain a new banner, it was thought well that it should be unfurled in a manner that would do honour and add lustre to the lodge. A special prayer was then offered by Bro. the Rev. E. W. Drage, P.G.C. Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec., was then called upon to unfurl the banner, and in doing so he remarked that they would all feel that was no common occasion, and he trusted the ceremony would long live in the memory of the Masons of Consett. After referring to the uses and emblems of banners in all ages, he hoped as a standard that the banner now unfurled would be looked upon with pleasure, and that they would rally round it, and in so doing they would remember that it should at all times point them to that which was noble and true. Bro. the Rev. F. L. Cope, P.P.G.C., in an eloquent address, described the banner, which depicted the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, and the speaker referred to the high regard in which they always held the sacred volume of the Word and the principles of the Order. The W.M., Bro. G. T. Hyden, thanked all who had taken part, and the lodge was afterwards closed by Bro. G. Christopher, P.M., P.G.S.B. The brethren afterwards sat down to refreshment, the W.M., Bro. G. T. Hyden, in the chair.

BRO. SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN is progressing favourably. Although advised not to do so, he attended the rehearsal of his new opera at the Savoy Theatre on Thursday.

BRO. UNDER SHERIFF BEARD is still confined to his room, and but slight improvement is noticeable in his condition. Through the *City Press* the Under Sheriff wishes to thank those who have so kindly inquired after him.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR REGINALD HANSON, Bart., M.P., and Alderman Sir Joseph Dimsdale will be present, as vice-presidents, at the annual supper in connection with the Guildhall Cricket Club at the Guildhall Tavern on Monday.

BRO. SIR JOHN GORST, O.C., M.P., will distribute the prizes and certificates to the students of the City of London College on Wednesday, the 16th January. The Lord Mayor, and Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Samuel, and Bro. Sheriff Hand will be present.

ON THE INVITATION of Bro. Horace B. Marshall, jun., M.A., the members of the St. Bride's Youths' Institute will be entertained at tea this (Saturday) evening. Archdeacon Sinclair has promised to preside at the social gathering to be held subsequently.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JAMES WHITEHEAD, Bart., has been unanimously appointed to represent the Mansion House Association (acting on behalf of the traders and agriculturists of the United Kingdom) at the Conference on Light Railways initiated by the Board of Trade.

HER HIGHNESS PRINCESS EDWARD of Saxe-Weimer has consented to open the annual sale and exhibiton of work made by the members of "The Children's Salon," on the 20th inst., at Westminster Town Hall, with a view to completing the endowment of a children's cot in the North West London Hospital.

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IN THE REPORT of the installation meeting of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, in our issue of the 24th ult., we described it as the anniversary of the initiation of Bro. James Weaver, whereas it should have been his Mastership, he having occupied the chair 25 years ago. Bro. Weaver is more of a veteran than we thought him—he was initiated in 1863, the year in which Bro. Wavell's father occupied the chair.

"MIRETTE" reached its final performance at the Savoy Theatre on Thursday evening, the departure of this graceful opera being attended by an audience that assuredly numbered in its ranks many who said farewell to a most tuneful and musicianly score with sincere regret. It is no use crying over spilt milk; therefore let us content ourselves with an expression of the belief that had "Mirette" been produced originally with the strengthened libretto and cast that was given to the piece when it was already tarred with the brush of comparative failure, the fortunes of Mr. Messenger's delightful opera might have been far happier. As it is, those amateurs who have ears for true charm and refinement in light music will not fail to bear the vanished piece in pleasant and graceful remembrance.

ON THURSDAY evening, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York left town on a visit to the Queen. Their Royal Highnesses arrived at Windsor shortly before six o'clock, and were received by Major-General Sir John McNeill, Equerry to her Majesty. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York drove to the Castle and dined with the Queen, whose party also included the Italian Ambassador and Countess Tornelli, Major-General Ellis, and the Duke of York's Equerry. One characteristic feature in connection with this visit is too interesting to be passed over without note. There were in Windsor Castle four generations of the British Royal Family in direct line—the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, and Prince Edward of York. That the reigning Sovereign should be surrounded by her son, her grandson, and her great grandson is an event probably unparalleled in the annals of English history.

THE MISSES SALTER'S RECITAL.—A vocal recital was given in Queen's Hall, on Thursday Afternoon, by the Misses Florence and Bertha Salter—artists whom we cannot remember to have met before, but whose singing whether in solo or duet, we are quite ready to hear again. The young ladies have obviously been well trained, and show not only sympathy with their work, but the intelligence necessary to guide aright an expression of feeling. One being a high soprano and the other a low contralto, they cover together a good deal of the field of vocal music. Their duet singing is noticeable, as might be expected, for its "unities;" while in solos, whether by such an old composer as Caldara, or the contemporary Chaminade, the qualities already pointed out as theirs give a great deal of pleasure, and are entitled to an equal meed of praise. The vocalists were assisted by Miss Christina Brumleu, a violinist of whom we had a first hearing on this occasion. She is a clever artist, with plenty of skill, and, happily, plenty of time before her in which to acquire more.

THE FOURTH SEASON of the Thursday Subscription Concerts completed the first half of its course on Thursday in the Queen's (Small) Hall. There should have been a large audience, since the programme not only studied cultured taste by confining its first part to the works of Schumann, but had in its second part various selections of a more popular character. It is true, seemingly, that no concert-giving man can serve two masters, or, to put the case in another way, that he cannot sit upon two stools without risk of coming to the ground. The works by Schumann included his pianoforte Trio in F (Messrs. Webb, Peiniger, and Brouil), the "Stücke an Volkston" (Mr. Brouil), and four songs which were equally divided between Mr. Franklin Clive and Mr. W. Nicholl. As the capacity of all these well-known artists is familiar, the merit of their performance on the occasion will be taken for granted. With regard to the miscellaneous selection, mention should be made of Miss Ethel Bevans, a contralto of considerable range and power, who distinguished herself in Goring Thomas's "Summer Night." Bro. Clive's singing of Gounod's "If thou art sleeping, maiden," may also be set down as thoroughly artistic. Mr. Arthur E. Godfrey did good service as accompanist.

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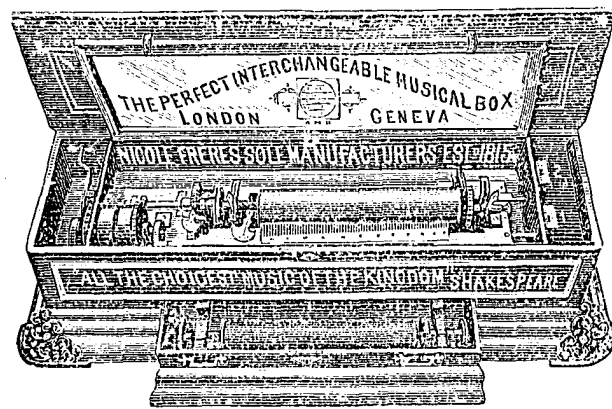
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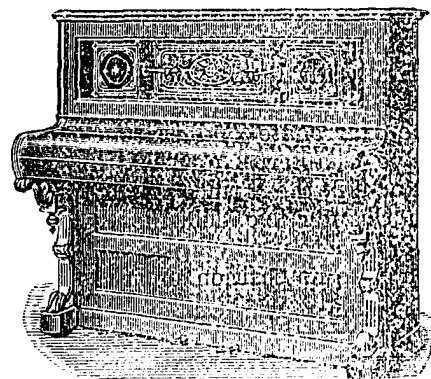
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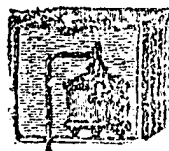
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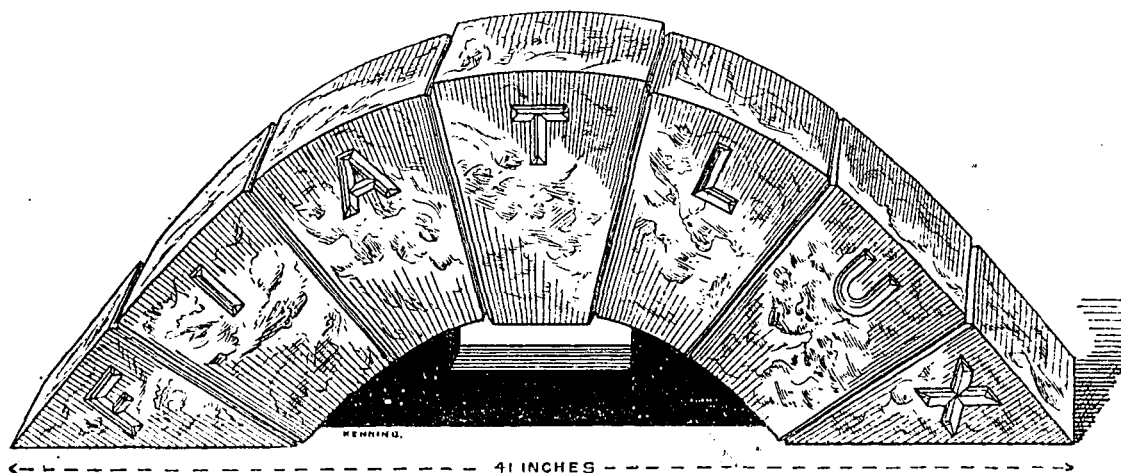
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