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## WOMEN MASONRY IN MEXICO.

It was hardly to be expected that Bro. T. S. PARVIN, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, would allow to pass unnoticed the many comments which have been made on this subject in the Masonic and general press of the United States and other countries. Indeed, it is quite on the cards that, if it had been anyone else than the son of so distinguished a member of our Order who had married a lady Freemason, the matter would have been allowed to pass without comment. But unfortunately respect for the privacy of individuals is not a characteristic of the American press, and we are the reverse of surprised at finding that Bro. PARVIN has expressed in good round terms the disgust he very naturally feels at the notoriety which has been thrust upon him and his daughter-in-law merely because he is a prominent Mason, and the latter is, or rather was, as many other Mexican ladies appear to be, a member of one of the lodges in her native country. The *Voice of Masonry* for the current month contains a long and elaborate letter from Bro. PARVIN, which contains a good deal of valuable information about these lady Freemasons of Mexico. Having first of all given vent to his annoyance by pointing out that though it might be well enough "for editors of political as well as Masonic papers" to discuss the question of 'Women Masonry' in Mexico, it was most ungentlemanly and discourteous to introduce the names of particular ladies into these discussions," Bro. PARVIN goes on to show, in the first place, that the subject is not a new one. On the contrary, as far back as 1889, the late Bro. Gen. PIKE, "then head of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons, published an article denouncing the Supreme Council of Mexico for having conferred the Degrees, Fourth and Fourteenth inclusive, upon a lady doctor." He then goes on to state that the Gran Dieta of Mexico, which was organised in 1890, as the "national and governing body of the several state Grand Lodges," notwithstanding that its "constitution did not provide for or permit it," by resolution authorised the initiation of women, and that "its Grand Secretary organised lodges of women and presided at their initiation." It was in one of these lodges that "the daughter of General RIVERA, one of the leading generals and public men in Mexico, was initiated, took an active part in the organisation of the Martha Washington Lodge, composed of ladies, and became its Master." Subsequently this lady was married to the son of Bro. PARVIN, who "being a Knight Templar and a 32° Mason from this State, was opposed to Women Masonry and in deference to his views," the lady "ceased meeting with the bodies and has had nothing to do with them since." We are further told by Bro. PARVIN that in only about five out of the 28 States in Mexico did this custom of making Women Masons prevail, but "they are now all prohibited by the Gran Dieta" from doing so, "that body having repealed the law under which such proceedings were held, although it failed to deny to the women already initiated the rights previously conferred upon them." But notwithstanding this and other departures from the landmarks which he found in Mexico he considers that Freemasonry has done a vast amount of good to the country. He says he recognised the various Masonic bodies therein established as "legitimate under their law," and does not regret that he visited them. But he appears to have stood up manfully—as we should expect that so distinguished a brother would do—for the true order of things and promptly told "the Grand Master of one of the State Grand Lodges" who asked him "what we, in Iowa,

would do should he and his wife or his daughter (both of whom are Masons and sit in Grand Lodge with him and vote, as do his sons and himself) visit our lodges or Grand Lodge," "that we would admit him, but exclude his wife and daughter." Bro. PARVIN adds as regards his son that he is the Master of a lodge, which is called an "American Lodge," because all its members are Americans, and that it holds its Charter from the same Gran Dieta which issued the Martha Washington Charter, but that he had addressed a letter to the lady Masons in the City of Mexico, in which he gave them clearly to understand that, if any of them applied for admission to the lodge over which he presided, he should refuse to admit them. They have taken the hint, and Bro. PARVIN, jun., has never been called upon to carry out his threat. It is therefore clear from the particulars we have quoted from Bro. PARVIN'S letter in this month's *Voice of Masonry*—(1) that the custom of making lady Masons in Mexico is now forbidden by the Gran Dieta, while (2) as regards those who have been initiated, neither he nor his son has the slightest idea of recognising any claims they may be supposed to have to enter a regular lodge of Masons and take part in its proceedings.

## LANE'S "MASONIC RECORDS."\*

We had the pleasure of announcing last week that the Second Edition of Bro. JOHN LANE'S "Masonic Records" had at length been issued, and the duty now devolves upon us of conveying, or perhaps we ought rather to say, of attempting to convey, to our readers some idea of the further progress which the author has made in carrying out his original design in compiling this important work. That design, if we have understood it rightly, was to provide a solid basis of fact as regards the development of our modern system of Freemasonry from the year 1717, when the first Grand Lodge of England was constituted by four of the then existing Operative lodges, till the present time. In order to carry out his plan as completely and as accurately as possible, Bro. LANE has made it his business to trace out, as far as the information he succeeded in obtaining would enable him, all the lodges that have ever been warranted by the Grand Lodges which have at different times been established in this country. That he has succeeded in his task was recognised at once on the publication of the first edition, and has since been emphasised by the honour conferred upon him by Grand Lodge, and the encomiums he has received from all the most competent judges of this class of compilation. But none the less does the marvel remain that any man should have been found ready and willing to impose upon himself a duty involving such an infinity of minute and apparently endless labour, and having undertaken it, that he should have carried it out with such unwearying patience and such amazing ability, judgment, and accuracy. The first edition of these "Masonic Records" was, as it seemed to us, to all intents and purposes, a perfect compilation, but its successor so far excels it, that, in our humble opinion, there is little left for future compilers of this class of work to do but to follow in its author's footsteps, and in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred accept, undoubtingly, the conclusions at which he has seen fit to

\*Masonic Records, 1717-1894. The Second Edition. By John Lane, F.C.A., (P.M. 1402, Torquay), Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of England; with an Introduction by William James Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England. Published under the Authority of the United Grand Lodge of England by Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., as Grand Secretary. London: Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. 1895.

arrive. There are, it is true, a few cases such as those of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, in which Bro. LANE has deduced from the facts he has collated opinions to which exception has been, and still may be, taken. They are, nevertheless, opinions in favour of which, though we differ from him in his conclusions, much may be urged in the way of commendation. However, these are but small matters, constituting only a very slight proportion of the infinitesimal amount of questionable judgment which has been exhibited by Bro. LANE in the fulfilment of his labours, nor will they be allowed even by the most exacting critic to detract one iota from the extraordinary merit which must of necessity pertain to the compilation of such a volume. The "Records" are as complete and as trustworthy as they can be, at all events without that further information which the compiler was unsuccessful in obtaining.

Eight years have elapsed since the publication of the former edition, and during the whole of that period Bro. LANE, as he tells us in his Preface, has been engaged in collecting information for the present issue, particulars having been "solicited from all quarters of the world and every available means used in order that the needed facts might, wherever practicable, be obtained from the original sources." He did not succeed in all his various inquiries, for "occasionally even repeated applications to officers of existing lodges failed to elicit any reply whatever." We can well imagine the disappointment which so enthusiastic a worker must have felt at such discourtesies, yet he persevered in his task, sparing "neither time nor means" in order "to make the work as reliable and complete as the circumstances would permit." The result is that while the general features and characteristics of the original work have been adhered to, the errors—such as it is well nigh impossible to avoid—which had crept into the former edition have been for the most part corrected, and a mass of additional information incorporated in the text, for which every student of Masonic history will be sincerely grateful. Two new Indexes have also been supplied, "the one containing a list of all the Hotels, Taverns, Inns, Halls, or other Buildings, in which lodges in the London District have met; the other comprising the names of *all the Lodges* noted in the text from the earliest period down to the year 1894." Moreover, "all Foreign and Colonial Lodges that have appeared on the English Register, and that subsequently joined other Grand Bodies have, as far as possible, been traced and their present positions noted." In short, the work which has been most thoroughly revised and carefully corrected, and which, by the way, is published by the Grand Lodge of England in accordance with a resolution adopted on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, may for all practical purposes be taken as the official record of the lodges which at divers times have been warranted by one or other of our English Grand Lodges.

As showing the extent to which the revision and enlargement of the original work have been carried, we note, in the first place, that in the 1886 edition the number of lodges contained in the Summary was 3661; in the new edition it is 4095. As regards the lodges in the several enumerations which constitute these totals respectively, we find that according to the earlier edition there were 226 "Modern" lodges on the roll to 1739; in the new edition they muster 230. Those placed on the roll of 1740-1755 were 101 in the former, and are 102 in the latter; from 1755 to 1770, 263 in the one, and 269 in the other; from 1770 to 1780, 132 in the one, and 144 in the other; from 1780 to 1792, in the former 157, in the latter 160; and from 1792 to 1813, in the former 146, in the latter 180; the totals of the "Modern" lodges in the two editions being—in the earlier, 1025, and in the new edition, 1085. The "Ancient," or, "Athol" lodges are set down as 510 in the old edition, and 521 in the new, the number of the "York" and "South of the Trent" being set down in both as 14. This gives a total to the date of "The Union" of, in the one case 1549, and in the other of 1620. The lodges warranted from 1814 to 1832 were 223 in the original work, they are now set down as 224. Those warranted between 1832 and 1863 muster in both editions 682, while between 1863 and 1894 they are given in the new edition as 1509, the last lodge contained in the

enumeration being the Coolgardie Lodge, No. 2543, Coolgardie, Western Australia, which was warranted on the 18th December, 1894. In the former edition the total was 1207, the highest lodge in the enumeration being Unity Lodge, No. 2181, Knysna, South Africa, the warrant of which bears date the 20th October, 1886.

Turning to the sub-divisions in which the main body of the work is arranged, we find that Parts I., II., and III., contain the same lists—but with the addenda and corrigenda—in the new edition as in the old, but Part IV., which, in the latter contained the index to the volume—a list of the "places of meeting" arranged in nine classes or sections—now furnishes a list of the "lodges constituted or warranted abroad, but never registered in the Books of Grand Lodge." These lodges, of which the number is very considerable, and which, as they were never reported to the supreme authority in England, are not included in the summary of lodges we have described, "appear," according to Bro. LANE, "to have been warranted or constituted during the latter part of the last and the early part of the present century, by, or under the authority of Provincial Grand Masters residing abroad." No traces of their constitution can be found in the Grand Lodge Register and Bro. LANE considers it "absolutely certain that most, if not all, of those lodges were never reported by the Provincial Grand Masters or their officers to the Grand Lodge, and that no returns were ever made, or contributions sent, by any of them to the supreme authority, according to the requirements of the Book of Constitutions." It is not claimed that the lists here furnished contain all lodges thus constituted, but only those respecting which sufficient evidence is forthcoming to justify the conclusion that they were of English origin. It will thus be seen that this Part IV. constitutes a very important addition to the original work—an addition which cannot fail to prove of great value to those who may hereafter take upon themselves to compile histories of the Craft in the various countries in which the lodges herein described were warranted. Part V. contains the Index arranged in eleven instead of in nine sub-divisions, the additional ones being, as already quoted—(1) a list of Hotels, Taverns, Halls, &c., at which the lodges in the London District have been or are held; and (2) an alphabetical list of the names of all the lodges; on the importance of these as aids to the student in his examination of the lists included in the volume it is impossible that too great stress can be laid. As for the other features which are to be found, or have been differently placed in the new edition, we note with extreme pleasure that an excellent portrait of Bro. LANE forms the Frontispiece, while the "Reduced Facsimile of PINE'S Engraved List of 1725," which served in that capacity in the original work, now faces the first page of Part III., to which, indeed, it properly belongs. The Preface to the First Edition is very properly reproduced in the second, and so likewise is Bro. HUGHAN'S Introduction, in which a few lines have been inserted here and there which have the effect of causing it to read more smoothly. In fine, the former volume, except where it has been amended and corrected, has been reproduced, while some idea may be formed of the extent to which entirely new matter has been incorporated when we state that whereas the First Edition filled a volume of 24 pages of Preface, &c., &c., and some 320 pages of matter, or in all 344 pages, the Second Edition runs to 544 pages. As regards the parts played by the printer—Bros. M. C. PECK and Son, of Hull—and the binder respectively, it is only necessary to say that they have both done their duty admirably, and that there is little, if any, difference to be noticed between the two editions, the degree of excellence exhibited being the same in both.

There is little to add to what we have said. We have described all the chief points of agreement and difference between the two editions as regards the character and arrangement of their contents; we have laid due stress firstly on the extreme care with which the original work has been overhauled, and secondly on the mass of new and invaluable matter which has been introduced into its pages; and lastly we have endeavoured, —though we fear we must acknowledge that we have done so only with a very partial measure of success—to convey to our readers something like an approximate idea of the extent and nature of the labours which Bro. LANE has at length accomplished after a course of study and research extending over so many years. Beyond this we are unable to go, at all events in the very limited space at our disposal, and we must content ourselves with offering our congratulations to Bro. LANE on the completion of his work and the manner in which he has carried it out.

## MASONIC CERTIFICATES.\*

It is difficult to imagine a drier or, at first sight, more uninteresting subject to write about than that of Certificates. These documents testify in simple language to certain facts which concern their owners and the bodies corporate which issued them. Their appearance is not particularly attractive, except, it may be, when they happen to be enclosed in gold caskets or have been designed by artists of pre-eminent ability. Yet Bro. RILEY, who is *facile princeps* among authorities on Masonic Certificates, has succeeded in compiling about them a most admirable treatise, in which are set forth clearly, concisely, and in order an array of facts which are valuable beyond anything that the most enthusiastic student of Masonry can have dreamt of in his philosophy. The classification and nomenclature of the various kinds of certificates which have been issued by our Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters leave nothing to be desired as regards precision and propriety, and doubtless those brethren who are the fortunate possessors of small collections of these documents—both those testifying to their own status in the Craft and those which belonged to their fathers and grandfathers and great-grandfathers and great-uncles before them—will regard them with far keener interest when they find, on reading this work of their worthy Bro. RILEY, that they include specimens of the "Three Graces," or a 1st or 2nd Angel, a 1st or 2nd Gloria, a "Three Pillars," with a stray DERMOTT, Trinity, or St. Paul's. Be this as it may, the treatise, as we have said, is most admirable, and contains far more information than we could have deemed it possible for even so painstaking and energetic a student of Craft lore as Bro. RILEY to have accumulated.

The "Introductory" chapter treats of Certificates generally, the necessity for their issue—which has always existed but not always been recognised—and their value for purposes of identification, and we certainly share in the surprise which the author expresses that a period of nearly 40 years should have elapsed before Grand Lodge (Moderns) considered it expedient to introduce some approach to "system" in the transaction of its business. According to a footnote in one of DERMOTT'S minutes bearing date the 27th December, 1755, "the Ancients had granted Certificates time immemorial," but this boastful language is hardly consistent with the fact that the body of which he was then Grand Secretary, and to which his statement was intended to apply, had only been in existence as a separate and distinct organisation between four and five years. At all events, the original Grand Lodge of England was established in 1717, but it was not until 1755, during the Grand Mastership of the Marquis of CARNARVON, that Grand Lodge resolved on issuing "Certificates of membership signed by the Grand Secretary." Some time necessarily elapsed before effect could be given to this resolution, so that Bro. RILEY'S Class A of Certificates—issued by the "Modern" Grand Lodge—is set down as dating, at the earliest from 1756-7. Moreover, it was not till several years later—1768—that Grand Lodge instituted the "still more important system of Registration," so that in all probability full effect was not given to the issue of Certificates until that of registration had been instituted and was being regularly enforced. It is not surprising, therefore, to be told that very few specimens of the documents issued between 1756-7 and 1768 are in existence, nor is it much in the way of consolation to learn that not improbably "we should now possess a very good collection" of them had it not been for "the still prevalent practice of burning such as turn up amongst old family papers," &c.

We are told there are, in fact, 68 varieties of the certificates which have been issued by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, but that the series may be held to be "very well represented by 50 documents of the right kind," and a list of these 50 is appended to Bro. RILEY'S Treatise. These have been properly classed and named, there being six classes of Craft and four of Royal Arch Certificates. The former are as follow: The "3 Graces" in use by the "Moderns" from 1756-7 to 1809; the "Universis," issued by the "Ancients," in Bro. RILEY'S opinion some time "between 1765 and 1767;" the "1st Angel," also issued by the

"Ancients" in all probability in 1791 or 1792; the "2nd Angel," issued by the "Ancients" in 1810; the "St. Paul's," which was issued by the "Moderns" in 1810 and continued after the Union of 1813; and the "3 Pillars" issued by the United Grand Lodge in 1819, and in a new form in the following year. The latter "practically represents the document now in use, being very nearly the same in all respects." The four Royal Arch Certificates are the "Dermott," so called because designed by him, the first and only engraved certificate of the Ancients' Grand Grand Chapter, and in use at the close of its régime: "the Trinity," the first issued by the Moderns Grand Chapter; the "1st Gloria," dating from 1817, when the Union of the two Grand Chapters was effected; and the "2nd Gloria," which came into use 50 years ago.

As regards the highly interesting particulars which may be found in Bro. RILEY'S treatise, and the various other characteristics of those different classes of Certificates which he has noted, we must refer our readers to the work itself, which, like everything else that has been published by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, is beautifully printed, while the plates illustrating the different certificates and the seals affixed to, or impressed upon, them, materially enhance the value of the publication. In fact, without these illustrations, much of the effect would be lost of the valuable facts which Bro. RILEY has been at such pains to collate. We are pleased beyond measure at the opportunity which has been afforded us of offering our opinion upon this important work, and regret that through an oversight, or miscarriage, or similar unavoidable shortcoming, we have been unable to use this opportunity at an earlier date.

## TRANSACTIONS No. 2429, LEICESTER.

The "Lodge of Research," No. 2429, Leicester, is doing an excellent work, and is both prosperous and useful as an organisation for the promotion of a more careful study of the history, antiquity, and symbols of the Craft, besides providing an attractive centre and bond of union for Masonic students and brethren of literary tastes.

Bro. E. Holmes, the indefatigable Provincial Grand Secretary, is the Master, and has his two predecessors in office, Bro. W. Maurice Williams, the historian of Lodge No. 279, being the I.P.M., and Bro. John T. Thorp, the first W.M., being the courteous Secretary and the able editor of the Transactions. Bro. W. H. Staynes, P.M. 2081, the S.W., is the W.M. elect. The remaining officers are either Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens of other lodges.

The founders—eight in number—besides those mentioned, are Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. of England, D.P.G.M.; Dr. R. Pratt, F. W. Billson, LL.B., and the Rev. Henry S. Biggs, B.A. The joining members number 10—rather a disappointing total, as there surely should be more brethren eligible for membership of No. 2429. The honorary members number three. Some 50 brethren have also joined the "Correspondence Circle," several hailing from lodges not connected with the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland. This is as it should be, but I consider there ought to be fully one hundred from Leicester alone. I anticipate that as the value of the published Transactions becomes better known, and the importance and special character of the meetings are appreciated as they deserve to be, the lodge will become the recognised Masonic centre for the Midlands in relation to the study of the history, antiquity, ceremonies, ritual, and symbols of the Craft.

The "Correspondence Circle" only entails the small annual fee of 5s., and for my part I would much rather pay double that sum than miss either of the numbers of the published Transactions, for they include many distinctive features, and each year contains a supplemental catalogue of the ever increasing Freemasons' Hall Library, carefully described by Bro. Thorp, the Hon. Secretary and Chief Librarian.

The present issue (1894-5) gives racy accounts of five meetings (11th to 15th inclusive), the first containing a sketch of my lecture on "The Continuity of British Freemasonry;" the second states that 37 brethren were elected members of the "Correspondence Circle," and Bro. F. W. Billson, S.D., read a very thoughtful paper on "Freemasonry, its Origin and Purpose," mainly devoted to an examination of the traditional history, and some of the principal theories which had been advanced of the origin and purpose of Freemasonry. A brief sketch is appended. Bro. Thorp says: "The paper was of considerable length, was of great interest, and the brethren listened with pleasure and profit to the gradual unfolding of Bro. Billson's views on the question." The 13th assembly was devoted to the study of the paper, and the editor has wisely described the chief points of the discussion, which prove conclusively that there is no lack of students who are determined to sift the evidence and discover the actual truth for themselves.

Bro. Thorp undertook the duty of entertaining the members present at the 14th meeting by reading a paper on "English Grand Lodge Certificates." I had made up my mind to describe and particularise this admirable sketch of the certificates owned by the Freemasons' Library and Bro. Thorp, but as it covers some 12 pages, and is brimful of interesting information, my remarks must be deferred until I am able to go through the two collections, with the excellent digest before me for consultation.

The 15th meeting (as with the others, presided over by Bro. E. Holmes, W.M.) was a distinct success, a most instructive paper being read by Dr.

\* Masonic Certificates. Notes and Illustrations descriptive of these Engraved Documents of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England, from the earliest to the present time. By J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., P.Z., &c. Published for the author by Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No 2076.

Reginald Pratt, on "The History of Our Ritual." The brief *resumé* will be found most useful, and forms a reliable guide to the study of this complicated question for those who desire to know more about the matter than they gather by attendance at ordinary lodges.

The illustrations this time are the portrait of the Rev. William Peters, LL.D. D. Prov. G.M. Leicester, 1793—1814 (with memoir by the Editor), and a photo of two handsome jewels (which are exceedingly rare and suggestive), exhibited by Bro. Thorp on 5th October, 1894. There is a List of the Bequest made by the lamented Bro. W. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland, including certificates, jewels, and books, some personal and others of considerable general interest.

The catalogue of additions to the library (in alphabetical order), concludes this number, being the third part of the Transactions, each number being complete in itself, and all are of special value and importance. They reflect great credit on all concerned in their production, and are unequalled by any other provincial lodge.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held at Saltash on the 16th instant. The event was looked upon as one of some importance, the main streets of the town presenting a very gay appearance with the amount of bunting displayed. The brethren assembled at the Star Hall at 10.30 in large numbers. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, D.G.M., Prov. G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., D.P.G.M.; P. Colville Smith, 331, P.S.G.W.; G. H. Reed, 75 P.J.G.W.; G. G. Ross, 789, and G. Durin, P.G. Chaplains; T. A. Kistler, P.G. Treas.; J. Bazeley, 450, P.G. Reg.; E. D. Anderton, 331, P.G. Sec.; M. Samson, 121, P.S.G.D.; J. Brewer, G. Cassell, and R. Rodda, 589 P.J.G.Ds.; W. L. Chegwidden, 589, P.G.S. of W.; F. Bray, 1785, P.G.D.C.; T. Gatley, 1529, P.D.G.D.C.; F. J. Denison, 977, P.G.S.B.; J. Retallick, 699, P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Richards, 318, P.G. Org.; J. H. Hosken, 557, T. B. Tresize, 1136, B. Blight, 496, J. T. Letcher, 131, and W. McLean, 856, P.G. Stwds.; and J. Polkinhorne, P.G. Tyler. There was also a large number of other brethren present.

After the reading of the minutes, it was stated that there had been subscribed to the Chirgwin memorial £52 13s. 6d. from Masonic sources, and £8 from the general public, which would be sufficient to put in a single light window in Truro Cathedral, and the erection of a tablet with an inscription, which was read.

Bro. Thomas A. Kistler, P.G. Treas., presented his balance-sheet, which showed that after meeting all expenses the balance at the Cornish Bank was £146 8s. 8d., against £211 11s. 5d. at the same period last year. The decrease was attributed to the large amounts voted to Charities.

The report of the Cornish Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund announced that £244 6s. 6d. had been received as donations or subscriptions, against £230 1s. in the same period in the previous year, and the receipts from other sources brought the total to £676 8s. 1d. After meeting expenses there remained a balance at the bank of £435 16s., against £226 4s. 7d. last year. There are six aged Masons, and a similar number of widows in receipt of grants, and £100 is also given for educational purposes. Three applications had been received for annuities, and two for educational grants.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY reported that there had been 130 initiations during the year 1894, and with 37 joining members, the total number was 1771, against 1702 in the previous year, an increase of 69. Dispensations had been granted to Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121, and to One and All Lodge, No. 330, for the holding of Masonic Charity balls. Four petitions to the Board of Benevolence in London had been reported on, and the grants obtained to the amount of £130, as against £60 last year in a similar number of cases. A larger number of the Directory had been ordered than in the previous year. It would greatly assist the Provincial Grand Secretary if all the returns sent out annually were more carefully filled in, and returned within the specified time.

The Committee of Relief had made grants to three brethren and one widow, amounting to £27 2s. The Committee recommended that 90 guineas be voted to the C.M.A. and B. Fund, R.M.I. for Boys, and R.M. Benevolent Institution.

The Prov. Grand Secretary's report referred to some grants made to Cornishmen through London, and Bro. Anderton said there was a feeling in the Metropolis that the status of Masons was not being kept up in Cornwall as much as it ought to be. He suggested that when a man was not admitted into a lodge in his neighbourhood, that when he applied to be received into one elsewhere, inquiries should be made at the place where he came from as to his *bona fides*.

At noon the lodge adjourned in order to attend divine service at the parish church. The brethren, numbering nearly 400, formed in procession, headed by the Plymouth Borough Band, under Mr. Waterman, and the sacred law was carried by four lads, viz., T. D. Deeble, S. G. Nancarrow, W. R. Downey, and P. Burns. The sacred edifice was crowded in every part.

The vicar, the Rev. ARTHUR PREEDY, read the prayers, Bros. the Rev. R. F. FRASER FRIZELL, P.G. Chap., and the Rev. Dr. ROSS, P.G. Chap., the lessons, and the sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. G. DURNOW, P.G. Chap. The discourse was based on I. Corinthians iii., 16, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God." He compared the building of King Solomon's temple to the building of every man's character, or the love of God in the soul.

A collection was made during the service, and realised £9. At the close the brethren re-formed procession and returned to the lodge room, where the business was proceeded with. The four Lewises, who carried the sacred law, were presented with nicely-bound copies of the Oxford bible by the Prov. G.M., who said that freemasons had secrets, but there was one thing they did not attempt to conceal, and that was their respect for the volume of the sacred law as God's word. That was why they had it carried in their procession, and he presented the

lads with those bibles as souvenirs of the part they had taken in that day's proceedings, and in the hope that they would be a help to them in their lives.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY mentioned that they had among them the W.M. and the W.M. elect of the Cornish Lodge in London, Bros. C. Rawle and J. Leach-Barrett, and they were accorded a hearty welcome by the Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. RAWLE responded, and said he had looked forward to the privilege of greeting his brethren in Cornwall. It had been his wish ever since he had been in the chair of the Cornish Lodge to attend a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the county. His lodge was a young one, but he was glad to say it had made favourable progress. It had had the misfortune to lose Bro. Molesworth St. Aubyn, whom they held in great esteem, and had initiated a good many members, including Bro. Rev. Professor Shuttleworth and that grand old Cornishman, Bro. Passmore Edwards. He hoped they would see many visitors at the Cornish Lodge.

Bro. EDYVEAN, as Charity Steward, reported favourably on the voting power of the province to the great Masonic Charities during the past year. He received in October, girls 429, boys 467, total, 896; in April, girls 455, boys 492, total, 957; benevolent, 2190; thus making a grand total of 4043, being an increase of 154 on the previous year. The Benevolent election in May was very keenly contested, there being 63 candidates for 20 vacancies, but, thanks to the energy and assistance of many brethren in the province, as well as of Cornishmen in London, especially Bro. J. Roberts, they were enabled to poll 4136 for the province's adopted candidate, Bro. Harris, 131, which placed him eighth on the successful list, this securing him £40 per annum for life. The votes in April and May being insufficient necessitated their borrowing, and at present they owed 970 benevolent votes, to meet which they had 553 girls votes in hand, in addition to the votes for the October election.

The various officials were re-elected, as was Bro. Edyvean as Charity Representative.

The collection at the church was distributed as follows: Two-fifths to Masonic Charities, one-fifth to St. Barnabas Cottage Charity, and two-fifths to be placed in the hands of the vicar to disperse as he might think fit among the poor.

The Prov. G.M. appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" R. A. Courtney, 510	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Rev. R. F. Fraser Frizell, 131 and 699	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. G. Durno	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaplains.
" Rev. H. W. Millett	...	...	
" G. G. Bullmore, 1528	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. W. Perry, 856	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. D. Anderton	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. D. Deeble, 1071	...	...	} Prov. S.G. Deacons.
" J. G. Henwood, 970	...	...	
" J. T. Williams, 557	...	...	} Prov. J.G. Deacons.
" J. E. Blight, 496	...	...	
" R. A. Newcombe, 967	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Works.
" T. B. Tresize, 1136	...	...	} Prov. G.D.Cs.
" Brendon Parsons, 789	...	...	
" G. Timmins, 1006	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Major W. H. Martyn, 1785	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. P. Isbell, 977	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. R. Evans, 893	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Bearers.
" W. M. Roberts, 1164	...	...	
" W. R. Rawling, 1071	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" R. R. Alford, 2166	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Goodfellow, 1954	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. J. Trythall, 587	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. W. Wilkinson, 456	...	...	
" G. B. Treverton, 330	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" John Newland, 1544	...	...	
" N. S. C. Couch, 1151	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. J. M. Gooding, 75	...	...	
" John T. Thorne, 1071	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

On the proposition of the PROV. G. SECRETARY, the following motions were agreed to:

To insert after the word "meantime" in 17th line—"In cases of urgency when there is no other business necessitating a meeting of the Committee, the Prov. G. Treasurer, Prov. G. Secretary, the Treasurer of the C.M.A. and B. Fund, and one elected member each from East and West Cornwall, or any three of them, shall have power to grant temporary relief to the extent of £5 as aforesaid."

To omit the second paragraph—"N.B. to Form," and in lieu thereof to add another by-law—"Petitions must be sent to the Prov. G. Sec. at least a month before the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, and unless this rule is complied with, no grant (other than for temporary relief) shall be made."

To alter heading to form of Lodge recommendation so as to read—"To prevent mistakes in the recommendation of petitions, the following form is suggested—which may be altered as circumstances require."

An invitation was received from Penzance to hold the next annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge there.

This concluded the business, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in the customary manner.

A large number of brethren subsequently partook of luncheon at the Masonic Hall. An excellent repast was supplied by Mr. Copley, of the Union Hotel, and the way in which it was served reflected the highest credit upon the caterer. The Prov. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, presided, and was supported by the leading office-holders.

"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been duly toasted, Bro. RAWLINGS gave "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe."

His LORDSHIP expressed his pleasure that the toast should have been proposed by the son of an old Mason, whom they had respected for many years. They had had, he hoped, a successful meeting, and although held at the extreme end of the county, there was a good muster.

Bro. P. BARRETT gave "The Health of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master," who, he said, was one of the founders of the Prov. Grand Lodge, together with the Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. Sir C. B. GRAVES-SAWLE, Bart., in reply, said he had not been able to give that attention to Masonry which he formerly did, owing to the state

of his health. He had desired to visit the Cornish Lodge in London, but was unable to do so, and that day, when the Prov. Grand Master again appointed him, he asked that a younger man might be selected, as his health had failed very much lately, and he should have to withdraw still more from public affairs ere long. He wished them every prosperity.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Prov. Grand Wardens and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge." Before doing so he referred to the D.P.G.M., and said while it might be easy for him (the speaker) to find a younger man for the position, it would be difficult for him to find a better man to take his place. Should Sir C. Graves-Sawle not always be well and able to undertake his duties, he would continue for many years to benefit, not only Masonry, but the county in every way. They did not desire to part with old friends, because they could not do what they had done a few years since, and if he could not do all that he had done, they would not require at his hands what he was not able to perform. With respect to the Prov. Grand Officers he had appointed from year to year, they always supported him very well, all being present that day with the exception of two, one of whom was ill with rheumatic fever, and the other had some important reason which prevented him coming. He was quite sure the Wardens and Officers appointed this year would take the same keen interest in the Masonry of the province as those did who had preceded them. The appointment was always a difficult one for the Prov. Grand Master, who had to consider the services of individual members, the natural claims of the various lodges, and the relative claims of the east and west of the county. He did his best, and he thought he had done pretty well generally.

Bro. Rev. R. F. FRASER FRIZELL responded on behalf of Bro. Courtenay, and spoke of how much Masonry had done to promote brotherly love in all parts of the world.

The CHAIRMAN, in giving "The W.M. of the Zetland Lodge, 1071, and Members," said they had to thank them for having made most excellent arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge that day.

The W.M., Bro. RAWLING, replied, and expressed a hope that the Provincial Grand Lodge would visit Saltash again before 30 years had passed.

"The Visiting Brethren" was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. KNIGHT, Norths and Hunts.

The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. LANDER, brought the proceedings to a close.

During the afternoon the Plymouth Borough Band played a most choice selection of operatic and other airs.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

### INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. F. GODSON AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The annual meeting in connection with the above Provincial Grand Lodge took place on the 12th inst., at the Shire Hall, Worcester. Owing to the lamented death of Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., who was for 16 years the head of the province, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, has appointed Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M., to be Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire, and the appointment being popular, there was an exceptionally large attendance of brethren from the various lodges in the province, and also from the neighbouring provinces, to witness the installation ceremony by the Pro Grand Master of England (Bro. the Earl of Lathom.)

Among those present were Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; the Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, S.G.D.; A. S. Tomkins, J.G.D.; W. H. Rylands, A.G.D.C.; J. S. Cumberland, D.G.S.B.; Lt.-Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Moore, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; J. T. Collins, P.G. Std. Br., D.P.G.M. Warwickshire; Col. Bindley, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Staffordshire; H. C. Beddow, D.P.G.M. Herefordshire; R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Salop; G. Beach, P.G. Std. Br., P.G. Sec. Warwickshire; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; J. Mason, R.M.B.I.; H. Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorks; and many others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Master designate, Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., after which he was saluted according to ancient custom.

The muster roll of the lodges was called, after which the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were submitted and adopted.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, D.G.M.; Lord Roberts of Candahar, S.G.W.; Lord Barnard, J.G.W.; the Dean of Gloucester, G. Chap.; Sir F. Seager Hunt, S.G.D.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Northants and Hunts; Lord Onslow, P.G.M. Surrey; the Marquess of Hertford, P.G.W.; Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire; Lord Dartmouth, P.G.M. Staffordshire; Sir J. Bailey, P.G.M. Herefordshire; Sir Olley Wakeman, P.G.M. Salop; Baron de Ferrières, P.G.D. England; and a number of other distinguished brethren.

On the motion of Bro. W. E. WALKER, seconded by Bro. Rev. W. J. DOWN, Bro. Arter was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER reported that Masonry was still flourishing in the province, the total number of members being 555, an increase of 22 as compared with the number in the previous year.

The report was considered to be satisfactory.

On the proposition of the ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER, it was decided that the Benevolent Committee be amalgamated with the Charity Committee.

The SECRETARY of the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee reported an increase of £38 17s. in the Charity Funds as compared with the previous year.

Bro. Guy Pritchard tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Committee.

It was accepted with regret, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Pritchard for his services.

Bro. W. T. Page was elected to the vacant office.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that Lady Lechmere had presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge, for the use of the Provincial Grand Master for all time to come, the collar, jewels, and other Masonic clothing belonging to the late Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Lady Lechmere.

The Lechmere Memorial Committee submitted the following report to the Provincial Grand Lodge: (1) "That a memorial window be placed in St. John's Chapel, Worcester Cathedral;" (2) "That the amount be divided

between the Masonic Boys' and Girls' School, in the name of the Lechmere Memorial, for the purchase of votes in perpetuity, and that a memoria brass be placed in St. John's Chapel, Worcester Cathedral."

In discussion it was stated that about £210 had been subscribed. The second clause was eventually carried unanimously.

The Acting Prov. Grand Master having retired, the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, entered the hall, accompanied by several Grand Officers, Present and Past.

The PRO GRAND MASTER took the chair, and the brethren sang the hymn "Hail! Eternal, by whose aid." The Pro Grand Master and other Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Masters having been saluted, his lordship addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge upon the subject of the installation. He said it was with pleasure he attended that day to perform the ceremony of installing the R.W. Bro. Godson as Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire. He had done excellent work, and was well worthy of the appointment conferred upon him by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England. He could not forget the fact that the appointment was in consequence of the death of the R.W. Bro. Sir E. Lechmere, who had so well and ably performed the duties of his high office. It was now nearly 17 years since he had the pleasure of installing the late Sir Edmund Lechmere to the high office of Provincial Grand Master. During that long period they had lost by death a large number of brethren, but it was gratifying to know that others had joined the ranks and were continuing the good work.

The arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate having been announced, he was directed to send in his patent, which was presented by the Prov. G.D.C. to the Pro Grand Master, who, having examined it, directed a deputation of seven Past Masters, two Past Prov. G. Wardens, and the Prov. Senior and Junior G. Deacons to retire with the G.D. of C., and introduce the Prov. Grand Master.

A procession was formed, and the deputation entered the lodge in the following order: Bro. the Rev. W. J. Down, the W.M. of the oldest lodge in the province, and Bro. H. Manley, the W.M. of the junior lodge. The former carried on a cushion the gloves and apron of the Prov. Grand Master, and the latter the collar and jewel. Bro. W. Waldron, Prov. G.D.C., followed, the Prov. Grand Master being escorted by Bros. Samuel Smith, P.M. 252; H. Rowe, P.M. 280; A. Comber, P.M. 377; A. Green, P.M. 498; T. E. Lucy, P.M. 529; J. T. Meredith, P.M. 560; and Walter Wood, P.M. 564, who represented the seven oldest lodges in the province. The procession moved up the centre of the lodge, halting at the pedestal, and Bros. R. P. Hill and J. Fitzgerald, two senior Past Masters, presented the Provincial Grand Master Designate. The patent having been read, the ceremony of installation was performed by the Pro Grand Master, who invested the Prov. Grand Master with the apron, chain and jewel of office. During the ceremony the anthem, "Be thou faithful unto death," was beautifully rendered.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he appreciated the honour the Grand Master of England had conferred upon him, and his best efforts would be made to follow in the footsteps of his late distinguished predecessor. He had been Deputy Prov. Grand Master 13 years all but two days, consequently he had had some experience, and with the assistance of the brethren he trusted their work would go on satisfactorily.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed his officers, a list of which appeared in our last issue.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Guildhall, where a banquet was provided, the Provincial Grand Master presiding. The usual Masonic toasts were observed.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers of England," said it had fallen to his lot to instal 24 Provincial Grand Masters. He was glad the Prince of Wales, as the Grand Master of England, had appointed Right Worshipful Bro. Godson as the Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire. He was fully convinced that he would worthily discharge the duties of his high office, and that his selection met with the approval of the brethren of the province. Masonry was making progress, not only in that province, but also in those adjoining. As Freemasons they prided themselves upon their Charities, and it was their duty to see that they were not imposed upon. There were a large number of applicants for Masonry, and it was the duty of the brethren who took upon themselves the responsibilities of proposing them that they should first make diligent inquiries into their characters, in order that only good men should be admitted into the Craft.

His lordship afterwards proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master."

Several other toasts followed, which were interspersed with appropriate music.

## FREEMASONRY IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

Scotland has suffered in the estimation of Craftsmen located in England, partly by wild stories recounted of her ways, and partly from wrongly-formed ideas, founded on individual cases. Within the last five or six years, there has been a good deal of interchange of visits between members of the Craft in the two countries, and many wrong impressions on either side have been rubbed out. There is thus a growing feeling more akin to that which should exist among Freemasons situated in different parts of the kingdom. This is, says a correspondent in Scotland, naturally gratifying to us, for nothing more depresses and puts a man out of temper than being misunderstood. One of the most recent examples of this educating influence, begotten of experience, is found in the person of Bro. James Stevens, Past Master of, among other lodges, The Great City, No. 1426, London. Bro. Stevens has been located with us in Glasgow during the last three months in the interests of Messrs. Chaffey Bros.' Australian Irrigation Colonies, and when free from business has taken opportunity to visit over a dozen lodges during his stay. He has been treated while with us with every demonstration of brotherly respect and kindness, and in three lodges has been enrolled in honorary membership, namely, Clydesdale, No. 556; Dramatic, No. 571; and The Gael, No. 609. Bro. Stevens has, according to his avowals at the lodges he has visited latterly, been taking notice of the manner in which the ceremonies are performed in Scotland, and he acknowledges that he has been surprised, after all he had heard in the South of Masonry in Scotland, to find the similarity of the work with that in practice in England; the efficiency with which the ceremonies are performed, and the pains that is taken to impress the instruction on candidates. Such a testimony from a brother who has made himself thoroughly acquainted with the ceremonies of Masonry during the past 30 or 40 years, gives Scotland just cause to be proud of her lodges, and proud of the fact that in one of them—the Dramatic, to wit—the names of Bro. Edward Terry, Past Grand Treasurer of England, and that of Bro. Stevens are enrolled in honorary membership.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1895.

**Masonic Notes.**

It is our privilege this week to report the installation of no less than three Provincial or District Grand Masters. The most important is that of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., who was installed by the Pro Grand Master as Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire on the 12th inst. A brief notice of this event appeared in our last week's issue. The second is that of his Excellency Bro. Lord Sandhurst, Governor of the Bombay Presidency, who was installed in the Town Hall, Bombay, as Pro District Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught being District Grand Master. The remaining installation was that of Bro. Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., as Prov. Grand Mark Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, in succession to the late Bro. the Earl of Bective. In this case the ceremony took place at Keswick and was performed by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Mark Master.

We call attention to a very interesting letter on the ceremony of installation from Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.P.S.G.W. and P.Prov.G. Secretary of Leicestershire and Rutland. In this Bro. Wood reports that on a certain occasion at Manchester in 1889, the late Grand Secretary—Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke Bro. Philbrick, Grand Registrar, and Bro. Thomas Penn, Past President of the Board of General Purposes, spoke in strong terms of condemnation of the particular form of installation to which reference has

recently been made in these columns; that that form was known to and had been practised by him in his Province, but that it has since been discontinued; that he personally had not been convinced by Bro. Sadler's "Notes;" that the late Bro. Kelly had told him (Bro. Wood) that in his early days as an Installing Master he knew nothing of the said irregular form, but that Bro. Kelly's predecessor—Sir F. G. Fowler—did. But the main point in his letter is that he recognises the justice of the claim which has been advanced on behalf of Grand Lodge as to its absolute and indefeasible right to determine what is and what is not irregular in the conduct of a certain ceremony and to rule accordingly.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has gone in for the Physical Qualification business, as will be seen from a resolution adopted at its 51st annual Communication, held at Milwaukee, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th June last, when it was determined that—"The landmark as to physical qualification shall be strictly construed. The candidate must be hale, sound, of entire limb, unamutilated, not deformed, dismembered, lame, maimed, stiffened, or defective in body, limb, or member of the body, that will in any wise prevent or impair a perfect conformity to, and performance of, all the requirements of the ritual and obligations. If the applicant has any defects, in which the physical qualification may arise, it shall be referred by the Worshipful Master to the Grand Master for his decision. This landmark applies only to the making of Masons, not advancement."

Is it permissible to deduce from the last clause of this resolution that a candidate without a wooden head having been accepted and initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree, is at liberty to claim advancement to the higher Degrees, though, in the meantime, he may have furnished himself with a wooden head-piece? This may or may not be open to question, but there is no doubt as to the fact that in resolving that all questions relating to physical qualification shall be referred by the W.M. to the Grand Master for his decision, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has adopted precisely the opposite course to that recommended by the Grand Master of Canada (Province of Ontario) at its recent annual communication. Bro. White, the Grand Master in question, said when such questions arose he had made a point of referring them to the W.M. of the lodge or the District Deputy Grand Master, on the ground that they being on the spot would be better able to judge than he who was at a distance.

We learn further from the Wisconsin Report on Correspondence as reviewed in the *Voice of Masonry*, that Bro. McGregor, who compiled the said report, considers his Grand Lodge has done rightly in passing its resolution as to the reimbursement of Masonic Relief, on the ground "the more the matter is investigated, and the more thoroughly it is discussed, the more will the proposition commend itself as a laudable effort to systematise and put upon a business basis the dispensing of Charity to the sojourner. It is something for a lodge to know, with certainty, the extent of its responsibility, and to a brother in need to know to whom he may, without hesitancy, look for relief. The discussion of the question will definitely give responsibility." As the *Voice* very properly points out this responsibility has been already fixed by Masonry itself, which enjoins on its members the duty of relieving brethren in distress according to their means, and without detriment to themselves or their families.

As regards this vexed question of relief it appears to us that many of the American Grand Lodges entirely lose sight of the proper meaning of Charity. A lodge or a member of a lodge which helps a sojourning brother in distress with the full knowledge that its or his outlay will be reimbursed, or that according to the laws of its or his Grand Lodge it or he is entitled to recover his outlay is not strictly performing an act of Charity. He is not giving the brother in distress any help, he is merely acting as the Almoner of the said distressed brother's former lodge. To talk of "systematising" the dispensation of Charity and putting it upon a "business basis" is not only an absurdity, seeing that Charity is voluntary, but it is an absolute perversion of the original intent and purpose of Freemasonry in adopting Charity as one of its chief fundamental principles. Charity Associations and institutions of a similar character are well enough in their way. It is their business to distinguish the true from the counterfeit among those who solicit their aid, but even these associations do not give relief on condition that it is reimbursed them by the family, friends, or associates of those they help. This kind of thing may be business, but it has nothing in common with Charity.

## 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.]

### BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

On the 15th November, 1889, a distinguished company of Grand Officers went to Manchester to consecrate the Centurion Lodge, and install the Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, as the first W.M. I had the honour of an invitation, and as it was during my eight years' tenure of office as Grand Secretary for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, I paid close attention to the proceedings.

The Board of Installed Masters was simply "declared open" and "declared closed." The Grand Officers present were, as I remember, Bros. Col. Shadwell Clerke, G. Sec.; Philbrick, Fenn, Richardson, Matier, and Col. Philips.

When the subsequent banquet at the Queen's Hotel broke up, we had a talk in the corridor, and somehow the question of opening and closing an Installed Board came up, with the following result. Our late Bro. Grand Secretary asked me directly whether it was worked in my province. I replied, certainly; and that though I had not received the benefit of it myself when installed by our late Bro. Conrad C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C., I had practised it ever since, and that I worked it up because some of our brethren intimated that I had not got all the secrets, and that probably Bro. Dumas being a London Mason did not know them.

Bro. Philbrick called it "rank heresy." Bro. Fenn said the practice had been "formally forbidden by the Board of General Purposes;" but I have never seen any circular on the subject. Bro. Shadwell Clerke allowed that it was certainly antient and interesting, but that it had not been adopted by the present Grand Lodge of England at the Union; that the working had gone over sea to America, and had been re-introduced into England; and that so long as Grand Lodge authority was recognised, we ought to accept its ruling as to what is or is not irregular. I replied that our province would certainly accept the ruling. The Prov. Grand Master did so, and I believe that no Installed Board has been opened or closed in form therein ever since.

I was asked whether Bro. Sadler's book had not convinced me. I replied no; it only convinces me that he and the worthy veterans whom he consulted were simply in ignorance of the working. I then ventured to inquire what does the present Installed Board represent? Does it represent that Board which Bro. Sadler says was established in London and sat to initiate all comers? Those who took part in the conversation seemed to think it does.

The late William Kelly, P.P.G.M., used to tell me that in his earlier days as an Installing Master he knew nothing of it, but that his predecessor, Sir Fred Gustavus Fowke, did, and that in his earlier days there was an actual Board of Masters of Arts and Sciences to which the candidate for the Master's chair was previously presented, and that a certain sign and salutation is a survival of the same.

The working seems to have been introduced into this province by a brother from Birmingham, a founder of the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, circa 1872.

Bro. Shadwell Clerke added this cogent argument against the practice, viz., that in trying and proving a brother who claims to be an Installed Master one has no right to doubt or reject him because he is not in possession of certain additional secrets which have not been imparted to him.—I am, Sir and Brother, with respect, yours fraternally,

CHAS. HENTON WOOD,  
Clerk, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Sec.

Leicester, 11th September.

### OBJECTIONS TO MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The objections that have been put forward in your last issue are not without a legitimate foundation, inasmuch as the lodges profess to teach its members the science of Architecture and of Geometry in particular. And yet how very few of the Craft understand what a triangle is, or a square, much less a parallelepipedon. Ask them if they know what the flavour of Scotch whiskey is, they will doubtless give you a favourable answer, for why? They are not true Masons, and are better known in the lodges as "4th men," more fond of feasts than by their presence in assisting the Worshipful Master and his officers in conducting the order and working of their respective lodges. Hence it is that Masonry, though veiled in mystery, is really opened to ridicule. Then again, how few of the Craft act up to their obligations to the lodge. Why is it that they do not act on the square with all mankind? Simply because they are actuated by selfish instincts, and merely enter a lodge for furthering and carrying out their mercenary motives. Hence the freedom and carelessness in their manner of showing the grips, signs, and tokens, &c., of the Craft, while Masonic studs, rings, and watch chain appendages are displayed to the best advantages. It is now mooted that the Fraternity are thinking of doing away with all jewels, badges, and other visible insignia of the Craft, and it would be greatly to its advantage if they did, as such distinctive indications are being very much *overdone*. The true mystery about Freemasonry is this fact, that a young Entered Apprentice on having passed the First Degree in the lodge is very much disappointed at not being made all at once acquainted with the secrets from the 1<sup>st</sup> up to the 33<sup>rd</sup>. The Roman Catholics point this fact out to would-be aspirants to Masonic honours, and we know that the Roman Catholics are bitter enemies to Masonry.—Yours truly,

MELCOMBE SMITH.

London, 14th September.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. LORD HENRY BENTINCK, M.P.,  
AS P.G.M.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Keswick Hotel, Keswick, on the 12th inst., under the banner of Bective Lodge, No. 452. The principal business was the installation of Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., as Prov. Grand Master, in succession to the late Earl of Bective. The following were present: Bros. the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master; Colonel Frederick Robertson Sewell, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Sec.;

T. Argles, P.G.D.; G. Dalrymple, P.A.G.D.C., P.G. Treas.; Rev. W. Cree, Grand Chap.; Col. Gandy, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Gore Ring, P.S.G.W.; T. Mason, P. J.G.W.; Rev. Canon Rawnsley, P.G. Chap.; T. Mandle, P.P.S.G.W.; James Gardiner, Past Grand Steward; W. F. Lamonby, P.P.G. Sec.; and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened by Bro. Col. Sewell, and the minutes confirmed, the roll of lodges was called, all the 10 lodges comprising the province being represented, with the exception of Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, Carlisle. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's report, showing a balance in hand, was read and adopted.

A deputation of Present and Past Grand Officers then retired to escort the M.W. Pro Grand Master into the room, and he having entered, took the chair, and was saluted.

The patent of the Provincial Grand Master having been read by the GRAND SECRETARY,

Bro. Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., was announced, and he was installed into the chair and saluted, after which he installed Bro. Col. Sewell as his Dep. Prov. Grand Master.

The following officers were invested:

Bro. W. F. Lamonby	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Rev. W. Cree, G. Chap.	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" S. Broadbent	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Dr. Braithwaite	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" G. W. Turney	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Canon Rawnsley	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" G. Dalrymple, P.A.G.D.C.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. F. Hope	...	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
" J. C. Thompson	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. P. Bennett	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
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" J. B. Thwaites	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Shaw	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Gibson	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Meneely	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Iveson	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. S. Wilson	...	...	
" G. Brooker	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" G. A. L. Merry	...	...	
" W. Atkinson	...	...	

The following were appointed the Committee of General Purposes: Bros. Sewell, Lamonby, Cree, and Dalrymple.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER announced, amid applause, his intention of representing the province as Steward at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the sum of £20 was voted to his list from the funds.

It was unanimously resolved that Bro. J. Clifton Thompson, P.G. Sec., be recommended to his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master for the collar of Grand Steward next year.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Pro Grand Master for his kindness in coming to the North to perform the important duty of the day.

"Bro. LAMONBY moved, Bro. MANDLE seconded, and it was carried unanimously: "That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to place on record its profound sense of the great loss Mark Masonry has sustained through the death of the senior member of the Order in the province, Bro. Joseph Nicholson, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. of England."

With "Hearty good wishes" from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet.

## The Craft Abroad.

### INSTALLATION OF BRO. LORD SANDHURST AS PRO DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF BOMBAY.

On the 23rd ult., at the Town Hall, his Excellency Bro. Lord Sandhurst, Governor of Bombay, who specially came down from Poona on the preceding evening, was installed as Pro District Grand Master of Bombay in the presence of a grand and imposing assemblage of brethren of Bombay. A special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay and its territories under England was held for the purpose at six p.m., in the Durbar Room of the Town Hall, which had been converted for the occasion into a lodge room, perfect in all its parts, and beautiful in its arrangements. An excellent bust of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was presented to the District Grand Lodge some years ago, was advantageously placed on an elegant stand behind the Pro Dist. G. Master's chair. A special robing room had been prepared for the Pro District Grand Master and another for the rest of the brethren. The arrangements for the lodge room, and the decorations for the banquet, which was held in the large hall, were entrusted to a sub-committee, composed of Bros. E. J. Smith, District G. Secretary; Framroz R. Joshi, J. F. Pennock, D. R. Chichgar, Cowasjee Ukerjee Kharras, G. Mackenzie, Dinshaw D. Mistri, and A. Beniston. All the arrangements and decorations were ably carried out in their details, considering the limited time at the disposal of the sub-committee; and the members of it deserve to be congratulated on the judgment and good taste with which they acquitted themselves.

The brethren generally, after putting on their Masonic clothing in the robing room, took their places in the lodge under their respective banners, which were all hung up, and were seated by six p.m. Bro. H. Wynford Barrow, the Deputy District Grand Master in charge, in the absence of Bro. I. M. Shields, accompanied by the officers of the District Grand Lodge, entered the lodge in procession, and took the chair soon afterwards, and

opened the District Grand Lodge, when he received the high honours due to his position.

Bro. E. J. SMITH, the courteous Dist. G. Sec., then read the summons convening the special Communication.

The roll of lodges was called over, distinguished visitors were received and conducted to their places, and Bro. J. W. Smith, the Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, accompanied by his officers, entered the District Grand Lodge in procession, and was duly received and saluted with high honours.

The DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER then addressed the District Grand Lodge, and stated the special business of the Communication.

The Marshal, Bro. the Hon. W. R. MACDONELL next announced that Bro. Lord Sandhurst, the Pro District Grand Master Designate was without, and requested that he might be installed.

The DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER required the patent of appointment to be presented, which was done and after examining it, he pronounced it to be in order, and passed it to the District Grand Secretary. The Marshal and seven Past Masters, Bros. Justice Parsons, W. L. Harvey, G. K. Heinrichs, Framroz R. Jochi, S. N. Cooper, Dr. H. Batlivalla, and Dr. G. R. Kirtiker then went out, and introduced the Pro District Grand Master Designate in procession, all the brethren standing to Order; and after certain ceremonies, the latter was inducted into the chair, and proclaimed by the Marshal and saluted. He then addressed the District Grand Lodge, and soon after closed it. His Excellency was accompanied to the ceremony by Bro. Surgeon-Major Croly.

The brethren then retired to the banquet tables, which had been arranged by Mr. Borri, of the Victoria Terminus, in three long parallel rows, covers being laid for about 150 brethren. The large centre hall was ablaze with the light of 14 starlights and nine sunburners. Bunting and flags all over the hall formed a prominent feature. The organ platform was decorated with rows of plants, in flowers and foliage, and a network screen of flowers and ferns at the back of the Pro Dist. G. Master's chair, over which waved coloured flags. Two colossal arches, with full foliage, spanned the hall from pillar to pillar, from which were suspended suns and stars worked in flowers. The pillars were decorated with shields and emblems of different lodges and chapters, over which were artistically arranged suns and moons worked in flowers. A large net-work screen of flowers and evergreens enveloped the marble statue of Mounstuart Elphinstone at the north end of the hall, surmounted with the word "Welcome" worked in flowers. A selection of music was played during dinner by the band of the G.I.P. Railway Volunteers.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the PRO DISTRICT GRAND MASTER proposed the toasts of "The Queen-Empress and the Craft;" "The Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The Grand Master of Scotland and the Grand Master of Ireland;" and "The District Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," which were cordially received.

Bro. BARROW, the Deputy District Grand Master, then gave the toast of "Bro. Lord Sandhurst," which was most enthusiastically received.

Bro. Lord SANDHURST, who was warmly greeted, in his reply alluded in very feeling terms to the loss sustained by Freemasonry by the death of Bro. Framjee Dinshaw Petit, and expressed a hope that he would not only be glad to have an opportunity of laying the foundation-stone of a Masonic Temple in Bombay, but would much desire to see its completion before he left this country.

The toasts of "The Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India;" "The Deputy District Grand Master and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge, and the Lodges working under the Sister District Grand Lodges," and "The Visitors" were then proposed and drunk amidst cheers.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the proceedings terminated at a late hour.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board, presided. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, acted as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, as Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec.; W. Lake, Assistant Grand Sec.; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, and Frank Palmer, from Grand Secretary's department; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, D. D. Mercer, H. Garrod, William Vincent, Chas. Dairy, H. Massey, J. W. Burgess, J. Kay, C. H. Webb, George Graveley, Jas. Bunker, Walter Martin, S. H. Goldschmidt, T. W. Whitmarsh, R. H. Evans, W. Kipps, Robert S. Gowan, Henry J. Moxon, W. H. Bale, George M. Gross, J. Pickett, T. W. Robinson, S. W. Larkin, S. Waight, Edwd. Wills, I. Woodbridge Wills, Geo. James Sinclair, David Baker, and E. C. Mulvey.

The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £60 recommended by the previous meeting. There were 22 cases on the new list from London, Paignton, Croston, Bridgnorth, Sunderland, Burwood, N.S.W., Liverpool, Hatfield, Stretford, Hong Kong, Sudbury, Bromley, Preston, Towyn, and South Shields. Three of the cases were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £500, Grand Lodge was recommended to grant one brother £150 and one £50. Three cases were recommended to the Grand Master for £30 each. There were six grants of £20 each; two of £15 each; and six of £10 each.

Scotland.

Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 14, Bishop-street, Anderston, Glasgow, on Wednesday, the 4th instant, and was largely attended. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Morris, who was supported by Bros. Andrew Thorburn, P.M.; T. G. Jamieson, P.M.; John Gordon, P.M.; and F. W. Larter, I.P.M.; while the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bro. David Adam, S.W., and H. G. Armstrong, acting J.W. Amongst the visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c. (E.C.), and Wm. Falconer, 571 (S.C.).

The business of the meeting was the conferring of the First Degree on three entrants, which was very satisfactorily performed by the R.M.M. After the ceremony of initiation, Bro. James Stevens craved the indulgence of the lodge while he expressed his great pleasure at being present at that meeting and seeing the First Degree worked in such a smooth manner. He found the work in that lodge the nearest approach he had yet met with in Scotland to the ritual used in the lodges in England. He then pointed out the little differences he had noticed, and in a friendly way criticised the Scottish working, to all of which the assembled brethren listened very attentively, and afterwards accorded him a hearty vote of thanks for his eloquent remarks. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Craft Masonry.

Jordan Lodge, No. 1402.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at Torquay on Tuesday, the 10th instant, when Bro. George West, S.W., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Samuel Wills, who was assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. John Lane, P.A.G.D.C. England, John Dodge, P.P.G.T., W. T. Blamey, P.P.J.G.D., T. H. Wills, W. Harvey, J. Taylor, Prov. G.S., W. Winget, and J. W. McKellar, all of the lodge; G. T. Barry, P.P. G.P., and J. M. Davis, W.M., of 248; W. S. Wakeham, P.P.G.S.B., T. A. Blackler, and H. R. Beer, of 328; and C. Emmett and R. E. Drew, W.M. of 1358. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. McKellar, I.P.M.; T. J. Crossman, S.W.; J. Risdon, J.W.; John Dodge, Chap.; Samuel Wills, Treas.; John Taylor, Sec., Charity Stwd., and Representative on Committee of Petitions; J. D. Beer, S.D.; C. Hill, J.D.; T. H. Wills, D.C.; F. C. Sanford, Org.; R. Pickard, I.G.; J. G. Turle, W. T. Gale, and R. D. Scholes, Stwds.; and J. E. Newton, Tyler. Apologies for non-attendance were announced from Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England, and R. F. Gould, P.G.D. England, hon. member of the lodge. A beautiful Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. McKellar, by Bro. Dodge in a graceful speech, and a handsome copy of his new edition of "Masonic Records, 1717-1894," was presented to the lodge by Bro. Jno. Lane, who said it was the first copy he had received from the press. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Lane for his generosity.

The annual banquet followed.

Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743.

A very successful installation meeting was held in connection with this lodge at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 14th instant, when the retiring Master, Bro. T. J. O'Brien, completed his two years' work by installing his successor, Bro. W. J. Wall, in an able and impressive manner. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. T. J. O'Brien, W.M.; W. J. Wall, S.W., W.M. elect; H. C. Lonsdale, J.W.; T. Lovell, P.M., Treas.; G. J. Tollett, Sec.; H. Watts, S.D.; H. J. Park, J.D.; W. Cossham, I.G.; R. Perry, D.C.; J. Handley and J. Boyles, Stewards; W. J. Squire, P.M.; F. Kearney, P.M.; S. A. Leins, P.M.; J. Start, P.M.; S. L. Hinton, J. Flexman, B. Ferry, C. E. Ferry, G. W. White, T. Tyrell, R. T. Headdey, J. H. Bridgman, C. Daniel, P.M.; W. Farrant, H. Hawkins, and G. Belhomme. Visitors: Bros. H. Foreman, P.M. 1275; A. Ford, 171; W. Roots, P.M. 1273; J. Lusty, W.M. 1259; A. T. Ramsey, 765; J. R. W. Soper, Org. 1987; W. G. London, 1580; W. W. Lee, Prov. G. Stwd. Middx.; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. W. J. Wall was then presented as W.M. elect, and, having been duly installed into the chair, invested the following officers in a manner that augured well for the good working of the lodge during the coming year: Bros. Lonsdale, S.W.; Watts, J.W.; Lovell, P.M., Treas.; Tollett, Sec.; Park, S.D.; Cossham, J.D.; Fells, I.G.; R. Perry, D.C.; J. Handley, A.D.C.; Boyles and Bridgman, Stewards; Tollett, Org.; and Lane, Tyler. The audit report was adopted, and letters of regret from Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., and others were announced. Charity was dispensed to the widow of a deceased brother and to "A Brother's Bed," Home for the Dying, Clapham.

Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to banquet in the Pillar Room, which has been recently re-decorated and renovated.

The usual toasts followed, the speeches being commendably brief, in view of the musical talent forthcoming.

Bro. T. J. O'Brien, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said the gavel had been handed to him to make him feel he was not quite out in the cold. Bro. Wall had fought, or rather worked his way up to the honourable position in which he was now situated, and they hoped that what he had learnt in the inner working that night would help him to conduct his year of office aright. He (the I.P.M.) wished the toast had been placed in other hands who would have given expression to the W.M.'s good qualities, but he would simply ask the brethren to drink the toast.

Bro. W. J. Wall, W.M., who was heartily received, returned sincere thanks for the kindly proposition and enthusiastic reception of the toast. It was a very great pleasure to him to have attained the chair. It was now 13 or 14 years since he was initiated in that lodge, and he could assure them that from that hour he had never regretted it. Being a busy man, he was not able to afford the time for a holiday, but one evening with his brethren was a holiday to him suitable for a week. He was pleased to say that thanks to Bro. Lonsdale, S.W., there was an initiate for the next meeting. With the officers he had, he was sure they would be able to work together harmoniously, and prove themselves a happy and harmonious lodge. As long as he occupied the chair he should do the best he could to give them satisfaction, and spare no trouble to that end.

"The Visitors" was next submitted in a kindly manner to the brethren, each visiting brother availing himself of the opportunity afforded him of expressing his indebtedness to the lodge for an enjoyable evening.

The W.M. then proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said that Bro. O'Brien, I.P.M., had done his work in a thorough and practical manner, and had been always ready to assist his junior officers. The able manner in which the installation had been carried out would have done credit to any Past Master in the lodge. He (the W.M.) had the privilege of asking the I.P.M. to accept a Past Master's jewel, which had been well earned.

Bro. T. J. O'Brien, I.P.M., expressed many thanks for the toast, and also for the jewel. He was pleased to have given them satisfaction during his year of office, but it was entirely owing to the kindness of the brethren that he had succeeded. The secret of success was learnt in a lodge of instruction, and any thanks for the rendering of the installation ceremony should be given in that quarter. He thanked the Past Masters for their kindness during his year, and also his officers for their able assistance.

"The Past Masters" was next heartily honoured and duly responded to.

Bros. Lovell, P.M., Treas., and Tollett, Sec., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," each asserting their anxiety for the welfare of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a successful gathering. Bros. Farrant, Soper, Tollett, Ramsay, and others kindly contributed several excellent songs and recitations.

Lechmere Volunteer Lodge, No. 1874.

This new lodge, which has been grafted on to the old Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, is now composed of the W.M., officers, and brethren of the old lodge, and the non-commissioned officers of the various auxiliary forces, and has been removed from Kidderminster, where it formerly flourished as a private lodge under the auspices and with the distinctive title of "Lechmere," in honour of the late Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere (M.P. for the Eastern Division of the county of Worcester), the Prov. Grand Master. The date of the old warrant, which has been handed over to the practically new lodge being the 3rd day of August, 1880. The original founders of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, were described in the warrant as follows: Bros. George Taylor, P.M. 377; George W. Grovener, P.M. 377 and 569; G. N. Naylor, P.M. 560; G. Hammond, P.M. 377; J. T. Meredith, P.M. 560; W. M. Roden, 377; F. Butcher, 377; A. Connell, M. Tomkinson, and J. J. Harvey, all of whom have since greatly distinguished themselves in Masonry, the first-named, Bro. Geo. Taylor (who is also one of the leading lights in the new lodge) having risen to a distinguished position in the Grand Lodge of England; and of the remainder no less than five of them have since passed the chair of the (now old) Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874.

The new lodge has been promoted to meet the wants of the non-commissioned officers in the joint counties of Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire, parts of which counties, as is well known, all merge into the city of Birmingham, and the principal promoters—Bros. Sergt. C. D. Eaton and Pioneer-Sergt. J. C. Aston—originally intended that the lodge should have its location in the Province of Warwick, but the rulers and governors of that province, although for the last 17 years they have added only one lodge to their roll—the Swan of Avon, No. 2133, in 1836—gave them no encouragement, for the reason, as it was said, that exclusive lodges did not, as a rule, succeed.

The promoters, however, had no difficulty in finding funds in the neighbouring Province of Worcester, and as soon as it was known that such a distinguished body of

leading professional men and tradesmen wanted to become Masons without improper solicitations, the authorities in Worcestershire, from the Provincial Grand Master downwards, came forward with open arms to receive them, and the members of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, were consulted, and they embraced the opportunity of such an organisation of patriots and citizen soldiers into their ranks, and at once made arrangements for the removal of the lodge to meet the convenience of the new-comers (where it will in future be held), and also promised that they would do all in their power to further the success of the scheme.

The first meeting of the new lodge was presided over by its W.M., Bro. Robert Eager, and the proceedings were honoured by the presence of the new Prov. Grand Master and successor of the late Sir Edmund Lechmere, namely, Bro. A. F. Godson, M.A., M.P., who is a subscribing member of the lodge, and who has throughout his whole career of Deputy Grand Master kept himself in close touch with every lodge in his province.

The Right Worshipful Brother received his patent from the hand of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., some time since. His formal installation into the chair took place with great pomp and ceremony within the precincts of the City of Worcester on Thursday, the 12th inst. The members of the lodge present were Bros. G. Taylor, P.M., P.M. 377, 560, &c., Prov. G. Sec., P.P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. T. Meredith, P.M., P.M. 560, P.P.G.W.; Trevor Webster, S.W.; Charlie D. Eaton, J.W.; Quartermaster-Sergeant A. Edge, Secretary; Pioneer-Sergeant J. C. Aston, S.D.; Sergeant H. S. Bailey, J.D.; Wright Wilson, P.M. 1644, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Matthew Jones, P.M. 43, P.P.A.G.D.C., Charity Stwd.; Colour-Sergeant Jacob Whitehouse, I.G.; Sergeant-Major J. Radband, Stwd.; J. E. Robins, Tyler; and T. F. Bland, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The visitors present were Bros. Abraham Green, P.M., P.S.G.W. Worcester, Past G. Pursuivant; F. R. Arter, P.M. 2034, 925, P.G. Treas. Worcester, P.P.S.G.W. Warwickshire; Capt. H. Burrough, P.M. 1792, P.P.A.G.D.C. Staffs.; Captain T. Ryder, P.M. 1792, P.P.G.D. Staffs.; Lieut. Franklin Cross, P.M. 1792; Manley, P.M. 2385; Edward Mallard, P.M. 1551, P.P.G.S.B. Warwickshire; James Stevens, P.M. 2034, P.P.G.G.D. Worcester; Sergeant-Major S. Woods, P.M. 1838, P.P.G.S.B. Staffs.; F. Bartow, P.M. 1792; H. Clarke, 938; Probisher, P.M. 1792; and E. Bradley.

A dispensation was granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to enable the lodge to initiate 10 out of the 29 candidates but the ballot was taken for the whole of the candidates and proved unanimous. The 10 candidates who presented themselves and were initiated were Sergt.-Major Harry Scandrett, Sergt.-Major William B. Hammond, Sergt. Albert Edward Osborne, and Sergt. Wm. Ernest Meggeson, all of the 1st Worcestershire and Warwickshire Artillery Corps; Sergt.-Instructor John Grant, Sergt. Wm. Geo. Tye, Quartermaster-Sergt. Charles Wm. Cooper, Colour-Sergeant Charles Frederick Brown, Colour-Sergeant Wm. Geo. Garnett, and Colour-Sergt. Edward Morris Jones, all of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

The remaining candidates who were duly elected and will present themselves at future lodge meetings for initiation, are Colour-Sergt. Thos. Skelcher, Sergt. John Jas. Dixon, Sergt. Geo. Frederick Lindley, Sergt. Wm. Parrott, Colour-Sergt. Owen Hopkins, Sergt. Samuel Boon, Sergt. Chas. Edwin Rodway, Brigade-Quartermaster-Sergt. Wm. Lovett, Sergt. Walter Augustine Kennedy, Pioneer-Sergt. Wm. Hopkins, Sergt. Wm. Jos. Wilcox, Sergt. Chas. Herbert Clarke, Sergt. Thos. Crane, Armourer-Sergt. S. Peacock, Sergt. George Frederick Bennett, Sergt. John Albert Hughes, Sergt. Frederick Edwards, and Sergt. Ernest Wm. Westbury, all of the 1st Worcestershire and Warwickshire Artillery Corps.

The ceremony of initiation was performed by Bro. Captain Burroughs, P.M. 1792, a friend and ardent supporter of the new lodge, in a very efficient, masterly, impressive, and Masonic manner and in strict accordance with the ancient rites and ceremonies of the Order. After the newly-made brethren had returned to the lodge the usual addresses and charges were most eloquently and feelingly delivered to them by the acting J.W., Bro. C. D. Eaton.

After the ceremony of initiation, the chair was resumed by the W.M., but before the lodge was closed the Prov. Grand Master elect expressed the great pleasure he felt on behalf of the province at having such an influx of able, and intelligent soldiers and citizens into the Masonic body of his province, and after expatiating upon the manifold virtues of the late lamented Prov. Grand Master, whose name the lodge bore, and pointing out to the new brethren the advantages they had acquired in taking over the old warrant with its endowments for charitable purposes, expressed a fervent hope that the lodge might increase and flourish in his province, and that they might emulate their predecessors in their charitable work, and he further assured the brethren that all he could do he would do for the furtherance of the interests and the promotion of their success and prosperity.

Bro. Charles D. Eaton, acting J.W., and the chief promoter of the movement, thanked the Provincial Grand Master elect for his kind expressions and feelings and for his promises of assistance and support, and also for the assistance and support he had already given them, and for his having at great sacrifice attended there that evening, and assured the Provincial Grand Master that it was the aim, object, desire, and determination of every joining soldier to bring into the lodge that spirit of emulation and discipline which had enabled them in their various military positions to raise their respective corps so high in the estimation of all her Majesty's subjects, and further assured the Provincial Grand Master that the Masonic customs, landmarks, and traditions would be preserved unsullied to the best of their ability so long as they all should live.

At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in the usual loyal and Masonic manner.

The whole arrangements were perfect, and the proceedings of the day were generally and Masonically a great success.

#### Hendon Lodge, No. 2206.

The installation meeting of this well known and prosperous lodge was held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on Saturday, the 14th inst., and was well attended. Among the members present were Bros. W. B. Parsons, W.M.; A. Martin Parsons, S.W.; W. M. Stiles, Grand Treasurer, Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of Works Middx., Vice-President Board Gen. Purps., Sec.; F. W. Hearn, S.D.; J. Hudson, J.D.; J. H. Dobbs, I.G.; J. H. Gunn and Chas. Johnson, Stwds.; W. W. Langley, I.P.M.; G. H. Lewis, P.M.; A. H. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works Middx.; P. J. Howell, E. Atkinson, A. L. V. Ronveau, Joseph Mason, Jonathan Mason, J. Johnston, Geo. Adam, C. E. Atkinson, and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Irvine, P.M. 862; H. Kenney, J.D. 2551; J. W. Ryder, 2048; J. J. Lamigeon, S.W.; H. W. Parker; R. T. West, 1744; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and the Auditors' report approved, the W.M. then proceeded with the important task of installing Bro. A. Martin Parsons as his successor, which he performed in a most commendable manner. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. M. Powell, S.W.; F. W. Hearn, J.W.; J. Hudson, S.D.; J. H. Dobbs, J.D.; G. H. Stansall, I.G.; J. H. Gunn, D.C.; C. Johnson, Jonathan Mason, and Joseph Mason, Stwds.; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. The customary addresses were rendered by Bro. W. B. Parsons with marked effect. Bro. A. M. Parsons, the newly-installed W.M., proved his efficiency for the appointment to that office by the excellent manner in which he carried out the ceremony of initiation, the candidates being Messrs. H. A. Roy, F. Herbert, and T. E. Spurr. In presenting a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. W. B. Parsons, the W.M. stated that it was not often that a brother had the pleasure of installing his brother as his successor in the chair, and, in pinning the jewel on his breast, he remarked that it was a small token of the members' appreciation of the way he had carried out his duties, and which had given every satisfaction. Bro. W. B. Parsons acknowledged the jewel in suitable terms, observing that he had done his very best, and it was gratifying to him that his services were appreciated. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., then presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's collar. He stated that he had the honour of installing him, and he was the first initiate of the lodge, and he trusted that the great friendship which existed between them would ever continue. A hearty vote of congratulations to Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., was unanimously carried, on his election as Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes. In response, Bro. W. A. Scurrah stated that he esteemed the high honour of being Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, and he hoped always to have the esteem of the members of the Hendon Lodge.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and a superb banquet followed.

The Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but expressive words.

The toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas. He stated that he appreciated the honour of his name having been associated with the toast, and in referring to the Earl of Latham, he said that he was a hard worker, who was, beyond doubt, the right man in the right place, and he had the earnest regard from all for his great services in Freemasonry, and he was glad his health was much better. The Grand Secretary, who was a splendid officer, was expected to have been present that evening, and he regretted his absence. He (Bro. Stiles) was very proud that he was a Grand Officer, thanks to their kind suffrages, but his position was due to the Craft, and he could have no greater honour. He had to thank the masses of the Craft for the high office he held, and he hoped that no one would ever regret having helped him in his election, and he could never forget the great kindness he had received all round.

Bro. W. B. Parsons then rose and said he had the pleasure of proposing the health of his able successor, "The Worshipful Master," who was well known to the members. He was his brother in Freemasonry and by birth, and if he only stuck to the lodge and the Craft as he had to him as a brother, they would have no reason to regret their choice. If he might say so, his working that night of the ritual was splendid, and was, he thought, a good augury for the future.

Bro. A. M. Parsons, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for his kind sentiments, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. It was seven or eight years ago since he was initiated in the lodge, and he was proud that he was now the Master.

The W.M. gave "The Initiates." He said that he was honoured to have commenced his year of office by having three initiates, who had been recommended by good and true men testifying that they were of excellent quality, and he hoped they would be second to none and be an acquisition to the lodge.

Bro. H. A. Roy replied in eloquent terms, thanking the W.M. for having initiated him, and that he intended to act up to the best of his ability to the dictates of Masonry.

Bro. T. E. Spurr also responded. He was indebted to his proposer and seconder for having introduced him into Freemasonry.

Bro. F. Herbert was honoured by being accepted as a member of the Craft. He had no idea what Freemasonry was until he came that evening, but what he had seen and heard had very much impressed him, and he thought it ought to make a good man better.

In giving "The Installing Master and Past Masters," the W.M. stated that it was a difficult task for him to follow such good Masters as the lodge had had, who he thought were some of the best in the Craft. He knew that the I.P.M. had studied hard, with the result that he had proved a most efficient officer and he had more than earned his jewel, and if he could only follow in his footsteps he would be gratified. He made special reference to Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., the first Master of the lodge, who was eminent in the Craft and letter-perfect in the ritual—then as to Bro. G. H. Lewis, P.M., he was a good fellow and a splendid Preceptor and always willing to assist anyone with Masonic knowledge, and many were indebted to him for what they knew of the ritual. He also mentioned Bros. Arthur Scurrah and Langley, who had both rendered great service to the lodge.

Bro. W. B. Parsons, I.P.M., responded. He never thought that he would be able to go through the chair, but he had stuck to his guns and had been a constant attendant at lodges of instruction, which had enabled him to carry out the duties of Master and to instal his successor. He tendered his best thanks to the Past Masters for the great services they had rendered to him during his happy year of office, and he took that opportunity of acknowledging the able assistance he had had from his officers.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., also replied, which he did in a humorous strain. He was the old chicken and he was proud of his chicks. The I.P.M., his first chick, he was pleased to say had occupied the chair with much success and he felt sure that all he had initiated in the lodge would turn out good members. He was the first Master and chief founder and he thought it would be difficult to find a better lodge.

Bro. G. H. Lewis, P.M., also acknowledged the toast. He appreciated the kind remarks of the W.M., and if at any time he could be of any assistance to the lodge and the members he would be glad.

Bro. Arthur Scurrah, P.M., also responded in genial terms, congratulating the W.M. and the I.P.M. for their excellent work that day.

Bro. W. W. Langley, P.M., also replied, thanking the W.M. for his kind reference to him for his services in the chair.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," whom he cordially welcomed, coupling the names of Bros. Kenney, Spinks, Parker, Lamigeon, but making special mention of Bro. J. Irvine, P.M., who, he stated, was the W.M. elect of the St. Pancras Lodge, and would shortly be installed.

Bro. H. W. Parker responded. He was an old chick of Bro. W. A. Scurrah, who had initiated him some years ago. He was pleased to have been present to witness the excellent working.

Bro. J. Irvine, P.M. 860, also replied, thanking the W.M. and the members for the kind way the visitors had been received and for the hospitality extended to them. It had been his privilege to attend their lodge on several occasions, and he had always enjoyed himself. The W.M. had said they all had beaming faces, from which he concluded that they were all happy and were enjoying the entertainment, but the W.M. had communicated the happiness to them. The Hendon Lodge was one he was always glad to visit, and if asked to come again it would be hard to him to have to refuse. The installation ceremony was perfect, and the W.M. and I.P.M. had reason to be proud of their efforts that night, and in conclusion he gave a cordial invitation to the members to his installation as W.M. of the St. Pancras Lodge, of which Bro. W. A. Scurrah was the founder, on the 3rd October.

Bro. Wm. Spinks also responded in appropriate terms. The W.M., in very felicitous terms, proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," which was responded to by Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treasurer, Treas., and W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Sec.

"The Officers" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast brought to a close a very happy meeting.

During the evening the following brethren contributed some excellent songs: Bros. F. W. Hearn, J. J. Lamigeon, T. E. Spurr, Dodds, and Howell.

#### Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278.

A regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 14th instant, at the Crown Hotel Broxbourne, there being present Bros. R. W. Nicole, W.M.; C. M. Coxon, P.M.; P.P.G.D., acting I.P.M.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., S.W.; N. Pearce, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G. Steward, Sec.; J. Gravatt, S.D.; A. Ingram, J.D.; F. Page, as I.G.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; C. C. Renaud, Steward; T. Williams, Tyler; C. Nicole, H. R. Bower, D. Taylor, J. Stephens, H. Rackham, A. Franklin, and H. F. Facks. Visitors: Bros. M. A. Attwood, Org. 1348; J. Duncan, P.M. 59; F. Attree, 1385 and 2509; and C. J. Andrews, 1625.

A somewhat formidable programme had to be dealt with. Bros. C. Nicole, Taylor, Facks, Rackham, and Franklin were raised to the Degree of M.M., and the W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cobb, P.M., and Bro. Stephens was passed to the Degree of F.C. The names of three candidates for initiation were submitted, and the lodge was closed.

A photograph was taken of the brethren in a group in the charming grounds adjoining the lodge rooms, and after an interval spent in admiring the beautiful gardens, which are now a blaze of colour, the brethren re-assembled to dine.

The customary toasts were given, the W.M. stating his intention to curtail the speeches as much as possible on account of the long list of musical items which had been placed in his hands.

Replying to the toast of his health, the W.M. referred with justifiable pride to the marked progress which was being made; not only were they having new members brought into the lodge, but they were of the right sort.

In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. took the opportunity of thanking them for the great assistance they had rendered him since he had occupied the chair.

Bro. Cobb, P.M., replied in a very excellent speech. The toast of "The Visitors," was, as usual, warmly welcomed, and each of them replied.

During the evening songs were given by Bros. Stephens, Bower (by special request, "Tommy Atkins"), Nicole, W.M.; C. Nicole, Renaud, Attwood, and Beningfield; songs and recitation by Bro. Blinkhorn, and recitations by Bros. Andrews and Coxon; Bro. Attwood very ably accompanied.

**Doric Lodge, No. 2359.**

On Saturday, the 14th instant, the usual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury. Bro. J. M. Veal, W.M., presided, and there was a good gathering of members. The second tracing board was explained by Bro. Fred. Stretch, P.M., in a most admirable manner.

The following brethren were present: Bros. J. M. Veal, W.M.; John Walker, S.W.; Joseph Ward, Sec.; G. S. Smith, P.G. Org.; D.C.; W. W. Wilkinson, I.G.; Fredk. J. Brundrett, Org.; Hy. Sluter, Stwd.; G. A. Myers, P.P.G.D.C.; Fred Stretch, Chas. L. Paine, Chas. Parr, Jas. Sharols, H. A. Kay, W. Barker, E. W. Rowsell, W. H. Moss, and G. H. Metcalf. Bro. J. Radford, P.M. 336, was a visitor.

**James Terry Lodge, No. 2372.**

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Four Swans' Hotel, Waltham Cross, when Bro. W. Pennefather Warren was installed as W.M. Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., rendered the installation ceremony. One initiate was made and two brethren were passed. The W.M. presented a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. R. Middlehurst on the termination of his Master-ship. The W.M. also presented a gold jewel to Bro. J. Tydeman, who has been Secretary to the lodge since its inception. Letters regretting inability to attend were read, amongst others, from Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., and C. E. Keyser, P.P.G.W. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Middlehurst, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; H. E. Cole, S.W.; F. Godfree, J.W.; Wm. Metcalfe, P.P.G.P., Treas.; Joseph Tydeman, P.P.G.P. Essex, Sec.; G. S. Metcalfe, S.D.; W. G. Tydeman, J.D.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B. England, D.C.; J. Findlay, A.D.C.; R. Tuffee, Org.; F. E. Abbott, I.G.; F. C. Smith, P.M., and W. Phipps, Stwds.; and A. G. Young, Tyler.

The banquet was held in the evening, Bro. Tydeman being the caterer, and the musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Emerson, Org. 45.

**Hadrian Lodge, No. 2483.**

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Drill Hall, Pevensey, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. J. Capon, who was supported by Bros. Maj. E. W. Stillwell, I.P.M.; R. Francis, S.W.; W. R. Griffin, J.W.; F. W. Pawson, Chap.; A. Gosling, Treas.; W. Trigger, Sec.; F. Russell, S.D.; F. C. Golden, J.D.; J. Wood, I.G.; G. Nicholson, Stwd.; and J. B. R. Bays, Tyler. The following members of the lodge were also present: viz.: Bros. S. G. R. Coles, H. Russell, B. J. Hewitt, W. Rutter, W. N. Oldham, J. Sargent, J. Duly, Thos. Beecham, and E. A. Hooley. The visitors included Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; W. A. Waters, W.M. 341; H. M. Williams, W.M. 271; R. Hughes, P.M. 1184, P.P.S.G.D.; J. B. Foster, P.M. 1184; C. J. Ticehurst, W.M. 40; T. I. Lyne, W.M. 851; George Cole, P.M. 1636, P.P.G. Org.; A. Lloyd, W.M. 51, P.P.G.D.C.; B. W. Drury, W.M. 315; F. B. Sutton, W.M. 1110; J. Easton, P.M. 1110, P.P.G. Org.; I. Creighton, P.M. 1110, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Thwaites, 1110; F. Pike, 1110; G. Fowler, P.M. 1110; and E. Chappell, 141. General regret was expressed that Bro. W. E. Morrison, formerly Mayor of Eastbourne, was absent owing to illness. Mr. A. C. Dymham was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Richard Francis was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Maj. E. W. Stillwell. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Henry J. Capon, I.P.M.; W. Robert Griffin, S.W.; Fred. Russell, J.W.; Albert Gosling, Treas.; Maj. E. W. Stillwell, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Golden, S.D.; James Wood, J.D.; George Nicholson, I.G.; William Epps Morrison, D.C.; Rev. F. W. Pawson, Chap.; S. G. R. Cole, Org.; W. Rutter and W. N. Oldham, Stewards; and J. B. R. Bays, Tyler.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Richard Francis, who was supported by the Past Masters and several Prov. Grand Officers.

The loyal toasts were honoured, after which the W.M. submitted "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bros. Major E. W. Stillwell, G. Stwd., and V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., responded.

In submitting "The M.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. G.M. of Sussex," the W.M. expressed the hope that the brethren would give the Duke a very hearty reception in November, when the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Eastbourne.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which received acknowledgments from Bros. J. Creighton, P.G. Std. Br., and A. Lloyd, P.P.G.D. of C.

The I.P.M., Bro. H. J. Capon, in submitting the toast of the evening—"The Worshipful Master"—said he had known Bro. Francis for many years, and had seen his excellent work in the lodge. As S.D. and S.W. Bro. Francis had acquitted himself admirably, and he believed he could be equally zealous and successful as W.M. He expressed the hope that the officers would rally round their newly-installed W.M., and give him that able support which had been accorded to him during his own year of office.

The W.M., who was warmly received, briefly acknowledged the toasts. Bro. H. J. Capon submitted "The Initiate," to which Bro. A. C. Dymham responded, "The Entered Apprentice's Song" being ably rendered by Bro. John Easter.

Other toasts were given by the W.M., Bros. C. J. Ticehurst and F. B. Sutton responding on behalf of "The Visitors;" Bro. Major E. W. Stillwell and H. J. Capon for "The Past Masters;" and Bros. W. R. Griffin and F. Russell on behalf of "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast brought the happy gathering to a close.

During the evening vocal selections were tastefully rendered by Mdme. Whitfield Rose, Mr. W. B. Nurse, and Bro. A. C. Dymham, the duties of accompanist being in the hands of Bro. E. W. Wheeler.

**Royal Arch.**

**Bisley Chapter, No. 2317.**

The first meeting of this flourishing chapter, after the summer recess, took place at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 12th inst. Present: Comps. Major G. Collins, P.G.S.B., M.E.Z.; C. F. Passmore, P.G.S.B., H.; J. Webb, J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., S.E.; J. J. Black, S.N.; J. W. H. Littleboy, P.S.; J. H. Askham, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. H. Gale, D.C.; C. Pulman, I.P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj.; A. M. Kennet, A. G. Clinton, and J. B. Wood. Visitors: Comps. R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92, P.A.G. Soj. Eng.; W. Dix, H. J. Bidwell, R. J. Hunt, and E. J. Madley, all of the Abbey Chapter, No. 2120.

Ballots were taken for Bros. Harold Burgess Osburn, Surgeon, Bagshot, of the Border Lodge, No. 2475; and William Simpson Jackson, Superintendent Boys' Home, Wandsworth Common, of St. John's Lodge, No. 1504, which proving satisfactory, and Bro. Osburn being in attendance, he was exalted in admirable style by the M.E.Z. and officers of the chapter. Two candidates were proposed for exaltation, and all business being concluded, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

The M.E.Z., who had travelled specially from Bath in order to preside at the meeting, and was returning the same night, retired from the banquet at an early hour, though not without receiving the hearty plaudits of the companions, which he very feelingly acknowledged.

The chair was then assumed by Comp. C. Pulman, I.P.Z., and the remainder of the toasts followed.

Comps. R. F. Gould replied for "The Grand Officers," J. B. S. Lancaster for "The Provincial Grand Officers," C. Pulman for "The Past First Principals," H. J. Bidwell for "The Visitors," and the newly-exalted companion for himself.

The proceedings throughout were of the most enjoyable character, and terminated with some excellent songs and recitations, which were very greatly appreciated by all who had the good fortune to be present.

**Warrant Officers Chapter, No. 2346.**

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 9th inst. The business was to exalt Bro. Walter Eckstein Bailey, of Lodge No. 2356, and to instal the Principals. Bro. Bailey was exalted by the M.E.Z., Comp. Gardiner, in a manner which impressed the candidate very much as well as the other companions present. Comp. Gardiner installed his successor, Comp. Alfred Molony, into the chair of M.E.Z. in a very able manner, and Comp. Molony performed the same office for his successor, Comp. Pugh, as H., while the latter installed Comp. Cook into the chair of J. After the installation the M.E.Z., Comp. Molony, presented a P.Z's. jewel to Comp. Gardiner on the termination of his year of office, informing him that the jewel had been unanimously voted to him by the companions as a token of their esteem and regard and hoped he would live long to wear it, both with satisfaction to himself and credit to the Craft, of which he was such a firm supporter.

Comp. Gardiner thanked the companions for their kindness and assured them he should prize the jewel dearly, and felt highly honoured on receiving this tribute of goodwill from his companions. The officers were then invested as follows: Comp. Richard Jennings, P.Z., Treas.; M. A. McInerney, P.Z., Scribe E.; W. A. Greene, Scribe N.; T. K. Pearce, P.S.; J. P. Newsham, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. H. Simpson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; A. J. Williamson, D.C.; and J. Lackland, Janitor.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern, when the following companions were present: Comps. A. Molony, M.E.Z.; C. A. Pugh, H.; G. Cook, J.; H. Gardiner, I.P.Z.; McInerney, P.Z., S.E.; Jennings, Treas.; Greene, S.N.; Pearce, P.S.; Newsham, Parry, Edis Benstead, McGill, Arnold, Jinks, Wood, Howe, Meier, Dent, Shelbourne, and Bailey. Visitors: The M.E.Z., Comps. J. Cook, J., and Field, S.E., all of 907; G. Holland, M.E.Z. elect 1604; and G. Schultz, 1829.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The M.E.Z., the I.P.Z., the Candidate, and the Visitors all suitably replied to their respective toasts, the intervals being interspersed with songs and recitations by the following: Comps. Gardiner, Howe, Pugh, Shelbourne, and Bailey.

The Janitor's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

**Mark Masonry.**

**Stamford Lodge, No. 146.**

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Monday, the 16th instant. The lodge was opened by Bro. Fred Broadsmith, P.S.G.W., W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year proved favourable to Bro. E. G. Parker, S.W. Bro. J. Ferguson was elected Treasurer; Bros. Dykes, J.O., and Hampson, Auditors; with Bro. Alfred Huxley, Tyler.

The following brethren were present: Bros. F. Broadsmith, P.G.W., W.M.; E. G. Parker, S.W.; R. Stephenson, J.W.; S. Thompson, P.M.; J. Shaw, S.O.; W. Dykes, J.O.; J. S. Derbyshire, G. S. Smith, P.A.G. Org.; A. W. Boucher, J. Ferguson, A. Morgenthaler, T. Nicholson, and Alfred Huxley, Tyler.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.**

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. G. T. Peall, W.M.; C. Smith, S.W.; R. P. Upton, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncau, P.M., Sec.; R. Eddie, S.D.; W. Rapley, J.D.; A. F. Hardymont, I.G.; R. W. Nicole, C. G. Nicole, H. Rockham, E. A. Warstaff, W. A. Goring, W. G. Carrington, G. Gregory, P.M.; J. Amand, and H. B. Harding, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. G. C. Nicole having answered the questions, it was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Nicole being the candidate. The lodge being resumed in the Second Degree, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Upton acting as W.M. elect. Bros. C. G. Nicole and H. Rockham were elected members of the lodge. Bro. C. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.**

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. W. B. Neville, W.M.; A. J. Turner, S.W.; J. H. Neville, J.W.; George Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, Deputy Preceptor; Battersby, Asst. Sec.; Rumbal, S.D.; Chas. Ortnr, J.D.; Lewis Beale, I.G.; Thwaites, Stwd.; C. A. Walters, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; C. G. Hate, P.M.; Dresden, P.M.; Pringle, Taylor, Bell, Hendy, Seale, Clayton, McLellan, Pope, Larter, and Mackenzie.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pope, being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The W.M. then proceeded to install Bro. J. H. Neville as W.M., the whole ceremony being performed in a specially accurate and impressive manner. Bros. Cooke and Mayer were elected members. Bro. Neville was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his excellent working as Installing Master. The lodge was then closed.

**STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.**

A meeting was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Benedetti, M.E.Z.; Cureton, H.; Dawson, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Salmon, S.N.; Lewis, P.S.; Wills, Telling, North, and Wilcox.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Wills personating the candidate. Comp. Cureton, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The installation of H. was rehearsed by Comp. Stone, S.E., M.E.Z. 1275. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed. The chapter was placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. of the Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901, on Friday, the 27th inst.

A CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES from the several Boards of Guardians in the counties of Derby, Leicester, Lincoln, Nottingham, and Rutland was held in the Mechanics' Institute, Derby, on Wednesday, when Bro. the Duke of Devonshire presided, and delivered a very interesting address on the Aged Poor.

THE SHERIFFALTY.—The master, wardens, and court of assistants of the Leathersellers' Company have resolved to accompany Mr. Alderman Pound, their past master, to the Guildhall and back on the occasion of his inauguration as Sheriff on the 28th inst. A number of influential persons have accepted invitations to the inaugural breakfast, which is to take place at Leathersellers' Hall. Mr. Alderman and Sheriff-Elect Pound has appointed as his chaplain the Rev. Dr. Povah, rector of St. Olave, Hart-street, with Allhallows Staining, and Rural Dean; and, as readers of the *City Press* are aware, the Rev. John Robertson, M.A., vicar of St. Mary, Kilburn—the district in which the Sheriff-Elect resides—has been appointed chaplain to Mr. Sheriff-Elect Cooper. We are gratified to learn that the movement set on foot in Aldgate for the presentation to Mr. Sheriff-Elect Pound of his official badge and chain has been most heartily taken up by the Alderman's constituents. Already upwards of £200 has been subscribed. The Alderman has selected the design, and the chain is to be made by Mr. G. Kenning, of Little Britain. Subscriptions for the badge to be presented to Mr. Sheriff-Elect Cooper are also being freely contributed.—*City Press*.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING** and Miss Ellen Terry commenced their American tour at Montreal on Tuesday, when a performance of "Faust" was given to a very crowded house, which accorded them a most enthusiastic reception.

**THE GREAT VINE** in the gardens of Hampton Court Palace is just now in splendid condition, notwithstanding the fact of its having attained the great age of 127 years. At present it bears upwards of 1200 large clusters of grapes in process of ripening.

**THE PRINTERS' MANAGERS AND OVERSEERS ASSOCIATION** held their annual garden fête at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Saturday last, when several of the members took part in a cricket match, which was followed by the usual entertainment.

**THE EARL OF CREWE'S** shooting party at Fryston Hall, Yorkshire, includes, among others, Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, the Marquis of Londonderry, the Earl of Enniskillen, and Bro. Lord Stanley, M.P. Some capital sport was obtained on Saturday last.

**BRO. LORD BRASSEY**, the new Governor of Victoria, accompanied by Lady Brasse, arrived at Cape Town on board his yacht Sunbeam on the 13th instant. On landing his lordship was heartily welcomed by the Governor of Cape Colony, the city authorities, and a vast concourse of people.

**A PERFORMANCE** of "Liberty Hall" by Mr. George Alexander and his company was given by Royal command at Balmoral on Monday, the Queen and all the members of the Royal Family staying at the Castle, with the ladies and gentlemen of the household and a number of invited guests, being present.

**LEWISHAM LODGE, No. 2579.**—The warrant for this new lodge has now been granted, and the consecration will take place at an early date, which will be duly announced. The first Master will be Bro. Christopher Sims, P.M. of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, &c.

**THE MEMBERS** of the Order of Good Templars assembled in their full regalia near Cleopatra's Needle on the Thames Embankment, and, preceded by a brass band, marched in procession to St. Paul's Cathedral, where they attended a festival service in celebration of the 27th anniversary of the introduction of their Order into England.

**KHAMA AND THE OTHER BECHUANA CHIEFS** now in London are said to be very anxious to see the Queen, in order to assure her Majesty personally of their loyalty and devotion. In the meantime they are engaged in the very agreeable task of sight-seeing, and on Saturday last visited Brighton, accompanied by their interpreter, the Rev. Mr. Willoughby, returning to town on Monday.

**H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES**, having concluded his sojourn at Homburg, has gone on a visit to the Danish Royal Family. His Royal Highness arrived at Copenhagen on Saturday last, and having disembarked from the Royal yacht Osborne, proceeded to the Castle of Bernsdorf, where he lunched with the King and Queen, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud.

**THE MARRIAGE** of Captain Charles E. Bancroft, eldest son of Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft, with the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, was solemnised at All Saints' Church, Langham-place, on Sunday last, in the presence of a small gathering of the two families and their friends. Later in the day the bride and bridegroom left for Dover, en route for Cairo, where they purpose spending the honeymoon.

**THE 14TH ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING** of the Ranelagh Harriers was held in the Stamford Bridge Grounds, Fulham, on Saturday last. There was only a moderate attendance of spectators, but W. J. Sturgess, the amateur walking champion, though he failed in winning the Two Miles Handicap from F. J. Shaw, 430 yards start, succeeded in beating all previous records, covering the distance in 13 minutes 54 4-5ths seconds.

**THE CHANNEL FLEET** was at anchor off Scarborough in the early part of the present week, and on Sunday last the different ships were visited by crowds of people. The previous evening Vice-Admiral Lord Walter Kerr and his officers were entertained at a banquet given in their honour at the Royal Hotel, among the principal personages present being the Mayor of Scarborough, the Lord Mayor of York, Rear-Admiral Alington, Mr. J. C. Reckitt, M.P.; Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood, Q.C., M.P.; and others.

**A DISTRESSING GUN ACCIDENT** occurred on Monday, by which Lieut.-Col. Lord Beaumont lost his life. His lordship had gone out shooting, and it is believed that in crossing a stile his gun went off accidentally; at all events he was found close to it with his head terribly shattered. Lord Beaumont, who was born in 1850 and succeeded to the title as recently as 1892, had only just resigned his commission in the 20th Hussars, and was having his ancestral seat of Carlton Towers, York, renovated prior to taking up his residence there. He had seen a good deal of service, having been on the staff in Canada from 1874, in Malta in 1879, with the volunteer mounted troops in Bechuanaland in 1883, and with the Egyptian Frontier Field Force in 1885.

**THE DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839**, which was founded and consecrated in 1879, held its annual meeting for the installation of a new W.M. on Saturday night, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. H. Lowry, the outgoing Master, presiding. Bro. Charles Mussared, a Past Master of other lodges, and an old member of this lodge, who has served all the offices of the lodge, was installed by Bro. Lowry as Master for the ensuing 12 months. The Master's immediate predecessor was presented with a handsome and valuable jewel of a Past Master. Among the brethren present were many Past Masters of the lodge, one of them being Bro. J. W. Brooke, who has each year travelled from Vienna to attend the installation meeting of the lodge of which he is one of the three successful founders. The proceedings of the day, which, of course, included the appointment and investiture of the new officers, closed with a grand banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

**A TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE** occurred early on Monday morning on board the steamship Iona, of 1250 tons, belonging to the London and Edinburgh Steamship Company, and plying between Leith and London as a passenger and goods ship. At the time of the occurrence there were about 70 passengers on board, pretty equally divided between the 1st and 2nd classes. About 1 a.m. on the day in question when the Iona was off the Gunfleet, Capt. Thorp, who was on the bridge, noticed smoke issuing from the skylight of the second-class dining room, which is in close proximity to the second-class cabins. He at once signalled to the engineer who had the engines reversed and the ship was brought up. It was then discovered that the men's and women's sleeping saloons, as well as the dining saloon were on fire, and the alarm was given and all who could make their escape were quickly on deck, the majority of them being only partially clad. Efforts were made to extinguish the fire, and after four hours' incessant labour, the engineer and crew succeeded in getting the flames under control. It was then discovered that seven women, including the second-class Stewardess and a child she tried to save, were burned to death. The origin of the fire cannot be accounted for, but there will be the usual inquest and Board of Trade inquiry.

**MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.**—A meeting of the Benevolent and Charity Committee of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held on the 13th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of considering several applications for grants from the fund. Bro. R. Wylie, D.P.G.M., occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of brethren from Liverpool and various parts of the province. Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., read the minutes of the last meeting, held at Preston, and expressed his thanks for the vote of sympathy which was then passed to him in connection with his illness. He also made the gratifying announcement that their three candidates for the Boys' School, one candidate for the Old Men's, and one for the Old Women's Benevolent Institutions in London had been elected. Petitions for grants from the fund, on behalf of several widows and distressed brethren, were considered, and sums in relief to the amount of £75 were made. The appropriation of votes at the disposal of the province at the October elections for boys and girls on the London Institutions was next discussed and arranged. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

**TEN THOUSAND POUNDS PER ANNUM** may be earned at too great a sacrifice, if we ruin our health and happiness during its accumulation. Although money is a necessary article to possess in order to obtain the means of existence, it cannot purchase love, friendship, or immunity from the dangers and pangs of disease. The millionaire has often envied the toiling labourer his hearty appetite and sturdy health, and would gladly have sacrificed a large amount of his wealth in exchange for these blessings. Holloway's Pills, however, can give health to the most delicate. They are the precious key which can open the door leading to the smiling valley of health. They purify the system and give the essentials of strength for the blood.

**WE DEEPLY REGRET** to hear of the death of Bro. George Herbert Reynolds, P.M. 1614 and 2191, and J. Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326.

**PRINCE HENRY OF PRUSSIA**, who is about to go on furlough, will proceed to England on a visit to the Queen, and for that purpose has been granted an extension of leave.

**THE HEREDITARY PRINCE ALFRED** of Saxe Coburg-Gotha, the only son of the Duke and Duchess, will attain his majority on the 15th October, and the Grand Ducal Court intend celebrating the auspicious event in a special manner.

**THE 73RD SESSION** of the Birkbeck Library and Scientific Institution will open on Tuesday, the 1st prox. Upwards of 200 classes meet weekly, there being special classes, open to both sexes, for University, Civil Service, and other examinations.

**LORD WINDSOR** has consented, at the unanimous wish of the County Council of Cardiff, to serve as Mayor of the borough during the ensuing municipal year. During his lordship's term of office there will be held a Fine Arts, Maritime, and Industrial Exhibition.

**BRO. LORD WOLSELEY** visited Ballyshannon on Tuesday for the purpose of inspecting the barracks and the proposed rifle range and training grounds at Finner. His lordship met with a most cordial reception from the townsfolk, and was presented with an address by the authorities.

**THE LORD MAYOR** (Bro. Sir Joseph Renals) and the Lady Mayoress have returned to town from their visit to the Bordeaux Exhibition, and on Tuesday at his lordship's luncheon party a large number of guests were present, and the health of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress was drunk most cordially.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA ATHLETIC SPORTS** will take place on Saturday, the 5th October, when it is by no means unlikely that the teams of the London Athletic and Cambridge University Athletic Clubs, as well as the New York and Boston Athletic Clubs, will take part in the contests.

**IT IS ANNOUNCED** that a movement is on foot to give Bro. the Earl of Dunraven a public reception at Cardiff on his return from America, in recognition of his sportsmanlike conduct in connection with the late contest for the America Cup. There is now no doubt about the speedy return of his lordship's yacht Valkyrie.

**TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)** being St. Matthew's Day, Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Court of Aldermen, with the Sheriffs and City officers, will attend Divine service in Christ Church, Newgate-street, and afterwards assemble in the Court Room of Christ's Hospital for the transaction of certain business according to ancient custom.

**THE LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY BAZAAR** at Grimsby in aid of the funds of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children will be opened by the Duchess of Newcastle on Wednesday, the 2nd prox. In honour of the occasion, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Yarborough will entertain a large party of guests at Brockleby Park.

**THE NEW BATTLESHIP MAJESTIC** had a four hours' forced draught trial of her machinery on Tuesday, and on her returning to Spithead the result was reported as being very satisfactory. She attained an indicated horse-power of nearly 500 above the contract with an average revolution of 106 per minute and a mean speed of 17.8 knots per hour.

**SPIERS AND POND, LIMITED**, notify that the share transfer books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th instant, both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing dividend warrants for the first instalment of 4s. per share (less income tax) on account of the dividend for the year ending 31st March, 1896, which will be posted to the shareholders on the 1st of October next.

**WE REGRET TO HEAR** of the death of Bro. W. H. Kirby, the assistant manager of Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., the result of an explosion of gas at his private residence. His loss will occasion keen regret amongst the wide circle of brethren to whom he was known. The funeral service will be held at St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn Viaduct, at 12.30 to-morrow (Saturday).

**THE EXAMINATIONS** for the Royal Agricultural Society's Junior Scholarships have been arranged to be held on the 12th and 13th November. The Scholarships are of the value of £20, and candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 18 years. Ten will be competed for on this occasion, and the examinations will be conducted at the candidates' schools, and at the Society's premises, 13, Hanover-square.

**BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE** inaugurated the Midland Dairy Institute, which has been founded under the joint auspices of the County Councils of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, the Lindsey Division of Lincolnshire, and Nottinghamshire, and is located in South Notts on a farm, rented from Lord Belper on advantageous terms, near the Kegworth Station on the Midland Railway. A large company were assembled on the occasion, and his Grace delivered an important speech.

**THE COMBINED VORACITY** and cunning of big fish was well exemplified at this week's re-union of the Piscatorial Society, foregathered at headquarters, Holborn Restaurant, when an instance was given of a large pike which is hooked by expert anglers pretty well every day of its life, but which always, on being hooked, darts into a certain clump of weeds, where the rodsman's line is inevitably broken. With enough hooks in his gullet and stomach to stock a small tacklemaker's shop, this enterprising fish is still on the feed.

**SIR ANDREW LUSK, BART.**, who has been a member of the Corporation of London for 40 years, and is highly esteemed and respected by his fellow citizens, has felt obliged to resign his seat in the Court of Aldermen owing to advancing years. He served the office of Lord Mayor in 1873, and had the honour of entertaining the Czar Alexander II. and gave a ball at the Guildhall in honour of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, who were present. It was also in his year of office that the statue of the Prince Consort on the Holborn Viaduct was unveiled. For his services during his mayoralty he was created a baronet.

**ON MONDAY, the 9th inst.**, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was installed W.M. of the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366. Our veteran brother was its first W.M. just 25 years ago, and it was thought a fitting celebration of the "silver wedding" to place its first Master again in the chair. We do not know whether Bro. Terry is a member of the Thirteen Club, which sets at defiance the time-hallowed belief in unlucky numbers, but his acceptance of the office of W.M. for the thirteenth time should qualify him for a place among those daring iconoclasts.

**HALF-DAY TRIPS TO "SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY."**—The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that, owing to the continued success of the half-day trips to "Shakespeare's Country," they have decided to run another excursion to Stratford-on-Avon on Thursday, the 26th inst. The train will leave Euston Station at 12.30 p.m.; Chalk Farm, 12.9 noon; Kilburn, 12.15 noon; Chelsea, 11.52 a.m.; West Brompton, 11.56 a.m.; Kensington (Addison-road), 12.12 noon; Uxbridge-road, 12.14 noon; Willesden Junction, 12.40 p.m.; Clapham Junction, 11.46 a.m.; Battersea, 11.49 a.m.; and arrive at Stratford-on-Avon at 3.30 p.m. The return train will leave Stratford-on-Avon at 7.40 p.m., and arrive in London (Euston) at 10.40 p.m. The third class return fare is 3s. 6d.

**DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.**—A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth, to make arrangements for the election to be held in October. Bro. Samuel Jew, one of the oldest Life Governors of the Institution, was voted to the chair, and there were also present Bros. J. B. Gover, Hon. Sec.; W. H. Dillon, Hon. Asst. Sec.; J. R. Lord, Hon. Treas.; W. G. Gregory, F. B. Westlake, W. Allsford, C. Watson, J. Leonard, C. Mutton, W. Cox, W. Sweet, and J. J. Elliott. The Hon. Treas. reported that at the meeting held in April last there were 24 children on the fund, but since then six had gone off, and three more would go off before the end of the year, bringing the number down to 15. This is the smallest number that has been on the fund for many years, and it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Bro. Gregory, to elect three more at the meeting in October, to be held at Exeter. The date of the election will be announced in the course of next week. It was also resolved to ask Bro. W. Willoughby, who has so successfully conducted previous concerts, to undertake the arrangements for another concert on behalf of the Educational Fund, to be held in Plymouth Guildhall during the month of November. Last year the concert resulted in a net profit of about £100, and Bro. Jew, in acknowledging a vote of thanks for presiding, expressed a belief that the next concert would be similarly successful. The Educational Fund was doing an excellent work, and he was glad to see that so much interest was taken in it.