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## FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

On the 1st June, the *New Zealand Craftsman*, which, though we have seriously differed with it on important Masonic questions, has always been one of our most acceptable exchanges, entered upon a new series, and is now published by a new proprietary at Wellington, instead of Auckland, the former, we are told, being a centre from which it can be more conveniently circulated. Under the old régime it was issued in handy magazine form; under the new it is a newspaper. But, though it is changed in appearance, and has a new proprietary, its contents appear to be as carefully and judiciously edited, while its news of the Craft in the various districts is as ample as ever it has been. Indeed, the opening number is full of promise, and if it pursues the policy it has marked out for itself in the first article of the new series, it is certain to exercise a beneficial influence on the members of the different Constitutions in the Colony. It declares that "no effort will be spared not only to ensure that the *Craftsman* is a faithful and comprehensive record" of Masonic news from all parts, but likewise that it shall be "a healthy exponent of Masonic opinion in the Colony." It will remain, as heretofore, "the official organ of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand," but "it will not be conducted in any narrow or local spirit." Its great aim will be "to represent the Craft as a whole, and to protect the interests of Freemasonry, regardless of differences of Constitution." Its columns will be open to brethren of the Craft, irrespective of any difference in form of Government, and it appeals to the members of each Constitution "to meet us in the same broad and liberal spirit, by supplying us with information and using our columns to discuss Masonic matters and advance the common interests." Further than this, it says "on points of difference between the several Constitutions, we shall endeavour to maintain a just and impartial position while striving to bring about fraternal unity between all sections of the Craft in New Zealand," and it appeals to the "rulers and members" of the different Constitutions to render it "their earnest assistance in making the *New Zealand Craftsman* a thoroughly representative and useful Masonic journal." These, as we have said, are words of excellent promise, and we sincerely trust they will bear good fruit abundantly. New Zealand is unfortunately, one of the portions, we might almost say, the only portion, of the British Empire, in which the different Constitutions do not work together harmoniously, and the *Craftsman*, in its new form, will be doing a great and good work, for which it will deserve the thanks of the whole Masonic community, if, by carrying out the admirable policy it has proposed to itself, it in any way conduces to render the relations among "the rulers and members" of the several Constitutions more harmonious than they have been for the last half dozen years.

Having expressed the satisfaction we naturally experience on finding that "the official organ of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand" is actuated by such kindly intentions towards the several Constitutions in the Colony, we pass on to notice the remarks contained in its leading article, entitled "An Important Change," in which it discusses the scheme—which has already been submitted to our Grand Lodge, and at the Quarterly Communication in June last was referred back to the Board of General Purposes for further consideration—for the amalgamation of the Colonial Board with the Board of General Purposes. The former Board was constituted in 1856 for the express purpose of dealing with all questions affecting the lodges located in the various Colonies and British Possessions abroad. The new idea is to have one

General Board, which shall deal with all questions that may arise, whether they affect the interests of our Home or Colonial Masonry, a Committee of the said General Board being told off to look after and advise on Colonial matters, while the responsibility of recommending a particular course or policy will rest with the Board as a whole. We have said before, and we repeat it here, that it does not seem to us to be a matter of supreme consequence whether our Colonial Masonic affairs are looked after by a separate Board or by a Committee of a General Board. If the present arrangement is not found to work well, let it go by the board—N.B.: This is not intended as a joke; if it can be continued with advantage in an amended or modified form, then by all means let it be continued. The material point is to ensure that Colonial questions shall be dealt with in a broad and generous spirit, with a decided leaning, wherever possible, towards the unmistakable wishes—so far as they are found to be in harmony with the spirit of our Book of Constitutions—of our Colonial lodges. This is the spirit in which our laws are administered by Grand Lodge in relation to home questions, and what we are anxious to see is that the same spirit shall be brought to bear upon our Colonial administration. There are good men to be found who understand Colonial affairs; at all events, there are men who are prepared to treat them as we have just said we desire to see them treated, and if Grand Lodge will take care that only such men as these are elected upon the Boards as now separately constituted, or upon the single Board, which it is in contemplation shall take their place, we shall have no fear as to the relations that will exist in the future between Grand Lodge and the lodges in our Colonies which pay it obedience. We have already said that there are men of this character upon the present Boards, but it is notorious that there are also men upon them who are not qualified by their ability, tact, or knowledge either of home or Colonial affairs to deal with the many and various, and often delicate questions which are continually being submitted for their consideration. These are not the men who, to use an expression that has been much in vogue of late, can by any possibility be in touch with Colonial feeling. They do not know, or knowing, are unable to appreciate the hopes and aspirations by which English Masons in the Colonies are actuated. Let us have the right class of men elected on our Boards, and things will proceed smoothly and harmoniously.

But while we concede that there may be room for improvement in the constitution of our Board of General Purposes and Colonial Board, we still hold by the opinion we have expressed from the very outset of the New Zealand question in its present form, that the Craft in that Colony, or rather that section of it, which established the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, is responsible for the present inharmonious relations existing among the several Constitutions. A delay on their part till the brethren had become practically unanimous in their desire for independence would have prevented these deplorable dissensions which have existed for so long. However, it is not necessary, or indeed desirable, that we should traverse ground with which nearly every one must be familiar. A re-union of the Craft is possible, and, indeed, not improbable, provided only that those who are strong, and able, and influential enough to direct public Masonic opinion exhibit tact and judgment; and as our contemporary, the *New Zealand Craftsman*, seems determined to use its influence in promoting a kindly spirit among all sections of our New Zealand brethren, we are not without hope that sooner, rather than later, an end will be put to the present unsatisfactory condition of Freemasonry in the Colony. We sincerely trust our hopes may be realised.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Grays on the 17th inst., and was in every way a great success. The brethren of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1343, entered very heartily into the matter, and headed by their Worshipful Master, Bro. C. Westwood, with Bro. H. C. Borradaile as Secretary, did all in their power to render the occasion a red-letter day in the annals of the province. The Masonic Hall, where the meeting was held, was adorned with the banners of the various lodges, while the route from the station thereto was gay with bunting, and stretching across the road was a streamer with the sentiment, "Long live the Earl." The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Earl of Warwick, arrived at Grays Station from Easton Lodge at 1.30, accompanied by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. (Recorder of Colchester); Bros. Col. Lockwood, M.P.; Sir W. Neville Abdy, Bart.; Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.; Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; Claude E. Egerton-Green, W.M. 51, Prov. G. Treas. (Mayor of Colchester); and other distinguished brethren. The party were met at the station by Bro. Westwood, W.M. 1343, and the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. T. J. Ralling, and escorted to the place of meeting.

By 2.30 p.m., at which hour the business of the day commenced, the Masonic Hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and when Bro. the Earl of Warwick, accompanied by his officers, entered the hall they were greeted with the utmost cordiality.

The Prov. Grand Officers present were—

Bros. Sir W. Neville Abdy, Bart., S.G.W.; Edgar C. Wills, J.G.W.; the Rev. W. Linton Wilson, G. Chap.; Claude E. Egerton-Green (Mayor of Colchester), G. Treas.; Thos. J. Ralling, G. Sec.; F. A. Renshaw, J.G.D.; W. M. Butcher, G. Supt. of Wks.; A. Lucking, G.D.C.; G. W. King, D.G.D.C.; George Brown, G.S.B.; C. R. Finch, G. Std. Br.; Frederick Bevan, G. Org.; G. F. Golding, A.G.P.; and A. W. Martin, G. Tyler. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. Matthew Clark, P.G.D., P.P.D.G.M.; J. M. McLeod, P.P. S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; the Ven. the Archdeacon of Essex (Canon Stevens); the Rev. J. H. Smith, W.M. 1921, P.P.G. Chap. Leicestershire and Rutland; G. Corble, P.M. 453, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Humphreys, P.M. 1437, P.P. S.G.W.; W. Ernest Dring, P.M. 2318, P.P.S.G.D.; J. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Shedd, P.M. 276, P.P.G.R.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P. Eng.; G. H. Finch, P.M. 2006, P.P.J.G.W.; A. J. Manning, P.M. 437, P.P.J.G.D.; the Rev. J. P. Noyes, P.P.G. Chap.; F. H. Meggy, P.M. 270, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Wood, P.M. and Treas. 1000, P.P.S.G.W.; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S. G.D.; J. Boulton, P.M. 2442, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Francis, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. Bruton, P.M. and Sec. 2006, P.P.D.G.D.C.; Geo. Copus, P.M. 2154, P.P.G. S. of Wks.; R. D. Poppleton, P.M. 433, P.P.S.G.D.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. 433, P.P.S.G.D.; Wm. Shurmur, P.M. 2374, P.P.G. Treas.; M. W. Meade, P.M. 1977, Sec. 2342, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. H. Baily, P.M. 2006, P.P.J.G.W.; Francis A. White, P.M. 1437, P.P.G.R.; Geo. A. Eustace, W.M. 1977, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Sackett, P.M. 1343, P.P.J.G.D.; A. J. Arthy, P.M. 160, P.P.J. G.D.; Millner Jutsum, P.M. 2154; Gustavus Pratt, W.M. 2477; Captain McKenna; Warren Ellis, W.M. 650; Hy. Becker, S.W. and W.M. elect 51; J. P. Allen, P.M. 2063; C. E. Garrard, W.M. 2339; W. G. Synnot, P.M., Sec. 2339; W. Rooke Errington, J.W. 2154; Francis J. Carter, J.W. 1543; and many others.

The minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge, at Kelvedon, having been read and confirmed,

The PROV. G. SECRETARY stated that letters expressing regret at their inability to attend had been received from Bros. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Suffolk; Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk; Lord Amherst, P.G.M. Kent; Lord George Hamilton, P.G.M. Middx.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P. G.M. Suffolk; Hamon Le Strange, D.P.G.M. Norfolk; J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx.; J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Col. Lambert, P.G.S.B. Eng.; N. Tracy, Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk; G. W. Barnard, Prov. G. Sec. Norfolk; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec. Middx.; A. Durrant, P.P.G. Treas.; John Mann, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Sec.; R. Haward Ives, P.M. 51, P.P.A.G. Sec.; and others.

The roll of the lodges was called by the PROV. G. SECRETARY, and it was found that all were represented.

The report of the Board of General Purposes, a copy of which having been sent to each member of Prov. Grand Lodge, was taken as read, was presented by Bro. JOHN J. C. TURNER, P.P.S.G.W., Chairman of the meeting of the Board at which it was agreed to. This report showed that the accounts for the year had been audited, and that, after payment of all expenses, there was a balance in hand on the general account of £148 3s. 7d. and on the Charity account of £36 4s. 4d. The returns from the lodges showed the strength of the province to be 1877 against 1862 last year. The Board recommended the payment of the following grants: From the General Fund: A donation of 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; a like sum to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and five guineas to the funds of the Grays Elementary Schools. From the Charity Fund: A donation of 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The report also contained a suggestion that in future there should be a cold luncheon before the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge in preference to a hot banquet in the middle of the afternoon.

Some discussion ensued upon the last paragraph, and eventually it was decided that the question should be left to the entertaining lodge.

The report was then adopted, and it was decided that the portrait to be inserted in the next calendar should be that of Bro. John J. C. Turner.

The report of the Charity Committee was presented, and showed that during the year two girls, two boys, and two widows had been elected in the respective Institutions.

The report was adopted, a special vote of thanks being passed to the Charity representatives for the excellent work they had done.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren, referring to the pleasure he felt at meeting them at these anniversary gatherings when they were, with himself, actuated by the one desire that Freemasonry should be prosperous in the province and that the greatest amity and cordiality should exist amongst them. The years during which he had had the honour of being at the head of the Order in Essex were telling up, and each year he felt, if possible, more thankful for the cordial and kind support they always gave him and more proud of the position of the Order in Essex. Referring

to the report of the Board of General Purposes, his lordship said that though the returns did not show a very large increase in the number of members, it was satisfactory that in these hard times there was no decline. He was glad they were able to give such good grants to the Charities and to maintain generally their support to those noble Institutions. He found that during the past year the province had contributed about £1000 to the funds of the three great Charities. About one half of this had gone to the Boys' School, but he hoped that the authorities of the other Institutions would not think they wished to support one Charity at the expense of the others, as he believed it would be found that taking one year with another the average would show that they had endeavoured to give equal liberal support to all of them. In conclusion his lordship expressed his great regret that the Secretary of the lodge under whose auspices they were met was prevented by illness from being present. He felt sure he was expressing all their wishes when he said he trusted that Bro. Cobham's restoration to health might be speedy and complete.

The next business was the election of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year. There were six nominations for the four vacancies, and on a ballot being taken the following were elected, viz., Bros. W. E. Dring, Rev. Thomas Lloyd, W. D. Merritt, and J. J. C. Turner.

For the post of Prov. Grand Treasurer there was but one nomination, Bro. Nathaniel Fortescue, P.M. 2374, and he was unanimously elected.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then announced, amidst hearty applause, that Bro. F. A. Philbrick had kindly assented to continue to act as his Deputy, and he heartily thanked him for the great assistance he was in the work of the province. His lordship then appointed and invested his officers for the year as under:

Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P., W.M. 2504 ...	Prov. S.G.W.
" F. S. Guy, I.P.M. 1343 ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. F. Haslock, Chap. 1343 ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Millner Jutsum, P.M. 2154 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, (19th year)	
P.A.G.D.C. Eng. ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. G. S. Manning, P.M. 2006 ...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" R. Kershaw, W.M. 2374 ...	
" Harold Francis, P.M. 51 ...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" F. Lubbock Jermyn, I.P.M. 2005 ...	
" J. J. Briginshaw, P.M. 2256 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lucking, P.M. 1000 (22nd year), P.G.P. Eng.	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. G. Hammond, I.P.M. 2184 ...	Prov. D.G.D. of C.
" A. F. Lay, P.M. 2501 ...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" Robt. Pitt, W.M. 433 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" S. Winter Parker, P.M. 650 ...	Pro. G. Std. Brs.
" W. A. S. Staley, I.P.M. 2442 ...	
" J. G. Wingrove, Org. 1343 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. Williams, P.M. 276 ...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Carter Wood, I.P.M. 1734 ...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Starling, P.M. 2063 ...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Chas. Westwood, W.M. 1343 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. N. Watson, I.P.M. 697 ...	
" C. W. Randall, I.P.M. 1799 ...	
" F. J. Cumine, W.M. 1000 ...	
" S. Pricor, W.M. 1817 ...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" F. W. Pelling, S.W. 1343 ...	
" A. W. Martin ...	

Bro. F. S. Guy, Prov. J.G.W., was elected a member of the Charity Committee in the place of Bro. J. H. Vaux, deceased.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the brethren of the local lodge for the excellent arrangements they had made for the reception of Prov. Grand Lodge. If they had been "popular candidates," the town could not have looked more gay, and he felt sure that all must have devoted considerable time and labour to the work of preparation.

Bro. Col. LOCKWOOD, M.P., S.G.W., said he did not know anything about "popular candidates," but he should be pleased to second the vote of thanks.

The resolution having been carried by acclamation,

Bro. C. WESTWOOD, W.M. 1343, thanked the brethren for their kind acknowledgment of the efforts they had made to render the day's proceedings a success.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER having announced that the meeting next year would be held at Maldon, the proceedings ended.

About 140 brethren subsequently dined together in the National Schools, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

## SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT TO THE MASONIC ANNUITANTS AT CROYDON.

The annual summer entertainment to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution who are resident at the buildings at Croydon was given this year on Wednesday, the 17th inst., and the popularity of this endeavour of Bro. James Terry, the Sec., to add a joy to the aged people in their days of rest was testified by an increased number of visitors who accepted his generous invitation to be present on the occasion. The party was favoured by lovely weather, and on the arrival of the brethren and ladies they were able to enjoy themselves in the pretty grounds of the Institution. They all met with a most cordial reception by Bro. Terry, who had gone down by an earlier train to complete the arrangements, with his lieutenant, Bro. J. G. Stevens. The gardens, notwithstanding the long-continued drought, were in beautiful condition, and the flowers, of which there was an abundance, looked none the worse for lack of water. The buildings were also in fine order, and evidenced the constant care and attention which are bestowed by the Committees and the office-bearers of the Institution in keeping them in a proper state of repair. The company arrived on the ground shortly after four p.m., and were highly gratified at finding that Bro. George E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., was Chairman of the day.

There were some 60 ladies and brethren in the party, and among them were—

Mrs. E. J. Guy, Mrs. Hubbert, Mrs. A. E. Ayres, Mrs. Clara Cook, Bro. W. H. Hubbert, Bro. G. E. Fairchild, Miss M. Metcalfe, A. A. Pool, Miss J. Stoddart, Bro. Robert Manuel, Bro. J. Aldis and Mrs. Aldis, Mrs. Newton, Bro. Charles and Mrs. Kempton, Bro. W. H. Purkiss, Bro. Alex. Mullord and Mrs. Mullord, Bro. E. J. Arning, Mrs. and Miss Anning, Bro. John Newton, G.P., Mrs. Newton, and Misses F. and Clara Newton, Bro. R. H. Blatchford, E. Hetherington, George F. Cook, Phillip Woodman, Bro. George J. and Mrs. North, Bro. A. H., Mrs., and Miss Hickman, John Woodman, Bro. Hugh Cotter, and Misses Harriet and Annie Cotter, Miss Kate Terry, Bro. James Terry, jun., Mrs. Gertrude Terry, Bro. C. H. Webb, Bro. Charles Frederick Hogard, Bro. Dr. H. J. Strong, Miss Aida Crutch, Miss Cecilia Crutch, Bro. H. Massey and Misses Charlotte and Ellen Massey, and Mr. A. T. Faull and Mrs. Faull.

A very tasteful tea was provided in the large hall, and the company sat down to it under the presidency of Bro. Fairchild, who, with the assistance of Bros. Terry, John Newton, G.P., and J. G. Stevens, took care that there should be no want of cheerfulness to encourage the numerous ladies who took charge of the tea and coffee urns. Tea over, the room was prepared for the evening entertainment, while the ladies and brethren paid their customary visits to the annuitants.

The evening's entertainment consisted of performances by the Royal Criterion Hand Bell Ringers and Glee Singers, the conductor of which corps is Bro. Harry Tipper, A.G.P., whose services are always at the disposal of any of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Tipper was assisted by Miss F. E. Tipper, R.C.M., Bro. Brittain, and Messrs. Ryall and Belton. The annuitants expressed themselves as very much pleased with the entertainment, which lasted for two hours, an interval being allowed for providing the company with wine, cake, and fruit. At the conclusion of the entertainment,

Bro. FAIRCHILD made a happy little speech, asking the party to agree with him in thanking Bro. Harry Tipper and his company for performing and causing the annuitants and others to spend a pleasant evening, and also to agree in acknowledging the services of Bro. Terry, who was the originator of the summer and winter entertainments to the Old People.

Bro. HARRY TIPPER very briefly replied to the ready acquiescence of the visitors and annuitants in the remarks of Bro. Fairchild with reference to the musical performance, and

Bro. TERRY gave some instructive facts in the course of his remarks, acknowledging Bro. Fairchild's observations with respect to the position he, as Secretary of the Institution, occupied. First, he said, he was the oldest of all the Masonic officials, having first entered the services of the Benevolent Institution 31 years ago. In those 31 years great changes had taken place. When he was first collector of the Institution, there were comparatively few annuitants, and the Institution distributed among them only £1800 a year. At the present time the amount paid in annuities was over £16,000 a year. Thirty-one years ago the annuitants received—the women from £15 to £24 a year each; the men from £16 to £26 each. Now they were receiving—the women £32 a year each, and the men £40. Of course, the increase in the amount of money received and paid away entailed an increase of official work, but from that work he had never flinched, as he had his heart in it, and if he could in any way assist the brethren in their endeavours to make the latter days of aged brethren and ladies more happy and enjoyable than they otherwise would be, it was a labour of love to him, and they could always rely on his aid. He himself had also to thank Bro. Tipper for his services; it was not the first time Bro. Tipper had contributed to the entertainment of the old people in that Institution, and whenever asked he had most readily consented. Bro. Terry hoped that they would have many more such enjoyable meetings. The next entertainment in regular course would be on New Year's Day, 1896, and he hoped that the brethren and ladies would rally round him on that occasion, and pass a very pleasant day.

The company returned to town between nine and ten, after spending a very pleasant day.

### THE SOCIAL ENJOYMENTS OF MASONRY.

Some brethren enjoy the Craft most for one reason and some for another, but all delight in the unparalleled social features of the Fraternity. It is evident that we all meet on the level there. Some of us may be students and scholars, some profound thinkers, some forcible speakers, but all are enamoured of the Fraternal characteristics, which in reality makes every assemblage of Freemasons a band or society of friends and brothers.

Not more quickly is the electric current communicated by good conductors, than the Fraternal current is when one brother clasps another brother by the hand. There is something in that hand-clasp which instantly indicates mutual friendship, esteem, respect, and love.

It is because of this outcome of Masonic fellowship that Freemasons love so often to "meet upon the level and part upon the square."

A Masonic meeting is a sort of inspiration. We find there our other self, our double, and many of them. No one so readily as a Freemason can put himself in another's place—in his brother's place. The secret of this is the profound sympathy which exists between and among all of those who have been "brought to light." In the language of Bro. David Garrick,

"A fellow feeling makes one wondrous kind."

The beauty of the social enjoyments of the Craft is that they take so many forms; their name is legion.

The meeting with a brother on the street is not like a meeting with a profane. It does not require the presence of the mystic surroundings of the lodge room to make us sensible of the power of Freemasonry.

Any spot on earth is holy ground where we meet a Mason.

While it is true that Freemasonry travels around the globe in the persons of its initiates, and thus find a link in the mystic claim in every land and clime, it is also true that the Mystic Tie is strongest and most highly appreciated when brethren meet within the recesses of a tiled lodge. There we are separate from the world. There envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness are excluded. There the banner over us is love. There we may open our hearts to each other. There we may share our joys and divide our sorrows. There we may behold the entering, passing and raising of candidates, thus living over again our own experience. There—but who is able to enumerate all of the enjoyments of the lodge room, all of the privileges

of Craftsmen, all of the pleasures which flow from "harmonising in the light" with our brethren?

Freemasonry not only has sociability but conviviality with which to regale its members. Indeed, a vein of this conviviality accompanies a Freemason wherever he goes through the world.

Two brethren meeting anywhere away from home, at once form a sort of lodge of their own, and have both labour and refreshment.

But the refreshment which refreshes most is that which is found at the banquet board.

Who shall detail the pleasures which are incident to a Masonic meeting when our legs are "under the mahogany?" It is a species of table whether a Table Lodge be formally opened or not. There is Masonic abandon and good humour attending all the proceedings. Every one in advance has made up his mind to enjoy himself and he does it to repletion. The hours are all too short for his use. He would like to set the clock back, to have the moon stand still. He would be glad to lengthen the nights out into days, and the days into years. This is the best possible evidence of his supreme satisfaction while mingling with his brother Masons.

Eye to eye, hand to hand, heart to heart, with a Mystic Tie uniting every brother to every other brother, who shall be able ever to sever this fraternal chain? Shall anti-Masons, of whatever stripe or name; shall Papal bull or Protestant protest? Not if genuine fellowship continues among Craftsmen. Not unless Freemasonry degenerates into a mere name. Not if brotherly love permeates ever, as now, the Brotherhood.

Freemasonry has no standing army or navy, no material bulwarks to protect it; all sufficient is its shield of honest hearts, of humane purposes, of desire to honour the Great Architect of the Universe, and diffuse good will among Freemasons of all mankind.—*The Keystone*.

### LAYING OF A FOUNDATION-STONE AT CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

On Saturday, the 20th inst., the corner-stone of the new south transept of St. Clement's Church was laid with Masonic rites. The church itself, which replaced a very ancient structure, was built some 35 years ago. A north transept was afterwards added, and the addition, of which the corner-stone was laid on Saturday, is a replica of it.

It will provide accommodation for something over 100 worshippers, and will cost to complete about £1500, of which amount £1000 has been subscribed or promised, and it is hoped that the balance will soon be forthcoming. The Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, Prov. Grand Master of West Lancs., had undertaken to perform the ceremony, but he was unexpectedly called to Windsor to discharge his duties as Lord Chamberlain on the occasion of the leave-taking of the Shahzada, and his place was taken by Bro. Robert Wylie, Dep. Prov. G. Master of West Lancs.

At half-past three o'clock a special Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Masonic Hall, Bro. Wylie being assisted by Bros. Captain J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas. Eng., as acting Deputy; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.P.G.W., as S.W.; J. W. Maclure, M.P., S.G.D. Eng.; Wm. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; R. White, P.G.D.C.; R. G. Bradley, P.P.G.D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.G. Org.; Charles Cooper, Prov. G. Purst.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; and J. Christian, P.G. S. of W.

There was a large attendance of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers of West Lancs., E. Lancs., and Cheshire, and members of various lodges. A procession was formed, which, headed by an excellent band, marched to the church. The route was lined with spectators, and the churchyard was also filled. The clergy present included the Dean of Manchester (Dr. Maclure), the Rev. Canon Birley, and the Rev. R. S. Stoney, Vicar of Wrea Green, P.G. Chap.

The Rev. E. F. THOMAS, rector of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, and Chairman of the Building Committee, requested the D.P.G.M. to perform the significant office which, he said, they had assembled to celebrate.

The D.P.G.M. explained that it had been postponed consequent on the General Election, which had upset many of their arrangements, and which, he regretted to say, explained the absence of Lord Egerton of Tatton, who had been a munificent contributor to the present erection, and who had just conveyed the site for ever for the use of the church and the parishioners. Sir W. Cunliffe Brooks was absent from the same cause, he having had to vote in Aberdeen on the previous day, and in the Prestwich division that day. They had also to deplore, owing to a serious illness from which he had recently suffered, the absence of one of their warmest friends, Mr. James Lowe. The addition which they were now about to make would complete the church, which had not yet been consecrated. The work of completion was associated with the name of their late rector, the Rev. J. E. Boothe, who had long desired that it should be carried out, but had not lived to see the fulfilment of his hopes.

Bro. J. W. MACLURE, M.P., in the absence of Mr. J. Lowe, presented to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master a silver trowel with which to lay the corner-stone.

The DEAN OF MANCHESTER said that, on his own behalf and on that of the Cathedral Chapter, who were the patrons of the living, he had great pleasure in being present at the ceremony, which, he hoped, was a happy augury of the extension, in the very best sense of the word, of church feeling and sympathy in that now very important parish.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to lay the stone in accordance with Masonic ritual.

With the able superintendence of Bro. John Christian, P.G.S. of W., a phial containing coins, &c., was placed in a cavity beneath it, and a plate affixed to it bearing an inscription recording the circumstances under which the work was performed.

Mr. W. Higginbottom presented the plans, and the service was proceeded with.

At the close an offertory was taken in aid of the Building Fund, and the sum of over £40 was the result, and the Masonic verses of the National Anthem were sung.

The Masonic procession was then re-formed, and a return was made to the Masonic Hall, where the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The success of the proceedings was marred to some extent by rain, which fell heavily during the afternoon.

### LODGE NAMES.

At present there are, or were at the end of 1894, 2107 lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. The numbers go up to 2538, but 431 have been removed from the register. Of this number some have been erased, but not many. Grand Lodge is very long-suffering, and lodges have been known to escape obliteration which have not sent in returns for even 30 years. By far the larger number, however, some 400 in fact, have transferred their allegiance to foreign Constitutions; 431 lodges make a gap in a total of 2538, and many brethren think the time has come for re-numbering, and possibly when the New Zealand Grand Lodge and the proposed Grand Lodge of South Africa are accomplished facts, it will be done. Of those now on the register, there were 320 in existence at the beginning of the present century, two of which are described as having existed from time immemorial. These historic lodges are Antiquity, No. 2, and Royal Somerset House and Inverness, No. 4. The Grand Stewards and Grand Masters may be described as being official lodges; 411 are described as London lodges, 1251 as country, and 445 as foreign. During the last 20 years very nearly a 1000 lodges have been added to the roll, the number added during the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales being 1100, whilst of late years the increase has been remarkable. In 1894 the number of new lodges warranted was 39, in 1893 it was 43, in 1892 it was 35, in 1891, 29, in 1890, 43, and in the Jubilee year it rose to 49. A new lodge a week will soon be the rule.

Among other things that have to be decided upon when a new lodge is formed, is its name. The brethren rightly think that the choice of a name will indicate the character of the lodge, at least they did in days gone by, and a glance at the register is interesting as showing what qualities were most admired. Twenty-five lodges rejoice in the name of Unity and nine in that of Unanimity, which is the same thing, or 34 in all. There are 20 lodges Friendship, 14 Harmony, 11 Fidelity, 10 Hope, nine each Industry, Perseverance, and Faith, eight Prudence, seven each Fortitude, Loyalty, Benevolence, Philanthropy, and Concord, six each Charity and Sincerity, five each Peace, Emulation, and Honour, four Temperance, three each Antiquity, Truth, and Virtue, two each Probity, Sympathy, Love, Fraternity, Integrity, Rectitude, Stability, Equality, Tranquillity, Goodwill, and Justice, and one each Felicity, Prosperity, Economy, Freedom, Relief, Courage, Regularity, Obedience, Confidence, Hospitality, Affability, Candour, and Independence. These are 266 in all, of which only 85 have been warranted since 1856, whilst the number of new lodges warranted in the same period is 1972.

A large number of these lodges combine two or more of the above attributes, and in these cases the first only has been considered, e.g., Faith, Hope, and Charity, Virtue and Honour, Independence with Philanthropy, Probity and Freedom and many others. Some combinations such as the last named seem to be far-fetched, and the lodges in question being ancient, one is disposed to wonder whether they represent two lodges which have gone into partnership. Again a large number of these lodges emphasise the various virtues which they illustrate, by some adjective or another, e.g., Universal Charity, True Friendship, Semper Fideles, Brotherly Love, Perfect Unanimity, Perpetual Friendship.

Some again present curious combinations only to be explained by the partnership theory, e.g., Fortitude and Old Cumberland. The fact before mentioned, that out of the 266 lodges thus named, only 85 have been warranted during the last 40 years, points of course to the fact that this system of nomenclature have had its day. Whether it is that it is considered pharisaical to advertise virtues in such a manner or whether Masons are not so distinguished by Humility, Generosity, Probity, Temperance, &c., as they used to be, we know not.

In the absence of reference to public and domestic virtues, the next best thing seemed to be, in the opinion of our forefathers, to celebrate the name of some great man. Thus Shakspeare, Milton, Burns, Pythagoras, Socrates, Clive, Nelson, Wellington and some 35 other heroes have their name and recollection enshrined in the names of the 46 lodges thus distinguished. It might also be reasonably expected that past and present Grand Masters would not be overlooked, and thus some nine lodges are dedicated to the Duke of Sussex, 14 to the Earl of Zetland, four to the Marquis of Ripon, and no less than 28 to the Prince of Wales, the present M.W.G.M. In 1893 Lodge Rose of Denmark was warranted with every suitable relevance, and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales stood godmother to eight other lodges about the same period. Her Majesty has also excited a certain amount of Masonic enthusiasm, 13 lodges bearing her name. Our forefathers showed a certain amount of wisdom in selecting their prototypes. In these days we run to an extreme. A lodge is founded which its promoters trust will last for ever, and it is straightway called the Smith, Jones, or Robinson lodge as the case may be, quite irrespective of any claims to celebrity or even more than the merest local and temporary recognition, that the person thus honoured may possess. On Grand Lodge register, no less than 570 lodges bear the names of various individuals, or more than a quarter of the whole number now working. As already shown, 46 are really illustrious names, and 75 bear names at all events historic, and the remaining 450 are of the Smith, Jones, and Robinson type. The persons thus commemorated may have merited the esteem and goodwill of those about them, but it seems hard upon posterity, which, after all, has never done us any harm, to burden it with the payment of our debt of gratitude. In the Madras Presidency, out of Craft and other lodges, no less than 18 bear the name of some individual or another, who, but for such casual distinction, would have been casually lost to memory.

We remember a son of the Past District Grand Master who gave his name to a Madras lodge, writing to the W.M. of that lodge, explaining that his mother was in a state of helpless indigence, and asking if the lodge in question could help him with a loan of £5. But we regret to say the letter extorted no other feeling than that of indignation at the presumption displayed by the writer.

One great danger of this practice, is that if the party concerned be still living, he may "break his record" and cause that lodge to regret its name, and request to be erased, and it is a rule of many Grand Masters not to grant a warrant to any lodge bearing the name of a living person.

The next most fashionable names are those having reference to some local circumstance, generally the name of the town, or the river on which it is situated, or some circumstance which has conferred celebrity upon it.

Peveril of the Peak, is situated in the district wherein the events of that story are cast; St. Hilda, near the convent of that name; Rock, at Trichinopoly; The Three Graces, at Haworth, might have had reference to the three sisters Brontë, but for the date of the warrant; Cotswold, at Cirencester, refers, of course, to the neighbouring hills; Homer, at Smyrna, the poet's reputed birth-place. The Liverpudlians are quite right in honouring Neptune, and Lodge Gooch could nowhere be located with more propriety than at Swindon. Lodge King Harold is at Waltham, where the body of the dead hero was conveyed after his futile defence of the fortunes of England. Robin Hood is always connected with Nottingham. The Rose of Raby has a familiar sound to all who know Durham.

In many cases an old Roman name has been hunted out, either of the place itself or some general or another who made himself famous, so we have Camolodunum at Walton, Eboracum at York, Agricola also at York. Lodge Kerala at Calicut, Merlin at Pontypridd, the reputed birthplace of the bard Olifana at Ilkley, Cedewain at Montgomery, Hotspur at Newcastle, and Caradoc at Rhyl.

The Lord of the Manor, or some neighbouring historic property is often selected, e.g., Londesborough at Bridlington, Eastnor at Ledbury, Bute at Cardiff, Wentworth at Sheffield, Talbot at Swansea, Wharnclyffe at Penistone, Sir Watkin at Mold. There are many lodges sufficiently indicated by the names they bear, Chancery, Northern Bar, Argonauts, Cyclists, Old Westminster, Rifles, Grenadiers, Cycling and Athletic, Æsculapius, Galen, Telegraph Cable, Guildhall School of Music, Train Bands, and some 50 others that could be named which may be called class lodges. To our mind the formation of such is a mistake, and if the tendency increases it will make of Masonry a union, as it were of federal states. A Masonic lodge will become a club, visiting become difficult, and the purposes of Freemasonry be defeated.

There seems to be an all but total absence of real Masonic names. There are the Sun, Square and Compasses, The Perfect Ashlar and Keystone, and King Solomon, a Hiram, and one or two others. Lights and stars are common, especially in India, and more especially in the northern part. The Three Grand Principles—a favourite name—is an unfortunate nomenclature, as a young Mason naturally thinks of the Grand Master rather than Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. There is also a lodge in London called Quadratic.

Why a Craft lodge should be called Keystone is not quite clear, nor do we know what connection Apollo had with Masonry that so many lodges are dedicated to him. There is only one derivation, a Latin one, that occurs to us to account for Lodge Menturia, and had Ananias and Sapphira been Freemasons, we should expect them to have joined a lodge of that name.—*Indian Masonic Review*.

### THE ALNWICK RECORDS.

In the *Freemason* for January 21st, 1871, I gave a sketch of the volume of the Alnwick Lodge Records, the rules of which are of the year 1701, and the minutes begin in 1703. Before these, come the "Old Charges," which I had reproduced in my work on the subject in 1872.

Since then, renewed interest has been excited by the attention paid to this most important minute book, curious regulations, and valuable copy of the "Constitutions" by my friend Bro. R. F. Gould, in his "History of Freemasonry," issued by the late Bro. T. C. Jack, of Edinburgh, the well-known publisher; and as both of us have already made public the "Orders" of 1701, as well as certain of the Records, a strong desire has been expressed that the complete volume of Records should be reproduced *verbatim et literatim*.

When the lodge was first formed we cannot say, for as the Regulations are signed by quite a number of members in 1701, including the Master and Wardens, thus proving that it was not then a new organisation, the origin of the body may well be dated back to the seventeenth century. The first minute of 1703 gives no indication of any fresh formation into a lodge, and the complete copy of the "Old Charges" at the beginning of the book, suggests an operative basis originally of the lodge.

Many of the minutes are of considerable interest, especially one relating to orders for a Masonic procession in 1708-9, when the brethren were to appear "with their aprons on & Comon Square." This is a record of a peculiar character, and unlike any other known. The minutes run on to 1757, so that a good many years are covered from 1703.

The Rosicrucians of Newcastle-on-Tyne have undertaken the publication of this very interesting and important Masonic work, under the wing of their College, and, having succeeded so well with the "Newcastle College MS." of the "Old Charges," I feel assured their success will be as gratifying in respect to this new venture. In fact, the present volume is much more ambitious in character than the previous publication, for it includes a full facsimile of the manuscript Constitutions, as well as the Records, signatures of members, &c., and the extraordinary Orders from 1701 onwards, save some of the later minutes, which, however, are carefully printed with all the orthographical peculiarities of the originals. So that, either in facsimile or exact reproduction, every page of this precious volume is to be published for the information of Masonic students wherever dispersed.

These attractive features alone should lead to a ready sale of this special and important publication, but there are other additional and weighty reasons why Masonic students generally, and lodges for their libraries, should secure copies of this artistic volume. There is a full *Glossary* and copious *Notes* by Bros. F. F. Schnitger and William Davidson (the joint Editors), of which I can speak most favourably; for the explanations of the obsolete and peculiar words in the "Old Charges," and the "Orders," Minutes, &c., are both interesting and accurate, and the Notes and Commentary on the Minutes furnish admirable reading. They also prove how thorough has been the examination of these Records by my friends.

I have written an Introduction, by desire of the Newcastle College, just as for the first Reproduction, and have done my best, in a short compass, to indicate the precise value of these old, curious, and unrivalled minutes and regulations belonging to the most ancient Lodge yet traced in England, whose Records are still preserved. The work will be published *almost at once* at one guinea per copy, order forms being obtained from Bro. F. F. Schnitger, 24, Shakespeare-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

W. J. HUGHAN.



## PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF KENT AND SURREY.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Priory of Kent and Surrey was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Monday, the 8th inst., when there was a large attendance, and the proceedings were unusually interesting from the fact of the installation of the newly-appointed Provincial Prior, the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, being appointed to take place on the same occasion.

The meeting was held under the banner of the Temple Court Preceptory (of which Lord Onslow is a member), which held a meeting of its own for the inception of several candidates, followed by a Priory of Malta, prior to the provincial meeting.

The Very Eminent Great Sub-Prior of England and Wales, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, who had intended to install the Earl of Onslow, was unavoidably detained at the last moment by family illness, and the Provincial Prior of East Anglia, Sir Knight Captain Philips, very kindly undertook the duty at the last moment, assisted by Sir Knight the Rev. H. Cummings, P.G.P. Eng.

The usual business of Provincial Priory was transacted under the presidency of the Eminent Provincial Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Horatio Ward.

The minutes were confirmed, and the accounts passed. Sir Knight BATEMAN, Prov. Treasurer, stated he had held the combined office of Treasurer and Registrar for eight years, and wished to be relieved of one of them.

A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Sir Knight Bateman for his past services.

Sir Knight Col. Bircham was elected Prov. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Installing Officer, Sir Knight Captain Philips, was then received under the arch of steel, accompanied by the Grand Officers, including Sir Knights R. Loveland Loveland, G. Chancellor; F. Richardson, P.G.M.; C. F. Matier, K.C.T.; C. Belton, K.C.T.; Col. Cook, P.G.C.; Rev. H. Cummings, P.G.P.; and others, and having assumed the throne, proceeded to install the Provincial Prior nominate, according to the interesting and elaborate ritual practised on such occasions. After proclamations and salutes,

The new PRIOR addressed the knights, first thanking the Installing Officer for his able performance of the ceremonial, and then referred in feeling terms to the lamented decease of his predecessor, the able and respected Col. Noel Money, and assured the members of Provincial Priory of his interest in the Order, and that he intended to do all in his power to promote its interests.

The Prov. Prior then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Sir Knight Horatio Ward	...	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" Rev. H. Cummings	...	...	Prov. Prelate.
" A. H. Bowles	...	...	Prov. Chancellor.
" Gen. Cuming	...	...	Prov. Constable.
" Col. Bircham	...	...	Prov. Treasurer.
" A. H. Bateman	...	...	Prov. Registrar.
" B. R. Bryant	...	...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
" S. J. Brice	...	...	Prov. Almoner.
" H. J. Sturgeon	...	...	Prov. Herald.
" B. A. Smith	...	...	Prov. Std. Brs.
" R. T. Wheeler	...	...	
" R. J. Voisey	...	...	Prov. P. Banner Br.
" J. Dimsdale	...	...	Prov. Swd. Br.
" W. Briant	...	...	Prov. Capt. of Guard.

Frater Harrison was elected and invested as Provincial Guard.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, the Provincial Priory and the Temple Court Preceptory were closed.

Sir Knight J. Read, P.A.G.D.C., kindly officiated as Organist, and amongst those present, in addition to the Grand and Provincial Officers already mentioned, were Sir Knights F. Lawrence, P.G.H. Eng.; Gen. Hay, V.C.; R. Clout, R. J. Emmerson, P.G.P.B.B. Eng.; F. W. Wright, Frank Williams, J. Richmond-Parry, J. G. Dundas, A. G. Patterson, H. H. Parry, J. G. Kirchheffer, R. Clowes, and G. E. Todd.

At the conclusion of the business, the sir knights dined together under the presidency of the Provincial Prior, the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, the banquet being exceedingly well served by the host of the Bridge House Hotel, Sir Knight Pearce.

We understand a new preceptory is being formed in the province, to meet at Blackheath, several well-known and influential members of the Order being founders. Particulars may be obtained of the Provincial Registrar, Bro. A. H. Bateman, "Amberley," Rosenthal-road, Catford, S.E.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ORIENT MARK LODGE, No. 482, SHANGHAI.

The 20th May will be celebrated in the annals of Freemasonry in Shanghai as the date of consecration of the first lodge of Mark Master Masons working under the English Constitution. The new lodge, which has taken for its name the Orient, and which is numbered on the roll of the Grand Lodge No. 482, owes its origin mainly to the exertions of Bro. F. M. Gratton, Past Master of the Northern Lodge of China, who took the opportunity of a short visit to England last year to make the preliminary arrangements. These having been completed, and the charter having arrived, in due course arrangements were made to celebrate the consecration of the new lodge with all due éclat. Some 35 members of the Order, including visitors from the sister lodges, assembled at nine o'clock at the Masonic Hall to take part in the ceremony. This was performed by Bro. Cornelius Thorne, Past District Grand Master of English Craft Freemasonry in Northern China, acting under dispensation from the Grand Mark Lodge. The ceremony was performed in a peculiarly able manner, the brethren being much struck with the character of the rite.

After the lodge had been declared open and legally authorised to confer the Degree, Bro. R. J. Sloan, P.M., took the chair and proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. F. M. Gratton, whom the brethren saluted with the honours of the Degree.

Bro. Gratton afterwards proceeded to invest the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. I. Miller, S.W.; J. H. P. Parker, J.W.; L. Moore, M.O.; D. Hay, S.O.; A. W. Danforth, J.O.; C. Thorne, Chap.; R. S. Ivy, Treas.; T. W. Kingsmill, R. of M.; G. R. Wingrove, S.D.; and R. B. Allen, D.C.

After a number of complimentary speeches from the representatives of the lodges of the other Constitutions the meeting was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a supper, which they found laid out in the Banqueting Hall.

"The Health of Bro. Gratton" was subsequently drunk with all the honours.

The brethren separated shortly after midnight.

The following are the founders of the new lodge, namely, Bros. R. B. Allen; N. P. Andersen, P.M.; A. W. Danforth, P.M.; J. Fryer, P.D.S.G.W. of N.C.; F. M. Gratton, P.D.S.G.W. of N.C.; G. de Gunzburg; D. Hay, P.D.G. Treas. of J.; R. S. Ivy, D.G. Std. Br. of N.C.; T. W. Kingsmill, P.A.G.D. of C.; J. I. Miller, D.G.M. of N.C.; L. Moore, D.D.G.M. of N.C.; J. H. P. Parker, P.M.; E. C. Pearce, D.G. Treas. of N.C.; R. J. Sloan, P.M.; and C. Thorne, P.D.G.M. of N.C.

### THE LILY.

When boist'rous winds with force assail,  
And devastating sweep the vale,  
Yon lily, bending to the gale,  
Submissive bows its head.

But passed the storm, and Phœbus brings  
His cheering rays with Zephyr's wings,  
The flower elastic upward springs,  
Its fears of danger fled.

So 'neath the storm of adverse fate,  
The virtuous heart, in goodness great,  
With constant hope will patient wait,  
Whilst heaven is overcast.

Secure, with placid front and mien,  
Though clouded now, the sun serene  
Will shed its glory o'er the scene,  
When stormy winds are past.

### SEED WORDS.

'Twas nothing—a mere idle word,  
From careless lips that fell,  
Forgot, perhaps, as soon as said,  
And purposeless as well.

But yet, as on the passing wind  
Is borne the little seed,  
Which blooms unheeded, as a flower,  
Or as a noisome weed.

So often will a single word,  
Unknown, its end fulfil,  
And bear in seed, the flower and fruit  
Of actions good or ill.

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

62, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (S.C.), TOWNSVILLE, NORTH QUEENSLAND.

A new Masonic lodge was inaugurated at the Masonic Hall, Townsville, on Monday, the 13th of May, under dispensation of the Scottish Constitution, and under title of St. Andrew's Lodge. To Bro. W. Robertson, P.M., is due the idea of the formation of the lodge, the foundation members being: Bros. W. Robertson, J. Macdougall, D. Buchanan, M. Jenkin, J. Macdonald, W. Gilliland, D. W. Hastings, W. Summerfield, A. E. McCreehy, H. Fisher, J. Macintyre, A. M. Gauld, C. Caven, and A. Ferguson. The influential gathering of brethren which the ceremonies brought together is an assurance that the new lodge will have a most successful and beneficent career.

At the consecration, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Sturt-street, there were 52 present, there being no less than 23 Past Masters on the dais, while 84 sat down at the banquet in the evening, at Bro. Buchanan's Imperial Hotel. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed by Bro. Johns Marsland, P.M., Acting Dist. G.M.; assisted by Bros. Walter Thanet Jenkin, P.M. 655 (S.C.); and Henry Bleasdale Walker, P.M. 769 (S.C.), all the imposing details prescribed being strictly carried out.

At the appointed hour (3 p.m.), the Acting District Grand Officers: Bros. John Marsland, P.M., Grand Master; R. Kirkbride, P.M., Depute Master; W. Cornelius, P.M., Substitute Master; W. T. Jenkin, P.M., S.W.; J. Millican, W.M., J.W.; T. H. Boddington, Treas.; S. H. Ineson, P.M., Sec.; A. L. Wilson, P.M., S.D.; C. Armstrong, P.M., J.D.; A. M. Gauld, P.M., Chap.; R. Abraham, P.M., Org.; H. B. Walker, P.M., D. of C.; D. Guthrie, W. V. Brown, W. R. Soilleux, John Rixon, and C. G. Hurry, P.M., Stwds.; J. W. Jenkin, P.M., S.B.; and W. Percy, Tyler, entered in procession, each assuming the office to which he belonged, when the authority to open the lodge was read.

The District Grand Lodge having been opened, the ACTING DISTRICT GRAND CHAPLAIN offered up prayer, to which the choir and brethren responded—"So mote it be." After "Grand Honors," the opening hymn—"Great Architect of Heaven and Earth" was sung, and the ACTING DISTRICT GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren upon the object of the meeting.

The ACTING DISTRICT GRAND CHAPLAIN then delivered the following oration on the nature and objects of Masonry:

Freemasonry is a moral institution, established by virtuous men, with the praiseworthy design of recalling to our remembrance the most sublime truths, in the midst of innocent and social pleasures—founded on liberty, brotherly love, and Charity. It is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. Truth is its centre—the points whence its radii diverge, directs its disciples to a correct knowledge of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the moral laws which He has ordained for their Government. Freemasonry is an institution—not, as the ignorant and uninstructed vainly suppose, founded on unmeaning mystery for the encouragement of bacchanalian festivity and support of mere good-fellowship; but an institution founded on eternal reason and truth, whose deep basis is the civilisation of mankind, and whose everlasting glory is supported by those two mighty pillars—Science and Morality. We, of course, as Masons, know what our principles are; but we are often represented in a false light before the general public who are not Masons. To the outside world we pose to a certain extent as a secret society and a body addicted considerably to gourmandising. I wish to dispel those erroneous motives. We are not a secret society in any sense of the word. Our motives are published to the world, and are open as the day, so that any one who runs may read of them. We have, of course, methods of recognising each other; but these are simply that we may know Masons when we meet them in any part of the world, not for the purpose of concealing our motives or forwarding any unworthy designs. Charity to all men is one of the first principles of the Order. It hallows and sanctifies the gift by the silence and secrecy by which it is bestowed. From the commencement of the world, we may trace the foundations of Masonry. In the minds of the uninitiated as in those probably of a good many Free and Accepted Masons, the ceremonial of to-day is not likely to connect itself with events so remote as the construction of the Pyramids or with the esoteric philosophy which the priests of early Egypt taught, under obligations of secrecy, to a limited number of adepts. And yet those who have investigated the genealogy of Masonry, and traced its history, under various forms and names, in different countries and epochs, find plenty of evidence to show that its commencement has to be looked for in the beginnings of history, and that those stupendous monuments in the valley of the Nile, which, "doting with age, have forgotten the names of their founders," were built by men who laid the first stones of them upon the same principles and in the same angle of the structure, as did the inheritors of their lore, their science, and their traditions, who reared the spires of Strasburg, Colonge, and Salisbury, and as do the organisers of a contemporary Masonic lodge. With the exception of Judaism, Masonry is probably the only institution extant which reaches back so far into the immeasurable past. Its monotheism is believed to have been derived from the doctrines taught by the priests of those Egyptian temples, in the adyta of which the "bright-haired" Samian Pythagoras spent two and twenty years of his life in the acquisition of occult knowledge. The practice of delivering certain important words "face to face, and mouth to ear," was evidently borrowed from that which was pursued by the Kabalists in the communication of their secret lore, and while the connection between Masonry and the mysteries of classic antiquity are too obvious to be overlooked, while we read in Ovid of Medea having "her arm, breast, and knee made bare," and "her left foot slip-shod," and while we know that the pass words, rites, and symbolical ceremonies of the modern lodge are familiar to Asiatic brotherhoods, who have obtained them by independent inheritance from a long line of adepts, we can scarcely refuse to recognise the extreme antiquity of the institution, although the name it bears is a modern one—that is to say if we do not accept Sir Egerton Bridges' etymology of it, namely, that it was one name or title of the Druids—May's son or son of May. That erudite writer affiliates Masonry to Druidism, but as this is conjectured to have had its origin among the Magi of Persia, and the Gymnosophists of India, and as the latter, in their turn, are reputed to have received all their knowledge from the Rishi, or seven primeval sages, who lived—or are fabled to have lived—before the Vedic times, we only lose ourselves in the night of time by following up this clue to the genesis of Masonry. Under whatever name it was known, and whatever may have been the transformations which its external aspect underwent in this or that country, or under such and such a form of government or condition of society, its main object seems to have been to keep alive, and to transmit to such as are capable of comprehending a truth so different from the exoteric doctrine taught to the ignorant multitude, a knowledge of the first existence of a Supreme impersonal First Cause, an eternal and Omnipotent Creative Principle, whose name is ineffable, and who was figuratively spoken of as the Great Architect of the Universe. In addition to this, a knowledge of the exact sciences was communicated orally to the initiated, and was thus handed down from generation to generation, a practice which still survives in the lectures delivered in the "Lodges of Instruction." Liberty of conscience and freedom from ecclesiastical tyranny were also cherished by the adepts. As to the ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising, we may say publicly, and without violating any of the secrets of our Order, that in a singularly impressive way they symbolise the entrance of each human being on the stage of his life, his education and development, his death, burial, and resurrection. If Masonry has too often degenerated in Modern times into a pretext for mere conviviality, and if the members of the Craft too frequently lose sight of what it typifies, and of what it has accomplished in bygone times, it is not the Institution which is deserving of blame, but those who have treated it with insufficient respect. Its fundamental principles are belief in God, loyalty to the throne, or to the established system of government, and the practice of Charity of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." The Christian, the Jew, and the Mahomedan can meet in a Masonic lodge upon common ground. The Old Testament, which each venerates, is never closed while the lodge continues open; and the pass-words relate to persons and events associated with a history that all of them hold in almost equal reverence. As all the symbols are applied to religious purposes, and receive a religious interpretation, we must conclude that Freemasonry is a religious Institution. It is not a religion. It makes no such claim. But it does inculcate some religious truths, without any attempts to define theological dogmas. It demands of its initiates a trusting belief in God, and in the immortality of the soul, and its ceremonies and its symbols impress these truths with all the moral consequences that a belief in them implies. It recognises all religious truths, and tolerates, but does not accept, sectarian dogmas. It repudiates nothing but atheism. Around its altar, consecrated to the Great Architect of the Universe, men of all creeds may kneel in one common worship, each holding in his heart with all tenacity his own peculiar faith, the Brotherhood around neither approving nor condemning by word or look. There are signs which no brother can refuse to acknowledge, and methods of supplication and tokens of distress which have ere now converted enemies on the battlefield into fast friends, and averted from a prostrate foe the sword which was impending for his destruction. In times when foreign travel was attended with difficulties and dangers which have since disappeared, Masonry was a bond of union between men meeting as strangers in countries widely remote from each other, and the tourist was welcomed and feted by hosts upon whom he had no other claim than that he and they recognised each other by a very simple token as members of the same Brotherhood. In the Middle Ages, Masonic confraternities were engaged in the construction of the noble minsters which stud the face of Great Britain and of Western Europe, and symbolic marks may be still discovered on the foundation stones or the base courses at the north-east corners of these venerable edifices, although the common belief that these bodies of Freemasons were ubiquitous is regarded by some as erroneous. Be this as it may, the Craft

possesses a history full of interest, and the present seems a fitting occasion to refer to it. In a Masonic lodge all artificial distinctions of rank and wealth and power are for the time suspended, and the Masons meet together on the great level of equality, and join hand in hand in the same symbolic labour. So, too, it is eminently a benevolent institution. It has built and endowed asylums for the aged and infirm; hospitals for the sick, and homes for the orphans. It has clothed the naked, fed the hungry, relieved the poor, and granted much and deserved aid to the distressed brother or his destitute widow. The principles of our Order are based on pure morality; its ethics are the ethics of Christianity; its doctrines the doctrines of patriotism and brotherly love; and its sentiments the sentiments of exalted benevolence. Upon these points there can be no doubt. All that is good and kind and charitable it encourages; all that is vicious and cruel and oppressive it reprobates. Such is Freemasonry—venerable in its age, beneficent in its design, and practical in its Charity.

After the anthem "Hail, Universal Lord," had been rendered, the charter, or warrant of constitution, was read by the Acting District Grand Secretary. The clothing and jewels were delivered to the Acting District Grand Master by the Director of Ceremonies, when the W.M. and officers elect were presented at the altar, and the brethren asked to signify their approbation of the officers so presented. The officers elect paid obeisance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Acting Grand Secretary read the minutes of previous meetings.

The ceremony was then performed, and the Director of Ceremonies having proclaimed the lodge according to ancient custom, the District Grand Lodge was closed.

At half-past seven the brethren again met at the Masonic Hall, when the officers elect were installed as follows: Bros. A. M. Gauld, P.M., R.W.M.; David Buchanan, D.M.; Henry Fisher, S.M.; J. McDonald, S.W.; M. Jenkin, J.W.; D. W. Hastings, Treas.; J. Macdougall, Sec.; J. M. Macintyre, S.D.; A. E. McCreedy, J.D.; W. Gilliland, I.G.; and A. Ferguson, Tyler.

At 10 o'clock the gathering adjourned to Bro. Buchanan's Imperial Hotel, where a banquet took place, under the presidency of Bro. A. M. Gauld, R.W.M.

At midnight the company dispersed, well pleased with the inaugural ceremonies and the convivial gathering.

It should be added that the ceremony was performed in a most able manner. Bro. H. B. Walker fulfilled the duties of Director of Ceremonies with great skill and tact, and Bro. J. Macdougall, the Secretary of the new lodge, was heartily congratulated on the completeness of the arrangements, which had been entirely in his hands. Very much appreciated assistance was also rendered by Bro. J. D. Dawson, P.M., of the Townsville Lodge (E.C.), and the thanks of all who took part in the consecration and installation were extended to Bro. R. Abraham, who acted as Organist.

#### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided during half the meeting, when having another engagement his place was taken by Bro. General Gadsden; Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., as Senior Vice President; Bro. S. Vallentine, P.G.P., Junior Vice President; Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented the department of the Grand Secretary. The other brethren who attended were

Bros. Henry Garrod, David D. Mercer, George B. Chapman, J. H. Matthews, Charles Dairy, Howard H. Room, George Graveley, George R. Langley, S. V. Abraham, William Vincent, James Bunker, Thomas Minstrell, S. H. Goldschmidt, Robert A. Gowan, T. W. Whitmarsh, R. H. Grant, W. Kipps, Walter Hopekirk, Walter Martin, W. M. Stiles, W. R. Strutt, C. H. Webb, J. W. Hartley, J. W. Burgess, Charles Cobb, H. Massey, J. H. Wright, Charles Fox, Thomas Hutton, W. W. Worrall, Charles Lock, S. Kennedy, C. J. Grove, Geo. S. Elliott, Hanson W. Fraser, F. H. Lynn, James Hemming, Will Jas. Shadrake, T. Simkins, W. R. Smith, S. G. Bonner, D. Baker, A. Southam, James P. Watts, A. T. Duck, Samel Ellis, W. Kite, W. W. Langley, G. W. Castle, T. E. Edmonds, H. Windiett, W. A. Scurrah, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

Bro. MERCER, at the opening of the proceedings, informed the Board with reference to one grant recommended at the June meeting for £50 for confirmation by Grand Lodge, that he had attended a meeting of the Executive Committee appointed with regard to the case, and at that meeting he was appointed one of the trustees of the fund. The distribution of the fund to which this sum was a grant was to be spread over a certain number of years.

The brethren then confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the June meeting to the extent of £90. There were 40 cases on the new list, qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Malta, Bridport, Hartlepool, Liverpool, Roorkee, E.I., Southport, Loughton, Colchester, Preston, Southampton, Eastbourne, Shepton Mallet, New Brompton, St. Helena, Whitehaven, Sheerness, Dartford, Torquay, Totnes, Sidmouth, Blackpool, Barnet, Great Stanmore, Mian Mir, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, and Cheshunt.

The total amount voted during a long sitting was £870 to 35 of the cases. One recommendation to Grand Lodge was for £50. The Grand Master was recommended to grant six sums of £40 each, and eight of £30 each. Fourteen grants were made of £20 each, and six of £10 each.

#### MASONIC PICNIC OF THE MENTURLA LODGE,

No. 418.

By invitation of Bro. J. T. Howson, W.M. 418, and Mrs. Howson, the members of the above lodge, with a few representatives of other lodges and their wives, had a most enjoyable picnic at Rudyard on Thursday, the 18th inst. The bulk of the company left Stoke in five saloon carriages at noon, others joined at Bucknall, and some drove by road. Luncheon was provided in the Pavilion at the Hotel, Rudyard, at 1.30. Then the company, numbering 140, enjoyed themselves in a variety of ways: cricket, boating, and other amusements. In the afternoon the visitors proceeded to Fair View, the residence of Bro. and Mrs. Munro, and explored the gardens and surrounding beautiful grounds, afternoon tea being kindly provided.

At half-past five o'clock dinner took place in the Assembly Room at the Hotel. The W.M., Bro. J. T. Howson, of course, presided, and the company

included Bros. E. V. Greatbach, P.S.G.W.; T. Taylor, W.M. 2149, P.P. S.G.W.; John Bromley, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Bickley, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Brandon, P.P.G.R.; F. Mountford, 460, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Pitchford, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Windle, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Tunnicliff, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Edwards, P.G.O.; D. Jones, P.M.; J. Beardmore, P.M.; Edmund Jones, P.M.; J. Stringer, P.M.; W. Hampton, P.M.; F. B. Devereux, P.M.; J. Copeland, P.M. 992; Louis Taylor, W.M. 2214; Walters, W.M. 546; J. Charlesworth, P.M. 2149; H. R. Strange, P.M. 300; J. Clare, P.M. 2149; and others.

At the conclusion of an excellent repast, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed the loyal toasts, which were very heartily received.

Bro. BICKLEY, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," the mention of whose name was received with enthusiasm. He said the privilege of proposing that toast was accorded him by reason of his long connection with Freemasonry. It was more than 30 years since he entered the Menturia Lodge, and it was nearly 25 years since he held the position now occupied by Bro. J. T. Howson. What Bro. Howson was doing that day was an evidence of what he was doing in the lodge. The toast was very cordially received.

Bro. Howson thanked all present for having accepted the invitation of his wife and himself, and he also expressed his gratitude for the really hearty spirit in which the toast had been received. Their attendance and their acceptance of the toast so cordially constituted the highest compliment that had been paid him in Freemasonry.

"The Health of the Visitors," proposed by Bro. BROMLEY, was acknowledged by Bros. TAYLOR and WALTERS.

Bro. TUNNICLIFF proposed "The Ladies," for whom Bro. R. W. DAY responded.

The company then left the dining-room in pursuit of various amusements, which included dancing and music. The proceedings were continued till 10 o'clock, when the party were conveyed to the Potteries in a special train.

### SUMMER OUTING OF THE LODGE OF JUSTICE, No. 147.

The members of this old and prosperous Deptford lodge, with their wives and friends, had a very successful outing at Brighton on the 4th inst. Starting from the New Cross Station of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway at 8.45, the party reached Brighton about a quarter to 11 a.m., where they divided, some going for a sail, others going to sea on the steamboat, but all meeting at about one o'clock at the Grand Hotel, where a *recherche* banquet was done ample justice to by the party (which numbered 93), under the presidency of Bro. S. Vickers, the W.M., supported by Bros. Balsdon, S.W., and J. G. Thomas, J.W.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Queen," and Bro. Nash sang the National Anthem, after which Bro. BANKS, P.M., in a very pleasant manner proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to which Bro. VICKERS responded, saying that he was glad to see such a good number present and trusted that all would enjoy themselves.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave the next toast, "Success to the Summer Outing," coupling with it the names of the joint Secretaries, Bros. Walter E. Dilley, P.M., and G. Tann.

Bro. DILLEY, in reply, said that these outings were a labour of love, for he found that after a brother had once brought his wife to one there was no trouble afterwards in making them a success.

Bro. TANN also responded.

Bro. J. DIXON, P.M., in a humorous speech, proposed "The Ladies," and coupled the name of Bro. Balsdon, S.W., with the toast.

Bro. BALSDON, in the course of his reply, said that if ever the ladies ceased to be asked to these outings, he was afraid they would lose all the charm they now possessed.

Bro. VICKERS then gave "The Visitors," remarking that he thought it ought to have been the joint outing of the Justice and Royal Oak Lodges, as he believed there were something like 16 or 18 members of the Royal Oak Lodge present. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Stringer, P.M., and Box, P.M., of 871, and Milbourne, P.M. 13.

The brethren having responded, the party then adjourned to the Pavilion to have a photographic group taken, and afterwards went for a drive to the "Devil's Dyke."

The return journey from Brighton was commenced at 7.30, and the party arrived at New Cross shortly before nine o'clock, thus bringing to a close a very successful day's outing.

Among those present were Bro. Vickers, W.M., and Miss Vickers, Bro. W. Andrews, P.M., Bro. Williams, P.M., and Mrs. Williams, Bro. Banks, P.M., and Mrs. Banks, Bro. T. D. Leng and Mrs. Leng, Bro. Dixon, P.M., Bro. Walter E. Dilley and Mrs. Dilley, Bro. Balsdon, S.W., and Mrs. Balsdon, Bro. Thomas, J.W., and Mrs. Thomas, Bro. Drynan, J.D., and Mrs. Drynan, Bro. and Mrs. Hanscomb and Mrs. Gridley, Bro. and Mrs. Males, Bro., Mrs., and Misses Marriott, Bro. and Mrs. Nash, Bro. and Mrs. Fricker, Bros. Fielder, W. J. Taylor, and Dixon, of 147; Bro. Box, P.M., and Mrs. Box, Bro. Stringer, P.M., and Mrs. Stringer, Bro. and Mrs. Shute, Bro. and Miss Cousins, Bro. Cooper, Bro. and Mrs. Amos, Bro. and Mrs. Chappell, and Bro. Dealer and Miss Fisher, of 871; Bro. Milbourne, 13; Bro. and Mrs. Mattocks, Mrs. Dinan, Mr. D. Dixon, jun., Bro. Burrows, and others.

Bro. Walter E. Dilley, Mrs. Dilley, Bros. Nash and Bertie Dixon gave some capital songs.

### FIRST SUMMER OUTING OF THE NELSON LODGE, No. 700.

On Thursday, the 11th instant, in lovely weather, the members of this lodge, with their wives and lady friends, to the number of 92, left the Arsenal Station by the 8.10 a.m. train, to which special saloon carriages were attached, en route for Windsor, arriving at the Royal Borough at 10.15, where they embarked on the commodious steam launch, "Sunbury Belle," and then steamed through the loveliest scenery on the River Thames to Great Marlow, partaking of cold luncheon on board. Windsor was reached, on the return journey, at 6.30.

The banquet (well served by Mr. Wheeldon, proprietor of the Castle Hotel) took place in the fine Town Hall, kindly lent for the occasion by the Mayor and Corporation, and was much enjoyed.

The usual Masonic and personal toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the Ladies" was heartily drunk, as was also that of "The W.M., Bro. H. Tufnell," who was complimented upon the successful issue of the outing, and congratulated on such a capital finish to his year of office.

The party left Windsor by a special train at 9.30, arriving at Woolwich just before midnight, every one delighted with the day's enjoyment.

Some excellent vocal and instrumental music was given on board. The party was photographed on board at Marlow.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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Do let us have an alteration in B.C. 210! Many brethren are being excluded, as appears to some of us, unlawfully. The words "shall have received due notice in writing" must mean, *pace* the lawyers, that a personal service of notice has taken place, which by the nature of things is seldom the case. If a registered letter to the recalcitrant brother's last known address is considered sufficient, let B.C. 210 say so, as 217 does say in cases of appeal.

C. H. W.

## Reviews.

"PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC, 1895." Montreal: C. R. Corneil, 660, Craig-street, 1895.—The 18th annual convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Montreal on the 29th January last, under the presidency of Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, M.E. Grand Z., and the proceedings which then took place are recorded with the usual circumstantiality. There appears to have been a full attendance of Grand Officers, Present and Past, and of the representatives of private chapters. The address of the Grand Z. leaves nothing to be desired, but the interest it has is, of necessity, chiefly local. The various reports are satisfactory. Comp. Chambers was re-elected Grand Z., and Comps. Tresidder, H., and Tooke, J., while Comps. Nelson and Whyte were again chosen G. Treasurer and G. Scribe E. respectively. There is an Appendix, which adds greatly to the value of the publication, namely, a Report on Foreign Correspondence, which appears to have been compiled with the utmost care by Comp. W. H. Whyte.

"VOICE OF MASONRY." John W. Brown, Editor and Publisher, Chicago, Ill.—The July number is an eminently readable one. It contains, in the first place, a learned disquisition by Bro. Chetwode Crawley, S.G.D. of Ireland, on "Three Masonic Periods," extracted from that brother's Part I. of "Clementaria Hibernica;" a further instalment of Bro. W. E. Ginter's able consideration of "What is Freemasonry?" and a very interesting batch of "Masonic Gleanings," in which are reviewed the proceedings of sundry Grand Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, and Councils. We are greatly indebted to these "Gleanings" for quite a number of able criticisms on important questions affecting the general welfare of Freemasonry, but more especially of Freemasonry in North America.

LURGAN MASONIC BAZAAR. Official Catalogue and Book of the Fair. June 24th-27th, 1895. Belfast: R. Aickin and Company, Printers, 10, Donegall-street-place, 1895.—This highly successful Bazaar and Fair was held in Brownlow House and Grounds, which were lent for the purpose by the Lurgan Real Property Company, with a view to raising the necessary funds with which to erect a Masonic Hall for the three lodges meeting in Lurgan, namely, Acacia, No. 24, St. John's, No. 134, and Ullidia, No. 151. The arrangements were organised by an executive Committee consisting of the leading Masons in the town, and the patronage of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Armagh having been enlisted, the Bazaar was held on the days appointed. The proceedings were inaugurated on the first day by Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Dep. G. Master; on the second day by Bro. Viscount Templeton, Prov. Grand Master of Armagh; and on the third by Bro. Thomas Valentine, J.P., Dep. Prov. G. Master of Antrim. The opening ceremonies on each day were most imposing, the brethren marching in procession into the Hall, where they were performed, in full regalia. The Bazaar itself was amply furnished, and the stalls were ably and gracefully presided over by the ladies of the neighbourhood. As for the Fair, the amusements provided were of endless variety, and included Tableaux Vivants in the Bijou Theatre of Varieties, and select performances in the evening by the Lurgan Minstrel Troupe. Theatrical performances, Punch and Judy, Marionette, and Italian Pantoceini Shows, an Exhibition of Masonic Relics, Scientific Apparatus, Aunt Sallies, &c., and last, but not least, an excellent programme of music, performed each day by the band of the 2nd Dorset Regiment. A full description is contained in this Book of the Bazaar and Fair, which will serve to convey at least a good general idea of the scale on which the arrangements were made. But in addition, the compilation is valuable for the very interesting particulars it contains concerning the history of Freemasonry in Lurgan, while there are also included portraits of quite a number of Irish Masonic notabilities, among them being the Duke of Abercorn, M.V.G.M.; Bro. Shekleton, D.G.M.; Bro. Lord Justice Fitzgibbon; the Marquis of Hertford, Prov. G.M. Antrim; Lord A. Hill, M.P., Prov. G.M. Down, and others. There are also illustrations of the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin, and an address on "Masonic Halls," delivered in Dawlish in January last, by Bro. W. J. Hughan. We commend the Book of the Fair and Bazaar to our readers as an interesting record of what the zeal and energy of our Irish brethren are capable of accomplishing.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

### ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Thomas, W.M.; Nicholls, S.W.; Holland, P.M.; J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Austin, S.D.; Royle, J.D.; Fleming, I.G.; Rayers, P.M.; Murray, P.M.; Illing, and Lightfoot.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Illing being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Murray, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Nicholls was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the third rising, the lodge was closed.

### HARROW LODGE, No. 1310.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, W., when there were present: Bros. Palmer, W.M.; E. Lewis, S.W.; H. Weston, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; Jabez Mason, Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; G. Sharpin, J.D.; S. T. Dickson, I.G.; Jas. Thom, P.M.; Rudrum, P.M.; Robertson, Dyke, Johnson, and Lorch.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Weston worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, and Bro. Mason the 2nd Section. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lorch being the candidate. Bro. Weston, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the excellent manner he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of Bro. Dewson, P.M. 1310. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

### KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. C. C. Barber, W.M.; H. S. Seal, S.W.; Charles Ortnor, J.W.; George Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Bro. Eng., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Danby, P.M., S.D.; A. F. Taylor, J.D.; C. C. Hatt, P.M., I.G.; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767; W. Hillier, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; Lewis Beale, Maurice Moss, J. J. Rumbal, and A. C. S. Mackenzie.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. L. Beale offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having been examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and called off. After being called on again, it was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Seal was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Barber for his able working of the raising ceremony, and the lodge was then closed.

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### Masonic Notes.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 19th instant. The several accounts were presented, approved, and ordered to be paid, and votes of thanks and congratulation to Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, for his kindness and success in presiding, and of thanks to the different officers of the Board having been passed by acclamation, the Board was dissolved, and the brethren dispersed.

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It was stated in the course of the proceedings that the total of donations and subscriptions amounted to £20,598, the very considerable increase over the figures announced at Brighton being accounted for, partly by an unusually large influx of additional moneys in the shape of lists previously outstanding, and additions to lists, and partly by the omission from the gross total of £18,773, as given at Brighton, of the sum paid for the "Eastes Perpetual Presentation." Credit was given to Kent for this sum both in the Stewards' Lists and the Analysis of the Returns, but it had not been taken into account in determining the Grand Total.

The Æsculapius Lodge and Chapter, No. 2410, have very considerably arranged to give a Smoking Concert at the Portman Rooms, Baker-street, W., on Thursday, the 1st prox., in honour of those medical Freemasons who may attend the annual meeting in London of the British Medical Association. The Concert will have the patronage of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., the Grand Secretary, those members of the medical profession who are Grand Officers, Present and Past, of England, and a very strong array of artistes have kindly volunteered their services for the occasion. The arrangements are in the hands of a joint Committee of lodge and chapter, of whom Bro. Thomas Dutton, M.D., 7, Portland-place, who will furnish any particulars that may be required, is the Hon. Secretary. Bro. Lennox Browne, P.D. G.D.C., is Chairman of the Musical Committee.

We beg to announce that, under the new rule which in cases where a Prince of the Blood is Grand Master of a Province or District, permits of the appointment of a Pro Prov., or Pro District Grand Master, Bro. Lord Sandhurst has been appointed Pro District Grand Master of Bombay.

Bro. the Rev. A. T. Wirgman, D.C.L., W.M. 711, Past Dist. G. Chaplain South Africa (E.D.), informs us of what is undoubtedly an interesting Masonic fact, namely, that Bro. the Rev. William T. Gaul, the newly-consecrated Bishop of Mashonaland, was, at the time of his consecration as Bishop, W.M. of one of our lodges at Kimberley, and he expresses it as his belief—in which we join—that this is the only instance of a bishop being consecrated to his office whilst occupying the chair of K.S. Bro. Dr. Wirgman further states that it is within his knowledge that the brethren in Bulawayo and Salisbury, who are trying to form a lodge in Mashonaland, are looking forward to the Bishop's help on the Board of Installed Masters.

We gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded us by the receipt of the *Canadian Craftsman* for June, of congratulating our respected contemporary on the completion of its 29th volume. The *Craftsman* is a well-conducted, well edited journal. Its comments on men and things Masonic are invariably characterised by a sense of kindness and courtesy. It is its duty to regard important questions of general Masonic policy from a Canadian point of view, but while it strenuously upholds what it conceives to be the true interests of Canadian Masonry, it never forgets either its own dignity or that of other sections of the Craft from which it may happen to differ. It is, indeed, a most excellent publication, and we trust that in the long years before it, it will remain what it has shown itself to be in the years that have passed, the worthy and esteemed organ of one of the strongest and most influential Masonic Organisations in the world. May it go on flourishing, as it deserves to flourish, ever more and more abundantly!

We are afraid our worthy contemporary, to whom we have just paid our tribute of respect, has not quite seen the point we were urging in our recent article on the Anglo-Quebec question, when we asked—"What is the law of 'supreme Masonic jurisdiction' which has become so universal throughout the Masonic world as to be considered a 'landmark' by most of the Grand Lodges?" The passage quoted was from the *Craftsman's* own article, and what we were anxious to learn—and what with all deference, our contemporary has failed to inform us—is this. How can "the law of 'supreme Masonic jurisdiction' have become universal throughout the Masonic world," when there are many Grand Lodges which had no part in formulating it, and have never, so far as our knowledge goes, said or done anything to indicate their acceptance of it? Had the *Craftsman* described this law as universal among the North American jurisdictions, or as having been generally accepted throughout the Masonic world, we should have taken no exception to its statement. But, in our opinion, a law cannot be "universal throughout the Masonic world" unless it has been accepted of all the Masonic jurisdictions. Has this "law of 'supreme Masonic jurisdiction'" been so accepted, and if so, when? Perhaps the *Craftsman* will kindly favour us with particulars.

## Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

### THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I fear your readers must, like myself, be perfectly sick of the everlasting discussion of the rival pretensions of London and Provincial brethren to the office of Grand Treasurer.

Of one thing there can be no doubt, that the annual election of a Grand Treasurer, with its touting and canvassing, its treating and drinking, its rivalries and jealousies, is having a most mischievous effect in tending to extinguish the true spirit of Masonry.

If the Craft could only realise the mischief these annually recurring contests produce, they would, with one accord, abolish the office, which is now an empty one, once and for ever. Unfortunately, there are not a few who seem to miss altogether the true spirit of Masonry, and appear to imagine that it exists for their own self-glorification, and to enable those fired with Masonic ambition to gratify their vanity.

They appear to think that the exercise of the admirable principles and precepts of the Order, the avoidance of jealousies and rivalries, and the promotion of brotherly feeling and Charity, are matters of very secondary importance compared with the acquisition of a right to wear an apron of a particular colour, or to display on their bodies a blazing mass of Masonic ornaments.

If we are to have another contest for Grand Treasurer, it is to be hoped the Craft will select some brother of eminence for the post, without regard to whether he is put forward as a London or Provincial candidate. The attempt to separate the interests of the Provinces and London is a very unworthy and mischievous one, and can only be regarded as an electioneering manoeuvre for the purpose of causing dissension and catching votes.

It is because I desire to see Freemasonry looked up to and respected in the future, as it has been in the past, that I venture to appeal, through your columns,

to the good sense and good feeling of the Craft to put an end, if possible, to what bids fair to become a Masonic scandal, by abolishing the office altogether, or, if that be not practicable, by electing a brother whose social position and Masonic service best entitle him to what should be regarded as a most dignified office, without regard to the precise locality of the lodge or lodges to which he may happen to belong.—Yours fraternally,

A. TRUE LOVER OF MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In answer to Bro. Greatbach, I beg to state that I did not misrepresent facts. I stated that Bro. Bailey lives in London (I have never seen him myself, but am so informed), and Bro. Greatbach does not prove to the contrary.

Bro. Bailey having been S.G. Warden of Staffordshire, does not alter the facts, as Bros. Carrell and Cohu are Wardens of the Province of Guernsey, but would not be considered as representative provincial Masons.

I have myself passed the chair in two provincial lodges, but as I reside in the county of London, I consider myself a London Mason.

Bro. Alderman Vaughan will probably be Sheriff of the City of London next year, and it would be an additional reason for his election.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

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### VISITING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The decision of the Grand Lodge of England upon the appeal of Bro. Harris, P.M. Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 956, Maritzburg, Natal, is a most important one to South African Masonry. Lodges of the English Constitution in this country are very frequently obliged to deal with the question of admitting visitors from foreign Constitutions. I cannot understand how the District Grand Master of Natal and his Board of General Purposes could possibly have decided that a brother hailing from a foreign Constitution was entitled of right, without producing his certificate, to visit our lodges. The Grand Lodge decision with regard to the interpretation of Rule 150 of the Book of Constitutions was much needed, and will be received with great satisfaction in South Africa. Too much strictness cannot be exercised in guarding the landmarks and privileges of English Freemasonry.—Yours fraternally,

A. T. WIRGMAN, D.C.L.,

P.D.G. Chap. (E.D. of South Africa) and W.M. 711, Port Elizabeth. South Africa, July 1st.

### TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. W. LAKE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was very pleased to read your kind and appreciative remarks respecting the proposed Testimonial to our own good friend and Brother, William Lake, Asst. G. Sec.

Will you allow me to draw attention to the fact that Subscriptions (not to exceed one guinea each from Brethren) will be received by the President (Bro. Charles E. Keyser, M.A., P.G.D., &c.), the Treasurer (Bro. J. Leach Barrett, P.M., &c., 33, Blomfield-road, W.), and the Honorary Secretary (Bro. James Stephens, P.M., &c., "Elads," Maida-vale, W.), as well as by—Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM J. HUGHAN,

Vice-President.

Torquay, 30th July.

## Craft Masonry.

### Minerva Lodge, No. 250.

A large number of members of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull, on the 24th ult., to take part in the annual installation ceremony. Amongst those present were Bros. J. A. Brown, W.M.; John E. Walker, W.M., elect; J. Todd, G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Treas.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec.; R. R. Hawley, P.M.; H. Haigh, P.M.; W. C. Whitesides, P.M.; J. T. Towler, P.M.; J. V. Torr, P.M.; Dr. Holder, P.M.; L. Stephenson, P.M.; Worshipful Masters of the Kingston, Constitutional, and Wilberforce Lodges (Bros. R. Carson, J. R. Lane, and A. Sprint); G. Leigh, J. Wildbore, T. Heaton Haller, J. Rutter, Rev. F. H. Duggins, M.A., S. Boyd, S.W. elect; A. J. Browne, J.W. elect; and other brethren.

Bro. J. E. Walker having been installed as W.M., appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. A. Brown, I.P.M.; Samuel Boyd, S.W.; A. G. Browne, J.W.; Rev. F. H. Duggins, M.A., Chap.; H. Haigh, P.M., P.P.G.D., Lecture Master and Treasurer Benevolent Fund; M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Treas.; Dr. W. Holder, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treasurer Building Fund; Frank Hall, Sec.; T. Binnington; S.D.; T. Fawley Judge, J.D.; Frederick Costello, D.C.; John Mackaill, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Almoner; G. F. Blackburn, J. F. Wright, J. W. Powell, G. Minns, E. H. Earle, and W. K. Harland, Stewards; Wallis Jenkins, F.C.S., Org.; William Purdon, I.G.; William Clayton, Tyler; and Frederick Clayton, Asst. Tyler.

The annual banquet followed, and was attended by about 80 brethren. The banquet was purveyed by Mrs. Tune, Savile-street.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts,

The W.M., Bro. J. E. Walker, submitted "Our Grand Rulers," to which Bro. Joseph Todd, Prov. G. Treas., G. Std. Br. Eng., responded, and said that in Grand Lodge the Province of North and East Yorkshire was well known and highly esteemed. He recognised in his recent appointment an honour conferred upon the province as well as upon himself.

Bro. M. C. Peck, Prov. Grand Secretary, proposed the toast of the evening, and in doing so said that he hoped all the Worshipful Master's hopes and aspirations would be fully exemplified. The lodge was never so numerous, nor was it in ever such a prosperous condition, and never did greater unanimity exist in any lodge. Bro. Walker's courtesy and geniality were well known, and every member congratulated him sincerely on his attaining the position as W.M., and wished him health, strength, and prosperity.

Bro. J. E. Walker was heartily received on rising to respond, and in doing so thanked Bro. Peck for the kind and flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast, and also the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the same. The pleasure he felt in attaining the highest position in the lodge was to a small extent minimised by the knowledge of the great responsibilities which the office involved, and a nervous feeling that he might possibly not be able to perform the duties in so worthy a manner as his predecessor, whose Masonic knowledge had been most accurate, and who was in possession of considerable eloquence—two qualities which made it the more difficult for him (the W.M.) to follow. However, he hoped to be able to fulfil the duties to their satisfaction. Man was but mortal, and one could not do more than one's best; but he assured them, from the bottom of his heart, that he never undertook a duty in his life in which he meant to succeed than he did that as the Master of the Minerva Lodge. He had the satisfaction of knowing that the good ship Minerva was manned by a set of officers second to none, who would assist him, as skipper, right loyally in piloting her on a successful year's voyage. He believed he was correct in saying that he was the youngest Master, without exception, who had ever had the honour of presiding over the fortunes of that lodge, and they might rely upon his best efforts being put forward for the good and welfare, peace and prosperity of the good old Minerva, which had given him his Masonic birth, and so soon raised him to the highest position in the lodge.

Other toasts followed, the gathering being a most enjoyable one. Bro. Frederick Costello performed the duties of Director of Ceremonies to the entire satisfaction of the brethren.

## Nelson Lodge, No. 700.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, when Bro. G. R. Nichols, S.W., and W.M. elect, was installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. Tufnell, W.M., who passed Bros. Norton and J. and H. Jones, and raised Bro. Pallett. He then proceeded to the important duty of installing his successor, which he did in a most admirable manner, for which he was thanked and presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Tufnell, I.P.M.; G. H. Porter, S.W.; H. Tammant, J.W.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; T. S. Smith, S.D.; W. Long, I.D.; W. Chambers, I.G.; G. F. Taylor, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Harris and H. J. Palmer, A.D.Cs.; and W. Lawson, P.M. (Asst. Sec.), E. Carter, and H. J. Palmer, Stwds.

The banquet was partaken of at the Criterion, London, and the toasts, Grand and personal, were interspersed with some entrancing vocal music by Miss Nellie Roberts, Miss Edith Bushell, Bros. Albion Nash and Barry Lindon, and Mr. Walter Englee.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. G. Crawford, P.M.; F. J. Dawson, P.M.; T. Butt, P.M.; E. B. Hobson, P.M.; C. Sweeting, P.M.; W. Webber, P.M.; R. J. Naylor, P.M.; S. E. Southgate, P.M.; J. Sanderson, P.M.; J. McCollough, P.M.; H. King, P.M.; G. Davies, P.M. (Hon.); D. J. Tees, C. Norton, W. David G. Weaver, W. Reed, G. Sharman, G. W. Townsend, F. Roff, W. Jones, C. H. Palmer, W. Goodman, J. Waller, A. Goodman, A. Neckells, E. J. Valon, W. Reynolds, G. W. Tapp, J. Trodd, W. Knowles, A. Stewart, G. Carter, N. Whiteley, E. Carter, J. Fort, C. Wren, C. Benstead, T. Keen, J. A. Martin, T. Punter, A. Moore, J. Noakes, F. Folkes, T. Silverstone, A. Johnson, A. J. Abbey, J. S. Grant, T. Marfleet, A. Robertson, A. Sanders, C. Perry, J. Hodgson, J. Twist, M. A. Blest, G. H. Campbell, H. Pettifer, J. Bass, K. Taylor, J. Hepton, and J. Hodgkin.

Among the visitors were Bros. W. A. Anson, W.M., A. W. Russell, S.W., and A. McQueen, J.W., of 13; D. K. Somers, S.W., J. O. Cook, J.W., G. Lawrence, D. C. Capon, E. Eton, W. Lomax, E. M. Taylor, and W. H. Lewis, of 913; J. Delo, W.M., S. Reeve, S.W., W. Turvey, J.W., C. H. Canning, P.M. and Treas., and P.M. and Treas. 2148, and P.P.J.G.D. Essex, A. T. Ives, P.M., J. S. Offord, and A. McNair, of 1472; Capt. W. Weston, P.M., and P.P.S.G.D. Kent, Maj. R. H. Muddock, R.A., S.D., W. Haley, and T. Lawson, of 1789; E. Sennett, W.M., G. Ingle, S.W., and R. Fowler, of 1536; F. Hulley, S.W., and H. Crowley, J.W., of 2399; C. W. Chandler, D.C. 1259; T. Knight, J.W. 1223; W. Wicking, 1414; L. Pott, P.M. 1716; A. Arrowsmith, P.M. 733; C. Raymond, P.M. 1716; G. J. Anderson, P.M. 731; J. Foss, J.D. 2488; J. N. Park, 181; J. Newsham, J.O. 2346; L. Power, J.W. 103; J. Cantle, P.M. 1791; L. Nickols, 1714; J. Macgregor, W.M. 548; F. Quick, 733; G. Gibb, P.M. 902; T. Coles, 813; J. Fuillade, S.W. 2041; G. Gray, 571 (S.C.); C. Cock, 2272; T. Fokes, 1716; W. Duff, 1716; J. Folkes, 147; S. Sudworth, 871; J. W. Dawson, 1799; and others.

## Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex, on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. Thos. Sheppard, W.M.; W. E. Mackley, S.W.; D. H. Tumber, J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M., Treas.; J. Hill, P.M., Sec.; J. Bridges, S.D.; G. Nelson, J.D.; H. W. Greenwood, P.M. 749, I.G.; A. H. Goldney, P.M.; A. J. Oliver, P.M.; W. R. Shutt, P.M.; R. W. Bilby, P.M.; W. W. Mansfield, R. H. Malpass, O. Baxter, E. G. Percy, Jno. C. Banks, W. T. Brown, W. J. J. Barnby, and J. Percival, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Wardell, P.M. 75; H. Beaman, J.W. 227; J. F. Quartly, P.M. 228; Lovett King, 2190; Barry Lindon, 733; Sam Wright, 1897; R. T. West, 1744; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting and of an emergency meeting having been read, the W.M. raised Bro. J. C. Banks to the Third Degree. The Auditor's report having been received and adopted, the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Ernest Mackley, was then presented, and he was installed by the W.M. in an excellent manner. The new W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. D. H. Tumber, S.W.; C. L. Nelson, J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M., Treas.; J. Hill, P.M., Sec.; H. W. Greenwood, S.D.; E. J. Tumber, J.D.; W. W. Mansfield, I.G.; R. W. Bilby, P.M., D.C.; R. H. Malpass, A.D.C.; W. R. Shutt, P.M., and E. G. Percy, Stwds.; and J. Percival, Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses was ably rendered by Bro. T. Sheppard. A sum was voted from the Benevolent Fund to an indigent brother, late a member of the lodge, and in addition several of the members and visitors subscribed a substantial amount to the case, which was one of direst poverty and distress.

Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a superb banquet, which was supplied by Bro. C. Veal in good style.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with commendable brevity.

In responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. W. R. Shutt, whose name and that of Bro. R. W. Bilby, Prov. G. Treas., was associated with the toast, said that the Prov. Grand Master, Lord George Hamilton, was a good man, and in time would prove himself equal to his able predecessor.

Bro. R. W. Bilby also replied, observing that he had attained the high office of Provincial Grand Treasurer principally through the Sub-Urban Lodge, and that his election was unanimous. He spoke at length as to the financial success of the province during the last 12 months, and paid a tribute to the excellent work of the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Room.

Bro. Thos. Sheppard, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that it was now his privilege and honour to submit the toast. He had watched the W.M.'s career ever since he was initiated in the lodge; his heart was in Masonry, and he had on many occasions come long distances to attend the lodge meetings and the lodge of instruction. His past career showed beyond doubt that he would make a splendid Master and be an ornament to the lodge and the Craft.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He stated that he could not sufficiently thank them for their kind treatment, and for the generous words of Bro. Sheppard. It was a great honour to be Master of the lodge, and he would do his very best to carry out his duties, and he hoped that his work, with the assistance of his efficient officers and the Past Masters, would give the members every satisfaction.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Sheppard," observing that his year's work was excellent and a surprise, and the way that he had carried out the installation ceremony was admirable, and it would be a long time before they would be able to find one so good, and in following him he had a difficult task. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel, remarking that he was not to look upon it as an emblem for his great services, but more as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by the members, and he earnestly hoped he would be with them for many years to wear the jewel, which he so richly deserved.

The inscription on the jewel was: "Presented to Bro. Thos. Sheppard by the brethren of the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, in appreciation of his services as 17th W.M. of the above Lodge."

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

In response, Bro. Sheppard thanked the brethren most sincerely for their manifestation and for the kind words of the W.M. in referring to his past services. When he was installed he felt the great responsibility he had undertaken, and he had certainly done his utmost, and they were good enough to think that he had given satisfaction, which was very gratifying to him. He honoured the jewel presented to him that evening, and he was proud that he had gone through the chair in that, his mother lodge.

The Worshipful Master, proposing "The Visitors," said that it was a toast that was always cordially received in the lodge. They had a goodly number that evening and he was honoured with their presence, and they had intimated to him that they were pleased with the working. On behalf of the lodge he tendered them a hearty welcome and he hoped they would come again during his term of office.

Bro. J. W. Wardell, P.M., responded. He said that it afforded him much pleasure to be present. As an old P.M. he had never seen such good working before. The I.P.M., Bro. Sheppard's rendering of the installation ceremony was perfect, and the way that the W.M. had invested his officers was evidence that he would be a good follower of the I.P.M. He had had a Masonic treat and it would be a red-letter day with him.

Bro. Loveday also replied. He stated that he was pleased to have had the honour of responding to the toast of the visitors. He fully endorsed the remarks of Bro. Wardell, and added that that day was a perfect success.

Bro. J. F. Quartly, P.M., said that he was a constant visitor and could testify that the working of the ritual was always well done. The W.M. would make a good ruler

and add lustre to the lodge—and as to the I.P.M. if the members who were coming on would only follow in his footsteps, they would not go wrong.

In giving "The Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. remarked that the members well knew and appreciated their worth, and he made special mention of Bro. Bilby, who was ever ready to act in the absence of the W.M., and that one year he filled the chair for the whole of that period as the then W.M. could not attend on any one occasion. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Bilby, Oliver, and Hill.

Bro. A. J. Oliver, P.M., in response, said that there was a good muster of Past Masters present, and they were glad to see the big reception accorded to the I.P.M., as no one could have done the work better, and he was succeeded by one who was efficient in every way.

Bro. W. R. Shutt, P.M., also replied, re-echoing the previous speaker.

Bro. J. Hill, P.M., Sec., said that the Treasurer had to leave early, as Parliamentary business called him away. Bro. Tickle had been the Treasurer from the consecration of the lodge, and he (Bro. Hill) had been Secretary for 13 years, and he hoped to carry out his duties in the future as in the past.

Bro. A. H. Goldney, P.M., also responded.

Bro. R. W. Bilby, P.M., said that he had done his best for the lodge, and no one could do more. In earnest terms he urged all to join lodges of instruction to qualify for office in the lodge, and for Provincial Grand honours, and the lodge would then again hold great prestige in the province, as it did some time ago.

The toast of "The Officers" was proposed by the W.M., who observed that he hoped to have the pleasure of seeing them all installed in the chair he then occupied. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. C. L. Nelson, J.W.

Bro. Nelson, J.W., responded. He said that he and the other officers would loyally support the W.M., and do their best to render every assistance.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very happy and successful gathering, for which the W.M. is to be congratulated.

The W.M. had provided a splendid and enjoyable vocal entertainment, in which the following took part: Bros. Barry Lindon, Lovett King, Sam Wright—who gave, by special request, "The Dandy Coloured Coon"—Arthur Wieland, Bowles, Malpas, Loveday, and Baxter; but special mention should be made of Bros. Lindon, King, and Wright.

## Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, Bradford, on the 4th inst., when Bro. C. H. Ellis, W.M., was supported by Bros. John Niven, P.M.; J. T. Last, I.P.M.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Chap.; John Morton, S.W.; Samuel Robinson, as J.W.; Wm. S. Smith, Asst. Sec.; A. E. Harris, S.D.; R. S. Hird, J.D.; J. P. Drake, I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; A. Swaine, Org.; J. S. Hedley, J. Docksey, R. H. Markham, R. B. Nichols, T. P. Sykes, John Harland, and Richard Harland. Visitors: Bros. F. C. Robinson, P.M. 1648, Prov. J.G.D.; J. Akam, W.M. 1034; Tilley, 600; and Joseph Taylor, 600.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Last, I.P.M., then read a further paper on "Masonic Jurisprudence," dealing exclusively with the subject of "Resignation of Membership." The W.M. in moving a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Last for his very interesting paper, expressed how much he felt indebted to him for his assistance in various ways whilst he had occupied the chair, and he felt especially obliged to him, Bro. Last, for volunteering to prepare a paper for this meeting, at which it happened that there was so little lodge business. The resolution was seconded by Bro. T. P. Sykes and recorded on the minutes. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of Bros. A. Stephenson, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; S. A. Auty, P.M.; J. B. Fearnley, J.W.; and several other brethren. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

After refreshment the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., who accorded them a hearty welcome.

In responding, Bro. Robinson, Prov. J.G.D., acknowledged the hearty reception of the toast. He stated that he was present by reason of the special request of the Prov. Grand Master, who desired his officers to visit the various lodges from time to time on his behalf. Further, it gave him great pleasure to have been present on that occasion, as he had had the privilege of listening to the very interesting, as well as instructive paper which Bro. Last had given them, indeed, he could have wished it could be printed, as so many points had been referred to which might be useful for guidance at any time. He congratulated the lodge on having Masonic lectures and papers from time to time. He recollected that on his last visit to the lodge he had experienced a similar Masonic treat, but which he had met with in no other lodge that he had visited.

Bros. J. Akam, W.M. 1034, and J. Taylor, 600, also responded, both referring to the pleasure it had afforded them to visit the lodge and hear the paper read.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master's Health" was proposed by Bro. Robinson, Prov. G.D., who stated that he appreciated the privilege given him by submitting this toast, as he had personally known the W.M. for a number of years, and he was aware of the great interest he took in properly discharging the duties of the chair.

The Worshipful Master suitably responded, and proposed "The Past Masters," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Niven, P.M., who he was glad to see with them after his recent experience.

Bro. Niven, P.M., thanked the W.M. and brethren for receiving the toast so heartily, and graphically narrated to the brethren the sudden and sad calamity at Darlington Royal Agricultural Show, when two poor fellows, who were standing but a few yards distant from him, were struck dead by lightning, as it were by a veritable "Bolt out of the blue," for the sky was unclouded at the time, and the poor fellows, with many others, were collected under the trees simply to get out of the heat, and not to escape the rain, as there was none for some time afterwards. Bro. Niven seriously referred to the moral which was to be deduced from the sad event.

Other toasts, including the Tyler's, closed an exceedingly pleasant evening, which was contributed to by good songs and music from Bros. Swaine, Tilley, Jno. Harland, Harris, and Styles.

## Royal Arch.

## Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Comps. S. M. Banker, M.E.Z.; T. Chu, P.Z., acting H.; T. Biddlecombe, J.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., S.E.; Dunn, S.N.; Hughes, P.S.; Fisher, 1st A.S.; C. Couchman, Janitor; F. Kent, Rev. T. Selby Henrey, and William Baker. Comp. Page was a visitor.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The candidate not putting in an appearance, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, including a special one by Comp. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., viz., "The Health of our revered and E. Comp. Henry Muggerridge" (who reached his 85th birthday on Monday 15th, and 60 years of Masonic life), which had a most cordial reception.

## De Percy Chapter, No. 636.

The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Morpeth, on Friday, the 12th inst., Comp. William Davidson, M.E.Z., P.A.G.S.E., presiding. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors. After the usual initiatory business of the chapter was gone through, Comps. John Watt and J. R. Turner were installed into the chairs of M.E.Z. and J. respectively by Comp. W. Davidson. The installation of Comp. Thomas Appleby (who was unavoidably absent) into the chair of H. was postponed until the next meeting of the chapter. Comp. John Watt, the newly-installed M.E.Z., then invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. Duncan, as P.S.; Skrimshire, as 1st A.S.; A. M. Loades, as Treas.; J. Barker, as D.C.; and Dick, as Janitor.

The chapter shortly afterwards was closed, and the company adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where the annual banquet was held.



## Pattison Chapter, No. 913.

The installation meeting of the above important chapter took place on Thursday, the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, when Comp. C. J. Clapham was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. G. F. Taylor, as H.; and Comp. G. R. Nichols, as J. The two first Principals were installed by Comp. A. Penfold, J.P., L.C.C., P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S., and the third by Comp. Thomas S. Warne, P.Z. 20, P.P.G.S.E., and we need hardly say that in the hands of these veteran companions the ceremony was simply perfection, the addresses by Comp. Penfold, and the reading of the S.V. by Comp. Warne being especially impressive and equal to the occasion. The M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.S., S.E.; J. Turton, S.N.; A. Penfold, P.Z., &c., Treas.; S. Horton, P.S.; J. O. Cook, 1st A.S.; G. H. Campbell, 2nd A.S. (by proxy); R. J. Cook, P.Z., P.P.S.G.W., D.C. (by proxy); H. Hason, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S., Stwd.; and C. Warren, Janitor. The Installing Officers were conjointly tendered a vote of thanks, and the I.P.Z., Comp. W. Campbell-Taylor was presented with a massive and valuable P.Z.'s jewel, and then the chapter was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Royal Mortar Hotel, opposite the Royal Arsenal gates, Woolwich, and was much enjoyed.

Among the other companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. Morris, P.Z.; C. Jolly, P.Z., P.Z. 1472; B. Hammond, E. Carter, J. D. Brooks, G. Frost, L. Chasteaneuf, D. K. Somers, Capt. W. Kiddle, A.M.D., J. Campbell, D. C. Capon, R. Hewitson, W. Russell, P.Z. 829, P.G. Treas.; F. J. Nichols, P.Z. 1973; G. W. King, M.E.Z. 13; B. Sandercock, 303; and F. A. Jewson, 1549.

The usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts having been honoured, that of "Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of Kent," was drunk lustily.

Then came that of "M.E. Comp. J. Smith-Eastes, Prov. Grand H.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in giving it, the M.E.Z. said as he was a very poor speaker, they must not grumble if he abbreviated his speeches in giving the toasts, for, if he did not, he should, like a good many more, go blundering about, and then not know what he had said when he finished. In the toast he was about to bring to their notice, nothing that he could say would make them drink it more heartily than if he merely gave it without comment. It was that of Comp. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers. He asked them to drink it heartily, and coupled with it the name of Comp. Warne.

Comp. Warne said his thanks must be of the briefest, as he had to catch his train shortly. He was somewhat in the position of a little man who, as a candidate for the Church, had to preach a sermon before the Bishop of the Diocese. He (the little man) took for his text that portion of the Scriptures that relates how Zaccheus, being a little man and wishing to see "The Master" pass, got up a tree. Said the candidate—"Zaccheus was a little man, and so am I. Zaccheus was up a tree, and so am I. Zaccheus made haste and came down, and so will I." He was pleased to be present once again and see so many happy faces, and anything he could do to foster and encourage their excellent chapter he should only be too happy at any time to do.

Comp. Coupland, in responding, said he had great pleasure in so doing, as it gave him an opportunity and enabled him to speak of the great and valuable services rendered by Comp. Eastes to the province. Many of them might not know Comp. Eastes; he, Comp. Coupland, had had the pleasure and honour of knowing him ever since the formation of Provincial Grand Chapter, and knew the great and unceasing interest their esteemed companion took in the welfare both in the Craft and Royal Arch in the province. The rest of the Prov. Grand Officers duly appreciated the honour of their several offices. So far as their chapter was concerned, he could assure them that it was held in high estimation in the province. In the name of Comp. Eastes and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, he thanked them for their cordial reception of the toast.

Comp. Taylor, I.P.Z., then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and spoke highly of the work done for Masonry, both in the Craft and Royal Arch, by Comp. Clapham. He asked the companions to assist their M.E.Z. in sustaining the prestige and progress of the chapter by bringing good, honourable, and worthy candidates.

Comp. Clapham, who was cheered on rising, said he felt sorry to think he was not able to respond to their hearty good wishes in a manner to do justice to it. Nevertheless, there were two things he meant to do; one was to endeavour to do his duty, and the other was not to trouble them with long speeches. If the companions would only follow the advice given by Comp. Taylor and bring in good candidates, he should endeavour to render the ritual in the same excellent manner it had always been rendered in the Pattison Chapter.

Comp. Penfold, in responding to an enthusiastic reception of his health as Installing Officer, said that for many years past he had filled the office of Installing Officer, and he felt like Zaccheus, that it was time he "came down" out of that tree. He had that day been materially assisted by Comp. Warne, who, as P.G. Scribe E., had many calls upon him in the province as Installing Officer, and was an adept at the ceremony. It was a very great pleasure to him to instal the Principals of the Pattison Chapter, or indeed any chapter he was interested in, especially when he knew that those he installed were capable of doing their work. Yes, he thought it would be as well for some other of the P.Zs. to prepare themselves to undertake the office so as to provide for an emergency. With regard to the chapter, they must not go back, they must go on; they did not want a big chapter, so was its normal strength, and they must keep it up to that; now if they brought in a few more good candidates, they, although they had sank to 40, would soon recover their numbers and retain their prestige as one of the most successful chapters in the province. He thanked them for the toast and assured them of his continued interest in the welfare of the chapter and the happiness of its companions.

Comp. Butter responded for "The Past Principals," and said it was a long time since he had the honour to respond for that toast. It was now over 21 years ago, when a few of them started the chapter in 1875, they had only 13 members, and of that number but five were left. Yet as old ones went out, new ones came in. It only showed that time as it moved on took with it many who never returned. What, then, could be better for them than while they were here to enjoy themselves in harmony and brotherly love? He then spoke of the position of the chapter, and concluded by saying he felt sure that they would soon regain their numbers, and be, as they were allowed to be, the premier chapter of the province.

Comp. Col. Hughes, M.P., who had been dining with one of the City companies, then entered the room, and was received with an ovation, and his health drunk heartily.

In response, Comp. Hughes said he presumed, as a very humble member of the chapter, that their cordial reception was on account of the great honour done him by his fellow townsmen and neighbours. He then, well keeping within the bounds of our motto "No politics," entered into a brilliant *resumé* of his whole Masonic, political, and civic life for the last 50 years in Woolwich and Plumstead, being repeatedly applauded for the eloquent manner in which he spoke of the high moral lessons taught, and the spirit of fraternal friendship that bound them in one bond of brotherly love and harmony, and concluded by assuring them of his earnest desire for the welfare both of the district and its Masonic Fraternity.

The musical portion of the evening's entertainment was in the hands of Comp. Horton, who played violin solos as he only can play them. The singers were Miss Jessie Hotine and Comps. F. G. Nichols, P.Z. 1973; B. Hammond, G. F. Nichols, and Bro. H. Mason.

## The Craft Abroad.

## CRAFT MASONRY.

## Leopold Lodge, No. 31.

In the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, on Thursday, May 16th, Bro. C. H. S. Williams was installed as Worshipful Master of the above lodge. Bro. Frank Johnson, G. Steward, was installed Master, and was assisted by Bros. J. McCloughry, P.M., D.C.; the Hon. J. G. Jenkins, P.S.G.W.; M. V. Adams, J.G.W.; T. C. Holland, G. Reg.; A. Kemp, W. Brindal, J. P. Jones, A. A. Fairweather, and R. Hosking. After the installation the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. H. Lathlean, S.W.; Robert Clark, J.W.; C. E. Hall, Treas.; C. E. Taplin, Sec.; C. W. James, S.D.; H. Woodards, J.D.; J. McCreanor, I.G.; Jas. Shakespeare, G.D.C., Org.; Wm. Brindal, P.G. Stwd., D.C.; H. A. S. Meadows, H. W. Price, A. E. B. Murray, and T. Pennyfield. At the request of the Master, Bro. H. M. Addison, P.D.G.M., presented the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, the gift of the lodge, and Councillor Johnson feelingly thanked his brethren.

A banquet was afterwards held in the banqueting-hall.

## Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656.

The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at its rooms, Freemasons' Hall, York-street, Sydney, on Wednesday evening, the 5th ult.—the same evening as Grand Lodge was meeting in London—in the presence of a numerous body of representative members of the Craft. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. Dr. Maffey, P.G.W. (V.C.); G. A. Gibb, W.M. 14 (N.S.W.C.); C. Sanger, W.M. elect 90 (N.S.W.C.); W. Clemisha, P.M. 209 (N.S.W.C.); W. H. Bateman, P.M. 100 (N.S.W.C.); J. Owens, J.W. 99 (N.S.W.C.); J. McClannan, S.D. 90 (N.S.W.C.); A. Robertson, 5 (S.C.); D. Christian, 219 (N.S.W.C.); C. Delaney, 100 (N.S.W.C.); S. Sayer, 100 (N.S.W.C.); W. Crow, 219 (N.S.W.C.); and A. Cameron, 100 (N.S.W.C.).

Apologies were received from Bros. W. Brigden, P.M. 82 (N.S.W.C.); W. McKay, P.S.W. 1043 (E.C.); M. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.D. E. Lancs., Eng.; F. Cameroux, W.M. 139 (N.S.W.C.); J. Hanley, W.M. 89 (N.S.W.C.); John Bustard, P.M. 1169, 1462, and 1513 (E.C.); and P. Gosling, P.S.G.D., A.G. Sec. (V.C.).

Numerous telegrams and letters of congratulation were read, including those from the District Grand Lodges of Transvaal, South Africa, Auckland, Wellington, Westland, Canterbury, Queensland, Bro. J. Fenwick, and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Podmore, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Installing Officer, Bro. Podmore, appointed Bros. Bateman, P.M., as S.W.; Gibb, W.M., as J.W.; and Dr. Maffey, P.M., as I.G. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Robinson, S.W., was presented by Bros. Major Stevens, P.M., and Wynn Knight, P.M., and was inducted into the chair of K.S. in a careful and impressive manner. Bro. Robinson having been duly proclaimed and saluted, the address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Dr. Maffey with marked solemnity, while Bro. Major Stevens gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. The following officers were then appointed and invested by the W.M., who addressed a few well-chosen words to each recipient of collars: Bros. H. A. Podmore, I.P.M.; Louis Parkinson, S.W.; W. H. Taylor, J.W.; J. C. Lanyon, Treas.; W. B. Stevens, P.M., Sec.; T. Hooper, S.D.; A. Merrett, J.D.; B. Hardy, W. Davies, and S. Webb, Stwds.; F. Groves, I.G.; and M. Smellie, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the banquet room was visited. The usual loyal toasts having been drunk,

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Three Grand Lodges," alluded to the W.M.'s expressed regret that, through no fault of his, he had not yet been able to add the name of another Grand Lodge to the list of toasts.

Bro. Major Stevens—the oldest P.M. in the Colonies—proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and thought that after he had finished his task his 81 years ought to exempt him from further active labour. He could say nothing regarding Bro. Robinson



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

they all knew him; the British Possessions knew him; the Colonial Board knew him; and the Grand Lodge of England seemed to think well of him. He (Bro. Stevens) did not believe there was another man who would have conducted such a heavy and important work, involving such an enormous amount of correspondence, thought and energy, and in face of such odds, as that of championing the rights of minorities in the British Dominions during the last seven years, finally winding up with becoming the Representative English Freemason in the one English lodge in the Colony of New South Wales.

Bro. Robinson briefly replied, and while acknowledging the kind remarks of the proposer, who had seen light in 1837, remarked that it certainly gave him pleasure to be the W.M. of the lodge in which he had been initiated nearly 20 years ago.

"The Visitors" toast was proposed by the Worshipful Master in a short speech, in which he regretted his inability to couple another Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodges of E. I. and C., but even at the present late stage, he was prepared to meet other representatives and try and settle differences amicably.

Bro. Gibb, in a vigorous speech, which was greatly applauded by the Cambrians, replied on behalf of his lodge for the visitors.

Bro. Dr. Maffey, replied on behalf of "The United Grand Lodge of Victoria," of which he was a Past Grand Warden.

Other toasts followed, and the meeting dispersed with expressions on all hands of the utmost cordiality.

Since the above was written, a cablegram has been received that two nominees brethren of this lodge, have been elected to seats on the Colonial Board of Grand Lodge.

Bro. George Robinson is a Cumbrian, having been born in Whitehaven in 1849; completed his education at the Model Schools, Melbourne, Victoria; was initiated in the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, Sydney, in April, 1878; returning to Melbourne, he joined the Duke of Sussex Lodge, No. 1080 (E.C.); after a few years he went back to Sydney, and re-joined the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, and served 18 months in office; declined office (unfortunately) next sitting, when the secession took place, and was one of the now famous minority (?) of 23, when the lodge's warrant was improperly given away. His Masonic career from September, 1888, up to the present time, is most intimately bound up in the "Fight for the Charter," and which has just reached the interesting stage of his installation in the chair of K.S., and in the Grand Lodge electing two ex-members of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, the only English lodge in New South Wales, to seats on the Colonial Board.

## Good Will Lodge, No. 711.

The annual festival of the senior lodge in Port Elizabeth took place on Monday, the 24th ult.—the Festival of St. John the Baptist. Bro. C. G. Miles, W.M., and Installing Master for the ceremony of the evening, took the chair, and opened the lodge. Letters and telegrams of congratulation were read from Bros. the Dean of Capetown, District



G.M. of the Western Division; G. Richards, District G.M. of the Transvaal; from the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division (Bro. Dr. Egan, the District G.M., having previously written to convey his congratulations to Bro. Rev. Dr. Wirgman, the W.M. elect), and from many other lodges and brethren.

Bro. A. Walsh, Dist. S.G.W., then presented the W.M. elect to the Installing Master, and the ceremony of installation was duly proceeded with. The W.M., officers, and brethren of the Southern Cross Lodge (Uitenhage) were present in goodly numbers, and also the S.W. and officers, with several Past Masters, of the Lodge of Good Hope (Port Elizabeth), the W.M. being unavoidably absent. The Installing Master was most ably assisted by the following brethren: Bros. S. R. White, P.M.; R. F. Atkinson, P.M.; and H. Forbes, P.M.

During the evening an excellent portrait of the late Bro. J. C. Kemsley was unveiled as a memorial of a worthy citizen and zealous Mason of many years' standing. Bro. R. E. Wyatt unveiled the picture, and Bro. Forbes addressed the brethren in a few well-chosen words in which he paid a fitting tribute to the memory of one who had worked faithfully for many years in the interests of the Craft. The pleasing duty of presenting to Bro. Forbes a Past Master's jewel, as a recognition of his services to the lodge, was performed in a few well-chosen words by the Installing Master.

When the ceremony of installation was completed, Bro. Dr. Wirgman invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. G. Miles, I.P.M.; Dr. Edwards, S.W.; E. M. Searle, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Hewitt, Chap.; J. T. Keith, Treas.; Brereton, Sec.; A. Brookes, S.D.; E. Pickering, J.D.; C. Ebert, D.C.; P. Quarterman, Org.; R. R. Perrott, I.G.; Dr. Harris and Gilbert, Stwds.; and Masterson, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to the annual Masonic banquet. The W.M., in the chair, proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England."

In proposing the toast of "R.W. Bro. C. J. Egan, the District Grand Master, and the Officers of District Grand Lodge," the W.M. said that the annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge would this year be held in Port Elizabeth, under the auspices of the Lodge of Good Will, and he further announced that the District Grand Master had kindly consented to lay the memorial stone of the extended Chancel of St. Mary's Collegiate Church, which, he trusted, would be a dignified and impressive Masonic ceremonial worthy of the importance of the occasion of the visit of the District Grand Lodge of Port Elizabeth.

Bro. James Kemsley, P.D.S.G.W., responded to the toast, as being the Senior Grand Lodge Officer present.

Bro. Wyatt then proposed in a very kind and generous speech the toast of "Bro. Dr. Wirgman, the newly-installed W.M.," who responded by saying that he thanked the brethren for the mark of confidence they had shown in electing him to the highest office which it was in their power to confer, and that, though he was aware that his powers and abilities could not be compared to those of several distinguished and able brethren who had filled that chair before him, he would do his best to maintain the high character of the Lodge of Good Will, which had been very near his heart since he first became a Mason in 1878.

Bro. James Kemsley proposed "The Installing Master," and complimented him on his manner of conducting the ceremony.

Bro. Miles made a suitable response.

Bro. J. H. Wilson proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge" in aptly chosen terms, making a graceful allusion to the approaching visit to England of Bro. J. Kemsley, who acknowledged the toast.

Bro. Forbes next proposed "The Sister Lodges and Visitors" in a genial speech.

The W.M. of Southern Cross Lodge and the S.W. of Good Hope Lodge responded for their lodges, while Bro. Captain Heugh, R.N., responded for the visitors in terms of brevity, which were amply atoned for by his mirth-provoking powers of song, which the brethren thoroughly enjoyed.

Bro. E. H. Walton also replied, expressing his regret that other duties prevented his regular attendance at lodge.

Bro. Atkinson proposed "The Retiring Officers," which was responded to by Bro. Dr. Edwards.

Bro. Keith then proposed "The Newly-Invested Officers," which was responded to by Bro. Dr. Harris in a speech so full of wit and wisdom that, as Bro. Pickering remarked, who had to respond after him, Bro. Dr. Harris had left him little to say.

Bro. Rev. Dr. Hewitt proposed "Our Charities," which was replied to by Bro. Johnson.

This most successful banquet and genial gathering was then closed by the usual Tyler's toast, and the hearty and loyal singing of "God save the Queen."

## RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following additions have been received since our last report:

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
The Province and Lodge		£	s. d.
339 Bro. R. P. Sumner, additional	...	10	10 0
(raising his list to £89 5s.)			
NORTH WALES.			
Lodge			
1336 Bro. G. Cathrall, additional	...	11	11 6
(raising his list to £45 3s.)			
1674 Bro. Fisher Jones, additional	...	3	14 6
(raising his list to £26 5s.)			
WARWICKSHIRE.			
887 Bro. Howard J. Collins, additional	...	1	1 0
(raising his list to £53 11s.)			

## BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES.

### THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Great Western Railway Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their principal City and West-end offices, and this arrangement is probably never so much appreciated as during the week preceding the Bank Holiday, when large numbers of people avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for obtaining tickets at their own time and without the crowding and worry inseparable from a large railway station at holiday seasons. The fares charged are the same as at Paddington, and the tickets are available for use under precisely the same conditions as those issued at that station. The following are the offices at which tickets are issued, viz., 103 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; 269, Strand; 4, Holborn-circus; 29, Charing Cross; Cambridge-circus, Shaftesbury-avenue; "The Piazza," Covent Garden; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street East London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 181, Tottenham Court-road; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside; 17, Brompton-road; Minorities, opposite Goodman's Yard; "Nag's Head," 137, Borough High-street; and the L.B. and S.C. Company's Office (under the Grand Hotel), Trafalgar Square. The booking offices at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wed., Thurs., Fri., and Sat., July 31st, August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd; the tickets issued (except those for specified excursion trains) will be available for use on any of those days. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, August 3rd, the company will run in duplicate the 3.0, 5.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains to the West of England, the 12.0 noon 3.15 and 9.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, and South Wales. The first portion of the 9.0 p.m. train will leave Paddington at 8.55 p.m., but the first portions of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Thursday, August 1st, excursion passengers will be booked to Cork at 10.45 a.m. On Friday, August 2nd, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 7.55 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c. Passengers will be booked, at 5.45 p.m., at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. Fast excursion trains for the West of England will leave Paddington at 10.10 p.m. on Friday, August 2nd, and at 7.55 a.m., 8.20 a.m., and 10.10 p.m. on

Saturday, August 3rd. Excursions will also be run on Saturday to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth, Marlborough, Devizes, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Oswestry, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Isle of Man, and other places served by the Great Western System. In addition to the weekly excursion trains to the West of England and Weymouth districts, an excursion train leaves Paddington at 8.10 a.m. every Saturday during July, August, and September for Shrewsbury, Llanidloes, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Harlech, Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Bettws-y-coed, Bangor, Carnarvon, and other stations in North Wales, for 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days. Passengers are also booked every Saturday to Guernsey and Jersey, via Weymouth, and the short sea passage to the Island, by the trains leaving Paddington at 9.15 a.m. and 9.15 p.m. Third Class Return Tickets, available for 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days, will be issued at a fare of 24s. 6d. On Sunday, August 4th, excursions will be run to Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and at 12.15 midnight an excursion for 1 or 4 days will leave Paddington for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. On Monday, August 5th, cheap trains will be run to Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c. Cheap third class excursion tickets are issued daily by specified trains from Paddington, Kensington (Aldison Road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and North London Railways, to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, and other popular riverside resorts.

### MIDLAND RAILWAY.

On Monday, August 5th, certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations. For the convenience of the public the Midland Railway Company have arranged that the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations shall be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, August 2nd and 3rd. Tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be obtainable beforehand at their Offices, 267, Strand; 189, Victoria-street; 38, Cranbourn-street; 101, High Holborn; 5, Charing Cross (corner of Northumberland-avenue); 1, Shaftesbury-avenue, Piccadilly; 103, New Bond-street; Gloucester Office, 495, Oxford-street; 272, Regent-circus, Oxford-street; 170, Queen's-road, Bayswater; 109, Tottenham Court-road; 33, Cannon-street; 13, Aldersgate-street; 10, Commercial-road; "Four Swans," 36, Camomile-street; 13, Parkside, Knightsbridge; 122, Mare-street, Hackney; "Red Cap," 6, Camden-road; "Empire" Office, 30, Silver-street, Notting Hill Gate; 50a and 52a, Leadenhall House; Myer's Office, 1a, Pentonville-road; 11, Onslow-place, South Kensington; Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street, Westminster; Civil Service Supply Association, 136, Queen Victoria-street; also at Cook's Offices: Ludgate-circus; 445, West Strand; 99, Gracechurch-street; 33, Piccadilly; 82, Oxford-street; 13, Cockspur-street; Mr. Whiteley's (Westbourne Grove), W., and the L.B. and S.C. Co.'s Offices, 28, Regent-street, Piccadilly; 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Trafalgar-square. The tickets obtained at these Offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursions will be run from London on Friday night, August 2nd, to Stirling, Perth, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c., for five or 11 days, by which train third class return tickets will be issued at a single fare for the double journey, available for 16 days. On Saturday, August 3rd, to Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Bury, the Furness District, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Barnsley, Keighley, York, Hull, Scarborough, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, Carlisle, &c., returning the following Thursday; to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumfries, Castle Douglas, Ayr, &c., for eight days, with bookings at a single third class fare for the double journey for 16 days. On Monday, August 5th, a day trip will be run from London (St. Pancras) to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Leicester, and Birmingham, and a two days' excursion to Manchester. Tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the above-named offices. Cheap excursion trains for six days will be run to London from Carlisle, Keighley, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Rochdale, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, &c., and from Manchester, Stockport, &c., for three days, on Saturday, August 3rd. Passengers will be booked by the six days' excursion trains at cheap fares to Brighton and other South Coast stations for five, eight, 10, or 15 days; to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning within 16 days. On Monday, August 5th, cheap day trips to London will be run from Bradford, Leeds, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Northampton, Bedford, &c., and a two and four days' trip from Barnsley, Sheffield, Chesterfield, Manchester, Stockport, &c. Cheap daily and week-end excursions are run from St. Pancras and other Midland Stations to Southend-on-Sea by the new and shorter route via the Tottenham and Forest Gate Line.

### THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Friday night, August 2nd, cheap five or 11 days' excursion will be run from London to Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Oban, Montrose, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c. Also on Saturday night, August 3rd, for eight days, to Northallerton, Darlington, Richmond, Durham, Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c. By the above excursions, tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued available for 16 days. On Saturday, August 3rd, cheap six days' excursions will be run from London to Huntingdon, Peterboro' Lynn, Cromer, Yarmouth, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tutbury, Stoke, Manchester, Stockport, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Hull, York, Scarborough, Whitby, Bridlington, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, &c. On Saturday, August 3rd, and Monday, August 5th, cheap day excursions will be run to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Tickets will be issued by the excursion on Saturday, available for return by the excursion on Monday or by any ordinary train on Tuesday. On Sunday midnight, August 4th, a fast excursion for two days will be run from King's Cross, &c., to Manchester. On Monday, August 5th, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (L.C. and D.), Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Alban's, Wheat-hampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Royston, and Cambridge. Cheap return tickets will also be issued to Biggleswade, on Monday, August 5th. For Alexandra Park Races on Monday, August 5th, a frequent service of special and ordinary trains will be run between Victoria (L.C. and D.), Moorgate, Broad-street, King's Cross, and the Wood Green station. On Tuesday, August 6th, cheap day excursion to Skegness. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross, (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate-hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon and Finsbury Park Stations, and at the following ticket offices: 99, Tottenham Court-road; 285, Oxford-street; "Star" office, 138, Victoria-street, Piccadilly; 139 and 141, Brompton-road; Albert Gate office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square; 169, Edgware-road; "Royal Oak" office, 6, Porchester-road; Westbourne-grove; Cambridge-circus, Shaftesbury-avenue; 328, Strand; 29, Bow-street, Covent Garden; "Bee Hive," Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; G. N. Office, Farringdon-street; 230, Essex-road, Islington; 264, High Holborn; 16, Fish-street Hill; 75 and 230, High-street, Borough; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 217, Old-street; 190a, Westminster Bridge-road; 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; Royal Victoria and Albert Dock (G. N. Co.'s offices); at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus; at the Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street; at William Whiteley's, 151, Queen's-road, Bayswater; F. H. Montague and Co., 101, Fulham-road; Civil Service Supply Association, 136, Queen Victoria-street; Civil Service Co-operative Society, 28, Haymarket; Hernu, Peron and Co., 98 and 100, Queen Victoria-street; and of A. Jakins and Co., 99, Leadenhall-street (Leadenhall House); 30, Silver-street, Notting Hill Gate; and "Red Cap" 6, Camden-road.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG have left Windsor Castle for Germany, where they purpose paying a series of visits. Their Royal Highnesses are travelling incognito, and are expected to remain abroad for several weeks. In the meantime their children remain with the Queen at Osborne.

A HEAVY THUNDERSTORM prevailed throughout the country generally on Sunday last, the amount of rain that fell in the 24 hours being an inch and a quarter. A small farmer, residing near Carlow, and Dr. Reece, a medical practitioner in the Swansea Valley, were both struck by lightning on Sunday last and killed.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE SKINNERS' COMPANY has forwarded a donation of 10 guineas for the Children's Country Holidays' Fund, to the Hon. A. Lyttelton, 10, Buckingham-street, Strand.

THE ANNUAL FETE and prize distribution of the Female Orphan Asylum was held in the grounds of the Institution at Beddington on Saturday last. The Archbishop of Canterbury presided, and the awards were presented by Mrs. Benson.

THE SHAHZADA visited the British Museum on Monday evening, and was received by the Principal Librarian, Sir E. Maunde Thompson, and the principal officers. His Highness exhibited great curiosity while promenading the sculpture galleries, and subsequently inspected the reading room.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the Church Sunday School Choir took place at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, when, notwithstanding the uncertain state of the weather, there was a very full attendance. The choir numbered some 5000 voices, and the precision of their singing was very remarkable.

LORD AND LADY WIMBORNE entertained at dinner, at Wimborne House, Arling-ton-street, on Monday, a numerous party of guests, among whom were the Duke of Marlborough and Lady Lillian Spencer-Churchill, the Duchess of Abercorn and Lady Alexandra Hamilton, the Duchess of Roxburghe and Lady Margaret Innes-Ker, and Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Zetland.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the National Rifle Association at Bisley terminated on Saturday last with the contest for the Queen's Prize. After a very keen competition, in which Private Hayhurst, of Canada, and Private Boyd, of the 3rd Lanark, tied, the tie was shot off, and victory remained with the former, who thus secured the prize of £250, with the gold medal and gold badge awarded by the Association.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK left London for Hatfield on Saturday last on a visit to the Prime Minister and the Marchioness of Salisbury. On Sunday H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud visited the Duchess of Fife at Sheen House. The Duke of Sparta, having concluded his visit to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, has rejoined the Duchess at Frederickshof, Cronberg.

IT IS WITH very great pleasure that we bear testimony to the excellence of Mr. George Vickers's "blue black writing ink." We have tried the sample which has been forwarded to us, and we have found it to be of good quality, the writing being clear and distinct and having the appearance of being likely to remain so. Those who may be desirous of trying it should address themselves to Mr. George Vickers, Wholesale News-agent and Bookseller, Angel Court, 172, Strand, W.C.

MANY SUNDERLAND FREEMASONS will learn with regret of the death of Bro. Alfred Gray, which occurred at his residence in Harold-street, Newcastle, on Thursday, the 18th inst. The deceased was a Past Master of the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, Monkwearmouth, and was a man of a quiet, pleasant, and genial disposition. A few years ago he received office in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham. As a superintendent marine engineer he possessed much ability and tact, and was esteemed both as a man and a Mason.

TWO IMPORTANT FIGURES of Masonic interest to the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham have just been arranged. By the courtesy of the Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson, we understand that the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Jarro, on Tuesday, the 24th September, on the invitation of St. Bede's Lodge, No. 1119. The Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at Sunderland Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 3rd September, when it is hoped there will be a large gathering from the whole of the chapters of the province. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., will preside at both meetings.

THE NINTH HALF-YEARLY MEETING and distribution of prizes of the Kingsland P.S.A. was held at the large schoolroom in Sandringham-road, on Thursday evening, the 25th inst., when there were present about 1000 members and friends. Over 300 prizes were distributed. The Committee had provided a most enjoyable, vocal, and instrumental entertainment, in which the following took part—Madame Nellie Cope, Mrs. Miles, Messrs. Gibbs and Banton, and the Kingsland P.S.A. String Band (30 performers), under the direction of Mr. Barker. A vote of thanks to the various artistes brought to a close a very happy and successful meeting.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by their daughters the Princesses Victoria and Maud, visited the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, on Monday afternoon for the purpose of opening the new front buildings which, with necessary improvements, have recently been erected at a cost of £30,000. Their Royal Highnesses were received by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Vice-President, and the reception Committee of the Hospital, and having been conducted to the Milne Ward, which was very prettily decorated for the occasion, an address was read and graciously acknowledged by the Prince, who then in the name of the Princess declared the premises open. The Royal party subsequently visited the wards, and on leaving were heartily cheered both by those present within the Hospital and the crowd outside.

THE SHAHZADA NASRULLA KHAN arrived at Windsor Castle on Saturday last to take leave of the Queen. His Highness was met at the railway station by one of the Queen's Equerries-in-waiting, and was conducted to the Castle under an escort of the 2nd Life Guards. He was received at the Sovereign's Entrance by Prince Christian and Prince Henry of Battenberg, by whom he was introduced into the Queen's presence in the Green Drawing Room. The Shahzada returned to London in the course of the afternoon. Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., was in attendance as Secretary of State for India. The same day the natives from the India Exhibition were conveyed to the Castle in order that her Majesty might see them, and afterwards were conducted through some of the State Apartments.

MASONIC TROPHY.—There is at present on view in the window of Mr. Hart, watchmaker, the Inter-Masonic Trophy which was won by Corp. James H. Scott, Melrose, at the recent Dartley Rifle Meeting. The general form of the trophy is square, relieved at the centre of each side by a projecting Gothic arch, in front of which are placed four Scotch lions rampant, supporting shields engraved with Masonic emblems. At each of the corners stand fluted pillars, terminating in antique Gothic capitals, on which are placed full length models of notable characters taken from the "Lay of the Last Minstrel." Respectively they represent "Deloraine," the "Lady of Buccleuch," the "Monk," and the "Minstrel." Following out the general lines of Gothic Architecture of the 15th century, the upper portion of the design has been supported on rounded arches, which tend to lighten the solid effect of a square base. In the spaces thus formed have been placed eight chased masks of individuals alluded to in the "Lay of the Last Minstrel." The central column of the trophy is an exact model of the Prentice Pillar in Roslin Chapel. It is enclosed in a Gothic canopy, which represents on each of the four sides a peaked arch surmounted by a cross—a marked characteristic of that style of ornament—and supported by four pillars resting on the base. The capital of the central column is extended so as to form a plinth, which supports a figure of St. Andrew, the patron Saint of Scotland. The prevalence in many cathedrals and abbeys in this country of the style of ornament adopted, and the faithfulness displayed in carrying it out, in the present design have given the trophy—viewed as a whole—rather an ecclesiastical appearance, while it lacks that solid and massive appearance which renders its adoption so difficult for other than ecclesiastical purposes for which it was originally designed, and hitherto almost exclusively used. Many of the details of the trophy, such as the capitals of the pillars, the water spouts surmounting them, and the pierced railing enclosing the base of the central pillar, are reproductions on a small scale of similar ornaments in Melrose Abbey and Roslin Chapel. The trophy rises to a height of nearly 30 inches, weighs 200 ounces of standard silver, and is placed upon an ebonised plinth. On one side of the latter is placed a shield, bearing the following inscription: "Inter-Masonic Shooting Trophy subscribed for by Lodges and Members of the Craft in Scotland, to be competed for annually by representatives from Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland," while on the sides of the base there is a caste in relief, the inscription: "Inter-Masonic Trophy, 1877. Instituted in Lodge Caledonian, Edinburgh, No. 392, R. Lee Bryce, Chairman, R. Lumsden, Secretary and Treasurer." Seeing that several of the details of the Trophy are copies, on a smaller scale of similar ornaments on Melrose Abbey, that on it are carved models of the four leading characters in Sir Walter Scott's "Lay of the Last Minstrel," and that it was won by a "Scott," a representative from the Masonic Lodge of Melrose, whose original dates from time immemorial, it is of special interest to the people of Borderland.

IT WAS the Misses Cotter, daughters of our worthy Bro. Hugh Cotter, who presented each of the residents at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon with preserves, not Mrs. Cotter, as stated in our note of last week.

WE REGRET TO HEAR that Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P., has been prostrated by a severe attack of gout, and has been compelled to cancel all his political and other engagements.

The well-known and much appreciated "Red Book," corrected to 30th June last, is just published. The despatch is most commendable. Bro. Hughan has kindly promised an article on its contents for our next issue, which we feel assured will be a most welcome contribution.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF ST. ALBANS have left town for Bestwood Park, Notts, where the marriage of their daughter, the Lady Moyra Beauclerk, with Mr. R. Cavendish, son of the late Bro. Lord Edward Cavendish, will take place on Wednesday, the 31st inst.

IT HAS BEEN officially announced in the "Gazette" that the Queen has been pleased to grant to Bro. Lord Carrington the dignities of a Viscount and an Earl "by the names, styles, and titles of Viscount Wendover, of Chepping Wycombe, in the County of Buckingham, and Earl Carrington."

"THE PRUDE'S PROGRESS," Jerome K. Jerome's charming comedy, takes the place of "The Passport" at Terry's Theatre, and will continue its successful career on Monday, the 29th inst., with Miss Fanny Brough, Mr. Cyril Maude, Mr. Edward Righton, and the original cast from the Comedy Theatre, which will shortly be required for Mr. Comyn Carr's new production.

THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER has appointed a Committee to consider and report on the question of repairs to Church property in the immense diocese south of the Thames, and the following laymen will act with five clergymen and the Suffragan Bishop, viz., Messrs. P. A. Nairne, S. Bonnie, J. F. Field, Henry Lovegrove, Colonel Bolton, L.C.C., N. Pott, and F. Sutton.

WE BEG TO ANNOUNCE that in consequence of the great increase in its business Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Company, Limited, has removed from 43, Cannon-street, E.C., to more commodious premises at 64, Cannon-street. The Company has also opened a branch establishment at 213 to 215 Ingram-street, Glasgow, in order that it may be in a position to meet the ever-increasing demand in Scotland for its preparations.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by the Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne, and attended by her suite left Windsor Castle for Osborne on Monday morning shortly before 10.30 a.m., travelling by the Great Western Line to Basingstoke, and thence by London and South Western to Gosport, where the Royal party at once proceeded to Portsmouth Harbour and crossed to East Cowes on the Royal yacht Alberta.

DEAN FARRAR was presented on Monday evening in the Jerusalem Chamber Westminster, with a testimonial from his late parishioners of St. Margaret's and other on his departure to take up his residence at Canterbury. The presentation was made by Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P., and among those present were the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, the Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts.

AT A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire last month, it was decided to nominate Bro. W. H. Bailey (London manager, Messrs. Bass, Ratcliff, and Grettton, Limited), in December next, for the Grand Treasurership of the Grand Lodge of England, and the Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth, has consented to act as chairman of Bro. Bailey's Committee in the event of a contest arising.

FISHMONGERS' HALL has been placed at the disposal of Bro. Lord Norton, the Master, and the Wardens of the Shipwrights' Company for the purposes of a dinner to be held on Wednesday, the 7th prox., when the Duchess of Rutland, whose husband is a Past Master, will be presented with a handsome bust, which has been subscribed for by the members of the Company in token of their appreciation of her services to the Company.

THE DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER—which took place on the 25th inst.—was the end to a long period of suffering. Never very strong, he had of late been reduced to limits that made his continued existence almost a marvel. Dr. Thorold was a great traveller and was supposed to have penetrated to more remote regions than any other occupant of the Episcopal Bench. His death vacates the office of prelate of the Order of the Garter.

MR. EDWIN H. EGERTON, C.B., cousin of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, was married to Madame Olga Katkof, widow of M. Katkof and daughter of the late Prince Nicholas Lobanoff, firstly in St. James's Church, Piccadilly, and afterwards in the Church of the Russian Embassy, Welbeck-street, on Monday morning, among those present being Bro. Christopher Sykes, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton and the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, and Bro. Sir Frederick and Lady Milner.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.—A meeting of the Court of Governors of the Hamer Benevolent Institution was held in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 19th inst., Bro. J. Milner, P.M. 1756, occupying the chair. Two annuities of £26 each were granted to two old brethren, and the sum of £20 was voted to assist another deserving member of the Craft. Several other petitions will be presented to the next court, and will doubtless receive the same generous consideration.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK, who have been on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at Government House, Aldershot, witnessed some interesting military operations over the Fox Hills on Tuesday. They also visited the gymnasium and the balloon-shed, and in the evening were present at a small dinner party given in their honour. They returned to town the following day, and were visited by the Swedish and Norwegian Minister and Madame Akerman prior to their leaving London.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, attended by the Headquarters Staff, visited Woolwich on Tuesday, and made his annual inspection of the troops in garrison. The inspection took place on the Common, the troops consisting of four batteries of Royal Artillery, four of Royal Horse Artillery, and six of Field Artillery, the Lincolnshire Regiment, the Royal Engineers, and the Army Service Corps, numbering about 6000, with 1200 horse. After visiting the Herbert Hospital and lunching at the Royal Artillery mess, his Royal Highness returned to town.

ABOUT 300 CHILDREN belonging to the Notting Hill Branch of the Children's Happy Evenings' Association, and drawn from the poorest slums in the neighbourhood of Latimer-road, were entertained in Osterley Park by Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey on Monday. After a substantial tea, the children took part in races organised by Lady Margaret and Lady Mary Villiers, and Bro. Lord and Lady Jersey bestowed on the winners a goodly number of prizes in the shape of cricket bats, dolls, paint boxes, &c. At the close of the day the children were sent home happy and contented with gifts of hats, cakes, cocoanuts, &c., &c.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT at the marriage of Mr. Frank Dugdale, second son of Mr. James Dugdale, of Wroxall Abbey, with the Lady Eva Greville, Lady in Waiting to the Duchess of York, and sister of Bro. the Earl of Warwick, in St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday last, were their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and Prince Adolphus of Teck. The bride was given away by her brother, the Earl of Warwick. The relatives and friends were afterwards welcomed by the Countess Dowager of Warwick, at Warwick House.

THE FIRST of a series of river fêtes, which have been organised by the Richmond Festivities Committee, took place on Wednesday, and proved a great success. Owing to the high wind, fewer boats took part in the procession than had been expected, but an immense crowd assembled for the purpose of witnessing the display, the banks between River Lane, Petersham, and Richmond Bridge being illuminated after dark by Chinese lanterns, &c., while three separate displays of fireworks were provided. The Duke of Cambridge and the Duke and Duchess of Teck were among the guests at Bro. Sir J. Whitaker Ellis's who viewed the spectacle.

THE MESSAGE OF PEACE is always appreciated and respected by all true men, for many of us hope the time is not far distant when it may be universally adopted by all nations. When this comes to pass, happiness and prosperity will be the rule and not the exception. In the meantime, Holloway's Pills and Ointment have largely helped to make foreign nations understand that Englishmen delight in alleviating pain and suffering. These wonderful remedies have been blessed in many lands for the relief they have afforded and the cures effected. They are specially adapted for all complaints affecting the liver, stomach and kidneys, and at the season no family should be without a supply.