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THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND AND THE "ANTIEN" GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

We stated in a recent review of Bro. CHETWODE CRAWLEY'S "Crematoria Historica," or rather of the Introductions, both general and particular, with the advance-sheets of which we had been furnished, that they contained several important matters which it would be our duty to consider at greater length than was possible within the compass of a necessarily brief *critique*. Many, indeed, of these matters are of a character to ensure the deepest interest among all classes of Masons who have at any time exhibited a desire to study the records of our venerable Craft, but more especially among those who have either formed any theory for themselves, or adopted the theories of others, as to the origin of that schism which, for upwards of 60 years, held the Freemasons of England divided amongst themselves. On this question, Bro. CRAWLEY, in his general Preface, has formulated opinions, which, if they are not entirely new, have at least the merit of being set forth more boldly, and we venture to add more convincingly, than in any previous work with which we are acquainted. Be it then our first duty to state, as succinctly as we can, the ideas which Bro. CRAWLEY has so ably fashioned from the limited materials to which he has had access as to the origin of the Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Institutions.

In the concluding section of his "Editor's Preface," in which he treats of the "Modern Period of Freemasonry," after describing the origin of the Regular, or as it was subsequently, and still is commonly, spoken of as the "Modern" Grand Lodge of England, Bro. CRAWLEY remarks at p. 16, "Up to the time when the Grand Lodge of Munster and the Grand Lodge of Ireland were merged, that is until A.D. 1730, there is no reason to suspect there was the least difference between the modes of Working in Ireland and in England. The same enthusiastic Freemason, Lord KINGSTON, was almost contemporaneously, A.D. 1729, 1730, 1731, Grand Master of the three Grand Lodges in London, Dublin, and Cork, and, as will be seen from the following pages, the Constitutions under which he governed the Craft were practically identical in both countries." Two paragraphs further on we come to what is described as "the crucial point in the history of English Freemasonry during the latter half of the eighteenth century," namely, "the formation of another Grand Lodge in London, A.D. 1751, eventually styled the 'Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Constitutions.'" As regards "the reasons for the erection of this new Grand Lodge, as given by its promoters," to wit, "that the premier Grand Lodge had sanctioned certain alterations in Ritual, which were held to be inconsistent with the system formerly in practice," Bro. CRAWLEY remarks with perfect truth: "Such a contention is fraught with the deepest interest to Irish Freemasons, because the standard by which the Ritual was tried was the Work current under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Though its supporters in England may have been, nay, must have been, from the very necessity of the case, drawn from the before-mentioned non-Regular Freemasons, and from disaffected members of the premier Grand Lodge, yet the original founders of the new Body were almost to a man of Irish names, and the most prominent of them all was the Irish Brother LAURENCE DERMOTT." With the just eulogy of this distinguished Mason and the few particulars respecting his early career in Masonry which Bro. CRAWLEY furnishes we need not concern ourselves; but as regards the influence he exercised upon "Antient" Masonry, there is absolute truth in the proposition which Bro. CRAWLEY lays down unreservedly, when he writes: "It is seldom that history can surely ascribe the successful conduct of any great Reformation to the strenuous perseverance and exceptional ability of any one man, but most surely the guidance of the Antients is due to this Irish Freemason. From the first he never made any secret of the Irish training he had received; to the last his Grand Lodge was united in the closest bonds to the Irish Fraternity; during the whole time of its existence its members were called Irish Masons and its Lodges Irish Lodges. The principles which he held and the esoteric teaching which he disseminated bear the mint mark of the GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND."

Passing by as unnecessary to the development of our present purpose the remarks which Bro. CRAWLEY offers respecting the distinctive characteristics of the two great rival systems of English Freemasonry, and the tenets he ascribes to them respectively, we find ourselves confronted at pp. 19 and 20 by a series of 13 propositions, in which are embodied the reasons for his theory, that the "Antient" Grand Lodge of England was, in fact, an offshoot of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Of these 13 propositions the following concern us more immediately:

"VII. The Grand Lodge of Ireland never adopted or countenanced these innovations"—that is to say, the innovations introduced into the Ritual by the Regular Grand Lodge of England—"but maintained the working which had been previously common to it and to the Grand Lodge of England,

"VIII. Freemasons of the Irish Constitution, who took up their abode in England, rallied to their aid the discontented English Brethren who resented the new methods, and supplied to them a leader, the famous Laurence Dermott, imbued with the more ancient and primitive system he had learned in Ireland.

"IX. This body of Freemasons, of mixed nationality, but identical work, formed a Grand Lodge, posterior in point of time, but older in its Ritual and Ceremonies.

"XI. The Grand Lodge of the Antients, deriving its Work, its Methods, and its Organization from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, continually reinforced by Brethren of the Irish Jurisdiction, was rather an offshoot of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, than a secession from either of the Grand Lodges previously existing in England.

"XII. The Grand Lodge of Ireland & the Grand Lodge of the Antients claimed to be Antient York Masons, not as being in any way dependent on the York Grand Lodge, but as possessing community of Work with that Grand Lodge.

"XIII. The right of this Irish Work to be called Antient, as against the altered work of the Grand Lodge of the Moderns, was implicitly admitted at the Union of 1813 A.D.

In support of this proposition XIII., Bro. CRAWLEY quotes—

(1) The Resolution adopted by the Regular Grand Lodge on the 12th April, 1809, namely:

"That this Grand Lodge do agree in opinion with the Committee of Charity, that it is not necessary to continue any longer in Force those measures which were resorted to, in or about the year 1730, respecting irregular Masons, & do therefore enjoin the several Lodges to revert to the Ancient Landmarks of the Society."

(2) The minute of the Lodge of Promulgation, 28th December, 1810:

"The R.W.M. therefore proceeded to point out the material parts in & between the several Degrees to which the attention of Masters of Lodges would be requisite in preserving the Ancient Land Marks of the Order—such as the form of the Lodge, the number & situation of the Officers, their different distinctions in the different Degrees; the restoration of the proper words to each Degree, & the making of the pass-word between one Degree and another instead of in the Degree."

(3) The fundamental Article of Union, 1813 A.D., namely:

"It is declared and pronounced that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

Having laid down his several Propositions, Bro. CRAWLEY remarks, by way of summary of his whole case—"These things being so, what admission of error, on the part of the Moderns, could be more candid? What testimony to the authenticity of Dermott's Irish Work could be more valid? The Esoteric Work perpetuated by the Antients, derived by them from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, passed on by them to their daughter Lodges in America, and claimed by them to have been held in common with the York Masons, stands acknowledged to be the true and Ancient Working of the Craft. Nor is there a brighter page in our Annals than that which chronicles the strenuous and successful struggle of the Antients, except that which tells of the generous and ungrudging rectification of their error by the Moderns."

Premising that we do not commit ourselves to the absolute and unqualified acceptance of all that Bro. CRAWLEY has laid down in this "Editor's Introduction," let us proceed to show to what extent his theory that the "Antient" Grand Lodge of England is an offshoot—if offshoot is the proper term to be applied to a Body which, as we shall show hereafter, claimed to be in the direct line of succession through the Grand Lodge of Ireland from the original, or Regular, Grand Lodge of England—of the Grand Lodge of Ireland is borne out by the internal evidence furnished by the records of the "Antient" Grand Lodge of England. The earliest evidence in support of Bro. CRAWLEY'S theory is contained in the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Committee held at the Griffin, Holborn, on the 5th February, 1752, when Bro. James Hagarty, W.M. No. 4, presided, and there were present the officers of No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, "being the representatives of all the Ancient Lodges in and adjacent to London." On this memorable occasion Bro. John Morgan resigned the post of Grand Secretary, and "Brother Laurence Dermott, of No. 9 and 10, and Past Master of No. 26 in Dublin," after having undergone "a long and minute Examination Relative to Initiation, Passing, Installation, and General Regulations, &c., &c.," by Bro. Morgan, was

declared "duly qualified for the office of Grand Secretary," was unanimously elected over his solitary competitor, Bro. John Morris, Past Master of No. 5—"installed (in the Ancient Manner)" by the presiding officer assisted by Bro. Morgan and the Masters present, proclaimed, and saluted, and at once received the books, papers, &c., pertaining to his new office. On this day Bro. Dermott had been a member of the "Antient Society" for a brief time only, and therefore the knowledge he exhibited of the Ritual of Initiation, Passing, Installation, &c., and of the General Regulations can have been derived only—or at all events must have been derived principally—from the work he had done as member and Master of Lodge No. 26, Dublin. But it is not necessary to lay any great stress on the circumstances of this meeting, and the inference to be drawn from them, in the teeth of the overwhelming testimony which is to be found in later minutes. It is impossible, indeed, that evidence more direct and convincing can be obtained of the justice of Bro. CRAWLEY'S theory than is furnished in the minutes of the Grand Committee of the 24th June, 1752, when Bro. Dermott, having been re-installed Grand Secretary, "repeated the whole ceremony of Installing Grand, &c., in the manner which he had learned from Brother Edward Spratt, Esq., the celebrated Grand Secretary of Ireland," and "the long recital" of which, we are told, "gave great satisfaction to the audience, many of which who never had an opportunity of hearing the like before."

At the meeting of Grand Committee on the 2nd September, 1752, after the transaction of certain business, it was "Resolved that this Grand Committee shall be formed immediately into a Working Lodge of Master Masons in Order to hear a Lecture from the Grand Secretary, Laurence Dermott. The Lodge was Open'd in Ancient form of Grand Lodge and every part of Real freemasonry was traced and explained: except the Royal Arch." In the minutes of the 6th December, 1752, in the course of a discussion relating to certain MSS. said to have been in possession of Bro. John Morgan, we read as follows: "It was further said that many Manuscripts were lost amongst the lodges lately Modernized where a vestige of the Ancient Craft was not suffered to be revived or practiced. And that it was for this reason so many of them withdrew from Lodges (under the Modern Sanction) to support the true Ancient System. That they found the freemasons from Ireland and Scotland had been initiated in the very same manner as themselves, which confirm'd their system and practice as right and just. Without which none could be deemed legal, though possessed of all the books and papers on Earth." On the 24th June, 1755, Grand Master Vaughan in the chair, "the Grand Secretary was Order'd to examine the Officers of particular Lodges as to their Abilities in Installing their successors, upon which examination it was thought necessary to Order the said Secretary to attend the installation of several Lodges, which the G.S. promised to perform." On the 24th June, 1756, a similar order was made, when the G. Secretary "declared many of them were incapable of performance" and it was "Order'd that" he "shall attend such deficient lodges and having obtain'd the consent of the members of the said lodges he shall Solemnly Install and invest the several Officers according to the Antient Custom of the Craft." On the 2nd March, 1757, Orders were given "that a General Meeting of Master Masons shall be held in this Room"—at the Five Bells—"on the 13th Inst., in Order to compare and Regulate several things (relative to the Antient Craft), which cannot be committed to writing;" and at the same time it was ordered that "the Masters of the Royal Arch shall also be summoned to meet, in Order to regulate things relative to that most valuable branch of the Craft." Accordingly, on the 13th March when, Senior Grand Warden Nisbett was in the chair; "The Grand Lodge being Open'd according to the Antient Custom, &c., the cause of meeting was declared, and the G^d. Secretary call'd out a certain number of the Masters to attend the Grand Master's Orders, and work the Lodge. In the course of this business the G^d. Secretary, Lau. Dermott, Traced and explained the 1st, 2^d and 3^d part of the Antient Craft, and settled many things (then disputed) to the entire satisfaction of all the brethren present, who faithfully promised to adhere strictly to the Ancient system, and to cultivate the same in their several lodges." To this minute are appended the names of 46 brethren belonging to 25 lodges. In the minutes of the 24th June following, with Bro. W. Holford, D.G.M., in the chair, we read that "Some of the Masters of Lodges beg'd that the Grand Lodge might be form'd into a Grand Procession, and that the Grand Secretary should exhibit the Method of Installing Grand Master, &c. for the Instruction of the several lodges present." This was accordingly done, and "the whole of the ceremonies (except one which cannot be written) were perform'd with General Satisfaction," and after an excellent speech from the Dep. Grand Master "the Officers of 36 lodges with the Grand Officers Return'd thanks to the Grand Secretary for his most excellent behaviour on this day," the minute being attested by W. Holford, D.G.M.

It is not, however, necessary to go on multiplying this class of evidence. From what we have furnished already, it is clear as the sun at high noon (1) that four months after his appointment as Grand Secretary of the "Antient" Masons of England, Bro. Dermott repeated the ceremony of installation "in the manner which he had learn'd from Bro. Edward Spratt, Esq., the celebrated Grand Secretary of Ireland," and (2) that on several occasions during the five years that followed, he "traced and explained" the various parts of Freemasonry, settling many matters then in dispute to the entire satisfaction of his audience, and instructed the Masters of lodges in the work of installing their successors in office. In this, then, we have proof, direct and overwhelming, that the Ritual of Ireland was adopted by the "Antient" Society of English Masons. What further we have to say on this or other branches of Bro. CRAWLEY'S theory must be reserved for another article.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the 5th inst.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 24th April for confirmation.
3. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
6. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
7. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.
8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

A brother of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor	... £50 0 0
A brother of the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, Wood Green	... 50 0 0
A brother of the Hindpool Lodge, No. 1225, Barrow-in-Furness	... 50 0 0
A brother of the Amherst Lodge, No. 1223, Westerham	... 50 0 0
A brother of the Israel Lodge, No. 2057, London	... 50 0 0
A brother of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, London	... 75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, London	... 50 0 0
A brother of the Fowey Lodge, No. 977, Fowey	... 50 0 0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board beg to report that, with the view of facilitating the correspondence with the several Grand Lodges in Germany, it is desirable that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be empowered to appoint as a Grand Officer in place of a "Grand Secretary for German Correspondence," an "Assistant Grand Secretary, for German Correspondence," to rank immediately after the Assistant Grand Secretary, and the Board accordingly recommend that Rule 18, Book of Constitutions be altered by substituting *an Assistant Grand Secretary for German Correspondence* for the words "a Grand Secretary for German Correspondence."

The Board have further to report in compliance with the resolutions of Grand Lodge on the 6th March last, viz.: "That the Board of General Purposes be requested to submit to Grand Lodge proposals for the purpose of bringing the jurisdiction of the Colonial Board under that of the General Board, and unifying the affairs of the General Craft, as was the case before 1838;" that they recommend the following alterations in the Book of Constitutions:

1. That Rule 254 be altered to read as follows:
The Board shall consist of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens of the year, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, the Deputy Grand Registrar, a President, Past Presidents, the President of the Board of Benevolence, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and twenty-four other members.
2. That rule 255 be altered to read as follows:
The President and six of such other members shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master at the Quarterly Grand Lodge in June, and the Grand Lodge shall, on the same day elect the remaining 18 members from among the actual Masters and Past Masters of lodges. A Master and Past Master or more than one Past Master of the same lodge shall not be elected on the same Board; but this shall not disqualify any Past Master being a subscribing member and Master of another lodge, from being elected for and representing such other lodge as Master.
3. That in Rule 256 the word *elected* be inserted before the word "Members."
4. That in Rule 271 the prefix *sub* before the word "Committees" in the first line be omitted.
5. That Rules 282 to 287 be repealed.
7. That with the view of making more intelligible Rule 130, the following words be inserted between the words "have" and "served" in the fourth line, the words *or previously to the installation of such Master shall have*.
8. That Rule 212 be altered by adding the words *or has withdrawn as aforesaid*.

The Board have to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks.

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
History of St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39	Andrew Hope, P.M. No. 39.
History of Washington Lodge, No. 60, Pennsylvania	J. Henry Williams, W.M. No. 59.
An Old Masonic Medal (silver)	Harry N. Price, P.M., &c.
An Old Masonic Seal	J. S. Haddon, P.P.G.W. Somerset.
The "Moira" Apron	R. H. K. Dyett, Sec. No. 492, Antigua.
Engraved Portrait of Sir Matthew W. Ridley, Bart., P.G. Master	Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart.
Facsimile of the "Hall" Medal	Frederick Neild, W.M. No. 215.
The Gerrish Collection of Music	William H. Gerrish, Boston, Mass.
Selections from Sunny Memories	John Chapman, P.P.G.D. Devon.
Seven Masonic Prints	C. H. Webb, P.M. No. 174.
Man Hunting in the Desert	Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.C., &c.

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £7322 18s. 10d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash, £100, and for servants' wages, £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
21st May, 1895.

This being the last meeting of the present Board, it was resolved unanimously that the members of the Board of General Purposes desire to place on record their high appreciation of the skill, courtesy and ability displayed by the President, Bro. Loveland Loveland, in presiding over their deliberations during the past year.

21st May, 1895. F. ERNEST POCOCK, Vice-President.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. By Bro. JOHN ALBERT FARNFIELD, P. Asst. G.D. of C.
That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months.
2. By Bro. WILLIAM WOODWARD, P.M. 1920.
That a circular be issued from Grand Lodge setting forth the scheme suggested by him, under which the Freemasons of England would contribute to the Decoration Fund of St. Paul's Cathedral a sum sufficient for the completion of the Cupola and Transepts, that the opinion of the Craft be ascertained through such circular, and that such steps be taken thereafter to secure the end in view as may commend themselves to Grand Lodge.

II. APPEAL :

Appeal of Bro. W. H. Harris, P.M. Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 956, Pietermaritzburg, dated 10th April, against a decision of the District Board of General Purposes of Natal, confirmed by the District Grand Master, that a brother hailing from a foreign jurisdiction was entitled to be admitted as a visitor to a lodge if he could prove himself a M.M. irrespective of papers.

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes :
MASTERS AND PAST MASTERS.

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| | NOMINATED BY |
| Bro. Fredk. W. Buxton, W.M. 2460... | Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas. |
| " Alex. Stewart Brown, W.M. 2347 | " C. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 703, P.G.P. |
| " Arthur Blenkarn, W.M. 1922 ... | " Howard H. Room, G. Std. Br. |
| " Chas. Wm. Carrell, W.M. 28 ... | " Geo. R. Langley, P.M. 2381. |
| | " Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C. |
| | " George Everett, P.G.T. |
| | " Walter Martin, P.M. 879. |
| " James Stephens, W.M. 2308 ... | " G. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C. |
| | " John Aird, M.P., P.M. 259. |
| | " Sir F. S. Hunt, Bart., M.P., S.G.D. |
| " R. P. J. Laundy, W.M. 2090 | " Geo. Read, P.G. Std. Br. |
| " James Willing, W.M. 2455 ... | " James Stephens, W.M. 2308. |
| " James Boulton, P.M. 1056 ... | " Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M. No. 60, |
| | " P.G. Std. Br. |
| " Wm. Barnes Fendick, P.M. 1321 | " Geo. Everett, P.G.T. |
| | " Charles A. Cottebrune, P.G. Purs. |
| | " H. J. Adams, P.M. 569, P.G. Std. Br. |
| " Henry Lovegrove, P.M. 1507 ... | " John R. Reep, 1260. |
| | " W. T. Buck, P.M. 1702. |
| | " R. C. Mason. |
| | " Geo. E. Fairchild, Asst. G.D. of C. |
| | " Walter Hopekirk, P.G. Purs. |
| " Ebenezer Chas. Mulvey, P.M. 179 | " Asher Barfield, P.G.T. |
| | " D. P. Cama, P.G.T. |
| | " S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642. |
| " William Morley, P.M. 1924 ... | " Geo. Gordon, M.D., P.M. 1769. |
| | " Fred Wright, P.M. 1769. |
| " Wm. James Mason, P.M. 1328 ... | " S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642. |
| | " D. P. Cama, P.G.T. |
| " Fredk. A. Powell, P.M. 457 ... | " Geo. Read, P.G. Std. Br. |
| " Arthur Sandberg, M.D., P.M. 3... | " H. Lovegrove, P.M. 1507. |
| | " S. Cochrane, P.G.T. |
| " Wm. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167 ... | " R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br. |
| | " W. M. Stiles, G. Treas. |
| " John J. Thomas, P.M. 753 ... | " G. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C. |
| | " Geo. Read, P.G. Std. Br. |
| " Arthur Williams, P.M. 834 ... | " Geo. Everett, P.G.T. |
| | " G. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C. |
| | " S. Cochrane, P.G.T. |

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board: Bro. Samuel R. Baskett, P.M. 656, 1367, &c., nominated by Bros. H. A. Podmore, claiming to be W.M. Cambrian Lodge, 656, and John S. Cumberland, P.M. 2128, Dep. G.S.B.; Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., P.M. 723, &c., nominated by Bros. H. A. Podmore and John S. Cumberland, P.M. 2128; Bro. John Emilius Le Feuvre, P.G.D., P.M. 130, nominated by Bro. Samuel R. Baskett, P.M. 1367; Bro. Robert Anthony Gowan, M.D., P.M. 2020, nominated by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M. 1507; Bro. Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205, P.G. Std. Br., nominated by Bros. H. A. Podmore and John S. Cumberland, P.M. 2128; Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M. 1507, nominated by Bros. Herbert J. Adams, P.M. 569, John R. Reep, P.M. 2241, W. T. Buck, P.M. 2241, and R. C. Mason; Bro. William F. Lamonby, P.M. 962, nominated by Bros. Charles Dalrymple, P.M. 872, Prov. G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmoreland, S. R. Baskett, P.M. 1367, H. A. Podmore, and John S. Cumberland, P.M. 2128; Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 179, nominated by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167, nominated by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Bro. James Stephens, W.M. 2308, nominated by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; and Bro. Capt. Thomas C. Walls, P.M. 60, P.G. Std. Br., nominated by Bro. Henry J. Lardner, P.M. 1623.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. T. J. Bird, P.M. 1567; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; R. D. Cummings, P.M. 2168; Lieut.-Col. Durrant, P.M. 569; A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228; Charles Kempton, P.M. 1287; William H. Hubbert, P.M. 1625; Emil Apelt, P.M. 186; W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321; and Walter Dickson, P.M. 179, nominated by Bro. James Pinder, P.M. 1662, P.P.G. Treas. Essex.

- List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.
- No. 2549, The Benevolentia Lodge, Woodford, Essex.
 - 2550, The Piccadilly Lodge, London.
 - 2551, The Clissold Lodge, Highbury, London.
 - 2552, The Stoke Newington Lodge, Stoke Newington, London.
 - 2553, The Rufford Lodge, Nottingham.
 - 2554, The Manchester Lodge, Manchester.
 - 2555, England's Centre Lodge, Weedon, Northamptonshire.
 - 2556, The Glyn Ebbw Lodge, Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire.
 - 2557, The Temperance Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 - 2558, The Furnival Lodge, Sheffield.
 - 2559, The St. Aldhelms Lodge, Branksome, Dorsetshire.
 - 2560, The Earl of Lathom Lodge, Bury, Lancashire.
 - 2561, The West Essex Lodge, Buckhurst Hill, Essex.
 - 2562, The Papyrus Lodge, Piccadilly, London.
 - 2563, The Justicia Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London.
 - 2564, The Phoenix Lodge, North Pine, Queensland.
 - 2565, The Royal Rose Lodge, Hampstead Road, London.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the People's Hall, Denton, on the 22nd ult. Denton had been selected for meeting in order to more fittingly celebrate the centenary of the Duke of Athol Lodge, No. 210. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W., Prov. G.M., occupied the chair of the R.S., and there was a large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers. There were also present Bro. Surg.-Capt. Louis Hughes, D.D.G.M. of Malta. In the absence from illness of Bro. George Mellor, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M., who had strongly desired to be present, Bro. E. Ashworth, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W., was the acting D.P.G.M. Bro. W. GOLDTHORPE, P.G. Reg., read the roll of lodges of the pro-

vince. Every one of the 108 lodges was represented, the number of brethren present being from 500 to 600.

The minutes of the November meeting in Salford were taken as read, and confirmed.

The accounts were submitted, but in the unavoidable absence of Prov. G.T., Bro. Thos. Stott, P.M., the accuracy of the balance-sheet was commented upon in the most favourable terms by the Auditors, Bros. W. H. BROWN, P.M.; E. WINTERBOTTOM, P.M., and Thos. MURPHY, P.M. Economy had been practised, and there was a balance of over £400 to the credit of Grand Lodge in the Manchester and County Bank.

Bro. John Wrigley, of the Duke of Athol Lodge, and Bro. S. Hurrocks, Burnley, were nominated for the office of Prov. G.T. for the ensuing year, but the latter withdrawing, Bro. Wrigley was unanimously elected.

The 16th annual report of the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, stated that during the year a new lodge, The Abbey, No. 2529, had been consecrated at Whalley by the P.G.M. of Surrey, who also installed the W.M. elect in a manner that would not be forgotten by those who witnessed it, and whose sudden demise sometime afterwards created feelings of sincere sorrow. Twenty-eight brethren of the province had died during the year. When Bro. Col. Starkie was installed P.G.M. there was 76 lodges in the province, with 3419 subscribing members. The number of lodges was now 103, with 4645 subscribing members. One lodge was waiting consideration. During the year there had been a reduction of 336 members caused by resignations, deaths, and exclusions, and an increase of 402 initiates, and 110 joining members.

The report was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes of the meeting.

The P.G.M. addressed the brethren on the prosperity of the province, and reiterated his last year's caution to lodges as to the admission of candidates. He congratulated the Duke of Athol Lodge on the successful gathering that day.

The report of the Charity Committee was read by the Prov. G.S., and commented upon in detail by Bro. J. H. SILLITOE, P.G.S.B., P.P.J.G.W., who strongly urged the Masters of lodges to send in as early as possible their proxies for the use of the Committee. The report was adopted.

The following brethren were elected members of the General Committee of the E.L.S.M.E. and B. Institution: Bros. A. Clegg, H. Heys, Jas. Walker, W. T. Allitt, and C. Wren.

The Prov. G.S. moved, the P.G.M. seconded, and it was resolved, "That the clothing for Provincial Grand Stewards be purchased by and remain the property of Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. SILLITOE moved, and Bro. Major BOOTH, P.M., seconded, "That there be a Finance Committee appointed, consisting of three Past Provincial Grand Officers."

This led to two amendments, the principle of both of which was accepted by the mover and seconder of the resolution.

It was amended and passed in the following form: "That there be a Finance Committee appointed, consisting of five members of Provincial Grand Lodge, three to form a quorum."

It was next resolved to grant the Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary an allowance of £25 per annum.

The W.M. and Wardens of the Duke of Athol Lodge then approached the pedestal, and were presented with the centenary warrant and jewel by the P.G.M. Each member of the lodge will also be entitled to wear a centenary jewel.

The W.M. of the Duke of Athol Lodge presented a jewel to the P.G.M., bearing a suitable inscription, observing that in honouring him they were only honouring themselves.

The brief ceremony called forth much applause.

Bro. JAS. HEELIS moved, and Bro. J. ANDREW seconded, "That the sum of £50 be contributed from the Provincial Grand Lodge fund in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution."

This led to amendments that the sum be increased to £100 and £500, seeing that there was over £400 in the bank.

Ultimately it was resolved that the grant be £100, and Bro. HEELIS gave notice that at the November meeting he should move that £200 be contributed to various Masonic Charities.

The P.G.M. then invested and installed his P.G. Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

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| Bro. Lord Stanley, 37 ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " Henry Whitehead, 1253 | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. John Kely, 210 ... | ... | } Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " Rev. J. W. Challenor, 2322 | ... | |
| " John Wrigley, 210 ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " R. T. Sutcliffe, 1064 ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " W. H. Newton, 1534 ... | ... | Prov. D.G. Reg. |
| " John Chadwick, 44 ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " Arthur Middleton, 645 ... | ... | } Prov. G.S.Ds. |
| " T. D. Foreman, 210 ... | ... | |
| " A. P. Miller, 2198 ... | ... | } Prov. J.G.Ds. |
| " W. Barritt, 191 ... | ... | |
| " J. B. Goulburn, 1723 ... | ... | } Prov. G. S. of W. |
| " Thomas Ramsey, 2387... | ... | |
| " J. W. Millward, 992 ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " A. H. Duffin, 1134 ... | ... | Prov. D.G.D.C. |
| " Jas. Frost, 2320 ... | ... | } Prov. A.G.D.Cs. |
| " William Bee, 1459 ... | ... | |
| " Jas. N. Woolmer, 678 ... | ... | } Prov. G.S.B. |
| " F. W. Wollaston, 2363... | ... | |
| " Thos. Rigby, 42 ... | ... | Prov. D.G.S.B. |
| " George Jackson, 1077... | ... | } Prov. G. Std. Brs. |
| " James Bromley, 210 ... | ... | |
| " W. Bear, 2529 ... | ... | } Prov. G. Org. |
| " Thomas Wolstenholme, 1634 | ... | |
| " Jas. Newton, 37 ... | ... | Prov. A.G.S. |
| " W. T. Allit 993 ... | ... | } Prov. G. Pursts. |
| " William Ollier, 935 ... | ... | |
| " J. E. Smith, 210 ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " W. Thorniley, 210 ... | ... | |
| " E. Walker, 210 ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " C. Wallworth, 1459 ... | ... | |
| " W. H. Beastow, 1459 ... | ... | } Prov. Tyler. |
| " J. Beardmore 852 ... | ... | |
| " E. H. Flower, 999 ... | ... | |

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the customary banquet followed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF N. AND E.
YORKSHIRE.

The annual convocation was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull, on the invitation of the Humber Chapter, No. 57, on Friday, the 17th ult., when there were present:

Comps. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Zetland, M.E. G. Supt.; the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.S.N. Eng., Prov. G.H.; Col. R. G. Smith, P.P.G.H.; W. Tesseyman, P.P.G.H.; Wm. Clark Bradley, Prov. G.J.; T. Thompson, P.P.G.J.; M. C. Peck, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. G.S.E.; E. W. Purnell, Prov. G.S.N.; J. Henderson, P.P.G.S.N.; M. Haberland, P.P.G.S.N.; Randolph R. Hawley, P.P.G.S.N.; W. C. Whiteside, P.P.G.S.N.; Jos. Todd, A.G.D.C. Eng., P.P.G.J., Prov. G. Treas.; L. E. Stephenson, Prov. G. Reg.; R. Watson, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Turner, P.P.G. Reg.; H. Longford, M.D., Prov. G.P. Soj.; Thomson Foley, P.P.G.P. Soj.; R. Beevers, P.P.G.P. Soj.; J. A. Manners, P.P.G.P. Soj.; the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.; Henry Watson, Prov. 2nd A.G. Soj.; G. Bohn, C.E., P.P.A.G. Soj.; H. Preston, P.P.A.G. Soj.; Ed. Harland, P.P.A.G. Soj.; William A. Hutcheon, P.P.A.G. Soj.; William Norwood Cheeseman, P.P.A.G. Soj.; Thomas Thornton Davis, P.P.A.G. Soj.; Frederick W. Adams, P.P.A.G. Soj.; Geo. W. Greenwood, Prov. G.S.B.; Geo. Leigh, P.P.G.S.B.; Jas. R. Ansdell, P.P.G.S.B.; Alfred Procter, as Prov. G. Std. Br.; Joel Edgar, as Prov. G. Std. Br.; T. M. Goldie, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thos. A. Haigh, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Jas. Robinson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Foster, M.D., Prov. G.D.C.; Samuel Middleton, P.P.G.D.C.; David Morley, P.P.G. D.C.; Samuel Ridge, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Jno. Mackail, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. W. Tindell, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Geo. Petch, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Henry J. Oldroyd, as Prov. G. Org.; Geo. Dean Storry, P.P.G. Org.; Vessey King, P.P.G. Org.; T. B. Redfearn, Prov. A.G. Scribe E.; and F. J. Lambert, Prov. G. Janitor. Visitors: Comps. W. H. Sissons, M.D., Grand Superintendent of Lincolnshire; and Wm. Watson, P.Z. 304, P.P.G.S. and Librarian of West Yorkshire; together with many Principals, Past Principals, and members of the various chapters in the province.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened in due form, the M.E. Grand Superintendent, the Prov. Grand Second and Third Principals, and the Past Grand Officers of England were saluted with grand honours.

The opening hymn was then sung.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Comps. J. W. Woodall, P.G.T. Eng., P.P.G.H.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. Sykes Rymmer; Gilbert Wilkinson; H. Onslow Piercy, P.P.G.H.; W. H. Copwer, P.P.G.J.; Edward Corris, P.P.G.N.; Geo. Kirby; R. G. Lucas, P.P.G. Reg.; Col. H. Fawcett Pudsey, J. T. Seller, P.P.G.P.S.; Geo. Ayre, P.P.A.G.S.; Jas. Kay, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Winterschladen; James Bordass; W. J. Watson, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Marshall, P.P.G.O.; Jos. Knaggs, P.Z. 200; and Rev. C. E. L. Wright, B.A., M.E.J. 236.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Chapter held at York on 16th May, 1894, were read and confirmed.

The annual balance sheet, having been audited and found correct, was taken as read, and unanimously adopted, after which the Prov. G. Treas., Comp. Joseph Todd, A.G.D.C. Eng., P.P.G.J., was unanimously re-elected, upon the proposition of Comp. T. TURNER, P.P.G. Reg., and seconded by Comp. W. C. BRADLEY, Prov. G.J.

The PROV. G. TREAS. briefly returned thanks.

Comps. T. B. Whytehead, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.G.H., and T. Gerard Hodgson, P.P.G.D.C., having been elected Auditors, upon the proposition of Comp. T. THOMPSON, P.P.G.J., and seconded by Comp. J. HENDERSON, P.P.G.S.N., the following were appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the Prov. G.J. being solemnly obligated:

Comp. the Hon W. T. Orde-Powlett, 236, P.G.S.N.	England	Prov. G.H.
" the Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, M.A., 660	"	Prov. G.J.
" M. C. Peck, 250, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.	"	Prov. G.S.E.
" A. E. Kessen, 57	"	Prov. G.S.N.
" H. Woodhouse, L.L.D., 1010	"	Prov. G. Reg.
" L. P. Brekke, 250	"	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" J. Glen, M.D., 602	"	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
" J. G. Wallis, L.D.S., 1511	"	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" C. Gray, 734	"	Prov. G.S.B.
" Joel Edgar, 294	"	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Burton Newbald, 312	"	
" H. Foster, M.D., 236	"	Prov. G.D.C.
" Edward Ryley, 1605	"	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. J. Oldroyd, 57	"	Prov. G. Org.
" Thos. B. Redfearn, 250	"	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Fredk. J. Lambert, 1010	"	Prov. G. Janitor.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the Provincial Grand Chapter as follows: Excellent Companions,—Again we meet upon the tessellated floor of this large chapter, which numbers, I believe, nearly 200 members. These may indeed be congratulated that their lives have fallen in such pleasant places, since they possess a fine home, ample funds, and such a plethora of Masonic work, in this great centre of the Craft, as to offer every inducement for the study of Freemasonry under the most favourable circumstances. Since our last annual meeting at York, the affairs of the 16 chapters, of which this province is composed have been carried on with regularity and success, although in some, we regret to notice the attendance has not been what it ought to be. However, with the shortened period of membership in the Craft now necessary prior to admission to the chapter, and the general spread of Masonic knowledge, we may confidently look forward to increased activity amongst Royal Arch Masons. I must refer with much regret to the recent decease of my friend and colleague, the late Comp. Thos. Wm. Tew, Grand Superintendent of our sister province. He was not only a most distinguished Freemason in every respect, but, from his natural goodness of heart, boundless charity, courtesy, geniality, and erudition, universally beloved. The loss to West Yorkshire we feel is almost irreparable, and our sincere condolence to the family of our deceased friend and companion, must be united with the sympathy we feel for our sister province upon the heavy calamity which she has sustained. I must now return the best thanks of Provincial Grand Chapter to the Principals and members of the Humber Chapter for their kind hospitality, and for the excellent arrangements made for our comfort and convenience, and I can assure them very honestly that it is a great pleasure to visit them. I beg also to thank the companions generally who have assembled in such large numbers, and have made the present meeting so successful.

Comp. W. C. BRADLEY, P.P.G.J., M.E.Z. 57, expressed the satisfaction which it had given himself and the members of his chapter to receive Prov. Grand Chapter, by which they felt themselves much honoured, and he could

testify to the loyal support which would at all times be given to that distinguished body.

Comp. WILLIAM WATSON, P.Z. 304, P.P.G.S., as a visitor from the Province of West Yorkshire, referred to the sympathetic allusion to the death of the late Grand Superintendent of that province made in his lordship's address. As an old personal friend of the late Comp. T. W. Tew, he would say that no loss could have been greater, he was indeed in his character as a Mason, the personification of wisdom, strength, and beauty, and no one who knew him could doubt the perfect sincerity he displayed in whatever he undertook; to paraphrase the lines of a celebrated poet we might truly say of him:

"He was, well, words fail to say what—
Think what a Mason should be—
And he was all that!"

The closing hymn having been sung, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

An excellent banquet was subsequently provided at the Royal Station Hotel, Comp. William Clark Bradley, P.P.G.J., presided, and was supported by the Grand Superintendent of Lincolnshire, and many members of Prov. Grand Chapter. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and a most agreeable evening was spent.

MASONIC RECEPTION OF THE M.W. PRO GRAND
MASTER, THE EARL OF LATHOM, G.C.B.,
IN TRINIDAD.

By the Royal Mail steamer, on the 13th March, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.W. Pro Grand Master of England, arrived as a guest of his Excellency Sir F. Napier Broome. On the afternoon of the following day, a deputation from the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 867, waited upon Lord Lathom with the request that he would honour the lodge by visiting it; this he readily consented to do, and fixed the 20th of March, at 8 p.m. Accordingly an emergency meeting was convened, to which the Masters and Wardens of the other lodges in Trinidad were invited. There was a fairly large gathering, but owing to various causes, many were unavoidably absent. The following, however, were in attendance: Bros. Carl O. Bock, W.M.; Samuel Henderson, I.P.M.; Edgar Tripp, P.M.; H. Wainwright, P.M.; F. Wippenbeck, P.M.; R. Stiven, P.M.; and A. D. P. Oliven, P.M.; S. Wood, S.W.; J. H. Hart, J.W.; R. Rust, D.C.; Theodore Tanner, Treas.; G. F. Huggins, Sec.; J. Henderson, S.D.; P. Stevens, J.D.; A. H. Wight, Stwd.; C. W. Meaden, acting I.G.; J. Griffith, Tyler; and 12 other members, besides 33 visitors, among whom were Bros. Sir John Goldney, the Hon. Colonel Alexander Mann, and many other Masons of distinction.

Lodge was opened, and Bros. S. Henderson, P.M., and H. Wainwright, P.M., and the Director of Ceremonies retired to conduct Lord Lathom into the lodge, where he was received by the brethren standing.

The W.M. introduced the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 867, to the Pro Grand Master, who was then saluted with Grand honours. The W.M., having handed the gavel to the Pro Grand Master and invited him to preside—an honour which he, however, declined—then showed Lord Lathom the charter of the lodge, and, in a short address, thanked his lordship for condescending to visit the lodge, and hoped that it would not be the last time he would do so.

LORD LATHOM, Pro Grand Master, said: Let me thank you sincerely for the hearty welcome you have given me here. It is the first occasion I have ever had of attending a Colonial lodge, and I hope it will not be the last. It is true I have attended lodges in foreign countries, but I have never before had the honour of visiting one of our lodges in the Colonies, and I am happy to think it is in Trinidad I have had that honour. There are instances of brethren visiting Colonial lodges, but I only know of one brother holding the same rank as myself who has done so, and that brother was Lord Carnarvon who visited the Colonial lodges in Australasia. I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that my lamented predecessor gave a great impetus to the cause of Masonry in those Colonies, and I can only hope my presence here may have an equally beneficial effect in Trinidad. I can see quite enough from the manner in which this lodge is arranged, from the way your Master has conducted the business so far, to justify me in affirming that Masonry is conducted in a true spirit. The W.M. has appealed to me as to a lodge of instruction. I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that a lodge of instruction should exist here. It is utterly impossible, never mind how good your Master may be, it is impossible for brethren by merely appearing now and then to gain that instruction which can be obtained in a "Lodge of Instruction," and which must be of the greatest benefit to young Masons. We are a vast body, and I am glad to think we are an increasing body, not only in England, but in all the Colonies and Dependencies. I find Masonry increasing and flourishing, and increasing and flourishing in the way I would have Masonry to go. There was a time when we were looked upon as a sort of refuge for men to fly to in order to be helped in the time of distress. Thank God, thank the Great Architect of the Universe, the time will come when brothers fully recognising the tenets of the Order will support those tenets, namely, loyalty and Charity. Loyalty and Charity are the great watchwords of Masonry. I am happy to think that loyalty runs most thoroughly through Masonry in England and its Dependencies. Charity is our great watchword. That is the principle we are bound to fulfil, bound to carry out. It is no part of our creed that brothers should look upon Masonry as a sort of benevolent fund from which to obtain relief. What we want in Masonry is brothers who are able to maintain themselves in the positions they occupy, and are ready and willing to support the widows and orphan children of their less fortunate brethren; and I rejoice to say that this spirit is marvellously on the increase in England, while there are maintained three great and flourishing Institutions for aged and poor brethren, their widows and their children. When I tell you that the sum of £60,000 is subscribed annually to keep these Institutions in a state of efficiency, I think you will agree with me that it speaks well for the Freemasonry of England. I had the honour of being present at the centenary of the Girls' School, when a sum of over £50,000 was subscribed towards that one Institution.

Speaking of the lodges in West Lancashire, of which, he said, there were 110, the Pro Grand Master—who is G.M. of that Province—went on to describe how those lodges had a membership of over 7000, and supported their own local Charities, "I think," said his lordship, "it is a good example. In our own province we are educating 128 children, and what I think is a great benefit in our manner of educating them is that not one single child knows that he or she is being educated by Charity. If parents or guardians are poor and in straitened circumstances they come to our Board—we have a Board that sits weekly. The parent or guardian comes and says we are not able to afford this child proper education. We inquire into the circumstances, and according to the wishes of the parent, the child is sent to such and such a school, and if necessary the child is clothed; £25 a year gives a very good education. I may say in passing that that Educational Institution of ours has over £20,000 banked." After alluding to the fact that Lancashire had never been behindhand in its support of the Charities, the Pro Grand Master continued: "I have always made it my business to inculcate the

necessity of instituting some local Charities of their own small provinces—I am not speaking of the London ones—and I am happy to say it has answered most thoroughly. Many lodges in the old days were in the habit at their meetings of holding banquets. Now in very many lodges that banquet that used to be held regularly is held only once a year, and on other occasions they have light refreshments. The result is that the funds of our Charities have increased. A man coming into Masonry must not think of it as a benevolent institution, and I would never allow a man to join our body who was not in a perfectly solvent position. One thing I am perfectly certain of: if a man is admitted into our Brotherhood, and is a true Mason at heart, it is impossible for him to be a bad man. If he carries out Freemasonry as it ought to be carried out, then he is a good man. He will do his best to carry out the principles of his Order. It has been hinted to me—I won't say I hinted it myself, but I certainly think it would be very advisable that there should be a District Grand Lodge here. You have some five lodges—I hope they will increase. Now my reason for saying this is: I think it really impossible that lodges should go on working without any real connection with each other, that, in fact, they should work only through the Grand Secretary at home. No doubt the Grand Secretary is a capable man, but he has a mass of correspondence that he goes into, and he has to keep many clerks. It is utterly impossible that he should attend to minor matters which should be settled on the spot. If you have a District Grand Lodge you will have a court of appeal. You will have superior officers among you, and if there is any unfortunate disagreement in the lodges it could be referred and be decided. That is why I advocate it. If you take counsel on the subject, and if you will only send in a petition to that effect to the Grand Master, I, in my capacity, shall be most happy to do all I can to grant your petition. Of course, I can promise no more than that, but I do hope and think if your petition is properly worded that it will be granted. As regards his Royal Highness the Grand Master, who, you know, is the head of all our Craft, I can assure you from my personal knowledge that a truer Mason does not exist in the world. It is not often he is able to take an active part in our meetings; he generally manages to do so at least once or twice a year. But every matter affecting Masonry, whether in England or in her Dependencies, is referred to him, and he himself goes into that matter before it is decided. Long may he live to be our Grand Master! The Duke of York is not a Mason. I cannot tell you why; I do not know. We are forbidden to induce people to become Masons. He does not seem inclined to join, but we have another Royal Prince who is a true Mason, the Duke of Connaught, District Grand Master of Bombay, and Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. He takes a great deal of interest in Freemasonry, so that we have a very fine warrior Prince to take the place of the Prince of Wales should the latter at any time feel it is duty to retire from his present position." The speaker concluded by again tendering his sincere thanks for the welcome he had received.

Bro. Sir JOHN GOLDNEY then addressed the lodge, and spoke at some length on the founding of a Charitable Fund, and expressed his readiness to assist it at any time.

Bros. EDGAR TUPP, P.M., and SAMUEL HENDERSON, P.M., also spoke on the subject, and also on the necessity of establishing a District Grand Lodge in Trinidad.

The Worshipful Masters of the other lodges, who were present, were then introduced to Lord Lathom.

Bro. CARL O. BOCK, W.M., in a few chosen remarks, thanked the visiting brethren for their presence, and was suitably replied to by Bro. the Hon. Col. ALEXANDER MAN, P.M.

The lodge then closed after a most pleasant evening, and one long to be remembered by Freemasons in Trinidad.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

It is somewhat surprising that the debate in Grand Lodge last March on the Singapore appeal, and the editorial Notes in the *Freemason* of 16th and 23rd March last have not evoked more comment.

The Craft is to be congratulated on the clear exposition of the law by the Grand Registrar and on the decision of Grand Lodge supporting his view.

For some time past there has undoubtedly been a widespread—but erroneous—belief that a resignation once tendered in open lodge, or sent in writing to the Secretary, must be accepted by the lodge at once and without demur or qualification, nor could it be withdrawn, however much the lodge and the brother himself might wish it; and it has been freely stated that the present Grand Registrar, and also the late Bro. McIntyre, had repeatedly so ruled, and that Grand Lodge had always acted on this ruling.

On the other hand, many brethren have always held that there could not be a Masonic law so opposed to common sense and to the whole theory of the connection between a brother and his lodge, and have unhesitatingly declined to act upon it. In many lodges it has been the practice, in a certain class of cases, on learning that a brother had written to the Secretary to tender his resignation, for the W.M. to direct the Secretary not to read the communication till the next lodge, in order that meanwhile the brother may be approached and informed that the lodge would be sorry to lose him, so that he might reconsider his decision and withdraw his letter, which in that case would never be brought before the lodge at all. If he adheres to his resolution, the letter is read, and the resignation accepted as from a former lodge meeting.

This practice is in entire accordance with the whole theory of our system. The contract of membership is a mutual one, not one-sided. No brother can be forced to join a lodge, neither can a lodge be forced to receive him as a member. On the other hand no lodge having once received a brother as a member can determine the contract without his assent, unless for good cause, and in strict accordance with the Constitutions and the by-laws of the lodge: neither can the brother determine the contract and abandon his membership without the assent of the lodge. Assent may be given by tacit acquiescence, but is more usually given, as the Grand Registrar has more than once very justly observed, by a resolution accepting the resignation, frequently accompanied by expressions of regret. "If he resigns we have a custom, which is time honoured, perhaps, but which expresses no legal obligation, to move that his resignation be accepted generally with an expression of regret at the resignation of the Brother. Whether that resolution is carried or not, in point of law, the Society being voluntary, and Masonry being free, the resignation stands. The lodge cannot allow it, or do other than accept the will and intention of the Brother. That has been laid down by my predecessor Brother McIntyre; it has been stated by me on more than one occasion, it is the understood law." *V. Wor. Bro. Philbrick, G.L., 6th March, 1895.* The quotation is given in full, though only the parts italicised are needed for the present purpose, the words not italicised must not be taken as assented to.

The view which the writer submits as the correct one, is that a resignation is incomplete until it has been actually accepted by the lodge, and can be withdrawn at any time before acceptance; that acceptance cannot, as a rule, be refused if the lodge is satisfied that the real "will and intention of the Brother" is to resign—but, may be delayed to ascertain whether such "will and intention" does really continue to exist.

There would not be much "freedom" or common sense in a so-called law which bound the lodge to act against its own wish, and part with a valued member in deference to a will and intention which no longer existed—or which refused

power to delay an unwelcome decision if there were reason to hope that the delay would render the decision unnecessary. Of course, however, such delay must not be allowed to injure a brother. An examination of the various cases decided by Grand Lodge will enable us to see what has really been accepted as law. Bro. McIntyre was first appointed Grand Registrar on 30th April, 1862. The first appeal which he, as Grand Registrar, brought before Grand Lodge, was on the 3rd September, 1862, which was an appeal from the Oriental Lodge, No. 968, Constantinople, against a ruling of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The facts were that "The resignation of a member was made in writing, received, and read in open Lodge, and recorded on the minutes, and such minutes duly confirmed at the next ensuing regular meeting." The Deputy Prov. Grand Master considered that the resignation was not unconditional, and thought that though the resignation had been accepted and entered on the minutes, "the technical acceptance of a resignation under the By-laws of the Lodge ought to be subordinate to the restoration of Masonic harmony," and "decided that the brother who had sent in his resignation was to be considered still a member."

"The Grand Registrar observing" "that the Brother in question having tendered his resignation and Lodge having accepted such resignation he was no longer a member of the Lodge" moved that the Appeal be allowed and the decision of the Dep. Prov. G.M. reversed." Bro. H. Lloyd (P.S.G.D.), seconded, and said that *two things were requisite* in order that a Brother should cease to be a member of a Lodge—the act of resignation and the acceptance of such resignation. In this instance both had been fully effected and the Brother was therefore no longer a member."

"The question was then put and carried."

(Grand Lodge Proceedings 3rd September, 1862.)

From the passages italicised it is clear that both the Grand Registrar and Bro. Lloyd laid stress on the acceptance of the resignation.

The next case to come before Grand Lodge was on 3rd June, 1874, and was an appeal from "the Treasurer of the Sandeman Lodge, No. 1374, Dum Dum, Bengal, against an order of the Dep. Dist. G.M. directing that the resignation of a Brother must be accepted altho' his dues were not paid."

In this case Bro. McIntyre stated that the dues were payable monthly and in advance. A brother desired to resign his membership, and for that purpose came to the lodge in January to pay his dues for December. His contention was, "I have come here not as a member but to resign and pay," and he tendered his dues there and then. The lodge contended he was there as a member. "No, he replied, I will pay the December dues and no others." He tendered in January for December and they refused them. Time rolls on. He says, "here are my dues for December." They say, "We must have your dues for January, then February, then March; pay us those and we will give you your Certificate." The only question between them when they came before the District Grand Master was whether he was there as a member in January or simply came to tender his resignation. "He (the Grand Registrar) would not have occupied the time of Grand Lodge in making these remarks did he not know that the impression prevailed, not only in distant districts, but in the provinces of this country, "that if a man does not pay up his dues at the time he resigns they can keep him on and make him pay from year to year. Standing there as a lawyer he thought that a most erroneous view. A Brother resigns, the Lodge is not bound to give him his Certificate that he is clear on its books, he being still liable for any dues he may owe at the time of his resignation, but it cannot compel him to continue a member from year to year, thereby making him increase his debt, when he perhaps has not means to discharge his arrears. What he (Bro. McIntyre) ventured to submit to Grand Lodge was, that although a Lodge is not bound to give a Brother a clearance Certificate until his dues are paid, it can only claim dues up to the time he resigns. He would, therefore, move that the appeal be dismissed and 'that a Lodge has no power to compel a Brother to continue a member after his resignation is tendered when his membership of necessity ceases, nor to claim subscriptions from him for any subsequent period. The Lodge can only enforce payment of the arrears then due.'"

The present Grand Registrar, in seconding, said: "Masonry is a voluntary system; a man can only be a Member of a Lodge by his own assent, and while that assent lasts, and he can only continue a member by the consent of himself and the Lodge. The moment a Lodge is entitled to exclude a Brother, or when he says, 'I withdraw myself from membership,' he is *de facto* no longer a member. From the moment he says, 'I retire,' his membership is ended and the line is struck."

Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., said: "In this case the dues were tendered with the resignation, and the Lodge was bound to accept them."

The motion was then carried.

(Grand Lodge Proceedings, Vol. 2, p. 276.)

In this case the only question was as to whether the lodge could compel the brother to continue a member and so increase his debt. There was no question of withdrawal, and the brother's "will and intention" were clear.

In this light the present Grand Registrar's words are perfectly intelligible and a correct statement of the law, but they must be read in conjunction with the facts which evoked them.

The question arose incidentally on 2nd December, 1874, when Bro. H. Warren moved the non-confirmation of the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication as far as regarded the resignation of the Marquess of Ripon (as Grand Master).

Bro. Havers, P.G.W., in speaking to the motion, pointing out the act was completed, and that this was not a matter requiring confirmation, remarked that "not only was Grand Lodge bound to accept the Grand Master's resignation but it did accept it."

(Grand Lodge Proceedings, Vol. 2, p. 228.)

The next case is the appeal of Bro. Temple, W.M. of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 891, against a decision of the Dep. Dist. G.M. suspending him from all Masonic functions, and also against the ruling of the Dep. Dist. G.M. in having a brother named Taylor installed as Master of the lodge. The facts were very voluminous and complicated, but the gist of them as explained by Bro. McIntyre is, as far as relates to the present question, that Bro. Taylor was elected as Bro. Temple's successor and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Taylor, however, was not installed at the next regular lodge, but resigned his membership of the lodge in a letter to the W.M., and the letter was read and a resolution passed accepting it. Subsequently the Dep. Dist. G.M., after one or two meetings, directed the S.W. to summon a lodge of emergency, and the summons was of a peculiar character—"to receive the answer of the W.M. elect and the Secretary to the letter requesting them to withdraw their resignations, and, if withdrawn, by special dispensation of the Dep. Dist. G.M. to instal Bro. Taylor Master of the Bulwer Lodge." The lodge of emergency was called, the resignations withdrawn, and Bro. Taylor was installed.

In moving the allowance of the appeal, Bro. McIntyre said: "It has been laid down as a rule, and adopted by Grand Lodge, that a Brother, on sending in his resignation—Masonry being a voluntary Society—ceases to be a member of the Lodge No Brother can be compelled to continue to be a member of a Lodge when he wishes to cease to be so. In a great many Lodges a resolution is passed accepting the resignation, when all dues are paid. That form would appear to be an error in fact, because if the member owes any dues, whether he continues a member or not, he is still liable for them. He may be in such a position that he cannot pay his dues. How long then is he to be held a member if he cannot pay? Is he to be kept on incurring fresh dues? If a man sends in his resignation, intending that it shall be accepted, the Lodge is bound

to accept it, and he ceases to be a member. But in this case it went beyond that; no dues were payable, the Lodge accepted the resignation, everything was complete, and his resignation entered." . . . The Dep. Dist. G.M. assigned two reasons—first . . . "second, that, although accepted, the resignation was not complete until that acceptance was notified to the resigning Brother. Upon these points, he (Bro. McIntyre) thought the Dep. Dist. G.M. was wrong. *A man might in the heat of the moment say I resign; under such circumstances, until the resignation was recorded, it would not amount to anything; but if a man deliberately writes resigning his position, and that resignation is accepted, it is not in the power of the members to say that that resignation is withdrawn.*"

And the appeal was allowed.

(Grand Lodge Proceedings, Vol. 2, p. 294.)

In this case also stress is laid upon the deliberate intention and acceptance; and Bro. McIntyre clearly lays down that a verbal resignation made in heat may be withdrawn before acceptance and recording. *A fortiori*, a resignation withdrawn before it has been laid before the lodge "would not amount to anything."

The next case is the appeal (heard 6th December, 1876) of the Sussex Lodge, No. 354, Kingston, Jamaica, against the judgment of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica directing the lodge to rescind its minutes of 28th July, 1875, accepting the resignation of Bro. M. until certain charges alleged against him had been inquired into.

Bro. McIntyre, in stating the case, said: "That the Brethren, or some of them in the lodge had behaved in a manner extremely disrespectful to the Dep. Dist. Grand Master, and they had not, as far as he could judge from the papers, allowed him to carry out the principles of the Craft. On the other hand, when he stated the facts, Grand Lodge must come to the conclusion that the appeal must be allowed, and the decision of the Dist. Grand Lodge reversed."

The facts very shortly were that Bro. M. had certain charges preferred against him before the Dep. Dist. Grand Master. Bro. M., knowing that this charge would be preferred, tendered, on the 21st July, his resignation of the office of J.W. of the lodge. Subsequently, on the 28th July, he wrote resigning membership. A lodge of emergency was summoned to consider whether the resignation of office should be accepted, but before it met a letter was received from Dep. Dist. Grand Master containing the charges. These the Lodge did not go into, but entered on their minutes a resolution accepting the resignation of membership. Bro. McIntyre thought "that the Lodge having behaved in the way it had it was competent for the Dist. Grand Master to have summoned the officers of the Lodge before him, and to have dealt with them as he might be advised. But what he did was this—he summoned the officers of the lodge, and when their minutes were produced before him, he required them to rescind the resolution at which they had arrived, and expunge from their minutes the resolution which was therein recorded, that they had accepted the resignation of the Brother. It appeared to him (Bro. McIntyre) that inasmuch as the S.W., backed up to a considerable extent by the Secretary and the brethren, chose to evade his duty, which was to receive the correspondence of the Dep. Dist. Grand Master, and have the matter discussed by the Lodge, those Brethren behaved in a manner which was improper, and which might have brought down on them the condemnation of the Dist. Grand Master and the Dist. Grand Lodge. But it was quite competent for them, however contumaciously they might have behaved, to have received the resignation of the Brother, and record it on the minutes. It had always been held by Grand Lodge that if a Brother chose to resign his position as a member, no Lodge could hold him. A Brother had a right to resign, and there was no need of a resolution accepting his resignation. This resignation itself was a fact, and he ceased from the moment of tendering it to be a member of the Lodge. The notion of the Dep. Dist. Grand Master seemed to be that if a Brother ceased to be member of a Lodge, the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master of the District had no power over him. He thought the Dep. Dist. Grand Master was mistaken. While a man continued to be a Mason under the English Constitution, he was amenable to the Grand Lodge of England wherever he might be; he was amenable to the district or the province in which he might be residing at any time, so long as he resided there. When he resigned he excluded himself, by his resignation from a Lodge; but the District Grand Master had power over him, and could summon him before him to produce his certificate, and hear any charge against him; and he could adjudicate upon the charge if it were true, in any way, even to suspending him from his functions in Masonry, or he might summon him to the District Grand Lodge to be expelled. Therefore, although this case must be decided in favour of the Lodge, however badly they might have behaved to the Dep. Dist. Grand Master, he might still deal with the Brother who could not be allowed to avoid an investigation into his character simply by resigning his lodge. But, although in the meantime the appeal must be allowed, nothing had been done to prevent the Dep. Dist. Grand Master or his District Grand Lodge from dealing with the Lodge and the Brother as the facts of the case justify. He would therefore move 'That the judgment of the District Grand Lodge be reversed and the appeal be allowed.'

The present Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick, in seconding, summed up the matter really at issue in this particular case, in these words, "Lodges are voluntary associations. A man cannot, as the Grand Registrar has said, be forced to remain in a Lodge longer than he pleased. *He could not be made to continue his liability for increased subscriptions.* But, for all that, his status as a Mason could not be altered, and he was still—whether a member of the Lodge, or not a member of any Lodge—a member of the Great Body of the Craft, and amenable to the jurisdiction of Masonic law."

(Grand Lodge Proceedings Vol. 2, p. 277.)

Now, in this case, it will be noted that the decision was that the lodge having accepted the resignation could not be forced to rescind their acceptance. It is not argued that they could not have refused to accept, pending the investigation of the charges; but on the contrary, the arguments seem almost to imply that they ought so to have refused! This is a very important case, and worthy of most careful study by those who wish to know how nearly the views of our two learned Grand Registrars coincide on the question of the jurisdiction of the Craft authorities over brethren who have endeavoured to sever their connection with the Craft.

On 3rd December, 1879, there was the appeal of Bro. Josh. Pallot, P.M. of La Casarée Lodge, No. 590, Jersey, against the decision of the Dep. Prov. G.M. of Jersey affirming his (Bro. Pallot's) resignation as a member of the La Casarée Lodge.

In this case the report is not too clear as to the dates, but it would seem that at the March meeting Bro. Pallot, who was Secretary, read a long letter from himself stating that "after mature reflection it is with regret that I feel compelled to adopt the following unalterable and irrevocable resolution"—which was in effect, after giving his reasons, that he retired from the lodge and Freemasonry. He wished to place this letter on the minutes in its entirety, and the refusal of the lodge led, at a subsequent meeting, to a stormy scene. The resignation, however, was accepted, recorded, and confirmed at the next meeting. After the confirmation Bro. Pallot appeared in the lodge and wished a protest entered on the minutes that "inasmuch as they refused to have this letter of his, in which he stated his resignation, put *in extenso* on the minutes of the Lodge, his resignation did not amount to a resignation at all."

The lodge "adhered to their determination, having accepted his resignation as a member of the lodge, he was no longer a member."

Bro. McIntyre concluded his summary of the case. "Upon the statements alleged before him (the Dep. Prov. G.M.), he came to the conclusion that the letter was a letter of resignation—you did then intend to resign your membership of the Lodge; your Lodge accepted your resignation." . . . "It does appear to me, after giving the matter the best consideration, that the decision

should be affirmed. Bro. Pallot has brought all this upon himself, and I shall advise this Grand Lodge to dismiss his appeal, and to hold that his resignation was properly accepted."

The motion was seconded by Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B., and carried unanimously.

(Grand Lodge Proc: Vol. 3, p. 391.)

Observe the stress again laid on the acceptance.

We now come to the case in 1889, which was an appeal against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Burma, dismissing a complaint against the Lodge Victoria in Burma, No. 832, Rangoon, for permitting Bro. Joseph Dawson, P.M., to withdraw his resignation of membership of the lodge, which had been regularly announced in writing to the Secretary and entered on the minutes. The report of the Grand Registrar's statement of the facts seems to be hardly accurate, but it would appear that after the resignation had been received, and recorded on the minutes, some of the brethren wished it to be withdrawn, but Bro. Dawson refused to withdraw it. In this case, therefore, there would have been acceptance. Subsequently Bro. Dawson would appear to have changed his mind and withdrawn, and the District Grand Master held that there had been no confirmation of the minutes accepting Bro. Dawson's withdrawal (apparently a misprint for "resignation"); in fact, though Bro. Dawson tendered his resignation, it was never accepted by the lodge. The District Grand Master seems to have been of the same opinion as the late Dr. Oliver, who held that membership does not cease "until the minutes are confirmed at the next regular lodge."—(*Masonic Jurisprudence*, p. 108.) Dr. Oliver apparently regarded confirmation of the minutes in this case as something more than merely affirming the correctness of the minutes, and in this it is submitted he is wrong. The acceptance completes the act. The Grand Registrar correctly quoted the law as laid down by Bro. McIntyre in 1874, that when a brother "withdrew, and said he withdrew, and signified it to the lodge it was no longer in the power of the lodge to retain him *against his wish* as a member of the lodge for a single day," and in this case, "as the facts stood, the resignation, he thought, did take effect. Unfortunately, however, the actual form of the motion he made went further than was necessary—"That the appeal be allowed, and the decision of the District Grand Master be reversed, and that Grand Lodge declare that the resignation of Bro. Dawson communicated to the lodge virtually caused his resignation of the lodge."

Bro. J. S. Cumberland then put it to the Grand Registrar that, according to his ruling, a brother, having once sent in his resignation could not withdraw it, however much he wished to do so; and the Grand Registrar, after carefully guarding himself by saying he had been appealed to to make a statement of Masonic law *besides that which was required by the case in hand*, gave it as his opinion that that would be so. As an example, he said: "If he, as a commercial man, wrote and said, you have the offer of certain matters, and the person to whom he wrote wrote back and said, I accept the offer; that was a bargain. If the person said, I disclaim it, and wrote to disclaim it of his own motion, why then he had effectively disclaimed it." Bro. James Lewis Thomas agreed "that where the resignation was accepted the withdrawal from membership should stand. But the brother should have the power and liberty to withdraw his resignation until the meeting. It seemed to him a common sense view of the case. Until a resignation was accepted he did not think it was final."—(*Freemason*, Vol. XXIII., p. 337.)

On this occasion the opinion of the Grand Registrar, not being required for the purposes of the case in hand, was a mere *obiter dictum*, and was given offhand. It was evident, however, from the example that he used that on consideration he could not and would not uphold it, for in the very case of the example he quoted it is a well known principle of law that an offer so made can be withdrawn at any time until it has been accepted. Directly, however, that the person to whom it is made *accepts*, both parties are bound, the contract has become complete by the acceptance, and the acceptance cannot be withdrawn.

In the case in March, the Grand Registrar had to consider the very point, and he then made his meaning quite clear in accordance with the law as above stated. It is submitted that all the cases before decided fully bear him out in the advice he gave, and even go further than he went and establish clearly that a resignation, though communicated to the lodge, can be withdrawn at any time before acceptance. The decisions certainly establish that a brother cannot be kept a member "against his wish," but if he alters his mind before acceptance, there is no longer a will and intention upon which the lodge can act.

The mere sending a letter to the Secretary to be communicated to the lodge is nothing. The Secretary is not the lodge. He is merely an official to receive and communicate to the lodge, and it is the lodge in its corporate capacity which must meet and accept the resignation.

It will have been seen from Bro. McIntyre's words in the Bulwer case in 1875, that the difficulty felt by the *Freemason* (leaderettes, March 16th) as to there being no *locus penitentiae* in the case of a verbal resignation is based upon a misapprehension, and that a resignation, verbal or written, stands upon the same footing, and may be withdrawn in either case before acceptance; though, of course, in the case of a verbal tender of resignation the time for re-consideration is much shorter if the lodge acts promptly in accepting. The whole question seems such an obvious matter of common sense, that it is not easy to understand how any difficulty can have arisen. Masonry is free, but such a hard and fast line of red-tapeism as has been sought to be established would do away with all freedom. We are but human, and every reasonable latitude should be given for reconciliation and restoration of harmony. Many a valued brother has been saved to his lodge and the Craft by a timely and courteous request to reconsider his words and withdraw his resignation, who would have been for ever lost had his hasty words or letter been taken as irrevocable, and had he been told he must undergo the ordeal of being again proposed for ballot as a re-joining member.

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MASONRY IN THE TROPICS.

The Masonic Fraternity in Bermuda and in St. Thomas, Antigua, Trinidad, Barbadoes, Jamaica, and other of the West Indian Islands, have been favoured during the past two months with the presence of Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master of Canada, who with his son, Mr. J. Sinclair Robertson, has been making a tour of Bermuda and the West Indies. The visit of Bro. Robertson to the islands, except Jamaica, was necessarily short, extending to not more than one or two days. At Bermuda on the evening of the 16th February, at a few hours' notice, and by the energy of Bro. George Simpson, a leading number from the five lodges on the island met informally in the Masonic Hall, there not being time for a regular meeting, and listened to a lecture on the origin and history of Craft Masonry, which gratified the brethren and was much appreciated. Amongst those present were Bros. George Simpson, P.M.; Thomas J. Wadson, P.M.; James C. Pocock, P.M.; Charles A. Jones, P.M.; William Smellie, Edgar C. Wilkinson, Francis S. Taylor, W.M. 726, G.R.S.; John F. Motyer, S.W. 224, G.R.E.; James W. Booth, John Greenslade, Charles R. Tennant, Eugene A. Meyer, David Spurling, and William Greig Hutchings.

At St. Thomas, the members of Lodge No. 356, E.R., were called together on 22nd February. Amongst those present were Bros. A. Barentzen,

W.M.; P. R. Escudero, A. Bonelli, Sec.; R. Stephenson, D. Lightburn, A. Skinner, A. Vance, P.S.W.; M. S. Sasso, J.D.; Carl Berg, S.D.; J. W. Boschulte, I.G.; R. Senior, P.M.; A. R. Liggett; Abm. Sasso, P.M.; John A. Lightbourn, P.M.; and S. W. Hatcher, Tyler. Visitors: F. M. Corniero, 33, P.M. No. 141, S.R.; Carl Smidt and Wilh. Jensen, of No. 141; Theo. Estornel, and P. Aubeck. Bro. Robertson repeated his lecture and spent a very enjoyable day and evening with the brethren.

At Antigua, on the 26th February, the visit was one of few hours, but Bro. Robertson had a pleasant time with Bros. Leonard Read, W. Warneford, A. H. Court, and J. T. Thibon.

While at Antigua, Bro. Robertson was interested in an old Masonic record of 156 years ago. At the mouth of the harbour of Antigua are two forts, erected by the British in 1739, the corner-stone of each fort being laid with Masonic honours by the P.G.M. of the island. Bro. Holmes & Court kindly accompanied Bro. Robertson to the fort, and Bro. Robertson photographed the inscription upon the corner-stone. The stone has been cracked, owing to the fact that many years ago some miscreants thought that valuable coins were in the usual cavity, and that it would be a rich find, and in their unsuccessful efforts to find the treasure caused this damage. The following is the inscription on the stone at Fort St. James, which is about two miles from St. John's, the capital of the island:

THIS FIRST STONE WAS LAID BY—
 MATHEW,
 THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER,
 WITH HIS GRAND OFFICERS,
 AND
 THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MASTER,
 AND
 THE WARDENS AND BROTHERS
 OF
 THE THREE LODGES OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
 OF ANTIGUA.
 NOVEMBER, 1739.

That is perhaps the earliest foundation stone laid by the Craft in the western world and the only occasion on which a British fort was laid with Craft honours.

At Barbadoes, Bro. Robertson met Bros. F. N. A. Clairmante, W. J. Clarke and others. Owing to his short stay, extending from Sunday until Monday afternoon, there was no opportunity of assembling any of the lodges.

At Port of Spain, Trinidad, the tourists arrived on the morning after the great fire, but notwithstanding the excitement, Bro. Carl Bock called a meeting of the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge No. 867, and a large audience of the Craft was entertained with a lecture upon Craft history and first glimpses of Masonry in America. Bro. Robertson dwelt particularly on the formation of the Grand Lodges, which afterwards merged into the "United Grand Lodge of England," and continued showing the foundation of the Grand Lodges of Canada and the United States of America. He then spoke of the time when operative Masonry began to merge into speculative, and explained the relative connection between the two systems, giving the dates as near as possible when the Second and Third Degrees were added to the Ritual, and also of the Royal Arch Degree, which he said was the culminating point in Masonry. He alluded to the need lodges in the Colonies had for brethren from the mother country to visit them, and of the good that would be derived from such visits. He recommended the careful study of the Masonic Jurisprudence, and advised the use of Chace's or Mackey's. He next spoke of the privileges of Freemasonry, and of those enjoyed by visiting brethren, and strongly condemned the practice of brethren who subscribed to no lodge continually attending meetings and partaking of all those privileges, a right they no longer enjoyed from the moment their contribution to some lodge ceased. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Bro. Robertson, and the Worshipful Master on behalf of the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 867, wished him a pleasant voyage home, and expressed the hope that he would again return to Trinidad, and be present at another meeting of the lodge. Among the brethren present at the lecture were Bros. Carl O. Bock, W.M.; Samuel Wood, S.W.; Hamilton Wainwright, P.M.; J. Hinchley Hart, J.W.; Theodore Tanner, Treas.; C. F. Huggins, Sec.; Harry Healey, acting S.D.; Wilhelm Schoener, E.C., acting I.G.; J. Barclay, of Royal Philanthropic Lodge, No. 105, acting Tyler; Arthur H. Wright; William Lunt; Capt. R. B. Todd, of Scotia Lodge, Barbadoes; Wm. Warren of United Brothers' Lodge, No. 251 and W. S. Doorley, Chaplain of Royal Philanthropic Lodge, No. 105.

At Kingstown, Jamaica, Bro. Robertson visited the Sussex and Collegium Fabrorum Lodges on the English Register under the District Grand Master, Bro. John C. Macglashan and Bro. R. S. Haughton, D.G.M., and also the Glenlyon and St. John's Lodges of the Scotch Register, under Bro. Hon. S. C. Burke, the Prov. G. Master.

Bro. Robertson gave addresses at the Sussex, Glenlyon, and St. John's Lodges, and delivered two lectures. That at Sussex Lodge, on Wednesday evening, was on "The History of Masonry," and that delivered on Monday evening, the 20th Feb., at St. John's Lodge, on "The History of the Three Degrees." At the former meeting Bro. Macglashan presided, and at the latter, Bro. Hon. S. C. Burke. Amongst those present at both meetings were Bros. Macglashan and Burke, E. S. Haughton, Wm. Duff, Dist. Sec. for England; J. M. Gibb, W.M. No. 354; M. H. Lawrence, W.M. No. 623; J. Kennedy, W.M. No. 326; and Alexander, W.M. No. 1836; W. A. Paine, F. G. Sale, C. T. Burton, T. Briscoe, Jonas Pollock, J. L. Wingate, E. N. Leon, Rev. J. O. Miller, Dr. Ogilvie and many others. Bros. Macglashan and Burke and the W.M.s. of the lodges visited expressed their high appreciation of the lectures given, and after each a resolution of thanks was tendered to the visitor. The success of the gathering was largely owing, not only to the energy of the District and Provincial Masters, but also to the attention given to the meetings by Bros. Haughton and Wm. Duff. Bro. Robertson had true British hospitality tendered him by Bros. Macglashan and Haughton, and the Hon. Mr. Burke. Bro. Macglashan, the District Grand Master under England, is the Auditor-General of Jamaica, and Bro. William Duff is one of his chief officers. Bro. Haughton is the Commissioner in charge of water and gas on the island, and is one of the best known and most energetic of men, not only

in the duties of his civil office, but also in Masonic circles. Bro. the Hon. S. C. Burke is a member of the Legislative Council, and a gentleman of large experience in public life, and a prominent figure in every event of importance, civil and official, in the island. He is the Provincial Grand Master for Scotland, and Bro. Macglashan for England so that both jurisdictions were ably represented. Bro. Robertson expressed his pleasure at the large interest taken in Craft work in all the islands visited, and at the deep attention paid to what he offered the brethren in the history of the Craft and of the Degrees. Bro. Robertson has secured photographs of all the tropical lodge rooms which he visited. His visit gave a great amount of pleasure to the brethren, and his eloquent addresses, abounding in historical research, will stimulate the work of Masonry, not only here, but in the other islands of this group.

SONG—OUR BOYS' SCHOOL.

In what a little world we live
 Which, yet, to us appears
 A never-ceasing battle ground
 Of varied hopes and fears;
 Quick is the pulse of fervent youth,
 Matured in Manhood's prime,
 And each will strive to gain the top
 Of Fortune's hill they climb.

SOLO AND CHORUS:

To train "Our Boys" let us engage
 Our bounty to bestow,
 May they, from youth to ripening age,
 In honoured Manhood grow!

By training, only, can we hope
 Our purpose to attain,
 By knowledge quicken the good seed,
 And future fruit obtain;
 And those "Our Boys," hereafter men,
 Orphaned by cruel fate,
 As legacy to us are left
 And kindly aid await.

SOLO AND CHORUS: To train "Our Boys," &c.

As citizens of country dear,
 Our hopes, our future pride,
 Let us the youthful stems engage
 In rectitude to guide;
 Our brothers who have gone before
 To the Grand Lodge Above,
 In cheerful trust their boys have left
 Unto our pitying love.

SOLO AND CHORUS: To train "Our Boys," &c.

So we the tenets of the Craft
 For ever will uphold,
 Fraternal love shall brightly shine
 Alike on young and old;
 Duty fulfilled will cheer the path
 Of Brother and of friend,
 Shed sunshine o'er our daily lives,
 And guide us to the end.

SOLO AND CHORUS: To train "Our Boys," &c.

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. THOMAS JONES.

On Tuesday evening, the 7th ult., the Duke of Clarence Lodge, No. 171, at their usual May supper, presented their Treasurer, Bro. Thomas Jones, Representative Grand Lodge of Tasmania, with an illuminated address and Treasurer's jewel.

Bro. JOHN SIBERRY, W.M., presided, and in his remarks alluded to the fact that Bro. Jones had been connected with their lodge for over 25 years, during which time he rarely missed a meeting. His uniform bearing and genial manner to all the members prompted this small acknowledgment of his valued services. The W.M. then called upon the Secretary, Bro. Humphreys, P.M., to read the address, which was couched in the most fraternal terms, and expressed the hope that Bro. Jones might be long spared to attend his mother lodge.

Bro. JONES, in feeling terms, suitably replied.

The address was a splendid work of art. The presentation jewel was of solid 18 carat gold, and took the form of cross keys, with scroll and centre piece, on which was a Past Master's jewel. On the scroll was "Duke of Clarence Lodge, No. 171, and on the reverse, "Presented to R.W. Brother Thomas Jones by the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Duke of Clarence Lodge, 7th May, 1895."

During the evening Bros. Earls, Browne, Butler, and Cowle contributed much to the enjoyment by rendering, in an excellent manner, several songs, duets, &c.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR CHARLES BARRINGTON, BART.

On Saturday evening, the 11th ult., a very interesting ceremonial, in which the brethren most cordially participated, took place in the Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Limerick. It was the presentation of a magnificent silver cup from the Freemasons of the Province of North Munster to Bro. Sir Charles Barrington, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, on the occasion of his marriage. The pleasing duty of conveying the beautiful souvenir to the popular baronet devolved on Bro. F. G. M. Kennedy, Dep. Provincial Grand Master, and there was a large and representative attendance on the occasion. Accompanying the cup was an album containing a list of the subscribers. Bro. Sir Charles Barrington delivered an appropriate address in returning thanks. The cup, a massive one, being a reproduction of the Georgian period, is festooned with scarves on the main body, and displays very ornate workmanship. The beading at the foot is very artistic, and the handles, so graceful in outline, cannot fail to be admired. One is at once impressed by its size, for it is no less than 2½ feet high, with a base square underneath, which is a solid ebony plinth. The inscription, on either side of which are antique knots and festoons, reads as follows: "Presented by the Freemasons of the Province of North Munster to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Brother Sir Charles Barrington, Bart., on the occasion of his marriage, February 14th, '95." The cup, which is richly gilt, weighs close on 300 ounces.

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Joseph Cattley	1469	Dennis Sullivan	37
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Henry Wilson	1021	Thomas Hooper	22
John Musham	699	John Delve	21
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SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

The regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday next, the 5th instant. The Agenda will be found elsewhere in our columns, from which it will be seen that a very full programme of business will come before the brethren. The Report of the Board of General Purposes contains sundry recommendations (1) as to the appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary for German correspondence, and (2) as to the recent proposal for the amalgamation of the Colonial Board with the Board of General Purposes. Among the notices of motion will be found one by Bro. W. Woodward, P.M. 1920, in reference to the proposal he set forth in a letter addressed to this journal some few weeks since as to the Masonic Body assisting in the work of decorating St. Paul's Cathedral. As to the Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of General Purposes, it must suffice if we say their number is legion.

The regular Quarterly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday next, when his Royal Highness the Grand Master will be installed and proclaimed, and the Grand Officers for the year will be appointed and invested. The agenda includes also the consideration of the report of the General Board, and the nomination by the Grand Master of six, and the election by Grand Lodge of five, members of the General Board. The Grand Festival will afterwards be held. We may add that the 27th Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, at which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale will preside, has been fixed for Wednesday, the 10th July.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 7th inst., when the accounts will be dealt with and ordered to be paid, and votes of thanks to the different officers will be passed. The Board will afterwards be dissolved.

It may be as well to notify our readers of the fact that the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is usually held on the last Friday in the month, will be postponed in consequence of the occurrence of Whitsuntide, till Friday, the 7th inst. We may also remind our readers that the Boys' Annual Athletic Sports will be held at Kempton Park on Saturday next, the 8th inst. Those who desire information as to the times of the trains to and from Kempton Park Station will obtain all necessary particulars of the Secretary at the offices of the Institution, 6, Freemasons' Hall. Or they may consult the *Freemason* for last week, in which we noted most of the arrangements for travelling and refreshment on the grounds.

Since the article on "The Grand Lodge of Ireland and the 'Antient' Grand Lodge of England" was written, we have received the complete Part I.—"Fasciculus Primus"—of Bro. Chetwode-Crawley's "Cæmentaria Hibernica." We are, therefore, in a position to estimate better the importance of this valuable work, and shall take an early opportunity of placing our views on it in its entirety before our readers. Not that we shall have occasion to modify anything we have said; but the whole is better and more instructive, as well as greater, than a limited number of its parts, and it will now be possible for us to deal with the book comprehensively.

An important event was celebrated at Leeds on Monday, the 27th ult., the centenary of the constitution of the Alfred Lodge, No. 306, to which the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., referred in his recent address. The auspicious event passed off most successfully, and we can only regret that the demand upon our space necessitates our postponing our report till next week.

A scheme is on foot for organising a testimonial to the family of the late Bro. E. A. Francis, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, who died at the early age of 45 years in December. The idea is to raise such a sum of money as will enable the widow to clear off, or at all events materially reduce, the mortgage on her house, and if this is done, there is a reasonable probability that she will be freed from all serious care as to the future. Bro. Francis was a most exemplary Mason, and held in high esteem by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. He was initiated in Vermont, U.S.A., in 1873, and on returning to England joined, in 1879, the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, and was installed W.M. in 1890. He was also a P.M. No. 183, and P.Z. of the Burdett Chapter, No. 1293—having been exalted to the Royal Arch in the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, in 1885—and P.P. 1st A.G. Soj. of Middlesex. He was also a Life Governor of the Masonic Institutions, and had served sundry Stewardships on their behalf, but his most successful work was done in his capacity of Preceptor of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, Treasurer of the Industry Chapter of Improvement, No. 186, and as Preceptor of the Rose of Denmark Lodge of Instruction, No. 975. In these several capacities, as well as in that of President of the Masonic Benevolent Association connected with the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, our late Bro. E. A. Francis did very great service to the Craft, and we trust this appeal on behalf of his widow and children will be productive of benefit to them. Full particulars to be had of Bro. George R. Langley, 18, Gowlett-road, East Dulwich, S.E.

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THE RECENT ELECTIONS TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I, and many others I feel sure, will join with me in entirely sharing your regret at the recent failure of the *senior* candidates for both Funds. It is, as you most justly described it, nothing less than a great "scandal." I have always understood, and have been more than once assured, that no accepted candidate for either or any of our three Masonic Charities ever ultimately fails, and so I have hitherto implicitly sent my voting papers to be dealt with by the Charity Committee of my own province.

But this scandal tempts me in future to use my votes according to my own judgment. I sincerely trust, however, that something may be done for the old folk who have been so ruthlessly disappointed and deserted.—Yours fraternally.

A GOVERNOR OF THE THREE CHARITIES.

May 28th.

THE RIGHTS OF A PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was very pleased (as I think all Past Masters must have been) to see the letter from "P.M. 32 years" on the above subject in the *Freemason* of the 18th inst., as it is a matter that much requires amendment. I quite agree with all P.M. said, for *unquestionably* we Past Masters suffer a gross injustice by the present state of the law; while, if we seek to recover our lost ground in Grand Lodge by getting into office in our present lodges with the view of again passing the chair, the natural flow of promotion in the said lodges is checked for a year at least. Our fraternal feeling towards younger aspirants for the Mastership therefore prevents us from seeking office, though I believe in most cases "the highest honour the lodge can confer" would be gladly given to us if we desired it. I am probably one of the worst sufferers, if not the worst, by the present law. I have now been a Freemason for 37 years, out of which I have only passed *four years* without being a subscribing member of some lodge. I am a Past Master of 24 years' standing, and have filled the office of W.M. in two Scottish and two English lodges; I am also a Past Grand Warden of a Province; was the sole founder of one lodge, and am a Life Governor of all the Masonic Institutions, yet I have lost my right to sit in Grand Lodge!

I should not have lost those four years, but that (while I was away abroad on Military service) the lodge, of which I was then a non-resident member, raised the non-resident subscription, and, as that was undoubtedly breaking faith with the old members, I withdrew; so it is easy to see that mine is a very hard case indeed.

As "P.M. 32 years" says, we ought to be able to regain our right, to sit in Grand Lodge after a few years of renewed subscription to a lodge. Many a good and worthy P.M. is kept from joining by the law as it now stands, as well as by the fact that when a P.M. joins another lodge he is *practically* a *nobody*, though he may have been a shining light and a "pillar of the state" in his former one. A P.M. on joining another lodge ought to take rank and precedence just as if he had passed the chair in that particular lodge, except that he should be junior to those who, at the time of his joining, had held the office of W.M. in that lodge. The law on this subject is a great injustice to Past Masters and sadly needs altering.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

May 27th.

JEWELS OR BADGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am not very well to do in this world, still I give to our cause all I can afford, and hope to continue to do so, and, in course of time, even more. I gave five guineas two years ago to the Boys' School, and paid the two guineas Stewards' fee and attended at Brighton, where I received the pretty badge or medal as a Steward.

I was accosted by an old P.M. the other day, and told that I could *not wear the badge in lodge*. I should like to know if such is the case; if it is, it seems rather hard and discouraging. I shall attend no more festivals if I cannot wear the badge. I think no W.M. ought to hurt the feelings of a brother by drawing such a fine line; if an enthusiastic brother should occasionally wear a Festival Badge or Jewel, surely he is doing no harm. I should like to hear the opinion of a few brethren on this point.—Yours fraternally,

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Reviews.

"ST. BOTOLPH WITHOUT, ALDERSGATE:" Its Church and Parish Records. By T. Selby Henrey, Curate of St. Botolph Without, Aldersgate, in the City of London. Author of "The Nobility of Man," "The Kingdom of Christ among Men," "Modern Anglican Preachers." London, 1895.—We have read with the greatest pleasure the very interesting record of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, which our Rev. Bro. Henrey, lately curate of the parish, has compiled with such loving and laborious care. There is, indeed, a marvellous fascination in those old chronicles, in which are described the deeds of our forefathers, their manners and customs, their everyday life, the laws, whether civic or imperial, under which they lived, and the endeavours they made to ameliorate the condition of the several communities, into which the nation was parcelled out. So great is this fascination, that even in the case of books which have been compiled from them, but hastily and in a clumsy fashion, the faults of style in the compiler are forgotten in the avidity with which the old materials he has brought together are read and digested. But Bro. Henrey is entitled to our commendation as well as our thanks, not only for what he has compressed into the pages of this volume, but for the able and lucid manner in which he has accomplished his task. In a series of some half a dozen chapters, he has traced the history of the parish and its church from the Anglo-Saxon days, when there is reason to suppose the church was founded, down to the present time, when, notwithstanding the tendency of Londoners to live outside the limits of their venerable city, there is still exhibited a marvellous activity in the parish, and the various institutions which have been handed down from former days or established within the memory of men still living are carefully tended and do an infinite amount of good for the poorer classes of people. Moreover, it must be borne in mind that six centuries ago, and for long afterwards Aldersgate was one of the most aristocratic parishes in the City of London, and many of those who have written their names boldly on the pages of English history lived or were born within its limits, the most prominent being the Earl of Westmoreland of Queen Elizabeth's reign, whose palace stood on the west side of Aldersgate-street, where are now Westmoreland Buildings; the Earl of Shaftesbury, who was Prime Minister to Charles II., John Milton who married his third wife in Jewin-street, where he is said to have composed the greater part of his "Paradise Lost;" John Bunyan, author of the "Pilgrim's Progress;" the Earl, and subsequently Duke, of Landerdale, a colleague of the before-mentioned Earl of Shaftesbury in the notorious "Cabal," ministry; the Earls of Peterborough and Bridgewater, and many others. Not the least interesting locality in the parish is Little Britain, so named from the Dukes of

Bretagne, who resided near the church, which from an early date was the home of printers and booksellers. Here it was that the Earl of Dorset lighted on a copy of "Paradise Lost"; here the first daily newspaper, the *Daily Courant*, was printed; and here for a time lived the great Benjamin Franklin, who was engaged in a neighbouring printing house. But we need not dwell on the past splendours of Aldersgate, or the merits of its present institutions. Bro. Henrey tells us what is needful respecting them, and in a style which cannot be too highly commended for its clearness and precision and the methodical arrangement of its several parts. Those who take an interest in the parish and the past history of its inhabitants, its church, and its institutions, will do well to consult this little volume of Bro. Henrey's. It contains so much within its modest compass, is embellished with not a few illustrations of notabilities connected with St. Botolph's, as well as of the Church buildings, is exceedingly well printed on paper of good quality, and, to crown all, neatly and serviceably bound. We thank the author for having afforded us the opportunity of bringing his work to the notice of our readers, and congratulate him on the success which has attended his labours.

"BROUGHT TO LIGHT." A Masonic Tale in three parts, by Bro. D. Willox, P.M., 128 (S.C.) William Dalziel, 409, London-road, Glasgow, or from the author, 48, Burgher-street, Parkhead, Glasgow. We do not, as a rule, look with favour upon descriptions or tales of a brother's experiences, or supposed experiences, on taking the Degrees of Craft Masonry, or indeed, of any other Degrees which have been adopted as part and parcel of our Modern System. However, Bro. Willox has narrated his story of the Three Degrees in so pleasant a manner, and, at the same time, exhibits such a spirit of reverence for the Work, that we have no hesitation in bringing his "Masonic Tale" to the notice of our readers. The Degrees are treated separately, each having a part to itself, and, considering that the subjects are difficult to handle, we hold that he has accomplished his task very neatly, and in such a manner as to conceal the exact nature of the ordeal which a candidate passes through at each step from the scrutiny of the over curious. "Brought to Light" is worthy of a place on the bookshelves of every Mason.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Clapton Lodge, No. 1365.

The election meeting of this well-known City lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on Thursday, the 16th ult. Bro. R. E. Fairclough, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. D. Campbell, I.P.M.; J. D. Geddes, S.W.; Arthur H. Church, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Lintoff, S.D.; W. Banks, J.D.; F. Orfeur, D.C.; T. T. Gething, I.G.; R. Devereux, Org.; W. Pinch, P.M.; W. Caton, P.M.; C. E. Luker, P.M.; A. Tucker, P.M.; R. C. Flint, H. Green, E. J. Brooks, H. J. Dyer, W. Macklin, R. B. Chessum, J. Parfitt, P. Becker, E. C. Robinson, W. D. Seaton, H. C. Amendt, C. R. Campbell, F. J. Thayer, and J. Very, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. Hands, W.M. elect 1158; James Bunker, P.M. 1158; J. W. Stevens, J.W. 2234; E. J. Wickenden, S.W. 1599; F. Bridge, 1733; W. A. Needes, 53; C. G. Diamond, 1327; J. E. Hill, 1400; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the W.M. raised Bro. H. J. Dyer to the Third Degree, and afterwards passed Bro. E. J. Brooks. Bro. Fairclough's working of the ritual was performed in a most commendable manner. Bro. J. D. Geddes, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. W. Blackburn, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. J. Very again appointed Tyler. In eloquent terms Bro. D. Campbell, I.P.M., proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. R. E. Fairclough, W.M., in recognition of the ability with which he had discharged his duties in the chair, and this was carried with acclamation. It was decided to have a summer outing on July 9th, and a Committee was appointed, with Bro. E. C. Robinson as Hon. Sec., to make the necessary arrangements.

After other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, admirably served, for which Bro. P. Becker was responsible.

After the customary loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. D. Campbell, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Health of the W.M.," paying a tribute to the excellent working they had witnessed that evening.

Bro. R. E. Fairclough, W.M., on rising to respond, had quite an ovation. In an earnest speech, he thanked the brethren for the way the toast had been proposed and received, which he ventured to think was evidence that the little he had done had given satisfaction, and he was proud that his efforts had been honoured by the members. It would ever be his wish and his utmost endeavour to help the lodge in every way, and he would do everything to promote its interests.

The W.M. gave "The W.M. elect, Bro. Geddes." He said he little thought that he would have had the honour to submit the toast because of Bro. Geddes' very serious illness, but his presence there that evening was a happy surprise to them, and they were delighted to welcome and congratulate him on his restoration to health. He was very popular, and would make an excellent ruler.

Bro. Geddes, who had a hearty reception, responded. He stated that their warmth had affected him to such a degree that although wishing to say much he felt almost speechless. He was proud that he had been elected Worshipful Master, but he could hardly realise his position. He had been very ill, and never thought he would be in the lodge again, but during that trying time he had received every kindness from the W.M., which had hastened his recovery. From the great prestige of the lodge he trembled for the time he would be installed, because it would be impossible for him to follow the splendid working of the W.M. and the I.P.M., but anyway, he would do his best, which he hoped would be satisfactory to those who had done him the good honour of electing him Master of the Clapton Lodge.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that their guests that night were not numerous, but what they lacked in quantity they made up in quality. On behalf of the lodge he gave them a hearty welcome, and hoped they had enjoyed themselves, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. J. Bunker, I.P.M., and J. E. Hill.

Bro. Bunker said it was not the first time he had responded in their happy lodge as a visitor, and he hoped it would not be the last. He was there as a guest of the I.P.M., and he was pleased beyond measure to see his old friend Bro. Geddes restored to health and able to be present. It had been his good fortune to see all the officers initiated, and no better example could have been set by the W.M., and he trusted the lodge would not lose any of its lustre by those coming on.

Bro. J. E. Hill also responded, thanking the W.M. for his kind invitation, and he was indebted to Bro. Banks for having introduced him to their lodge, which was one of the very best.

"The Masonic Charities" having been honoured, The W.M. submitted the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Campbell, and Past Masters." He said that he could not speak too highly of Bro. Campbell, whose great services for the lodge would never be forgotten, and in following him he had a very difficult task. He also referred in genial terms to the other Past Masters, who were all good fellows.

Bro. D. Campbell, I.P.M., replied in a humorous strain, observing that all the Past Masters were fossils, and if he spoke with a stony voice, it would account for what he was coming to.

Bro. W. Finch, P.M., also responded. He said that whether the Past Masters were old fossils or not, they had the interests of the lodge at heart, and nothing would be wanting on their part to do everything to promote its prosperity.

The W.M. gave "The Masonic Press," and he associated with the toast the name of Bro. R. T. West, who responded.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was the next toast proposed by the W.M. He stated that he could not find words strong enough to express his appreciation of their services, but it would be impossible for any other lodge to have two better officers, and the great prosperity of the lodge was due to their efforts, and he thanked them sincerely for their assistance to him during his term of office.

In response, Bro. Blackburn, P.M., Treas., said that it was pleasant to hear that he was appreciated, and at his being re-elected Treasurer, which was an honour, and was, he thought, proof that the little he had done was satisfactory to the members. His great aim was to keep the lodge out of debt, and so long as he was the custodian of their funds, it would be so.

Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., Sec., stated that if he had been of any service to the W.M. he was glad, but he had never acted under a better or more genial leader. If the coming K.—the W.M. elect—honoured him by re-appointing him Secretary he would

be happy, and he would do his duty, without fear or favour, to those who had the *entrée* to the Grand Lodge. He urged them to attend the first Wednesday in June to support Bro. James Stephens, P.M., who was a candidate for the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Stephens had worked hard for Freemasonry, and no one better deserved that honour. He was the founder of a few lodges, and had been through the chair several times, and was an ardent supporter of the three Institutions, of which he was Vice-Patron for each.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to in some excellent speeches by Bros. Geddes, S.W.; Arthur Church, J.W.; W. Banks, J.D.; F. Orfeur, D.C.; and R. Devereaux, Org.

The Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable gathering.

The vocal and musical entertainment was carried out by Bros. A. Church, C. E. Luker, H. Green, W. Banks, J. E. Hill, Devereux, and P. Becker, but special mention may be made of Bros. Green, Banks, and Hill.

Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Stanley's Restaurant, Lavender-gardens, S.W., on the 16th ult., present: Bros. R. O. Moody, P.M., W.M.; H. S. Windsor, S.W.; H. J. Ollive, J.W.; A. Southam, P.M., Sec.; A. C. Mead, S.D.; G. T. Mellish, J.D.; H. J. Martin, I.G.; H. G. Hills, P.M., D.C.; P. Dodd, Stwd.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. T. Pilditch, P.M.; J. Merry, P.M.; W. H. Ball, T. Gregovy, H. J. Adams, and G. Andrews. Visitors: Bros. C. White, 1790; A. H. Warran, 1641; R. Brembleby, 1622; F. Ore, 1293; W. W. Westley, 186; J. Hay, P.M. 1622; W. F. Woods, P.M. 1694; A. A. Foley, W.M. 2417; L. Honig, 141; and G. Hudson, P.M. 141.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Permanent Committee was received, which showed the lodge to be in a highly prosperous state, a sum of £180 being in hand. During the year 40 guineas had been given to the Charities. Bro. Henry Samuel Windsor, Master elect, was presented by Bro. W. H. Kempster, P.M., P.G. Stwd., and duly installed in the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. R. O. Moody, P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Ollive, S.W.; A. C. Mead, J.W.; R. O. Moody, P.M., I.P.M.; E. Spooner, P.M., Treas.; A. Southam, P.M., Sec.; G. T. Mellish, S.D.; H. J. Martin, J.D.; H. G. Hills, P.M., D.C.; P. Dodd, I.G.; H. J. Adams, Stwd.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler.

The lodge being closed, the usual banquet was held, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bros. W. F. Woods, A. A. Foley, and G. Hudson responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Louis Honig, who presented to each brother a copy of his newly-composed song, "Loved Richmond," which has been accepted by her Majesty the Queen and other members of the Royal Family.

During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. R. O. Moody, P.M., for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office.

Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679.

The installation meeting of this very popular and flourishing lodge was held on the 25th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. John W. Woodthorpe, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Thos. Sibley, S.W.; R. J. Hall, J.W.; A. Sack, P.M., Treas.; G. Clark, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Sowton, S.D.; J. W. Gomm, J.D.; T. C. W. Elstob, I.G.; S. W. Reddall, P.M.; W. Boyce, I.P.M.; A. Street, P.M.; R. Stampfer, P.M.; J. T. Penney, P.M.; C. Arnold, P.M.; Horace Laws, A. Patman, G. J. Storey, Paul Bevan, C. W. Hiscocks, T. P. Baragwanth, R. M. Crompton, T. F. Strutt, T. R. Russell, C. E. Blogg, A. Allengame, M. Henry, and J. Rawles, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. R. E. Clarke, P.M. 1158; E. Anderson, P.M. 49 and 715; W. N. Cochrane, J.W. 1379; J. Stephens, P.M. 2466; J. Sibley, J.W. 2466; W. W. Jaggard, 1929; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507; W. H. Keeble, S.W. 615; F. Surrey, 858; W. Jordan, and R. T. West, 1744.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the W.M. raised Bros. Hiscocks, Baragwanth, Paul, Bevan, and Storey to the Third Degree. Bro. Woodthorpe's working of the ritual was excellent. Bro. Thomas Sibley, the W.M. elect, was then presented and installed in a most exemplary manner by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. W. Woodthorpe. The new W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. R. J. Hall, S.W.; C. J. Sowton, J.D.; Alfred Sack, P.M., Treas.; George Clark, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Gomm, S.D.; T. C. W. Elstob, J.D.; A. Allengame, I.G.; Horace Laws, Organist; C. Arnold, P.M., Stwd.; S. Stampfer, P.M., D.C.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. The usual addresses were very ably rendered by Bro. J. W. Woodthorpe, for which he deserved the highest praise.

The lodge was then closed, and a *recherché* banquet followed, which was supplied by Bro. A. Clemow in his best style, and admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Evans.

At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M., in most becoming terms, presented the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly received.

Bro. Woodthorpe, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said that it was his privilege and very pleasant duty to submit the toast, which he knew would be received with acclamation. Bro. Sibley had long been associated with the lodge, in which he had filled all the offices in a very efficient manner, and there was not the shadow of a doubt but that he would carry out his new duties with honour and credit to the lodge, and its high reputation would be thoroughly maintained by him.

The toast was enthusiastically received, as was Bro. Sibley, the W.M., on rising to respond. He said he was much gratified at his reception and for the kind things said of him. It was somewhat difficult for him to adequately respond at all times, but that was an exceptional occasion. He was indeed proud to be Master of that, his mother lodge, in which he had received every kindness from them all, and he earnestly hoped to be able to do everything required of him in a satisfactory manner.

The W.M. gave "The Installing and Immediate Past Master, Bro. Woodthorpe," remarking that he had had a splendid year of office, and his working of the ritual could not be excelled. He was honoured to have been installed by so worthy a member, and in following him he had a difficult task. He need not further dilate upon his many qualities, except to add that he had the affection of all the members, and, in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel and collar, he hoped they would have his assistance for many years.

The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679, to Bro. John W. Woodthorpe, P.M., as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the able and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office."

Bro. Woodthorpe, who was well received, responded. He appreciated the kind words of the W.M., and he thanked the members for their cordial reception. During his year of office he had endeavoured to carry out the programme which he had laid down when he was installed. He then undertook to carry out the working in the Stability form—that working which their dear Bro. Henry Muggeridge loved so well—and he had the satisfaction of feeling that evening that he had redeemed his promise. In doing so the harmony of the lodge had not been disturbed, and he had their evidence in the collar and jewel that his endeavours had been appreciated. He thanked them sincerely for the handsome jewel, which he should treasure most highly, and he would wear it with pride on every suitable occasion. He had received very able assistance from his officers, and he took that opportunity of tendering to them his best thanks. To acquire a knowledge of the ritual, including the ceremony of installation, was no easy task for a busy man, and he would strongly urge upon the younger brethren, who were aspiring to office, the necessity of preparing themselves by anticipation, so that when their time arrived they might not be found wanting. In conclusion he expressed a hope that his efforts to preserve the good fellowship amongst the members had succeeded, and that they were as well satisfied with the result as he was.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. observed that it was a toast that was a favoured one there, and he was honoured with their presence, and he hoped to see them again and again. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. R. E. Clarke, P.M.; E. Anderson, P.M.; J. Stephens, P.M.; John Sibley, and W. R. Keeble.

Bro. R. E. Clarke, P.M., responded. He was thankful for the great welcome the visitors had received, and he was pleased to have seen the installation of his very old and dear friend, Bro. Sibley, who would make one of the best of Masters. Their esteemed Bro. Henry Muggeridge consecrated his lodge—the Southern Star—of which he (Bro. Clark) was the founder.

Bro. E. Anderson, P.M., said that it afforded him very much pleasure to be there, as the name of their lodge and of the lodge of instruction brought to his mind many happy recollections. It was an honoured one, and as such would be handed down to posterity, and as one who had worked hard in everything to promote the interests of Freemasonry.

Bro. Stephens, P.M., also replied, bearing testimony to the excellent working of the Installing Master, and making special reference to the able manner the W.M. had invested his officers, which, he ventured to think was ample proof that he would be able to carry out his duties with *vélocité*.

Bro. John Sibley, in a short but earnest speech, given with much feeling, stated that he could not express in words the pleasure he felt in seeing his brother, the W.M., installed, but he wished him everything.

Bro. W. H. Keeble said that he and the W.M. had been in Masonic harness together for some years, but that Bro. Sibley had jumped over the traces and was now to the front, and he congratulated him upon the high position he had attained.

In submitting the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. stated that they were a tower of strength, and were always present in big numbers, which showed that they took a great interest in the lodge, and they were all good fellows and the best of friends.

In response, Bro. C. Arnold, P.M., stated that the Past Masters were getting so numerous that they would be able to form a lodge of their own. He initiated Bro. Sibley, and it afforded him much pleasure to see him installed. He had been an apt scholar, and had come up to the scratch, and with his great knowledge, it went without saying that he would have a brilliant year of office, and the lodge would not suffer at his hands.

Bro. J. T. Penney also replied in appropriate terms.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," observing that they were two splendid officers, and they looked forward to their being appointed year after year, as they could not do without them. Then, as to Bro. Sack, the Treasurer, he had been a member for many years, being the first initiate of the lodge.

Bro. A. Sack, P.M., Treas., responded. He had stated on many occasions that they would have two excellent Masters in Bros. Woodthorpe and Sibley, and as to the former, he had had a brilliant year of office, and was succeeded by one who was an excellent worker of the ritual, and who would maintain the good fellowship and brotherly love that existed in the lodge. They were indebted to Bro. Anderson, their able Preceptor, for the way he had turned out Bro. Woodthorpe, who was one of his pupils. He earnestly advocated the claims of the Charities, and urged the members to give more freely.

Bro. Clark, P.M., Sec., also replied in eloquent terms.

The toast of "The Officers," was heartily received and responded to by Bros. R. J. Hall, S.W.; C. J. Sowton, J.W.; J. W. Gomm, S.D.; and Horace Laws, Org.

During the evening, a telegram was sent from the W.M. and the members to Bro. Henry Muggeridge with "Hearty good wishes."

The musical entertainment was excellently carried out under the able direction of Bro. Carl Brandt in which the following also took part: Bro. Horace Laws, Mr. Herbert Stockwell, Miss Maude Ballard, and Miss Lillian Close.

The portrait of Bro. Sibley, the W.M., appears in our Gallery of Worshipful Masters.

London Scottish Rifles Lodge, No. 2310.

The above lodge held its installation meeting at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W., on Thursday, the 10th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. S. F. Mackway. The minutes of the last regular meeting being read and confirmed, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and Bro. J. J. Mackay was installed in the most impressive manner by Bro. S. F. Mackway, and the following officers were invested: Bros. Lieut. J. A. Braik, S.W.; R. B. Fowler, J.W.; E. J. Husey, Treas.; W. H. Pardoe, Sec.; R. Grant, S.D.; J. McKinlay, J.D.; W. Evans, I.G.; Capt. D. Whyte, D.C.; A. Howden, A.D.C.; Capt. Graham Gordon, acting Org., and A. Gray, Stwds.; and R. S. Ward, Tyler. The following visitors were present: Bros. J. A. Mills, 1685; T. R. Roberts, P.M. 1196; R. Maitland Coffin, 2190; H. J. Turner, 1767; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767; H. Kenwood, J.D. 256; E. Marquet, J.D. 1107; J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; W. Grant, 1635; R. H. Williams, P.M. 865; J. Fox, P.M. 2000; J. Smith, S.D. 1598; and J. Hill, P.M., Treas. 1658, P.G.S.B. Surrey.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was fully appreciated by all.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

During the evening Bro. S. F. Mackway was presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, for which he returned thanks.

The following brethren assisted in an excellent musical programme: Bros. R. Mackway, Braik, and Mackenzie, and recitations by Bro. Smith.

The Tyler's toast and "Auld Lang Syne" brought one of the most successful evenings, and such as will no doubt be not easily forgotten by the brethren present, to a close.

The Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345.

The members of this lodge met at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Wednesday, the 15th ult., when there were present Bros. John Langdon, W.M.; Charles Woods, S.W.; John Mitchell, P.M., J.W.; A. Harvey, I.P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas. Eng.; E. Bevan, P.M.; R. Steele, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Folkard, P.M., Sec.; T. Morris, S.D.; A. Robertson, J.D.; Winny, I.G.; Baldwin, Stwd.; W. W. Westley, P.M., D.C.; Patrick, P.M., Tyler; Wyer, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Machin, P.M.; Lavender, Fitch, C. W. Shannaw, Hambleton, and others. Bro. Lavender was elected a country member.

The members, after the meeting, spent a very pleasant evening together.

Bro. S. Cochrane, P.G.T., responded in an able and telling speech for "The Grand Officers;" Bro. John Langdon to the toast of "The Worshipful Master;" Bro. Harvey and Bevan to that of "The Past Masters;" Bros. Woods, S.W., Mitchell, J.W., Morris, S.D., Robertson, J.D., Winny, I.G., and Baldwin, Stwd., for "The Officers;" and "The Treasurer" and "Secretary" for themselves.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

Hesketh Lodge, No. 950.

The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. G. Dickenson, J.W., took place at the Crown Hotel, Fleetwood, on Wednesday evening, the 15th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. A. Gibson, W.M.; G. Dickenson, J.W.; B. Hainsworth, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; G. Schjoth, P.M., Sec.; R. C. Greenwood, S.D.; F. J. Thompson, J.D.; Captain Robertson, P.M., D.C.; P. Williams, I.G.; R. E. Mann, J. W. Watkinson, and W. C. Ingham, Stewards; W. Robinson, B.B.; J. N. Clarkson, P.M.; T. Mahir, P.M.; S. Scott, R. T. Gardner, W. Lawrence, W. Redman, G. H. Cox, J. R. Sumner, and J. Gibson, Tyler. The following were the visiting brethren: Bros. J. Rogers, P.M.; R. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. Bartram; H. Humphreys; R. O. Roe, W.M. 1256; J. Bilsborough, W.M.; T. Eastham, P.M.; E. Wolstenholme, W.M. 703; J. W. Clayton, P.M., D.C. 2257; J. Chadwick, P.M.; O. Wettore; J. Wray, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Gaulter; H. A. Parkinson, P.M.; J. Thornborough; and J. Ballard, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.

Bro. A. Gibson, W.M., installed his successor very creditably, and was assisted by the following: Bros. B. Hainsworth, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. N. Clarkson, P.M.; and T. Mahir, P.M. All the working was excellent. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bro. A. Gibson, I.P.M.; R. C. Greenwood, S.W.; F. J. Thompson, J.W.; B. Hainsworth, M.A., P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; G. Schjoth, Secretary; P. Williams, S.D.; R. E. Mann, J.D.; J. Robertson, P.M., D.C.; J. R. Sumner, Org.; J. W. Watkinson, I.G.; W. C. Ingham, W. H. Robinson, and G. H. Cox, Stwds.; H. C. Kent, Ban. Br.; and J. Gibson, Tyler. Bro. J. N. Clarkson, P.M., presented the lodge with a handsome engraving of the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master of England and Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire. Bro. A. Gibson was also presented with a Past Master's jewel.

A banquet, well served by host Duckworth, subsequently took place.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

A capital musical programme (both vocal and instrumental) was thoroughly enjoyed, the following taking part: Bros. R. C. Greenwood, A. Gibson, J. Thornborough, S. Scott, H. C. Kent, G. H. Cox, W. H. Robinson, F. J. Thompson (mandoline), and J. R. Sumner, accompanist.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., in the Peace Hall, Thorne, when there present Bros. W. Martin, W.M.; A. L. Peace, I.P.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, P.M., acting S.W.; T. Barber, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas.; J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. Eland, J.D.; J. H. Bletcher, P.M., Almoner; E. Hirst, I.G.; W. T. Ghambers, Stwd.; W. Hallgarth, R. Brew, E. Shillito, and J. Pine, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. P. Jenner, J.W. 249; and T. H. Turner, 242.

Bro. W. Hallgarth was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. It was decided to hold a lodge of instruction on the Wednesday preceding the regular lodge night.

St. Clement's Lodge, No. 2442.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Bell Hotel, Leigh, on Saturday, the 4th ult., when there was a crowded attendance of brethren. The visitors included Bros. F. J. Cumine, W.M., C. W. Barnard, I.P.M., W. E. Bridgland, P.M., and A. Vanderford, P.M., all of 1000; S. Pricor, W.M., F. Gooderham, I.P.M., Rev. A. S. Thomas, W. Emberson, and Albert Morris, all of 1817; G. F. Golding, W.M., Sidney Smith, Sec., C. E. Judd, W. Harvey, C. Harvey, and H. Belcham, all of 1734; W. Mott, 1536; W. Fowler, W. Hyde, and several other brethren from London lodges.

Bro. W. A. S. Staley, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and afterwards installed Bro. C. A. Hales as his successor in the chair. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Staley in a most creditable manner, and he was warmly congratulated upon it. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. James Boulton, P.M., acting as D.C.; W. A. S. Staley, I.P.M.; W. Beecroft, P.M., S.W.; H. Barrow, J.W.; Rev. Robert Stuart King, Chap.; J. Byford, P.M., Treas. and acting D.C.; J. S. Metcalfe, Sec.; F. England, S.D.; G. Mills, J.D.; J. H. Johnson, I.G.; A. J. Hadrill, A.R.C.O., Org.; George Barrow and Thomas Tomlin, Stwds.; and A. W. Martin, P.G.T., Tyler. The customary salutations were given, and the lodge was closed. The music was under the direction of Bro. Hadrill.

The brethren subsequently proceeded to the Royal Hotel, Southend, where a *recherche* banquet was served by Bro. B. Thomas, to which about 80 sat down. Bro. C. A. Hales, W.M., presided; and the vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. W. Beecroft, S.W., and H. Barrow, J.W.

The usual toasts were honoured with excellent "fire."

Bros. W. E. Bridgland and G. R. Dawson responded on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," after which Bro. Staley, proposed "The Worshipful Master," whom he congratulated and wished every success.

The W.M., in responding, said he felt it rather a difficult task to follow such an efficient Master, but he would certainly do his best to imitate him. He then proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," referring to the ability with which he discharged his onerous duties at the meeting of the lodge that afternoon. He (Bro. Hales) had the greatest and most sincere pleasure in presenting the I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, with the Past Master's jewel. It had been honestly earned, and he hoped Bro. Staley might live long to wear it.

Bro. Staley, who was heartily received, suitably thanked the brethren for this kindly recognition of his services.

Two interesting presentations were then made by the W.M. The first of these consisted of a handsome silver bowl, which was handed to Bro. J. Byford, P.M., in recognition of his services as the first Past Master and Treasurer of the lodge. The other presentation—an elegant vase—was made to Bro. Jas. Boulton, P.M., who was the first W.M.

The assistance rendered by these brethren in starting the lodge was warmly eulogised by the W.M.; and they acknowledged the presentations in a few appropriate remarks, assuring the brethren that in the future, as in the past, they would be only too pleased to do anything they could to promote the success of the lodge, with which they esteemed it an honour to be associated.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler.

The speeches were interspersed with some capital songs and glees by Bros. G. R. Dawson, W. H. Judd, F. J. Cumine, C. H. Bowmaker, J. G. Jarvis, E. J. Lusby, and W. Foster—the latter brother, one of the oldest Masons in Essex, being given a very cordial reception. The accompaniments were efficiently played by Bro. A. J. Hadrill, A.R.C.O.

Royal Arch.**All Saint's Chapter No. 452.**

The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 24th ult., in the Gainsborough Masonic Rooms, Gainsborough, when there were present Comps. G. Moxon, acting M.E.Z.; Farmer, H.; Constable, J.; Sorby, P.J., acting S.E.; Leversidge, P.Z., P.S.; Adlard, S.N.; and others. A vote of condolence to the widow of the late Comp. A. Kirk was feelingly proposed by Comp. Farmer, and carried in solemn silence.

Duke of Fife Chapter, No. 2345.

The installation meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 18th ult., when there were present: Comps. J. Wyer, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Folkard, H.; Harvey, J.; Robertson, Treas.; Woods, S.E.; Randall, P.S.; W. G. Boswell, M.R.C.V.S., 1st A.S.; S. G. Bonner, 2nd A.S.; J. Morris, Patrick, P.Z., Janitor; Voisey, P.Z., 1639; Davies, P.Z. 1216; Eckersall, J., 1275; and Longhurst, Org. 1216.

Bro. J. D. Clayton, 1903, having been exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, Comp. Voisey installed the Principals, and the officers were invested as follows: Comps. J. W. Folkard, M.E.Z.; Harvey, H.; Randall, J.; Robertson, Treas.; Woods, S.E.; Boswell, S.N.; Bonner, P.S.; Morris, S.W.; and Patrick, Janitor. Comps. Munslow, 1st A.S., and Mitchell, 2nd A.S., were unavoidably absent. Comp. Voisey was elected an honorary member.

The companions afterwards dined together under the presidency of the M.E.Z., and spent an unusually pleasant time.

The M.E.Z., on behalf of the companions, presented Comp. Wyer, I.P.Z., with a miniature 18-carat gold jewel, which was much admired, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to E. Comp. John Wyer, P.Z. (M.E.Z. 1894-5) as a slight token of the respect and esteem of the companions."

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.**

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. White, W.M.; Schott, S.W.; Larkin, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Bradley, S.D.; Nicholls, J.D.; Fayers, I.G.; Holland, P.M.; Buxton, P.M.; Fendick, P.M.; Marriott-Matthews, Ollive, A. W. Thompson, H. J. Thompson, Austin, Thwaites, and Thomas.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Marriott-Matthews, who had previously answered the questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Buxton, P.M., who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Fendick and Buxton were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge. Bro. Schott was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be inscribed on the minutes to Bro. White for the able manner he had occupied the chair for the first time in the lodge. After the third rising, the lodge was closed.

HARROW LODGE, No. 1310.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, W., when there were present: Bros. Lewis, W.M.; Weston, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; Geo. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; Jabez Mason, Sec.; Kelly, S.D.; Dyke, J.D.; Robertson, I.G.; Rudrum, P.M.; McVey, Russell, and Dingley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Kelly, and the 2nd Section by Bro.

Weston. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. McVey being the candidate. Bro. Wood, Preceptor, worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone, when there were present Bros. W. Jenkinson, W.M.; L. W. Stansell, S.W.; F. Blake, P.M., J.W.; H. F. Whyman, P.M., Preceptor; H. A. Potvine, Sec.; T. W. Neech, P.M., J.D.; A. Barton, I.G.; J. Gowen, Tyler; and E. Gratwick.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when Bro. Stansell was voted to the chair for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Phillips, M.E.Z.; Willcox, H.; Lewis, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Cope, S.N.; Elgar, P.S.; Telling, Dunn, White, Benedetti, Ellinger, Cureton, and Cass.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. White personating the candidate. Comp. Voisey, P.Z., Treas., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A sum of five guineas was voted to the "Francis Testimonial Fund" from the funds, after which the lodge was closed.

Mark Masonry.**Stamford Lodge, No. 148.**

The regular meeting of this excellent lodge was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Monday, the 20th ult. Bro. Fred. Broadsmith, W.M., presided with his usual ability. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot having been taken and found favourable for Bro. John Ferguson, he was duly advanced in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were present: Bros. Fred. Broadsmith, W.M.; Richard Stephenson, J.W.; Geo. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; J. Wagstaffe, M.O.; W. Dykes, J.O.; J. S. Derbyshire, P.G.S., Sec.; Alfred W. Bouche, T. Nicholson, P.G.S., I.G.; and Richard Newhouse, P.G.D. Eng., P.G. Sec.

MASONIC PRESENTATIONS AT LONGTON.

On Thursday, the 9th ult., a number of presentations took place at the Masonic Hall, Longton, in connection with the Etruscan Lodge, No. 546, and in the presence of upwards of 50 brethren. Bro. G. E. Walters, W.M., presided, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. W. Brickel and J. W. Bromley. Amongst those present were: Bros. W. R. Blair, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Taylor, 2149, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Bennion, P.G.R.; J. M. Wood, P.P.G.R.; J. Webberley, P.P.G.R.; A. Prince, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Tunnicliff, 418, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. T. Bonner, P.P.G.O.; T. B. Cull, 1587, P.P.G.P.; W. Vernon, 1587, P.P.G.S.B.; J. A. Cooper, 1587, P.P.G.P.; E. E. Allmond, P.M. 1587; G. C. Kent, T. H. Griffith, P. Bennion, J. E. Hodson, D. Chapman, S. Mear, A. Mear, J. Ward, A. S. Walters, Past Masters of 546.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. Prince, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. Blair the following illuminated address in a gilt frame, on the occasion of his retirement from the Treasurership of the lodge:

"Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Etruscan Lodge, 546. To Wor. Bro. W. R. Blair, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Staffs. The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Etruscan Lodge, desire to express their regret at your retirement from the post of Treasurer of the Lodge, which you have held for a continuous period of seventeen years. They take the opportunity of expressing their appreciation of your long and honourable services both to the Lodge and the Craft generally, and of their hope that your example may be handed down as an encouragement to the junior members of the Lodge. They further hope that you will continue for many years in active membership of the Lodge, of which you are now the oldest subscribing member, and wish you every happiness and prosperity which your long career of usefulness, both as a Mason and a citizen so well deserve. Signed on behalf of the Brethren at a Lodge held on the 9th day of May, 1895, GEO. E. WALTERS, W.M.; WILLIAM BRICKEL, S.W.; JAS. W. BROMLEY, J.W.; ARTHUR L. HARBER, Sec."

In making the presentation—

Bro. PRINCE said he trusted that the address would be accepted in the same spirit that had prompted the brethren to give it, for the brethren entertained towards him the most kindly fraternal feeling of brotherly love and respect. His urbanity and courtesy towards his fellow men had always been marked, and had gained for him the esteem and goodwill of every true-hearted man who knew him. During the long period Bro. Blair had been Treasurer, the accounts had always been well and truly kept. As Bro. Blair initiated him 31 years ago, it was appropriate that he should make the presentation.

Bro. BLAIR, in acknowledging the gift, thanked his friend, Bro. Prince, for his kindly expressions, referred to the many losses the lodge had sustained by death since he was in the chair, and said he was now the oldest subscribing Mason. He earnestly hoped that the lodge would continue to succeed for a very long period, and, as long as they adhered to sound Masonic principles, he was sure the Great Architect of the Universe would prosper this lodge. He trusted that he would be spared to attend the lodge for many years to come.

Bro. CHAPMAN then presented a splendid Secretary's table in commemoration of Bro. J. Webberley's retirement from the office of Secretary, after discharging the duties of that office for 26 years.

It is of polished oak, the front being embellished with Masonic emblems, designed by Bro. T. Tindal, and contained the following suitable inscription: "Etruscan Lodge, No. 546.—To commemorate the long and faithful services of Wor. Bro. John Webberley, P.M., P.P.G.R. Staffordshire, in the position of Secretary of this Lodge, which he occupied for the space of 26 years, this table was placed in the lodge (for the use of future Secretaries) upon his retirement, 9th day of May, 1895."

Bro. CHAPMAN said the brethren desired to testify their gratitude for Bro. Webberley's long and valuable services by something appropriate, and which should be of a permanent character in the lodge. It was an object of great utility, and it would be valuable as reminding present and future members of the good work which Bro. Webberley had done for a very long period.

The W.M., then, on behalf of the Past Masters of the lodge, presented Bro. Webberley with the jewel of a Secretary, assuring him of the brotherly love which they entertained towards him. With one exception, Bro. Webberley had seen all the existing members of the lodge initiated.

Bro. WEBBERLEY acknowledged the gifts, and the kind expressions towards him. The table was a beautiful piece of furniture, which would last a hundred years, and he hoped it would be an incentive to his son to become Secretary some day. He had been 36 years a member of the lodge, and had only missed three meetings; nothing gave him greater pleasure than to attend his lodge, for the members had always been of one mind; there had been no dissensions, no bickerings, but they had always carried on business comfortably and harmoniously. The Etruscan Lodge had 24 Past Masters who were subscribing members and who attended lodge, which was more than any other lodge in the province had. He

hoped that the day was not far distant when the Secretary's table would be placed in a larger lodge-room, with other furniture to match it.

Bro. GRIFFITHS presented to Bro. T. Warren, the Tyler of the lodge, a marble timepiece as an acknowledgment of the faithful way in which he had performed the duties of his office for a period of 21 years. He warmly complimented Bro. Warren on his devotion to his duties.

Bro. WARREN made a few appropriate remarks in accepting this mark of respect.

Bro. J. E. HODSON, I.P.M., on behalf of the officers of the lodge for 1894, presented to the lodge a handsome cabinet as a memento of the harmonious way in which they had worked together. The original suggestion for the cabinet was made by Bro. Frewer, I.G., in order that the beautiful loving cups of the lodge might be kept in view in the room, and in which the regalia of the late Bro. W. K. Harvey, which had been given to the lodge just before his death, might be displayed.

Bro. GEORGE BENNION formally accepted the gift on behalf of the lodge.

Bro. Blair then presented to Bro. George Bennion a Past Registrar's jewel, on the occasion of his having been appointed P.G.R., and Bro. Webberley presented to Bro. Tindal a Master Mason's jewel in acknowledgment of his services in designing the ornamentation of the table.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where Bros. Blair, Webberley, and Warren were entertained at a complimentary dinner. The repast was an excellent one, and at the conclusion of it the usual toasts expressive of loyalty to the throne and the rulers of the Craft were drunk, "The Provincial Grand Officers" being proposed by Bro. S. MEAR, Bro. BENNION responding.

Bro. G. C. KENT proposed "Our Guests," and in an eloquent speech referred to the good qualities of Bros. Blair, Webberley, and Warren, and the toast was drunk with much heartiness.

The Guests severally responded in appropriate terms.

Bro. A. S. WALTERS proposed "The Visiting Brethren," for whom Bros. TAYLOR, INGAMILLS, and CULL responded.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was drunk with enthusiasm.

Several other complimentary toasts followed.

The speeches were interspersed with some excellent music by brethren.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 185.

THE REHEARSAL OF THE CEREMONIES OF THE CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AND INSTALLATION BY BRO. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., SEC. R.M.B.I.

Those necessary adjuncts of modern Freemasonry (lodges of instruction), owing to the rapid progress of the Order during recent years—if the ritual and all its attendant ceremonies are to be handed on in their perfection and splendour to future generations, enabling the younger members of lodges, who are doubtless all aspirants to the Worshipful Master's chair, to make themselves proficient in the duties of that most important office by being able to successfully learn and study the work of the minor offices which lead up to it—received a valuable addition to their number on Tuesday evening, the 21st ultimo, when the first meeting of the above re-established lodge of instruction was held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., and was successfully inaugurated by that "Past Master" (we had almost written "Past Grand Master") of the Ceremonies, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., ably assisted by Bro. Thomas Cull, P.P.J.G.D. Essex, as Director of Ceremonies, the musical portion being under the direction of Bro. Harry Tipper, A.G. Purst.

It is now about 15 years since this large and influential lodge had a lodge of instruction connected with it, and working under its warrant, and for some time past the Worshipful Masters of the lodge and their officers have felt that it was very desirable that a lodge of instruction should be re-formed and held in connection with the mother lodge, in order that the officers might have an opportunity of working together and performing their duties in the lodge in that high state of perfection for which the lodge has been noted in the past. We heartily wish them success in their new effort, and congratulate all those who had the management of this meeting upon the great success that has resulted from their efforts and the brilliant opening they had had.

The Consecrating Officer, upon taking the Worshipful Master's chair, requested Bros. Isaac Lazarus, W.M. 185, to act as S.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, as J.W.; and S. Rosenfeld, P.M. 185, as I.G., and, opening the lodge in the three Degrees, at once proceeded with the ceremony of consecration in his usual and well-known masterly and impressive manner. After giving a stirring oration on the nature and principles of the Order, he proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge, the ceremony being concluded with the benediction. Bro. James Terry then proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of installation in a manner seldom heard at an ordinary lodge installation, Bro. Isaac Lazarus, W.M. of the mother lodge, acting as the W.M. designate. The usual addresses were impressively given by the Installing Master and the W.M. saluted in due form, after which the W.M. invested the following brethren: Bros. S. Rosenfeld, S.W.; Boas, J.W.; Braham, Treas.; J. A. Witthaus, Sec.; D. Hills, S.D.; Hinds, J.D.; and Gerson, I.G.

The W.M. rose for the first time, when dues were collected, every brother present, on the suggestion of Bro. Terry, becoming members. The W.M. then nominated Bro. J. Eisenmanne, P.M. 185, as Treasurer, and Bro. George Davis, P.M. 167, as Preceptor, Bro. Lewis Levy, P.M. 185, to act as Deputy Preceptor. The W.M., in making these propositions, congratulated the lodge upon being able to secure the services, at least for a time, of such an excellent Preceptor as Bro. George Davis, and hoped that the members of the lodge would show their appreciation by turning up in large numbers in order to give him their support.

The W.M. then rose for the second time, when a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Terry and Cull for their services that evening, to which both brethren gave their replies.

Bro. TERRY alluded in eloquent terms to his friendship and connection with Bro. John Constable, a late P.M. of the Lodge of Tranquillity, stating how ably he had supported the Charitable Institutions, he having collected in one year over £300, in the following year over £400, and two years subsequently over £1200, that being until quite recently the largest sum any one individual had ever taken up at a Festival.

The W.M. having risen for the third time, the SECRETARY announced that it was only proposed to hold the meetings from the first Tuesday in October to the last Tuesday in March, and that the next meeting would be held on the first Tuesday in October, when it was hoped by Bro. Davis, Preceptor, that he would be able to work the Fifteen Sections with the assistance of the brethren.

Nothing more offering for the good of Freemasonry in general or the lodge in particular, the lodge was closed.

The following were present: Bros. Harry Tipper, P.M., A.G. Purst.; S. Boas, P.M.; S. Rosenfeld, P.M.; J. D. Barnett, P.M. 185 and 1668; J. Lazarus, W.M.; D. Hills, S.W.; Hinds, J.W.; J. A. Witthaus, S.D.; Gerson, I.G.; Evison, Horwitz, Braham, E. Simmons, J. W. Budden, A. T. Budden, Schlezinger, J. B. Simmons, Winkel, Phillips, Wasserberg, Lipscombe, and S. Schwessee. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Surrey; A. B. Norman, P.M. 1658; Geo. Davis, P.M. 167; A. Cohen, P.M. 188; Hyam Aarons, P.M. 1668; E. Linfoot, W.M. 1298; W. R. Hunt, P.M. 2021; R. P. Angel, 179; E. H. Bury,

1471; Gotschalk, 1278; E. Croft Wise, 619; F. J. Brittan, 2090; A. R. Finch, 1238; J. W. Taylor, 1238; W. Reid, 1275; W. Hide, 1275; F. G. Newell, 177; William Baker, 192; F. J. C. Searle, 2029; L. Cohen, 715; W. Tomes, 1194; W. Ellis, 820; W. J. Thrussell, 1853; S. B. Lysshitz, 1017; H. Phillips, 2397; and F. Attree, 1385.

The brethren then retired to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. F. G. Newell.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. THOMAS SIBLEY,

whose installation as W.M. of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679, is reported in another column, was initiated in that lodge in November, 1884, and has filled all the principal offices. Our brother is very enthusiastic in Freemasonry, and has taken a deep interest in the Craft. He is very popular among the brethren of his lodge, who look forward to a very successful year of office, and his working of the ritual is such that it will add to the great reputation of the lodge and will maintain its high standard. Bro. Sibley has been connected with one of the largest Distilleries in London, and is very much respected in his business connections.



BRO. J. J. WEDGWOOD, M.D., P.M., P.Z.,

was initiated in July, 1869, in Derwent Lodge, No. 40; was W.M. of United Service Lodge, No. 1361, for two successive years, 1889-90; P.Z. of the Anglo-American Chapter; founder of the Columbia Lodge; organiser and original member of the Empire Lodge; Prince and Grand Councillor of the Secret Monitor; Life Governor of two Charities—Boys' and Girls'; the honoured recipient of the Centenary Jewel of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, U.S. Bro. Dr. Wedgwood was installed as Eminent Preceptor on Friday, the 17th ultimo, in Kemeys Tynte and Temple Crossing Preceptory of Knights Templar; was presented with a gold seal, a unique image of a Knight Templar, by Sir Knight Wellcome. Bro. Dr. Wedgwood is as much an Englishman as an American, having resided in England for the past 26 years. His father was a descendant from the famous Staffordshire Woodwards, and a relative, through marriage, to the elder Darwin. In the early days of the Civil War in the United States, not wishing to take part in the internecine strife, he gave his services in the organisation of the scouts and guides to protect the emigrants crossing the Rocky Mountains, the regulars of the U.S. army having been withdrawn from the outlying posts on the frontier. Our brother—then a youth, just having left his *Alma Mater*—was given a commission as assistant surgeon, and his experiences of the journey to California was very exciting. After the corps had been disbanded in California, Bro. Dr. Wedgwood visited British Columbia, Oregon, Mexico, and *via* Panama, returned to New York. In 1890 he made a journey round the world by the way of America, visiting Honolulu, Japan, China, Straits Settlements, Ceylon, through the North-West of India, and returning by the central provinces. During his travels he visited many Masonic lodges, for Bro. Dr. Wedgwood is an enthusiastic Mason, and not many are better informed about the working of the lodges in different parts of the world.

Masonic and General Tidings.

OWING TO PRESSURE ON OUR SPACE, we are compelled to hold over till next week the Consecration of the Justitia Lodge, No. 2563; Consecration of the Highbury Mark Lodge, No. 485; and many other communications.

THE GROCERS' COMPANY have forwarded a donation of £100 towards the funds of the National Industrial Home for Crippled Boys, Kennington.

THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE occupied the chair at the annual dinner in behalf of the Royal Asylum of St. Ann's Society, Redhill. The Society maintains and educates 388 children, and is in every way worthy of support. The subscriptions, including 70 guineas from the Chairman, amounted to £1900.

BRO. DR. LIONEL WEATHERLY, writing from Bailbrook House, Bath, wishes us to state that, as it is impossible for him to individually thank all those who have so kindly inquired for him during his recent severe illness, he trusts they will allow him to convey his very sincere thanks to them through the medium of this paper.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and her children, and the Princesses Alexandra and Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, left Windsor Castle on Tuesday evening for the north, arriving at Balmoral the evening of the following day. Her Majesty will probably remain in Scotland till the 18th or 20th inst., and then return to Windsor.

THE SPRING GENERAL MEETING of the National Rifle Association was held in the theatre of the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, on Monday, under the presidency of the Duke of Cambridge. His Royal Highness read the arrangements which the Executive Committee had made for the meeting at Bisley, which will be opened on Monday, the 8th July.

THE ANNUAL SALE OF WORK in aid of the inmates of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, West Hill, Putney Heath, will be held at the Hospital on the 11th, 12th, and 13th inst. between 2 and 7 p.m. The Marchioness of Londonderry has very kindly arranged to open the sale on the opening day at 2.30 p.m. The Hospital well, deserves all the support which it can obtain through this and other means.

COMPLIMENTARY.—The recent printed report of the foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the State of West Virginia, U.S., says of Dr. Graham's Outlines of the History of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec, that "it ranks among the most valuable contributions to Masonic history and literature that have appeared during the present century, and will be most highly prized by all Masonic students."

IN REFERENCE TO THE BRINTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1949, which meets at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., we are desired to state no meeting will be held on Tuesday next, the 4th inst., but on Tuesday, the 11th inst., the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by the Preceptor, Bro. Geo. R. Langley, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D. Middx. The usual monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association will be held after the lodge is closed.

THE NEW WARSHIP TERRIBLE, the largest and most powerful cruiser ever built, was successfully launched from the yard of Messrs. J. and G. Thompson at Clyde Bank, on Monday. The vessel is 538 feet in length, 500 feet between the perpendiculars, 71 feet broad, and her displacement is 14,250 tons. Special attention has been paid to speed, and she is expected to make 22 knots, with an average continuous sea speed of 20 knots. There was a vast crowd of spectators to witness the launch, which was very successful, the ceremony of christening being performed by Lady Overtoun.

THE WELL-KNOWN saloon steamer, La Marguerite, which carried many thousands of pleasure seekers from London to Boulogne and back daily during the summer of 1894, will commence running to-morrow (Saturday), and the managing owners have entered into a contract with the celebrated refreshment contractors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond, to cater for this steamer for the summer season of 1895, as well as for their other steamers, the Koh-i-noor and Royal Sovereign, which will run to Margate, Ramsgate, Clacton, and other ports on the Suffolk and Norfolk Coast. We understand that Messrs. Spiers and Pond will inaugurate a novel feature in connection with these boats by serving a popular afternoon tea daily in the saloon of the steamers.

THE EMPIRE OF INDIA EXHIBITION at Earl's Court, was formally inaugurated by the Duke of Cambridge on Monday. His Royal Highness was received by the directors, and having been conducted to the Ducal Hall, was presented with a gold and silver key with which to perform the ceremony. On arriving at the Queen's Court he was presented with an address, which he cordially acknowledged. His Royal Highness was afterwards conducted through the Exhibition buildings, inspecting with the deepest interest the relics of the East India Company, which include the dagger taken from the body of Tippoo Sahib, the Company's charters, &c., &c. It will be some time before the various courts and buildings will be in such a state of order that the public will be able to appreciate the Exhibition, but there are good grounds for anticipating that it will prove a great attraction.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING has very kindly undertaken to preside at a festival dinner, which will be held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, on Saturday, the 15th inst., in aid of the Annuity Fund of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, 15, Soho-square, W. The Association was formed in 1870 with a view to making some provision for deserving aged and infirm cabdrivers, and the special object of the approaching festival is to increase the amount of the annuity so as to allow of a number of aged worn-out, but deserving, cabmen to be selected as pensioners from the long list of candidates now awaiting election. We trust this most desirable object will be realised. Cabby is a good fellow, but he has a hard battle to fight in order to win the wherewith to maintain himself and his family, and we sincerely trust the advocacy of Bro. Sir H. Irving will have the effect of attracting an increased measure of support to this deserving Charity.

AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS was unable to hold the usual reception at the Foreign Office in honour of the Queen's birthday on Saturday last, Lady Tweedmouth, wife of the Lord Privy Seal, received the members of the Royal Family, the Diplomatic Corps, and a large general company, at her residence, Brook House, Park-lane; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, the Princess Louise, Marchioness and the Marquis of Lorne, Prince Henry of Battenberg, Prince Christian, the Shahzada Nasrulla Khan, and nearly all the foreign Ambassadors and Ministers. Among the general company were Bro. the Earl of Cork, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Onslow, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Yarborough, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Kintore, Bro. the Earl of Haddington, Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Herschell, Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Bro. Akers-Douglas, M.P., and Bros. Sir A. Borthwick, M.P., Sir T. Sutherland, M.P., Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., and Sir F. Lockwood, M.P.

THE GREAT Western Railway Company announce that on Saturday, June 1st, the first of the weekly excursions to Weston-super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Frome, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., will leave Paddington Station. Return tickets will also be issued on Saturdays to Guernsey and Jersey at 24s. 6d., available by the Boat Express leaving Paddington at 9.15 p.m. In July last year the Great Western Railway Company set the example of running weekly excursions to Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor, Carnarvon, Llanberis (for Snowdon), and other resorts in South Wales, and the popularity of these trains by the Great Western picturesque route was so great that it has this year been decided to run weekly excursions to this district every Saturday from the present time until the end of September. A special express excursion train will leave Paddington each Saturday at 8.10 a.m., and the cheap tickets will be available for return on the following Monday, Saturday, Monday week, Saturday week, or Monday fortnight.

THE END OF THE CENTURY draws near, and somehow the fact impresses one and makes one think. On the threshold, as it were of the twentieth century, we pause and take a glance back over the years that are gone. How much has happened during this now dying century! What wonders have been given to the world! The power and use of steam, the electric telegraph—these and many others are the discoveries of the nineteenth century. But that which will cause the closing century to stand out above all that have gone before and all that are to come, is the fact that in its earlier half was discovered a priceless blessing to mankind—those universal remedies—Holloway's Pills and Ointment.

THE '91 ART CLUB will hold their annual exhibition of members' works at the Egyptian Hall, about the end of June.

THE LONDON COMPANIES of the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps will be inspected by the Duchess of Teck, on Wimbledon Common, on Saturday next, the 8th inst.

BRO. HENRY LOVEGROVE claims to have done what no brother has previously done. He has attended every meeting of the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and the General Committee of Grand Chapter during the past official year.

THE COUNTESS OF RADNOR'S LADIES' STRING BAND will give an evening concert in the Queen's Hall, People's Palace, Bethnal Green, on Thursday, the 29th inst., on behalf of the Bethnal Green Free Libraries.

THE SURVIVING HEROES of the Lucknow garrison will commemorate the gallant resistance they offered to the mutineers in '57 by their annual banquet, at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 5th inst.

BRO. THE MARQUIS OF BREADALBANE, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, unveiled a statue in memory of the Marquis of Argyll, in St. Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Monday.

THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL were engaged at their meeting on Tuesday in preparing the address, which will be presented to the Shahzada Nasrulla Khan in a golden casket, on the occasion of his Highness's visit to the City.

THE DUKE OF YORK and the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales visited the Fine Art Society's Galleries on Tuesday in order to view the exhibition of pictures by the late Burton Barber, lent by her Majesty, and Mr. Phil May's drawings.

THE SHAHZADA NASRULLA KHAN visited the Queen at Windsor Castle on Monday. On reaching the Castle, his Highness was received at the Sovereign's entrance by the Duke of Connaught, by whom he was conducted into the Queen's presence in the Green Drawing Room.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. LIEUT.-GENERAL FEILDEN, M.P., took place at St. Mark's, Wilton, near Blackburn, on Monday, among those present to pay respect to the deceased officer being Bros. Viscount Wolseley, the Earl of Derby, and Sir Redvers Buller.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES and the Duke of Cambridge have accepted the invitation of the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Renals) to luncheon at the Mansion House, on Friday, the 14th inst., to meet the Duke of York (the Master), the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha (the late Master) and the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House.

THE OPENING MEET OF THE Coaching Club took place near the Magazine, Hyde Park, on Saturday last. There were present in all 29 coaches, or less by ten than last year's muster. After making the usual tour of the Park, a halt was called at Queen's Gate, when 16 coaches drove off to Hurlingham, where a party of over 120 sat down to luncheon.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, visited the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday afternoon, and witnessed with the greatest interest the Royal Military Tournament. The Royal Party were received by Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Colonel Onslow, and Colonel Tully, and met with a most enthusiastic reception.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Grenadier Guards, presided at the annual dinner of the First Guards Club, held at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday evening. Among those present were Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Bro. the Duke of Bedford, the Duke of Wellington, Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, the Earls of Harewood, Sandwich, and Sefton, Lord Chelmsford, and Bros. Lord E. H. Cecil, Lord Claud Hamilton, and Sir James Fergusson, Bart.

THE DUCHESS OF ABERCORN distributed the prizes, medals, and certificates won at the recent Food Cookery Exhibition, at St. James's Hall, on Saturday last. The gold medals offered by the Cooks' Company for artistic cookers and ordinary household duties were won by the National Training School and Mrs. Whyte respectively, and a gold medal was also awarded to Sergeant-Major Thompson, chief instructor of the Army School of Cookery, Aldershot, and a silver medal to Colour-Sergt. McMillon. Miss Helen Devitt took the County Council scholarship of ten guineas.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK honoured Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Zetland with her presence at dinner at their residence in Arlington-street on Monday. The Marchioness afterwards gave a small and early dance, at which the Duke of York was present. Her Royal Highness, during the afternoon of the same day, opened a new ward at the Chelsea Hospital for Women, among those who received her being Bro. Sir Algernon and Lady Borthwick. The Duchess visited all the wards at present occupied, and gave to each of the patients a bunch of choice flowers, which she had brought with her from the gardens of the White Lodge, at the same time addressing to each a few kind words of gentle sympathy.

THE CIVIL SERVICE VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS was inspected by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, at the Chelsea Barracks, on Saturday last, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of York, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud being present. When the marching past in various formations was over, the Prince presented those officers and men who were entitled to receive it with the long service Volunteer decoration. After congratulating the corps on its efficiency, the salute was given, and the Royal party left the ground. Col. Gascoigne having inspected the regiment, the corps returned to Somerset House. Out of a total strength of 778 officers and men, there were less than 20 absentees.

A LEVEE WAS HELD by command of the Queen by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at St. James's Palace on Monday afternoon, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, the Shahzada Nasrulla Khan, the Dukes of Connaught and York, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince Henry of Battenberg, and Princes Adolphus and Francis of Teck being present. The Gentleman-at-Arms were on duty under the command of the Earl of Chesterfield, and the Yeoman of the Guard under that of Bro. Lord Kensington. The Diplomatic and general circles were numerously attended, and a number of presentations were made, among them being Bros. Alderman Sir J. C. Dimsdale, Major-General Sir Charles Warren, and Sir Charles Rivers Wilson.

THE 88TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL in aid of the City of London Truss Society, 35, Finsbury-square, E.C., will be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Derry, V.P. The institution is in every way worthy of support. During the period it has been in existence, it has been the means of relieving upwards of half a million of the suffering poor of both sexes, the number so assisted in the year 1894 only being 10,033. A special appeal, however, is being made to the benevolent in respect of the approaching festival in consequence of the great expense recently incurred in enlarging the Society's premises, and we trust it will turn out when the day comes for its celebration that the urgent appeal has not been made in vain.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY, by means of their through working and booking arrangements from all parts of the country, are in a position to accept exhibits and goods for the various Agricultural Shows, and to afford quick transit for them by express goods trains from the West of England, the Midland, Eastern, and Southern Counties, Liverpool, Manchester, &c. Special express trains are also run by the company in direct connection with trains of the North-Eastern Company for conveyance of Show traffic to and from Darlington, where the Royal Agricultural Show will be held towards the close of this month, without change of vehicle. The following are the principal Shows during the present year to and from which the company will convey exhibits, viz.: The Bath and West and Southern Counties Show at Taunton, now in progress, and concluding on Monday, the 3rd inst.; the Nottingham Agricultural Society at Nottingham on Wednesday and Thursday next; the Wiltshire Agricultural Association at Andover on Thursday and Friday next; the Royal Counties Agricultural Society at Bournemouth from the 11th to the 14th instant; the Essex Agricultural Society at Southend-on-Sea, and the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association at Wadebridge on the 12th and 13th inst.; the Richmond (Surrey) Horse Show, Richmond, on the 14th and 15th; the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Agricultural Society at Worcester, on the 18th, 19th, and 20th; the North-East Agricultural Society of Ireland at Belfast, on the 20th and 21st; the Royal Agricultural Society of England at Darlington, on the 22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th; the Huntingdonshire Agricultural Society at St. Ives, on the 3rd July; the Doncaster Agricultural Society at Doncaster, on the 4th and 5th July; the Shropshire West Midland Agricultural Society at Shrewsbury, on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th July; and the Norfolk Agricultural Association at Wymondham, on the 4th and 5th July. Those shows which are to be held subsequently to the last dates will be announced in these columns in good time.