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THE PROVINCE OF CORNWALL.

It is evident, from the proceedings which took place at the recent annual meeting of its Provincial Grand Lodge, that Freemasonry in Cornwall is in a generally satisfactory condition. The lodge returns showed a slight but sufficient increase in the number of subscribing members, while the several statements of account that were submitted furnished the needful evidence that the funds of the Province are carefully and economically administered. It is true that the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. E. D. ANDERTON, in referring to certain grants which had been made—we presume, by the Board of Benevolence—to Cornishmen in London, mentioned that a feeling existed in the Metropolis that Cornwall was not upholding the status of the Craft as carefully as it should be upheld, but the cases were not spoken of as being many in number, nor, so far as we are aware, is there any reason to suppose that they occurred more frequently in respect of Cornwall than of other Provinces. Bro. ANDERTON, however, made a suggestion which, if acted upon strictly, cannot fail to exercise a beneficial effect in preventing undesirable persons from being admitted to Masonry, namely, that when a man applied, not to the lodge which was located in the immediate vicinity of his own home, but to one located at a distance, the strictest inquiries should be made by the latter as to his character and antecedents. If this suggestion is acted upon and those other precautions taken, in all cases, which are so earnestly enjoined on all lodges both in town and country by the leading dignitaries of our Order, there is no reason why the unpleasant feeling mentioned by the Provincial Grand Secretary as to the character of Cornish Masons shall be otherwise than complimentary. Indeed, if the suggestion is acted upon generally throughout the Provinces as well as by lodges in the Metropolis, Freemasonry will benefit largely by the observance of so salutary a precaution. As regards the Cornish Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, the report showed a substantial improvement on the preceding year. The donations and subscriptions amounted to £244 as compared with £230, the total of the income from all sources being £676, while after clearing all expenses in the way of grants to six aged Masons and as many widows and for educational purposes to the extent of £100, the balance remaining in hand was £436 as compared with £236 in the preceding year. There appears also to be good reason to congratulate the Province on its voting strength in respect of the Central Masonic Charities and the excellence of its organisation for promoting the success at the polls of those candidates who are adopted by the Committee in charge of the election arrangements. In short, Cornwall has done extensively well during the past 12 months, distinguishing itself more particularly by the generous manner in which it supported its respected Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, Deputy Grand Master of England, when he presided in May last at the 107th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. We notice, also, with pleasure that though Bro. Sir C. B. GRAVES-SAWLE expressed a wish to be relieved of his office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master on the ground of advancing age and feeble health, the Prov. Grand Master exhibited his sense of the services rendered by him to Freemasonry, not only by declining to entertain his wish, but likewise by the handsome way in which he spoke of his Deputy. "It might be easy for him," said Lord MOUNT EDGCUMBE, "to find a younger man for the position," but "it would be difficult for him to find a better man to take

his place," and subsequently, he added, "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" (Sir C. GRAVES-SAWLE) "could not do all that he had done, they would not require at his hands what he was not able to perform." These remarks must have been deeply appreciated by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and may be taken to indicate the feeling with which generous-minded Masons are wont to regard those brethren who have done good service in their time and are capable of rendering still further service at the Council Board, if not by the actual discharge of the more exacting duties of their office. We sincerely congratulate the Province of Cornwall and its respected chief on the satisfactory manner in which the duties of the past twelvemonth have been discharged.

ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.

VOL. VIII.—PART I.

The first Part of Volume VIII. of the Transactions of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, opens with a brief report of the proceedings at the *Conversazione* held in the King's Hall of the Holborn Restaurant on the 28th November, 1894, together with a transcript and description of the patent appointing "H.R.H. the Duke of YORK" to be the representative at the (Regular) Grand Lodge of England of the National Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship in Berlin. As regards this document, which bears date the 6th September, 1799, we suggest that the royal brother whom it appointed representative was not the Duke of YORK, whose Christian name was FREDERICK, but the Duke of SUSSEX, whose names were AUGUSTUS FREDERICK—as set forth in the patent—as many documents still extant bearing his signature will show. Moreover, there is a propriety in the selection of the latter Prince for such a post, seeing that he was initiated in a lodge in Berlin in the year 1798, while we have never heard that the Duke of YORK—son of GEORGE III.—was in any way connected with the Grand Lodge in question. We may also note that the date "III. Idus Junii MDCCXCVIII.," which is given in the "irradiated circular seal," is the date 11 June, 1798, when, according to FINDEL, the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship was actually formed. The paper next in order treats of "The Arch and Temple in Dundee," and is from the pen of Bro. THOMAS R. LINDSAY. It contains much valuable information on these branches, and cannot fail to prove of the greatest interest to our brethren North of the Tweed. The minutes of an emergency meeting, held on the 11th January last, with the report then adopted by the Lodge Committee and a complete statement of account, constitute the next item in the Part, and then we come to the important paper which was there read by Bro. EDWARD CONDER on "The Hon. Miss ST. LEGER and Freemasonry," in which the writer, who has evidently taken the utmost pains in the compilation of his paper and spared no opportunity of obtaining trustworthy information as to the lady and her initiation into Freemasonry, entirely upsets all the versions hitherto current about her, and proves, as nearly as possible conclusively, that Miss ST. LEGER must have been initiated somewhere about 1710, that is to say, some few years before Grand Lodges were brought into existence. With this contribution by Bro. CONDER must be read the supplementary Note by

Bro. CHETWODE CRAWLEY on the same subject, in which he includes the marriage licence, dated 7th April, 1713, of RICHARD ALDWORTH and ELIZABETH ST. LEGER, and in which, as well as in the comments that were read for him at the conclusion of Bro. CONDER'S Paper, our worthy brother shows that the lodges 44, 95, 150, which have been usually connected with Miss ST. LEGER'S initiation, could not have had anything to do with it. To appreciate the full merit of Bro. CONDER'S and Bro. CRAWLEY'S work, the reader must carefully study their contributions to these Transactions. A brief sketch of "Freemasonry in Portugal" by Bro. G. W. SPETH and a paper by Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, entitled "Some Notes on Old Cumberland Lodges," are also to be commended. The members of Lodge No. 119 in particular will be delighted with the additional information contained in the latter about their lodge. There is also a sketch given by Bro. J. RAMSDEN RILEY of his work—which has since been published by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge—on "English Masonic Certificates," but as we had the pleasure of reviewing it last week, we need not offer any further remarks on it. Bro. W. J. HUGHAN contributes an account of "The 'Lambton' Lodge Medal," and then follow the proceedings of the meeting in March, when the Note by Bro. CRAWLEY on the Lady Freemason, in which her marriage licence is given, and to which we have already referred, were read. Bros. SPETH and GOULD figure conspicuously among the writers in the section devoted to "Notes and Queries," the former being responsible for the contributions relating to "Captain Herbert Vaughan and Freemasonry," and the "Migration of Myths," while the latter furnishes a most interesting Note about "Robert Samber"—author of the "Preface to Long Livers." Bro. GOULD has likewise done some excellent work in the Reviews department—Bro. C. LETCH MASON'S "History of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, Leeds," Bro. HOPE'S "History of St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter," Bro. DIXON'S "History of Freemasonry in Lincolnshire," and Bro. W. F. BUNTING'S "History of St. John's Lodge, F. and A.M., of St. John, New Brunswick, 1784-1894," being all of them favourably—and very justly so—commented upon by him, while Bro. EDW. MACBEAN sends Notices of the Histories of the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, by Bro. GREATBATCH, St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, by Bro. HOPE, and LONGMAN'S Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281, together with a full account of "The Scottish Master Mason's Handbook," by Bro. F. J. W. CROWE. Bro. W. J. HUGHAN deals with "The Rosicrucian," being the paper read before the West of Scotland College of the Societas Rosicruciana in Scotia, Vol. 2, Part i. The remaining paper to which we are desirous of calling attention was read at the March meeting by Bro. F. J. W. CROWE, the subject being "Freemasonry in Brixham, Devon, 1781-1840." Bro. CROWE has been so fortunate as to gain access to the old minute books of Lodge "True Love and Unity, No. 248," held in that town, and, having gone through them most carefully and critically, has written what is almost tantamount to a history of the lodge. At all events, with a little embellishment here and there and some filling out in other places, what he has compiled might without any great difficulty be converted into a history. However, what he has done in the way of noting the leading events in the career of the lodge, its by-laws, the conduct of its members, &c., forms, as it is, a most interesting narrative. There appear to have been some few matters which puzzled the writer, such as the elasticity of the fees paid in the early days of the lodge for different Degrees with or without membership; the closing of the lodge and its being afterwards re-opened for the purpose of conferring a Degree upon some candidate; and other matters. In the majority of these cases we should be inclined to attribute the doubts and difficulties he has experienced to the imperfections of the scribe who wrote the minutes, for it is clear, from several of the extracts he gives, that the brethren of this lodge were not overburdened with a knowledge of their mother tongue, and it is reasonable to suppose that they knew as little of the art of computation as of grammar and spelling. There is indeed one extract—from the minutes of the 20th November, 1788—which has puzzled not only Bro. CROWE but likewise the brethren who were present when his compilation was read. We refer to the passage in the last paragraph on page 58—"A lodge held to mak a play, &c. Present Bro. PARKINSON,

MR." As regards the meaning of "to mak a play," Bro. SPETH'S suggestion that it had reference to the "bespeaking a play" at the theatre—which was by no means an unusual occurrence in former days—seems reasonable; but the interpretation of the mysterious letters "MR" appended to Bro. PARKINSON'S name does not appear to us to offer any very serious difficulty. Bro. CROWE himself suggests "Master of the Revels" as an interpretation, while Bro. CONDER in his letter thinks "Master of the Revels" smacks rather of the Elizabethan age than of that of George III., and adds "However, it is an interesting point and will well repay investigation." To us the letters appear as if they merely designated the office held by Bro. PARKINSON, who was the Master at the first meeting on the 17th October, 1781, under the dispensation by the Prov. Grand Master, and at the constitution of the lodge by Bro. POLLIXFEN on the 20th May, 1782, and may very easily have been from time to time re-elected to office during a long term of years. Or, he may have quitted the chair for a time and been re-elected so as to have been Master at the date of this meeting. At all events we suggest that "MR." stands for "Master" and nothing else, so that Bro. PARKINSON had the meeting all to himself, and proposed, seconded, and unanimously adopted or rejected whatever resolutions were submitted to the meeting about "making a play." We are surprised that so simple a suggestion did not occur to the writer of the Article or those who heard it read. There is also one remark in Bro. SPETH'S comments on Bro. CROWE'S Notes of this Lodge at Brixham, to which we cannot help taking exception. As regards the office of Past Master, Bro. SPETH is reported as having reminded his audience that "no such rank existed in 'Modern' lodges," and that it was "the 'Ancients' who invented the Installation Ceremony." If Bro. SPETH will refer to the minutes of the Grand Committee of the "Ancients" under date 24th June, 1752, he will find that DERMOTT, after he had been re-installed on that day as Grand Secretary, "repeated the whole ceremony of Instalng Grand, &c., in the manner which he had learn'd from Brother EDWRD SPRATT, Esq., the celebrated Grand Secretary of Ireland." We would suggest likewise a reference to Bro. CRAWLEY'S "Cæmentaria Hibernica," and to other and later "Ancient" minutes, in which the installation ceremony is referred to at some length. With this remark we take leave of this Part I. of Vol. VIII. of the Quatuor Coronati Transactions. It is a valuable addition to the best class of Masonic literature, and like all its preceding volumes, is a credit to the lodge and the editor (Bro. SPETH), under whose auspices it has been published.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro G.M. of England, Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held on the 19th inst. at the Town Hall, Bootle, where there was an attendance of upwards of 1000 brethren from all parts of the extensive division, which now comprises more than 100 lodges.

Amongst those present were—

Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, P.S.G.W.; R. G. Bradley, P.P.D.G.D.C.; J. Cunliffe, P.G.S.; W. Bowdon, P.P.G.S.B.; R. White, P.G.D.C.; J. Platt, P.P.G.D.; Thomas Vernon, P.G.S.; T. Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. England; T. J. Jarman, P.D.G.D.C.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G.R.; Dr. J. D. Crawford, P.G. Treas.; J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.D.; H. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Utting, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.D.; J. Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Buxton, P.P.G.R.; T. A. Withey, P.P.D.G.R.; J. Tarbuck, P.G.S.B.; G. S. Willings, P.P.J.G.D.; Rev. W. H. Baynes, P.P.G.C.; W. Platt, P.P.G.F.; W. Savage, P.P.G.T.; Squire Chapman, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Derryhouse, P.P.S.G.D.; M. Alexander, P.D.G.S.B.; L. Peake, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Newell, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Robertson, P.G.R.; J. McCarthy, P.D.G.R.; J. J. Ramsay, P.P.G.P.; J. J. Tickle, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Fothergill, P.P.G.D.; G. W. Phillips, P.P.G.O.; J. W. M'Tear, P.P.G.D.C.; E. George, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Arden, P.G.S.B.; R. Armitage, P.P.G.R.; Rev. T. Barton Spencer, P.G.C. England and P.P.G.C.; A. Kirkpatrick, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Warriner, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D.; T. H. W. Walker, P.P.G.T.; J. Macnab, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Hatch, P.J.G.D.; Eli Brooks, P.P.J.G.D.; W. B. Ackerley, P.P.G.W.; D. W. Finney, P.P.G.D.C.; G. A. Harradon, P.P.G.T.; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; Walter Simpson, P.P.S.G.W.; Joseph Bell, P.P.G.D.; T. Salter, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Pittaway, P.P.D.G.S.B.; J. L. Tunstall, P.P.G.P.; J. Hocken, P.P.D.G.D.C.; D. Jackson, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; and R. H. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.

After the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, had entered the hall in procession, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, the P.G. Master being saluted according to ancient form. The roll of Prov. Grand Officers and lodges in the province was read by the P.G. Secretary, Bro. W. GOODACRE, P.G.S.B., every lodge in the

division being [represented, with the exception of Furness, Ulverston, No. 995, and Arthur John Brogden, No. 1715.

The minutes of last year's Provincial Grand Lodge were adopted, and the accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer were presented, and also adopted. From the financial statement, it appeared that the receipts from the Charities' Fund was £224 18s. 4d.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £608 13s. 9d.; and Fund of Benevolence, £864 15s. 8d.; total, £1718 7s. 9d. and the payments were as follows: Charities' Fund, £105; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £351 19s. 8d.; Fund of Benevolence, £491 16s.; total £948 15s. 8d.; the balance under the three heads being £769 12s. 1d., making a grand total of £1718 7s. 6d.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY reported that the past year had not been marked by any exceptional event. The roll of lodges had been increased by one—the Tyldesley Lodge, No. 2572—and the number of members by 593, making the total membership 7256. As an instance of what might be done in the way of benevolence, one lodge had contributed £329 during the year in support of the three West Lancashire Institutions. The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, with an income of £1850, had assisted in the education and advancement in life of 206 children at a cost of over £1500, during the past year. The Alpess Institution had received £924, and aided 42 widows, at a cost of £520. The Hamer Fund had received £564, and assisted 20 brethren, at a cost of £357. The Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence had granted 13 petitioners £215, supplemented since the accounts were made up by further grants of £75 to six petitioners. The Grand Lodge had assisted brethren and widows of the province to the extent of about £300 during the past four months. Three candidates had been placed on the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he thought the brethren would agree with him that the report they had just heard was very favourable. As far as the increase on the books had gone, he did not think they should wish to increase very much more. They had plenty of members on the books; and as to increasing the roll of lodges, they had plenty of lodges. At the same time he wished it to be understood that where there was a real necessity for a lodge, or where a place had grown too large for the existing lodges, he should always be ready to grant an application, but he did not wish the number of lodges to be increased without real necessity. Regarding what had been done in the way of Charity, he could not forbear to pat the province on the back, for it would go forth to the world that the Province of West Lancashire had done its duty in this respect. The amount given in Charity reached nearly £2000 a year, which represented a large capital sum, and he thought that they ought to be very much pleased at such a result. He only hoped they would keep up their reputation in this manner. He must agree with what had fallen from the Provincial Grand Secretary as to the great necessity there was for most careful supervision as to the candidates who were proposed for Freemasonry. This was a topic on which he had spoken in London and in all parts of the country where he had had the opportunity during the last 12 months. He had impressed it again and again upon the brethren that the Craft was not a benevolent institution. Masons wished to enrol among their number men of means, men who were able to keep up the best traditions of the Craft, and not men who joined the ranks of Masonry with the simple object of getting out of it what they could. He hoped brethren would impress this again and again wherever they went, that Masonry was not a benevolent institution. Masons were charitable and willing to support and educate their children, and to support their widows and old men, but they were not, he repeated, a benevolent institution.

On the motion of Bro. J. J. LAMBERT, P.P.G. Reg., seconded by Bro. T. Salter, P.P.G.D., and supported by Bro. J. D. MURRAY, P.P.G. Treas., Bro. Henry Nolls, P.M. and Sec. 1375. was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treas., and at a subsequent part of the proceedings he thanked the brethren for the honour which they had conferred upon him by his election to the important office. Bros. H. W. Johnson, J. Platt, J. T. Callow, J. J. Lambert, and Dr. Crawford were appointed Auditors.

On the motion of Bro. R. WYLIE, D.P.G.M., the sum of 20 guineas was voted from the Fund of Benevolence for the benefit of an aged widow of a brother, 50 guineas to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, 30 guineas to the Alpess Benevolent Institution, and 30 guineas to the Funds of the Hamer Benevolent Institution.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested the following as his Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

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| Bro. Wilde Rice ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " W. H. Arnott ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. C. C. Bluett ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " Rev. T. H. Leeson ... | ... | ... | |
| " H. Nall ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " W. Bowdon ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " W. J. Worden ... | ... | ... | Prov. D.G. Reg. |
| " W. Goodacre (re-appointed) ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " W. E. Harwood ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.Ds. |
| " J. L. Wolfenden ... | ... | ... | |
| " J. Cunliffe ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.Ds. |
| " W. J. Fleetwood ... | ... | ... | |
| " R. R. Ellis ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G. of W. |
| " W. Sweetman ... | ... | ... | |
| " J. Milne ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " T. Vernon ... | ... | ... | D.P.G.D. of C. |
| " Whittaker Bond ... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D. of Cs. |
| " F. Pritchard ... | ... | ... | |
| " W. Taylor ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " J. Rigby ... | ... | ... | Prov. D.G.S.B. |
| " F. Gore Little ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Brs. |
| " T. Eastman ... | ... | ... | |
| " R. H. Webster ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " R. Wardle ... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Sec. |
| " A. E. Workman ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " S. Howard ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " H. Peers ... | ... | ... | |
| " P. J. Ashton ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " E. Rose ... | ... | ... | |
| " P. Armstrong ... | ... | ... | |
| " J. Galley ... | ... | ... | |
| " S. L. Fraser ... | ... | ... | |
| " W. R. Brewster ... | ... | ... | |
| " J. F. Willan ... | ... | ... | |
| " W. H. Ball ... | ... | ... | |

The following brethren were invested with charity jewels: Bros. B. B. Hartley, 2269; J. M. McLeod, 113, Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. Brindle, 2269; Capt. Garnett, 1051; J. S. Somers, 2457; T. Forrester and T. W. Rice, 1403; J. Chadderton and C. Watson (R.A.) 613; E. Broadbent, 2109; T. J. Shann, 2109; J. H. Wells, 2109; and G. A. Myers.

On the motion of Bro. R. WYLIE, D.P.G.M., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dr. Crawford as P.G. Treas. for the past year, and this was suitably acknowledged. Thanks were also given to the Mayor and Corporation of Bootle for the use of the Town Hall on that occasion, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed. A collection made among the brethren on behalf of the Bootle Borough Hospital realised the sum of £30.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. TRILLO LODGE, No. 2569.

Bro. Lord Harlech, the Prov. Grand Master of North Wales, on the 18th inst. consecrated a new lodge at the Public Hall, Colwyn Bay, the ceremony, owing to the popularity of the W.M. elect, attracting a large attendance of visiting brethren from all parts of North Wales. The Public Hall served as a temporary lodge room, but it is in contemplation to erect permanent premises in Hawarden-road. The new lodge—which is named St. Trillo, No. 2569—after the patron saint of Llandrillo, in which parish Colwyn Bay is situate—enters upon its Masonic career under most favourable circumstances, a large number of members being already enrolled.

At the consecration ceremony the Prov. Grand Master was assisted by Bros. Lieut.-Col. Charles Hunter, P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire, acting I.P.M.; Edward Roberts, P.G.S., acting S.W.; C. K. Benson, P.P.J.G.W., acting J.W.; J. Fairchild, P.G. Chap., W.M. Segontium, acting Chap.; H. A. Steer, P.P.J.G.W., acting D. of C.; J. Lloyd Griffith, P.M., P.A.G. D. of C.; and Caradoc Rowland, I.G.

Bro. Ephraim Wood, P.P.S.G.W. North Wales and Shropshire, who was installed as W.M. of the new lodge, appointed the following as his officers: Bros. J. Lees, I.P.M.; J. G. Tuxford, P.M., P.S.G.W., S.W.; James Porter, W.M. 755, J.W.; Dr. Venables Williams, S.D.; J. Dicken, J.D.; O. Rowland, Treas.; W. Jones, Sec.; and Sergeant-Instructor Carpenter, Tyler.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Henderson, 755, P.G. Org.

The banquet took place at the Imperial Hotel, a *recherché* repast being provided by Mrs. Lewis.

A quartette party from Bangor Cathedral choir, consisting of Messrs. J. R. Morgan, J. Jevons, F. Norcup, and Charles James, under the conductorship of Bro. T. Westlake Morgan, P.G. Org. (Arch), sang during the evening.

The attendance of brethren, in addition to those named, included Bros. R. A. Gregory, W.M.; W. P. Matthews, J.W.; J. Fendick, 384, 1113, 1849; J. Hughes and A. Ayland, 384; W. A. Foster, W.M.; F. Barlow, S.W.; Capt. Williams, J.W.; R. G. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Richd. Baxter, 1113; J. O. Morris, J.W. Segontium; W. Guest, W.M. St. Cybi, P.G.S.B.; W. Jones, W.M. St. Eleth; T. B. Farrington, I.P.M.; W. S. Woodley, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Capt. G. Ashley, S.W.; A. Sumner, J.W.; J. Haworth, J.D.; W. Magrath, I.G.; Rev. Pugh Evans, Chap.; Dr. Kenrick-Davies, St. Tudno; R. James, 755; W. D. Fraser, 755; W. D. Roberts, Sec. 1582; Dr. R. Arthur Pritchard, P.M. 755; E. Blang, P.M. 2423, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Carpenter, 1374; J. Prince, 2423; W. E. Davies, 384; P. Jones, 1674; P. Fraser, 606; W. A. Dansom, P.M. 1768; Thomas Williams, J.W. 1113; J. J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; H. R. Heap, W.M. 1369; P. S. Higson, P.G. Std. Br. Cheshire; F. W. Stubbs, 755; Edward Jones, P.G. Chap. and W.M. 1582; J. James, P.M. 597, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Davies, 597, 675; Edgar Ebrall, 758, 1674; T. W. Hughes, J.W. 2423; G. Bradley, 1477; F. Gamlin, S.D. 1764; S. Wells Page, 526, P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire; T. S. Adams, S.W. 1477; J. Swift, P.M. 1477, P.P.G.P.; W. Williams, 597, P.G.T.; J. D. Williams, 1674; C. E. Cartwright, J.D. 1345; W. Chesworth, P.M. Nantwich; Lewis Everett Hughes, 384, and others.

The following were the founders of the new lodge: Bros. E. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. G. Tuxford, P.M. 1509, Prov. G. Treas.; R. S. Chamberlain, P.M. 755, P.P.G. Reg.; G. L. Woodley, P.M. 755, P.P.S.G.D.; H. A. Steer, P.M. 1674, P.J.G.W.; T. H. Coxhead, P.M. 1670, P.P.G. Supt.; J. H. Ellis, P.M. 1674, P.P.G. Stwd.; William Jones, P.M. 606; John Rees, P.M. 1868; R. A. Pritchard, P.M. 755; D. D. Macpherson, 163; Hugh Roberts, W.M. 1674, P.G. Stwd.; James Porter, W.M. 753, P.G. Stwd.; M. Venables Williams, 755; O. Rowland, S.W. 1369; J. Jordan Jones, 470; Joseph Dicken, 696; Howell James, 1072; T. B. Farrington, P.M. 755, P.A.G. Purst.; Kenneth M'Ewen, P.M. 1674, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and T. H. Summerhill, P.M. 1143, P.P.G. D. of C.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. KIRBY.

On the morning of Saturday, the 21st inst., the day after the inquest, a large gathering of relatives and friends took place at 40, Wilberforce-road, Finsbury Park. As soon as the news of the fatal termination of Bro. Kirby's injuries became known, the many expressions of sorrow which reached Mrs. Kirby and Bro. Wellcome made it obvious that some special arrangement would be necessary if the funeral was to be kept within practical limits. It occurred to Bro. Wellcome, therefore, that it would be best to hold the funeral service in a central City church so that the hundreds of mourners who desired to attend might do so without undue inconvenience. With his customary generosity, Bro. Wellcome applied himself to the carrying out of this project and it was accordingly arranged that only intimate relatives and a very few representative friends should accompany the body from Finsbury Park to St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn Viaduct.

It was peculiarly fitting that the funeral service should be held in this church, in sight of which Bro. Kirby had so long and so honourably laboured for the good of the firm of Burroughs, Wellcome and Co. Mrs. Kirby and her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby sen., and Bro. and Mrs. R. Clay Sudlow occupied the first two carriages, the remaining 10 being occupied by close personal friends and the heads of the various departments of the Snow Hill Offices and Dartford Laboratories.

On reaching the church the remains were conveyed to the chancel and a most beautiful choral service followed. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Vicar, the Rev. Gibson, who alluded in the tenderest way to the fair and honourable life-work of the deceased and to the high moral lessons that are taught by

such a life. Then followed the subdued singing of that beautiful funeral hymn with the refrain at the end of each stanza, "Father, in thy gracious keeping, leave we now thy servant sleeping." During the singing of this hymn, at the most solemn part of this most solemn service, and in the hushed stillness of the great crowded church, intensified, rather than broken, by the sweet voices of the choir boys and the gentle cadence of the organ, came the touching rite of the Masonic fraternity. The right central row of pews was reserved for Freemasons, and they slowly filed out, passed round the coffin, each at the same time reverently placing their sprig of acacia on its lid.

Then followed the slow procession down the aisle, to the mournful and soul-stirring accompaniment of the "Dead March." A great wave of sympathy welled up in every heart as the widow, pale to the lips, and with bowed head, but brave face, passed slowly down the aisle leaning on the arm of Bro. Wellcome.

The funeral cortege next proceeded to Paddington, where a special carriage had been reserved for those mourners proceeding to High Wycombe, where the remains were to be interred. At Paddington, it became possible to see what a vast number of wreaths had been sent as tributes of respect to the memory of this faithful husband, friend, and colleague.

Amongst those from Masonic friends and lodges may be mentioned the following: From the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Eastes Lodge, No. 1965; "A tribute to their late Secretary." From the Companions of the Royal Middlesex Chapter; "A tribute to their First Principal." From the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3; "Fidelity exemplified." From the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Columbia Lodge, No. 2397; "Virtue, Honor, and Mercy distinguished him." From the Clarence Lodge of Instruction. From the Brethren of the Cheerybles Lodge, No. 2466. From Bros. Henry S. Wellcome, "True to the trust reposed in him;" R. C. Sudlow, "In loving memory of a true friend," G. L. Kennaby, J. W. Drysdale, Alison Lister, Col. Gardner, F. T. Rushton, and W. P. Fuller.

Bro. Kirby was initiated in the Eastes Lodge, No. 1965, Bromley, in May, 1886, and, after passing through the various offices, was installed W.M. in May, 1891. On Bro. Kennaby's resignation of the Secretaryship of the lodge in 1893, Bro. Kirby accepted the position, and carried out the duties appertaining to the office up to the time of his death with the thoroughness which characterised everything he undertook. At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent Bro. Kirby was appointed a Grand Steward, and would, in all probability, have received the purple in the province next year. In Royal Arch Masonry, Bro. Kirby occupied the chair of First Principal of the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, Hampton Court, in which chapter he was exalted in May, 1888.

From the day of his initiation our late brother took a deep interest in the teachings of Masonry, and applied himself with the zeal which distinguished him to the study of the ritual and lectures. He was constant in his attendance at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and never seemed so happy as when taking part in the work of that lodge. But it is in connection with the Clarence Lodge of Instruction that Bro. Kirby was most widely known. When this lodge was formed some few years ago Bro. Kirby was unanimously chosen by the Committee as the first Preceptor—a position which, on account of his intimate and accurate knowledge of the ritual, and his unfailing courtesy and patience, he was eminently adapted to fill with success. Under his able Preceptorship the Clarence Lodge of Instruction soon became a favourite "school" of Masonry, and took prominent rank amongst lodges teaching the "Emulation" system, nor is there the slightest doubt that it is to him and the exertions he made on its behalf this lodge of instruction is mainly indebted for the prestige it has won. Indeed, there was no office which Bro. Kirby ever filled that he did not adorn, and for years to come his memory will be held dear by his brother Masons.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. WILLIAM DAVIDSON,

Bro. Davidson vacates the chair to-day (Friday) of De Ogle Lodge, No. 636, Morpeth, in which he was initiated in the year 1863. He was elected to the chair of W.M. in 1866 and, in the same year, appointed to the office of P.J.G.D. by Bro. Rev. E. C. Ogle, then Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland. In 1886 he again filled the chair of W.M. and was appointed P.S.G.W. by Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland. During his second Mastership Bro. Davidson celebrated his silver wedding and the brethren took advantage of the occasion to present him with a jubilee jewel and an illuminated address. For years, when not in the chair, Bro. Davidson acted as D.C. During his present Mastership the brethren, as recorded in our issue of September 14th, presented

him with a P.S.G.W.'s jewel. Bro. Davidson has been a member of St. Cuthbert's Lodge, Bedlington, from its foundation. He has held several offices in St. Peter's Chapter, No. 481, was a founder and first Z of De Percy Chapter, No. 636. He is Secretary of the Northumberland and Berwick Mark Lodge (T.I.), and J.D. of Northumberland and Berwick Lodge (T.I.) of Royal Ark Mariners. He is the T.I.M. of the Royal Kent Council of the Cryptic Degrees, and J.D. of the Royal Kent Council of the Allied Degrees. He also holds the office of High Prelate in the Royal Kent Conclave of Knights of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S. and K.S.J. 152. He is Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland for Northumberland, Durham and Cumberland. He is Registrar of the Royal Kent Preceptory of Knights Templar and of the Royal Kent Priory of the Knights of Malta. He holds office in the Royal Kent Rose Croix Chapter, No. 8. He is Secretary of the Newcastle College of the S.R.I.A. and Provincial Secretary of the Province of Northumberland and Durham in the same Order. He is also local Secretary for Northumberland of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. He was for 17 years Second Master of Morpeth Grammar School of King Edward the Sixth, and from January, 1830, has been Head Master of the same school. During the latter period a new school has been erected to accommodate the increasing numbers, and plans and specifications for further additions in the shape of laboratories have been approved by the Governors of the school. Bro. Davidson is a B.A. of the University of London, having, at his Matriculation Examination, been placed first in the list of honours.



BRO. CHARLES HENRY ELLIS, W.M. 2321.

Bro. Charles Henry Ellis was installed W.M. of Lodge Acacia, No. 2321, meeting at the Masonic Hall, Bradford, in October last. He was initiated in the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, at Shipley, Yorks, on 21st February, 1883, and when Lodge Acacia, No. 2321, was consecrated in September, 1889, Bro. C. H. Ellis, was the first joining member elected, having become a member of the lodge on the 14th November, 1889. He served the offices of S.D., S.W., and Treasurer of the lodge with much credit, and was, by the unanimous vote of the lodge, elected W.M. in September last. Although Bro. Ellis has had but few opportunities of working the ceremonies or conferring the Degrees thus far during his year of office, he nevertheless exhibited his ability in this respect at the recent meeting of the lodge by initiating a candidate in a very satisfactory manner. During his year Bro. Ellis has succeeded well in maintaining the hospitable character of the lodge for entertaining visitors, as a number of brethren from other lodges have usually been present at each monthly meeting, nor has he been unmindful of the best interests of the lodge in another direction, for on several occasions when there has been no particular business before the lodge he (the W.M.) has provided Masonic lectures or papers on subjects of interest to the Craft, which have been appreciated by the brethren, and when he yields up the gavel in due course to his successor he will have the satisfaction of having had a very pleasant year of office. Bro. Ellis was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Chapter of Charity attached to the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, on the 13th February, 1894.

THE BISHOP OF CHARLESTON AND FREEMASONRY.

The Right Rev. Dr. Northrop, Bishop of Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A., recently informed a correspondent of the *Catholic Times* that, in his opinion, there is no truth whatever in the sensational accounts about devil-worship in a magnificent Masonic temple in Charleston. Bishop Northrop has lived 50 years in Charleston, is personally acquainted with all the leading Freemasons there, and has been in the Masonic hall, which in no particular answers to the description published in numbers of newspapers. His lordship considers that Catholics, who are themselves the victims of so many calumnies, should be especially careful not to spread falsehood about others; and gave our correspondent, who is in Liverpool, permission to publish what he said. Monsignor Quigley, the Vicar-General of the diocese, also expressed his complete disbelief of the stories about devil-worship by Masons in so far as Charleston is concerned.—*Catholic Times*.

COURAGE.

From the earliest times we find that those who were endowed with great bodily strength and courage have ever held a prominent position among their fellow men, and by the influence which, as a natural consequence they possessed, have used those who were weaker than themselves as the stepping stones to wealth and power. When we consider that in the early ages, when the earth was in a state of barbarism, it was absolutely necessary that a man should be competent to defend himself from oppression and wrong, it is not to be wondered at that animal Courage should be regarded as one of the chief virtues which entitle a man to the respect and admiration of his companions. Hence arose the ardent love of military enterprise and warlike achievements which, too often, alas! has shed its baneful light upon peaceful and contented minds, inducing them to abandon the realities of true happiness, to follow a will o' the wisp, which, when too late, they discover has lured them to their destruction. By the Greeks and Romans, the greatest nations of antiquity, Courage was highly esteemed—in fact, the word "Virtus" in its primal meaning has the signification of Animal Courage—and in their writings which have come down to us, this manly attribute has been highly extolled—the "Iliad," the grandest epic poem that was ever written, relates the achievements and personal prowess of Achilles, who, save brute Courage, possessed nothing to call for admiration in his character.* The Æneid, again, which, in many respects, is an imitation of the Iliad, relates the adventures of Æneas, who, though he had many despicable faults, yet on account of his endurance of hardship and danger, and his successful conquest of Latium has been the hero of a poem which, for ever, will be admired. If, then, Courage from the earliest to the present time has been so much praised, let us examine in what this virtue consists. The subject seems, naturally, to divide into two parts—Animal and Moral. By Animal Courage, we understand that power, possessed alike by animals and man, of defending themselves by sheer force, from the assaults and injury to which they are liable from others. This, although it is very necessary, involving as it does the principle of self-defence, when abused is productive of incalculable evils. The first war of self-defence which took place was commendable, as it was the combined resistance of a nation determined to preserve the rights and properties which they had so long enjoyed against the wanton attack of a conqueror, who, disregarding the miseries that would be necessarily entailed on the victors and vanquished by the selfish course he was pursuing, cared only for the empty fame which he hoped to gain. In an instance like this, great personal bravery may have been displayed on either side, and deeds of high renown, which merited the poet's song—but how different were the motives which actuated the hostile parties—the one, led on by the lust of gain to plunder and desolate a peaceful and inoffensive country—the other, strong in purpose, confident in the justice of their cause, fighting for the retention of their homes and altars, and ready to devote the last drop of their blood to preserve their soil from the invader. In after ages, what had been by the circumstances of the time a virtue, now grew into a vice. No longer used for the purposes it was originally intended, Courage became an instrument of oppression and wrong—war, no longer made only in self-defence, carried its devastating course through peaceful nations—the height of ambition, and the aim of every man, was to become a hero. How true is the saying that what in detail is mean and despicable, when, on a large scale, is as equally esteemed. The famous line of Byron—"One murder makes a villain, millions a hero," expresses most forcibly the paradoxical verdict the world at large passes upon the two individuals. But this, as man is constituted, it will ever be—the feeling of superior strength will be respected, and its possessor conscious of his power, will be apt unless reason asserts its sway, to turn this gift to bad purposes. It is only when the strong man can be convinced that "might is not always right," that he will acknowledge that, while on the one hand he ought to be grateful to God for the feeling of Courage which he has bestowed upon him, yet still, he must bear in mind that it was only given in trust to defend himself should occasion require, and assist his weaker brethren by his strength against the tyrant and the oppressor. Above all, let him not by wanton cruelty presume to abuse the power he possesses—let him consider that though he may have "a giant's strength: 'tis tyrannous to use it like a giant"—rather let him be a shield to the defenceless, a friend to the weak, and an opposer to all wrong—thus by his conduct he will merit the love and blessings of all around. True Courage will ever be the servant of Justice, the advocate and supporter of Virtue, by the good it will be admired and beloved, and by the wicked it will be hated, yet feared. We have thus examined and defined Animal Courage, its uses and abuses. Let us now briefly consider the next division of our subject—Moral Courage. This quality belonging to, and entirely dependent upon the mind, needs not the fortuitous circumstance of bodily strength to exert its influence. The feeble as well as the robust may be equally gifted with it. It is the power of the mind which is dominant, not that of the body. It comprises firmness of purpose, an unflinching resolve to follow good—undaunted by misfortune to press on the road of life, overcoming difficulties which, at first sight, appear to overwhelm him—like the hardy swimmer, struggling, buffeted and tossed about on the stormy waves, now sinking in the deep and anon, buoyed and supported by his untiring exertion, he manfully presses onward, and at last reaches the haven of safety. Though in personal strength a mere child, yet in vigour of mind he may be a giant—conquered by his bodily foes, and reduced to subjection, his mind free and unfettered, asserts a mastery, which scorns the wrong, while at the same time it forgives it. Truly, indeed, may it be said—"In vain, in vain, your cords and chains. You cannot bind the mind. The man a prisoner may remain, but his soul is unconfined." Let not the enthusiast expatiate upon the glory acquired by the destruction of his fellow creatures, nor the laurel wreath watered by the widows' and orphans' tears. What is this in comparison with the daily contest that takes place within the heart of man—the good and evil impulses ranged in opposition to each other. Evil, ever ready to predominate, implanted with a deep root in the mind of man from his birth, requires the greatest Courage and undaunted resolution to overcome. 'Tis hard to leave the flowery and pleasant path of sin to toil up the steep and rugged ascent that leads to Virtue—many are the longings and backward glances that the pilgrim casts upon the road which he has abandoned—sorely is he tried by temptations alluring him by the speciousness of Virtue—fair to view like the apples of the Dead sea, yet containing within them nothing but dust and ashes. Enlisted under the banner of the Great Captain of his salvation, the Christian soldier must be ever watchful and alert, ready at any time to oppose his numerous and unseen foes, who constantly hover round him—resting upon his arms, he feels he must never indulge in false security, nor hope for peace until he has completely subdued his enemies. And shall we say, then, that such a man is deficient in Courage and unworthy of the title of hero? "Could the mighty conquerors of thousands subdue the raging passions of their own minds? Could they, with forbearance, look with pity and forgiveness upon the offences of others? Could they, like the Christian, forgive their enemies? Far from it; revenge was the ruling principle of their lives, and punishment, as a natural consequence, was inflicted upon those who opposed them. In this point of view, then, the Christian warrior is immeasurably superior—the amaranthine crown, the reward of his long-tried and faithful service will endure for ever, while the laurel wreath of the great Cæsar shall wither in the dust.

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

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* His deep attachment to his friend Patroclus must not, however, be forgotten.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT WICK.

On Thursday, the 12th instant, in rather disagreeable weather, the foundation stone of the St. Fergus new hall, which is in course of erection in Breadalbaneterrace, Wick, near the east extremity of the Academy playground, was laid with Masonic honours by Bro. Sheriff G. H. M. Thoms, Prov. Grand Master of Caithness, Orkney, and Shetland. A wooden platform had been erected over the masonry on which the ceremony, which was witnessed from a distance by a considerable gathering of people, took place. Officers and brethren from other lodges in the province, viz., Kirkwall Kilwinning, St. Peter's, Mercantile Marine, and a large number of the brethren of the St. Fergus Lodge, were present.

Those representing the Provincial Grand Lodge who took part in the ceremony included Bros. Sheriff Thoms, Prov. G.M. of Caithness, Orkney, and Shetland; Major Henderson, P.D.G.M.; Buckham Hossack, P.S.G.M.; F. H. M'Hugh, P.S.G.W.; D. Dunnet, P.J.G.W.; J. Slater, P.G. Sec.; R. Sinclair, acting P.G. Treas.; Craven, P.G. Chap.; S. Macdonald, acting P.G. Architect; W. Baikie, P.G. Bible Bearer; Sourie, acting P.G. Marshal; Dunnet, acting P.S.G.D.; D. P. Henderson, P.J.G.D.; Farquhar, P.G.I.G.; and Laird, P.G. Tyler. The visiting brethren were Bros. Captain Munro, Allan M. Henderson, Dalgleish, and others.

The lodge met in the Commissioners' Hall, Lower Dunbar-street, and shortly after three o'clock marched in procession to the site of the new hall, headed by the band of the Wick Company C.V.A., under the leadership of Band Sergeant Grant. Bro. Sheriff Thoms preceded the procession in a close carriage. Having arrived at the platform and taken up their position, the ceremonial of laying the stone according to the Masonic rite was gone through, the band playing music appropriate to the various stages of the ceremony. The procession afterwards returned in inverted order to the hall, where the lodge was closed.

Afterwards the brethren and the St. Fergus Lodge dined together in Mr. Nicol's Station Hotel.

The number in procession was about 80, of whom 20 or thereabouts were from a distance.

GRAND COUNCIL OF NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA, R. AND S.M.

The Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters and Appendant Orders, organised 14th August, 1867, held its annual convocation in the Masonic Temple, St. John, N.B., Canada, on Monday, the 19th ult. Comp. John V. Ellis, Grand Master, was in the chair, and his report, and that of Comp. Robert Marshall, Grand Recorder, showed that the body was in a prosperous condition. One new council, that at St. Stephen, was established during the year. The report of the Grand Treasurer, Comp. J. Henry Leonard, showed a balance on the right side of the ledger. Comp. Ellis, Grand Master, who had filled the chair for three years, declined re-election.

The following Grand Officers were elected and appointed:

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| Comp. William B. Wallace... | ... | M.P. Grand Master. |
| " Henry Graham, St. Stephen | ... | Deputy Grand Master. |
| " Edwin J. Everett | ... | R.P. Grand Master. |
| " John A. Watson | ... | P. Grand Master. |
| " Robert Marshall | ... | Grand Recorder. |
| " J. Henry Leonard | ... | Grand Treasurer. |
| " John D. Short | ... | Grand Chaplain. |
| " Moses McGowan, St. Stephen | ... | Grand Capt. of Guards. |
| " Andrew McNichol | ... | G. Master of Ceremonies. |
| " John L. Harris, Moncton | ... | Grand Conductor. |
| " R. H. McWilliams | ... | Grand Steward. |
| " G. G. Boyne | ... | Grand Sentinel. |
| " W. A. Ewing | ... | Grand Organist. |

Comp. John Leonard Harris was appointed R.P. Inspector General for the County of Westmorland.

The Grand Officers were installed by Comp. Seymour, Grand Master, of Maine. Addresses were made by Ill. Comps. SEYMOUR and JOHN S. DERBY, of Maine.

Representatives of the following Grand Councils presented their credentials: Minnesota, Comp. E. J. Everett; Kentucky, Comp. J. Henry Leonard; Maine, Comp. John S. Derby; South Carolina and Louisiana, Comp. Robert Marshall; New York, and England and Wales, Comp. John V. Ellis; Illinois, Comp. John A. Watson; Maryland, Comp. William B. Wallace; Rhode Island, Comp. John D. Short; Georgia, Comp. Andrew McNichol; and Connecticut, Comp. Henry Graham.

They were all cordially welcomed, and Comp. DERBY replied on their behalf to the address of welcome.

The report of the Grand Recorder gave a complete list of representatives, appointed during the year, to and from sister Grand Councils.

The prospect of the further extension of our Cryptic Rite in these Maritime Provinces, in the near future, is very promising.

It was unanimously resolved to alter the first part of Section 7 of the Constitution to read as follows: "The Most Puissant Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Right Puissant Grand Master, Puissant Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Sentinel shall be elected annually by ballot."

Comps. Robert Marshall, W. B. Wallace, and W. A. Ewing were appointed a Committee on Publication of Proceedings, 1892 to 1895, both inclusive, with discretionary power as to enlargement. The same companions were appointed a Committee to revise the Constitution. Comp. W. B. Wallace, Chairman.

The Grand Master, in his admirable address, referred to the cordial relations existing between this Grand Council and sister Grand Councils; as also with the General Grand Council of the United States of America.

A warrant was ordered to issue to Saint Stephen, to be styled "The Saint Stephen Council of Royal and Select Masters and Appendant Orders, No. 10."

Shekinah Council, No. 5, of Orillia, Ontario; Adoniram Council, No. 6, of Toronto; Harington Council, No. 7, of Gault; and Zabud Council, No. 9, formerly of the obedience of this Grand Council, are now under the jurisdiction of "Grand Council of Ontario," inadvertently styled the Grand Council of "Canada."

A MATCH between picked teams representing the County of Middlesex and the City of London on the one hand and the County of Surrey on the other, was decided at the ranges of the National Rifle Association, Bisley, on Saturday last. Surrey led by 12 points at the 200 yards range, but at the 500 yards she was beaten by 647 to 591, and at the 600 yards by 606 to 570. Thus Middlesex with a score of 1840 points as against Surrey with 1760 points won by 80 points.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

It is with very great regret we announce the death of Bro. Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., D.L., who was born in 1816 and succeeded his father as fourth baronet in 1857. The deceased brother was W.M. of the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, Newark, in 1880, and Prov. S.G.W. of Nottinghamshire in 1883; P.Z. Alexander Chapter, No. 1661, Newark, and in July 1882 was appointed by his Royal Highness the M.E. Grand Z. to be Grand Superintendent of Nottinghamshire. Our late brother was formerly a Captain in the 48th foot, was J.P. and D.L. of the County of Notts, and served the office of High Sheriff in 1882. He was also a good all round sportsman and at one time was President of the Notts County Cricket Club. He is succeeded in the baronetcy by his only son, Henry, formerly Lieutenant in the 27th foot, who was born in 1849. By Bro. Sir H. Bromley's death the office of Grand Superintendent of Nottinghamshire becomes vacant.

We are so often denounced by the Roman Catholic Clergy and our connection with everything that is evil, so commonly declared to be a matter of fact, that when anything is said in favour of our Order, even though it may be of a negative character, and only acquits it of some monstrous charge that has been brought against it, it is but right we should call our readers

attention to such a pronouncement. Accordingly, we publish elsewhere a paragraph from a recent issue of the *Catholic Times*, in which the brethren of Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A., are declared to be innocent of the ridiculous charge which has been made against them of having taken part in certain "devil-worship" in a Masonic Temple in that city. We are indebted for this declaration of the innocence of our Charleston brethren of this crime to the Right Rev. Dr. Northrop, Roman Catholic Bishop of Charleston, who is acquainted with all the leading Masons in that city, and has been in the Masonic Hall in which these devilish rites are said to have been practised, and which he says does not answer the description given of the hall in the newspapers. Monsignor Quigley, Vicar-General of the diocese, has also expressed his entire disbelief in the charge made against the Charleston Freemasons. We are grateful for this exhibition of justice towards our brethren in the city in question.

We regret the occurrence of the errors of which Bro. John Chadwick, Prov. Grand Secretary East Lancashire, and P.M. 44, very properly complains in the announcement which appeared in our issue of the 14th instant, in respect of Lodge of Friendship, No. 44, Manchester. The paragraph was inserted in the state in which we received it from our informant. As regards one of the errors to which Bro. Chadwick calls attention, we beg to point out that there is just this much justification for it—that the year 1755 is given in Grand Lodge Calendar as the "date of origin" of Lodge 44. Probably the writer of the incriminated paragraph has not studied Lane's "Masonic Records" with the same care as Bro. Chadwick, or he had it not by him at the time of writing; or, more likely still, he took the date from Grand Lodge Calendar, and concerned himself not at all about its accuracy. However, we thank Bro. Chadwick for his corrections, and trust our informant will be more careful in future in the statements he makes.

The regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the 4th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Matthias H. Henderson, Grand Master. There was a large attendance of Grand Officers, Present and Past, including Bro. Thomas R. Patton, the Grand Treasurer, who is, unfortunately, too often prevented by illness from being in his place, as well as of the representatives of private lodges. The business appears to have been of a satisfactory nature, and was promptly dispatched. A charter for a new lodge, to be designated the University Lodge, No. 610, and to meet in the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, was granted.

We are greatly indebted to a worthy correspondent of ours who writes from Vancouver, British Columbia, and informs us that there are three Craft lodges and a Royal Arch chapter in that locality, which are doing very well. There is, too, a preceptory of Knights Templar, the prospects of which are said to be decidedly encouraging. At present this body meets under dispensation, but the charter was expected before the end of the month. It was also in contemplation to found a Rose Croix Chapter, but owing to the depression in business which prevails it was decided to abandon the project for the present.

We are indebted to the same informant, who has been reading our articles on "Masonic Vagrants," for certain information as to the mode of dealing with these gentry in New York. It appears there is a Masonic Relief Board in this and in other large cities which meets three times a week in the evening, and to which all applicants are referred. The case of each applicant is considered and dealt with on its merits. After being Masonically examined, he is asked to produce his last lodge receipt for dues. Then if he is deemed worthy of being assisted, the Board determines upon what shall be done for him. Money is rarely given, but the relief generally takes the form of an order on a lodging-house or restaurant. Work is also provided for him to see if he is willing to help himself and also to give him time to communicate with his lodge. All this is carefully explained to him, but it not unfrequently happens that he disappears altogether before the answer pronouncing him an impostor is received. In this way very little is lost. As for a brother giving pecuniary assistance to an applicant, our informant tells us it is very rarely done except in cases which appear to him to demand immediate and exceptional sympathy.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that to-morrow (Saturday), the Caxton Convalescent Home at Limpsfield, near Oxted, which is intended for the benefit of members of the Printing and Kindred Trades, will be formally opened by our respected Bro. J. Passmore Edwards, who is President of the Institution, and has evinced the deepest interest in the promotion of this useful Charity. Special arrangements have been made with the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, by which those intending to be present at the ceremony will be conveyed to and from Limpsfield at exceptionally low return fares on production of the card of invitation. Full particulars of the Secretary, Mr. Charles Irvine, at the London Offices of the Home, 33, Chancery-lane, W.C.

The first meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, after the holidays will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, the 4th October, when, after the election of a number of candidates for the Correspondence Circle, a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year will be elected. Subsequently a paper by Bro. John Lane, P.A.G.D.C., will be read on "The Early Lodges of Freemasons: their Constitutions and Warrants, 1717-1760." From the catalogue we have received, we note that very numerous—and in some cases very valuable—additions to the Lodge Library have been made during the period from 10th June to the 11th September of the current year.

A very successful function was held at the Asylum of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon on Wednesday evening, when Bro. Horace G. Banks, W.M. of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, Harrow Station, gave his very entertaining lecture, entitled "From England to America," in which a graphic and comprehensive description of the latter country and its people, as seen through an Englishman's eyes, afforded the keenest enjoyment to the inmates and the numerous friends of the Institution who had assembled on the occasion. The lecture was accompanied by a series of dioramic effects, and there was plenty of good and appropriate music to illustrate the several features. Mr. Willie Wright did duty as accompanist, and Messrs. Frank Swinford and Richard Evans were the vocalists. A supplementary ventriloquial entertainment was also given by Professor Barnard, whose marvellous performances were greeted with the heartiest applause. A full report of the meeting will appear next week.

We regret that our reports of the annual meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Chapter of Durham should have reached us, like that of the entertainment at Croydon, too late for insertion in our issue for this week. However, they are in type, and will appear in our next number.

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.]

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 44.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

An extraordinary statement respecting the above lodge was made in your issue of the 14th inst., by whom furnished I am ignorant, but the authenticity of the statement which displays such gross ignorance might have been ascertained by reference to Bro. John Lane's valuable "Masonic Records."

The date of the Friendship Warrant is 23rd February, 1803, which can be clearly proved from Grand Lodge Records. This lodge was one of the "Athol, or Ancients" Grand Lodge, and No. 39. There were several warrants issued with this number. The first was dated 18th June, 1755, which was cancelled on 5th June, 1793, and never re-issued; another was dated 4th March, 1795, which lapsed shortly afterwards; then the present Friendship Warrant, now No. 44, was issued 23rd February, 1803, therefore, it cannot be correctly stated as having commenced in June last, the 141st year of its existence. The same statement, says the W.M. elect, Bro. Wilkinson, is present W.M. of a lodge in Leeds. This is incorrect, as he is W.M. of the Scarborough Lodge, 1214, Batley.

If, as I am afraid, the author of these misstatements is a member of the lodge, how comes it that he breaks his Masonic obligation by revealing the state of the ballot for W.M. thus publicly, which is utterly foreign to the genius and spirit of Masonry.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN CHADWICK,

September, 21st.

Prov. G. Sec. and P.M. 44.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I, as an old P.M., am quite in accord with "Another ex-Secretary, P.M." and Bro. C. H. Wood. The Grand Lodge have decreed that the form of ritual of Installed Masters is irregular and an innovation. The installation ceremony is surely beautiful in the extreme as handed down to us from our ancient brethren, and I for one consider the ritual of Board of Installed Masters no improvement but rather otherwise. I never took any part in the ceremony myself, and shall be glad to hear of its discontinuance throughout the region over which the Grand Lodge bears sway.—Yours fraternally,

P.P.S.G.D.

Manchester, September 23rd.

THE DECORATION OF ST. PAUL'S.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been away from London, and have only just had an opportunity of reading the excellent leading article in your issue of the 14th instant; and for that, and for the editorial support which you have given to the object of Freemasons contributing towards the decoration of St. Paul's, I ask you to permit me to heartily thank you. After the interesting discussion in Grand Lodge had closed, one or two of the brethren present expressed the opinion that I was wrong in withdrawing the motion, and that had I gone to the vote, I should have had a majority in my favour. Whether this would or would not have resulted I do not know; but I felt that I could not resist the arguments which appeared to meet with the concurrence of many present, and which were, at all events, expressed by the majority of the speakers. It would, too, have been unfortunate if any sort of

friction had occurred on such a subject, and it appeared to me, upon the moment's reflection, that I could not do better than accept the kindly and sympathetic suggestion to withdraw the motion which came from the majority of the speakers. This leaves me now in a far better position than would have been the case after an adverse vote to prosecute the idea, which has met with so much encouragement from many Freemasons, and I shall, in conference with those who in Grand Lodge gave me their personal support, endeavour to "formulate a plan"—as you, Sir, suggest—by which the Masons of England may be enabled to assist in promoting what Bro. Alderman Dimsdale so appropriately described as a "great national undertaking."—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. WOODWARD.

13, Southampton-street, Strand,
September 24th.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The fusion of Convent General with the Great Priory which has just been accomplished, cannot fail to be received with satisfaction by all Knights Templar who take any interest in the welfare and progress of the Order. The statutes which are proposed for the future government have been promulgated, and a copy sent to the English Constitution of every preceptory in the province, and I presume to others—with a request for any suggestions or alterations to be sent to the Vice-Chancellor on or before 1st October. As many preceptories cannot meet previous to that date, and ours among the number, I should like, with your kind assistance, to call attention to a few points of interest in connection therewith, worthy of the consideration of every knight of the Order.

In the first place, Great Priory is to be called "Chapter General." It is true our illustrious prototypes and founders held chapters for the installation of novices in their preceptories, but as a body corporate they were called preceptories, and I venture to submit that the alteration is not an improvement.

It is also suggested to abolish the term of salutation "Sir Knight," and adopt that of "Brother Knight." To this I think stronger objection can be urged. "Sir" is always associated with every Order of knighthood, Masonic or otherwise—to use the Craft term seems to me to be like tickling the ears of an old friend who will not acknowledge your existence, only as "Lord High Chamberlain" (see Mikado), and is not calculated to promote anything but confusion. It is also proposed to limit the term of office of Provincial Grand Priors to three years, but for what reason does not appear. There is also a rule to forbid the introduction in any meeting of Great Priory or "Chapter General" of any business that has not been previously submitted to the General Purposes Committee and approved. I can draw upon my imagination at very short date to conceive how easy this rule will operate against us; it is what I can only describe as a censorship of despotism and not at all calculated to foster a spirit of interest in the Order.

As to clothing, very elaborate details are given, but one very important omission is the absence of any mention of a cap or head covering. In West Yorkshire and some other places, a cap of consistent pattern is worn, and it has also been seen in Great Priory meetings. I hope no arguments are required to show the necessity of being consistent and supplying this glaring omission. The Templar Knights of old never went uncovered, either in church or preceptory assembled. Generally, I look upon the new statutes as not being quite calculated to promote an increased interest in our Order which commends itself so strongly to those Freemasons who are not satisfied with the social side only, or to those who regard the mosaic cosmogony as a stepping stone to an Order whose principles supply the cravings of those who are looking forward to a higher and better life than this, that dispensation represented by our Cross.

I hope that wisdom and understanding will abound in the hearts and minds of those who are responsible for the well being and good government of an Order the writer loves and admires.—Yours fraternally,

Manchester, 21st September.

F. W. LEAN.

Reviews.

"THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON," Glasgow.—The September number, in addition to its Notes and Reports, contains several articles of exceptional interest, prominent among them being one entitled "Historical Notes on Scotch Lodges," by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, G.Sec., Glasgow Kilwinning, No. 4, being the lodge which Bro. Lyon treats in this article, and though the date of its constitution goes no further back than April, 1735, he has included several interesting particulars concerning it, and more will doubtless follow in the further instalment or instalments yet to come. Bro. John Smith, P.M., author of "The Old Lodge of Dumfries," continues his valuable "Historical Sketch of Lodge Operative, No. 140, Dumfries," and there are other important articles on "The Mark Degree," the "Formation of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America," by Bro. James E. Hopkins, together with one extracted from the *Evening Dispatch*, on the vexed question—"Was Burns Poet Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge?" The tendency of the writer's opinion may be gathered from his concluding remarks. "To sum up," he says, "there was a large body of evidence, direct and indirect, including the exertions, acts, and conduct of those most likely to know and most entitled to speak and to be believed. There was a continuous, and till recent times, unchallenged tradition resting on that evidence. On the other side there was no evidence to the contrary, but only an eager insistence upon the absence of certain additional evidence, mainly inadmissible in law, even if it existed, and all of it, such as not to prevent any logical contradiction of any part of the positive evidence in favour of the fact. It was not too much to say that nothing could ever be proved if the absence of additional proof were admitted to counteract positive evidence of the fact." From all which it is clear that the writer thinks an affirmative answer is the proper one to make to the question he has been considering.

"THE INDIAN FREEMASON"—W. Norman and Co., the Caxton Press, Calcutta. The chief items of the August number are a report of the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal on the 24th June last; a further instalment of the "History of Freemasonry in Bengal," compiled by Bro. Andrew McCruze, from the Records of District Grand Lodge; a biographical sketch, with portrait, of Bro. Charles D. Wise, Grand Secretary of All Scottish Freemasonry in India; and a paper—continued from the July number—by Bro. Oswald G. Wood, P.M., P.Z., &c., on "The Second Exodus of the Jews and the Rebuilding of Jerusalem." The Notes, too, and the Correspondence are interesting, and there are several lodge reports which show that even at this period of the year the duties of Freemasonry are diligently carried out in our Indian lodges.

"MASONIC TIDINGS"—Milwaukee, Wis. The opening article of the September number contains a description of the New Masonic Temple which is about to be erected—and of which, indeed, a beginning has already been made—in Milwaukee. From this it is evident the building will be an elaborate one, of seven floors, and the cost is set down as amounting to 100,000 dollars (£20,000). The premises will contain a temple, asylum, and club-house, and there will be stores on the ground floor, and on the floors immediately above, offices. The Drill Hall for the Templar body will be on the fourth floor, while the fifth and sixth will be appropriated to Grand Lodge. The work is being pushed forward, and our Milwaukee brethren are looking forward to its being completed in the summer of 1896. There is plenty of other readable matter in the number.

"THE PET CANARY." By William H. Betts, Honorary Treasurer Cage Bird Club. With Specially Designed Illustrations by A. F. Lydon, G. R. Kennesley, Morant Cox, &c. London: L. Upcott Gill, 170, Strand, W.C. 1895.—Bro. Betts informs us in his modest Preface that he does not claim for his readable compilation that it is "a scientific book," or "an exhaustive treatise on the subject of canaries." What he has aimed at writing is "a simple, plain, and true account of what is needed for the welfare of the pet canary, with a hint or two about its purchase, diet, toilette, cage, and sanitary keeping. He also deprecates any comparison of his little book with the 'authoritative works which abler pens than his have placed at the disposal of the aviarist.' In fact, it does not 'presume to put on record all that need be studied by the specialist, the breeder, and exhibitor, but merely to assist those readers who admire and love their birds, to keep their little pets in health and make them happy.' But if the purpose of Bro. Betts is thus modestly described, there is no doubt that he has rendered essential service to those who delight in 'pet canaries.' After a brief introductory chapter, he devotes his attention to such matters as purchase, cages, diet, sand, life in the cage, taming, toilette, and sickness, each matter being treated, admirably treated, in a separate chapter. The subject on which he lays the greatest stress is the necessity for cleanliness and the careful selection and regular provision of food. If these are not rightly attended to it is clear that keeping canaries is only likely to prove a source of anxiety and cause vexation of spirit to the owner, while if we regard the pets themselves, we may go a step further and set down a want of attention to these important matters as an act of cruelty to the birds. If people keep birds the least they can do is to tend them carefully. Bro. Betts is to be congratulated on his useful compilation, the value of which is greatly enhanced by the many excellent illustrations with which it is embellished.

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Clapton Lodge, No. 1365.

The installation meeting of this ever-growing and distinguished lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on the 19th instant, when there was a very large attendance of members and 32 visitors. There were present Bros. R. E. Fairclough, W.M.; D. Campbell, I.P.M.; J. D. Geddes, S.W.; A. H. Church, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Lintott, S.D.; W. Banks, J.D.; T. T. Gething, I.G.; R. Devereux, Org.; F. Orfeur, D.C.; H. C. Muckley and J. Holland, Stwds.; J. Very, Tyler; W. Finch, P.M.; W. Lutwyche, P.M.; C. E. Luker, P.M.; A. Tucker, P.M.; W. H. Caton, P.M.; P. Becker, E. J. Brooks, P. Parfitt, R. C. Flint, F. J. Thayer, W. Brown, J. Dolman, E. Wildash, C. G. Diamond, W. D. Seaton, R. B. Chessum, A. W. Diamond, S. J. Edwards, E. S. White, C. Christie, F. G. Minter, E. Montague Edwards, C. R. Campbell, E. C. Robinson, and H. J. Dyer. Visitors: Bros. H. S. Challacombe, 1149, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Surrey; E. J. Wickenden, S.W. 1599; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; J. Hands, W.M. 1158; G. Hayford, W.M. 2045; F. Small, D.C. 2242; W. Gladding, 1816; W. H. Buckland, 2163; W. H. Roscoe, J.W. 1580; J. Garrod, P.M. 754; J. H. Milton, S.W. 2511; R. Brookman, W.M. elect 1426; G. P. Taylor, W.M. 12; E. Brooks, P.M. 766; G. T. Hall, 463; J. Gordon, W.M. 2511; J. H. Moggeridge, S.W. 1321; T. Nixon Horsfield, 2146; Edgar L. Waterlow, 29; H. Friston, 1769; S. A. Stanger, P.M. 12; J. Miller, P.M. 1491; F. Bridge, 1733; John H. Carve, 1733; W. A. Needes, 53; W. Shurmur, P.M. 2374, P.P.G. Treas. Essex; W. Fisher, Sec. 2411; G. W. Fry, P.M. 59; A. Campbell, 922; G. Bratt, 1851; B. Bailey, 1139; and R. T. West, 1744.

The confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting and the Audit meeting having been taken, the W.M., Bro. Fairclough, initiated Messrs. E. S. White, A. W. Diamond, and S. J. Edwards, and he afterwards gave the ancient charge. It has been our pleasure several times to witness the brilliant working of Bro. R. E. Fairclough, but on this occasion he excelled himself, and closed his career as ruler of the lodge with *éclat*. Bro. C. G. Diamond, 1327, was unanimously elected as a joining member, and the Auditors' report having been received, Bro. J. D. Geddes, the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. W. Finch, P.M., and installed by Bro. R. E. Fairclough. The new W.M. afterwards, in an effective and impressive manner, invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Arthur H. Church, S.W.; F. C. Lintott, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; W. Banks, S.D.; T. T. Gething, J.D.; R. Devereux, I.G.; F. Orfeur, Org.; Henry C. Muckley, D.C.; J. Holland and J. Thayer, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. Bro. Fairclough gave the customary addresses, and it need hardly be recorded that the manner in which he carried out the installation ceremony was faultless, and he was heartily congratulated by the brethren. The next duty of the W.M. was, as he remarked, a very pleasing one—to present to Bro. R. E. Fairclough a Past Master's jewel. Words failed him to express what he and the members thought of his great services to the lodge, which had made his year of office one of record and he hoped he would be spared for many years to wear the jewel in the lodge and he could look upon it as a memento of the happy time while he was their Master. In an eloquent and feeling speech Bro. Fairclough acknowledged the jewel, observing that it was the proudest moment of his life to hear that his services were appreciated, and if at any time he could be of use to the lodge and the members he would be glad.

After other business the lodge was closed, and the large company adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, for which Bro. P. Becker, in the absence of Bro. H. C. Amendt, the general manager of the Great Eastern Railway Company's Hotels, was responsible, and it was admirably served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, Bro. R. E. Fairclough, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He stated that it was an important toast and the one of the evening. It had been his greatest pleasure and an agreeable surprise to instal him into the chair, as his health had been very bad and at one time it was thought that he would never be able to preside over them. He had commenced his year of office in an excellent manner and he had not the slightest doubt that when the time arrived for him to vacate the chair the general verdict would be "well done."

The toast was received with much enthusiasm and Bro. Geddes, W.M., on rising to respond had a hearty reception. He said that after the way he had been toasted it was difficult for him to adequately respond, and he was unworthy of so flattering a greeting. He felt that they would look upon his shortcomings with a lenient eye, because from the first office he had received in the lodge he had received every kindness from them. He was honoured by 70 being present that evening, and he would do his very best to carry out his duties with every satisfaction to the members, but he hoped that no one would ever be ashamed of him as Master of the Clapton Lodge.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Immediate Past and Installing Master, Bro. R. E. Fairclough." In his opinion the I.P.M. was the most important personage present that evening. No other in the lodge had shown so much energy, and everything he had done was of the very best. He had been the ideal of a W.M., and it would have been impossible to have had a better.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. R. E. Fairclough, who was received with much warmth, responded. He thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, but he had paid him too great a compliment. What he had done while he had the great honour of occupying the chair was to endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his able predecessor, Bro. D. Campbell, P.M., a splendid worker of the ritual, and if he had succeeded and had given satisfaction he was indeed glad.

In submitting the toast of "The Initiates and Joining Member," the W.M. stated that they came there with the highest credentials, and he earnestly hoped that they would all turn out excellent members of the lodge, and aspire to that position it was then his honour to hold.

In response, Bro. E. S. White said that it was a pleasure to him to be able to address them as brethren. He tendered his thanks to the W.M. for his kind words, and to the members for their hearty greeting. He looked upon what he had gone through that night as an honour conferred upon him, and he hoped that no one would ever regret having accepted him as a Mason.

Bro. A. W. Diamond also replied, observing that he was proud that he was now a brother in Freemasonry.

Bro. S. J. Edwards said he hoped to be a credit to the Craft. He and his fellow initiates had been very much impressed with the ceremony, but they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and looked forward to the next meeting of the lodge.

Bro. C. G. Diamond (joining member) responded in a humorous speech, which elicited much laughter.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. stated that the list of their guests was a record one, they having been honoured with the attendance of the large number of 32, and they were proud to have them in the Clapton Lodge, which, if he might say so, had the reputation of being hospitable. He gave them a hearty welcome, and he associated with the toast the names of Bros. R. Brookman, W.M. elect 1426; E. Miller, P.M.; E. Brooks, P.M. 766; W. Fisher, Sec. 2411; E. P. Taylor, W.M. 12; and E. J. Wickenden, S.W. 1599.

Bro. R. Brookman responded. He was pleased to have the privilege of seeing the W.M. installed, and from what he had seen of his working in the lodge of instruction connected with the lodge, he thought that he would make an excellent ruler.

Bro. E. Miller, P.M., also replied. He had never seen better working than that of the I.P.M., and under his guidance the W.M. was certain to carry out his duties with perfection.

Bro. E. Brooks said that he had been such a frequent visitor that he thought the time had arrived for him to offer himself as a joining member. He congratulated the W.M., and stated that there was not much doubt that he would be a credit to the lodge and uphold its great reputation.

Bro. W. Fisher bore testimony to the good working they had witnessed that day and to the grand reception the visitors had had.

Bro. E. P. Taylor, W.M. 12, also responded. He had learnt much from his visit, and he would perhaps join the lodge. He had never seen a W.M. invest his officers better than had been done that evening.

Bros. E. J. Wickenden and B. Bailey also replied in appropriate terms.

The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," and said they were in a large measure responsible for the success of the lodge and its working. They were good fellows all, and no words of his were necessary to call attention to their many qualities and the great things they had done for the lodge.

Bro. W. Finch, P.M., responded in a short but happy speech.

Bro. W. H. Caton, P.M., said that the W.M. was his initiate, and he was proud to see him in the chair which he would ably fill. The Past Masters would do everything in their power to further the interests of the lodge.

Bro. C. E. Luker, P.M., also replied. They were all proud of the W.M. It was a fact that the lodge had had some of the best workers of the ritual, but it was only right that it should be recorded that the working of Bro. Fairclough, I.P.M., had never been equalled in the Clapton Lodge.

Bro. D. Campbell supposed that he had been called upon to respond because he was the end of the tail of the Past Masters, but what he had done for the lodge had been a pleasure to him.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. stated that no lodge could have two better officers, and their efforts were much appreciated by the members.

Bro. W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas., responded. The lodge was in a flourishing condition, and under the genial presidency of the W.M., it went without saying that its prosperity would continue.

Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., Sec., also replied. He was of opinion that no other lodge in the City could show a better return for working and financial position. The arrears owing amounted to the small sum of £3 which would be paid. The W.M. had started well and when he went out of office he felt that he would be another success in the annals of the lodge. He was glad to see Bro. Lutwyche, P.M., the "Father" of the lodge, present, and in conclusion he stated that he would continue to do the best for the lodge.

The next toast was "The Officers," the Worshipful Master remarking that they were efficient and they would give him every assistance, which would enable him to carry out his duties.

Bro. Arthur H. Church, S.W., responded. It was a great honour to him to be an officer of the lodge. He felt he looked very young in years to aspire to the chair, but he was not so young as he looked. It was not five years since he was initiated and he was proud that he had attained the position of S.W. in that time.

Bros. F. C. Lintott, J.W.; T. T. Gething, J.D.; R. Devereux, I.G.; and J. Holland and J. Thayer, Stwds.; also acknowledged the toast in some capital speeches. The Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable and memorable evening.

Bros. A. H. Church, Luker, Roscoe, Stanger, Small, and Becker vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. H. Lowry, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. W. Brooke, P.M., of Vienna; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; John Culver, P.M., Treas.; J. Bladon, P.M.; C. H. Fox, P.M.; W. H. Foot, P.M.; and H. Cattermole, P.M. The visitors were Bros. S. Klingenstein, P.M. 73; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; Fred. Spalding, J.D. 276; W. H. Toye, 1271; J. M. McLeod, 2509, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; George Mills, 2442; Thomas Whitford, W.M. 2500; Orton Cooper, P.M. 211; W. J. McQueen, I.G. 11; John Dorton, P.M. 1676; Crews Howes, P.M. 1599; W. Edwards, 2500; W. G. Mulford, P.M. 1321; J. Byford, 2184; John Corfield, 1816; Thomas J. Bolton, I.G. 1687; Charles J. Davison, P.M. 1897; George William Bowyer, S.D. 2192; A. M. Phillips, 1287; and others.

Bro. Charles Mussared was installed as Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Lowry receiving the collar of I.P.M. The other brethren taking collars were Bros. C. Heinekey, S.W.; C. H. Knuth, J.W.; John Culver, Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, Sec.; W. Wright, S.D.; F. H. Stollery, J.D.; C. H. Atkinson, I.G.; Louis Wolff, D.C.; J. F. Perrin and W. A. Staley, Stwds.; W. T. Perrins, Musical Director; and Thos. Bowler, Tyler. A strong appeal was made to the brethren to assist the election of a son of the late Bro. Dixie at the next Quarterly Court of the Boys' School in October, and 10 guineas were immediately voted to go on the list of the Steward for that Institution at next year's Festival. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Lowry.

The candidates for initiation did not present themselves, and the brethren, after spending a happy time in lodge, adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet, under the chairmanship of Bro. Mussared.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., was very concise in replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," informing the brethren that 16 years ago he assisted at the consecration of that lodge.

Bro. Lowry, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said he did not think the brethren could have chosen a better brother than Bro. Mussared for W.M., as he was a master of ritual and capable of doing any work he might be entrusted with. Then, as regarded banquets, he was everything that a host should be.

Bro. Mussared, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said it had occurred to him while sitting at the table that he had occupied all the offices in the lodge, from Inner Guard upwards, without any intermission; therefore, he hoped they would pardon him saying he thought he had earned the office of Master. Any recompense they would expect from him was that he would carry out the duties of the office efficiently as they had been performed already by his predecessors. He afterwards proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Lowry," who had been an excellent Master, and who, with the assistance of Past Master Foot, had installed him that day in the chair. He could assure both those brethren that their services had been appreciated.

Bro. Lowry, I.P.M., heartily acknowledged the toast, at the same time thanking the brethren for the Past Master's jewel they had presented to him. Of what he had done in his year of office he had only to say that his efforts had been directed to meriting the approbation of the brethren, even though he might not have been quite perfect in his work. He liked to do things properly, but, as a man of business speaking to men of business, he wished it to be understood that he had not much time to devote to the study of Masonry. His business occupied the major portion of his time; but some brethren did find time. He could assure the brethren that what little he had done that evening he had done to the best of his ability, and he was glad it had met with their approbation.

Bro. Foot, P.M., also acknowledged the courtesy of the W.M. and brethren in associating his name with the toast.

The toast of "The Charities" was responded to by Bro. J. M. McLrod, Secretary R.M. Institution for Boys, and that of "The Visitors" by Bros. Scott Miller, Davison, Whitford, Klingenstein, and Dr. Howes; Bros. Brooke, Cox, and Foot replied to the toast of "The Past Masters"; Bros. Culver and Dewsnap to that of "The Treasurer and Secretary"; "The Officers" was responded to by the S.W. and several other of his colleagues; and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A charming concert was given under the direction of Bro. A. Strugnell, in which the following took part: Mesdames Alice Lovenez and Edna Riga, and Bros. W. Perrins and A. Strugnell; Bro. Turle Lee officiating at the piano.

Graystone Lodge, No. 1915.

The installation festival of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Foresters' Hall, Whitstable, the lodge being opened by the W.M., Bro. A. W. Southwell, supported by Bros. W. B. London, I.P.M.; Sydney Brown, S.W., W.M. elect; Dr. R. T. Wheeler, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Maugham, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; Sibert Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; M. Kemp, J.D.; J. T. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; C. E. Monkley, I.G.; H. Hemsley, Org.; H. J. Ougham and A. A. Kemp, Stwds.; A. J. Weatherley, Tyler; G. Barton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. W. Porter, P.A.G.D.C.; E. G. Walthew, P.M.; J. Wood, P.M.; F. T. Browning, P.M.; H. Ward, P.G. Std. Br. England; W. H. Brand, P.M.; J. W. Elvin, P.M.; H. W. Clothier, Thos. Seager, H. E. Limmer, John Gillies, H. Gann, A. Harrison, W. H. Turner, J. R. Daniels, and A. H. D. Salt. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. T. S. Warne, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Plant, 31, P.P.G.O.; A. H. Pilcher, P.D.G.D.C.; T. H. Blamiers, P.M. 1449, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Cockersell, P.M. 1449, P.G. Std. Br.; D. H. Wilson, W.M. 1208; J. W. Farmery, W.M. 1449; C. Richardson, W.M. 972; W. C. Snow, W.M. 184; H. H. Mount, W.M. 31; Col. C. J. Hamilton, W.M. 2195; Col. W. K. Westropp, P.M. 2195; J. G. Keene, W.M. 2305; Rev. John Parmiter, Chap. 31; T. S. Crookes, 1347; E. Jutson, 1329; H. Baskett, 406; F. L. Pottman, 429; F. J. Hunt, 194; and P. G. Thomas, 1602.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Sydney Brown, S.W., was at the proper period presented to the W.M., who addressed him in the prescribed form, and in due course administered the obligation. Subsequently the ceremony of installation was completed in ancient form, and the W.M. proceeded to invest the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Dr. R. T. Wheeler, S.W.; F. Gibbs, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Maugham, P.M. Chap.; Sibert Saunders, P.M., Sec.; M. Kemp, S.D.; C. E. Monkley, J.D.; J. P. Reeves, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Ougham, I.G.; A. A. Kemp and H. Hemsley, Stwds.; and A. J. Weatherley, Tyler. Bro. A. Anderson, who had been re-elected Treasurer, was not present, and his investiture was postponed. The usual addresses were then given by the Installing Master, to whom a vote of thanks was cordially passed for the able and impressive manner in which he had installed his successor in the Master's chair. Bro. E. G. Walthew was re-elected Almoner and delegate to the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee.

After the transaction of other routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Bear and Key Hotel, where the banquet was served.

The usual toasts were given and responded to, and an admirable programme of vocal and instrumental music was executed by Bros. Plant, Rhodes, and Pearson, of Canterbury Cathedral; H. Hemsley, and F. A. Johnson.

The W.M. presided with much geniality, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

St. Osyth Priory Lodge, No. 2063.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th instant, at the New Town Hall, Clacton-on-Sea, a special dispensation for the meeting to be held there having been granted by Bro. the Earl of Warwick, Prov. Grand Master. There was a large muster of brethren. Bro. A. Swan was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. J. Nunn, P.M., P.P.G.D. Suffolk, and appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Stebbings, S.W.; D. Mackenzie, J.W.; John Mann, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Sec., Treas.; E. Frayling, P.M., Sec.; C. V. Harman, S.D.; F. G. Warren, J.D.; C. A. Brasted, I.G.; C. F. Barker, D.C.; F. C. Noble, Org.; Chapman and Franks, Stwds.; and R. Pollard, Tyler. Bro. R. Stebbings was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. A. R. Chamberlayne, the outgoing Master, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which that brother gracefully acknowledged.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Royal Hotel, an elegant dinner being well served by Bro. and Mrs. Bolton.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241.

The first meeting of the season was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 19th inst. Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimhney, W.M., presided, assisted by Bros. R. Reep, P.M., as S.W.; Soper, J.W.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, Sec.; W. T. Buck, P.M.; J. T. Hepburn, F. W. Potter, P.M.; and others.

Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

The visitors were Bros. Packman, P.M.; Dangerfield, P.M.; and Hooper.

At the conclusion of the business an excellent banquet was served.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

The annual election meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Bradford. Bro. C. H. Ellis, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. T. Last, I.P.M.; John Morton, S.W.; J. B. Fearnley, J.W.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; John Harland, as S.D.; R. S. Hird, J.D.; W. S. Smith, as I.G.; W. Docksey, Org.; H. Holmes, Tyler; C. Wood, J. S. Hedley, R. B. Nicholls, C. J. Paul, R. H. Markham, and J. S. Marsland. Bro. Sydney Ward, 1034, was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were duly confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Fredk. Betteridge, B.A., which proved in his favour, and he being in attendance was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft in a very satisfactory manner by the W.M. The working tools of an E.A. were explained by Bro. J. B. Fearnley, J.W., and the charge in the First Degree was delivered by Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas. The ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in the election of Bro. Saml. Robinson, Sec.; Bro. Bailey, P.M., was re-elected Treas.; and Bro. C. Wood was elected Tyler. The resignation of Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M., the second Master of the lodge—who after 25 years' connection and active service had retired from the Craft—was duly recorded, with expressions of regret from the members. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for the absence of Bros. Stephenson, P.M.; Niven, P.M.; and other brethren were tendered.

The name of a gentleman was submitted for election at a future meeting, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, the W.M. proposed "Bro. Saml. Robinson, Sec., the W.M. Elect," which was well received.

Bro. Robinson briefly responded. He thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him, and assured them that he fully appreciated the honour done him, and that nothing would be omitted on his part to endeavour to maintain the prestige of the lodge, and, with the co-operation of the Past Masters and officers, he hoped to have a successful year of office.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. C. Wood," who had recently been married.

The toast was cordially received, and suitably acknowledged.

Bro. Ward, 1034, in responding for "The Visitors," expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to have been present that evening, especially at having had the opportunity of witnessing the introduction into the Craft of a member of his profession, and he assured the brethren that in Bro. Betteridge, the initiate, with whom he had been acquainted for a number of years, they had one who would become a worthy member of the lodge. Bro. Ward stated that he had previously visited the lodge, and he hoped the brethren would give him the opportunity of doing so again on many future occasions.

"The W.M." was proposed by Bro. J. T. Last, I.P.M., who remarked that it was probably the last opportunity he would have of proposing the Worshipful Master's health whilst he was the occupant of the chair. Bro. Ellis had worthily upheld the best traditions of the lodge. He had always its best interests at heart, and had during his term of office looked well after and made ample provision for the creature comforts of the brethren and visitors during the periods of lodge refreshment, and he deserved well of the lodge.

Bro. C. H. Ellis, W.M., responded in suitable terms. He thanked the brethren for the kind manner they had received the toast of his health, and stated that it had always been his endeavour to do his duty, and if he had succeeded in giving satisfaction during his term of office he was much gratified.

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

The Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant meeting.

The speeches were interspersed with songs by Bros. Harland, Ward, Fearnley, Sykes, and Last.

Royal Arch.

Royal Alfred Chapter, No. 777.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The business was to instal the H., and to invest some other officers who had also been unavoidably absent at the previous convocation. There were present Comps. C. Cheel, M.E.Z.; E. H. G. Crowdy, H.; M. W. Dodge, J.; Richard Eve, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E.; F. Dowse, S.N.; E. Miles, P.S.; T. Aitken, P.Z., Treas.; and R. Stileman, Asst. Soj. Visitors: Comps. R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92, P.A.G. Soj. England, and C. F. Passmore, H. 2317.

All business being concluded, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, from which speech-making was rigorously excluded, and after an evening of great enjoyment, they separated at an early hour.

Knights Templar.

Camden Preceptory.

A very successful meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 24th inst. Sir Knight N. Goodchild, M.D., presided, assisted by his Constable, Sir Knight R. C. Leversedge, and the Marshal, Sir Knight H. Coffin. Sir Knight Leversedge was elected E.P. Comps. A. Clemow and Brown were duly installed as Knights Templar.

A Priory of Malta was afterwards held, and several Knights Templar were admitted, the ritual being ably rendered by Sir Knight Dr. Balfour Cockburn, M.D.

The members and visitors afterwards dined at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., when Sir Knights H. Lovegrove and Dr. Balfour Cockburn responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Sir Knight Capt. Dean on behalf of "The Visitors."

"The Health of the E.P., Sir Knight Dr. Goodchild," was proposed by Sir Knight Lovegrove, and very heartily received.

The members present, besides the chief officers, included Sir Knights Britton, Stiles, Brewis, A. Clemow, Brown, Malony, Thompson, Mundle, and Aitken.

MISS CONSTANCE IRENE WINIFREDE SHANKS.



The above is a portrait of Miss Constance Irene Winifrede Shanks, daughter of Bro. Major J. G. Shanks, K.M., and the youngest Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Shanks has been a Mason close upon 40 years, and is a Life Governor of all the great Masonic Charities, as well as of some local ones. He is a Past Master of Lodges Nos. 189 and 1887 England, and of two Scottish lodges; P.Z. of No. 1205 and M.E.Z. of No. 330; P.M. of No. 35 (Mark), P. Eminent Preceptor of several preceptories, Past M.W.S. of St. Aubyn Chapter (Rose Croix), a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and of the Order of the Eastern Star (ladies' Freemasonry). In addition he is a Past G.W. of Devon in the Craft and Mark, as well as Past Grand J. and Past Grand Sub-Prior of the same province, and Past Grand Sword Bearer of England in the Order of the Temple, &c. He has been a founder of several lodges and chapters, and has had several presentations of jewels, &c., made to him for good Masonic work in the various Degrees.

BIRTH.

SHOTTER.—On the 19th inst., at Fairlawn, Caterham Valley, the wife of J. Shutter, of a daughter.

DEATH.

JOLLIFFE.—22nd September, 1895, at 100, King Henry's-road, N.W., Bro. Edward Young Jolliffe, aged 72. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

IT IS PROPOSED to give a complimentary dinner to Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P. for the Watford Division of Hertfordshire, Prov. G. Master of Hertfordshire, who has represented the county in Parliament uninterruptedly since 1874. The dinner will be held at Watford on Wednesday, the 30th prox., and will be honoured with the presence of the Prime Minister.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. William Hide, W.M.; E. F. Nash, S.W.; W. Knights, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M.; Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Hinds, S.D.; H. Scharien, J.D.; A. J. Clayton, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; H. Purdue, P.M.; W. W. Williams, P.M.; R. Josey, P.M.; J. J. Lewin, P. Cronin, N. Parascho, George Leys, H. Bone, H. Blackman, and A. C. S. Mackenzie.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Parascho offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Nash was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. George Leys a joining member. The lodge was then closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. Smith, W.M.; W. Rapley, S.W.; E. P. Woodman, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., and J. W. Clarke, P.M.; Preceptors; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; D. C. Ritchie, S.D.; A. Oliver, P.M., J.D.; J. E. Thomas, I.G.; R. W. Nicole, R. P. Upton, A. Oldrey, A. F. Hardyment, G. Yexley, G. Gregory, P.M.; W. A. Goring, C. Nicole, E. A. Wagstaff, J. T. Hoare, M. T. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; and C. T. Rayner.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Yexley being the candidate. Bro. R. W. Nicole then occupied the chair, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Yexley being the candidate. Bro. Rapley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Rayner was elected a member of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd instant, at The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement, when the following were present: Bros. Purlie, W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Wood, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Preceptor; Lewis, Deputy Preceptor; Scales, Treas.; Johnstone, acting Sec.; Lamegon, S.D.; Eustracht, J.D.; Ronveall, I.G.; Ellenger, P.M.; Rice, P.M.; Walker, P.M.; Dickenson, P.M.; Mote, P.M.; Edmonds, P.M.; Stear, Gurner, Merrett, Oakley, Payne, and several others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnstone having answered the questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Johnstone, acting as candidate, was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Payne having answered the questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Payne, acting as candidate, was raised to the Third Degree. The ceremonies were carried out in a most efficient manner. Bro. Hall, Clissold Lodge, was elected a member. A hearty vote of congratulation was accorded to Bro. Walter Merrett on his election as W.M. elect of the Strand Lodge. This being the first time of Bro. Purlie taking the chair of K.S., a vote of thanks was proposed and carried for the excellent manner he had discharged the duties of W.M. An appeal for votes on behalf of the son of the late Bro. Dixie was very earnestly made by Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., and will no doubt meet with considerable success, which it richly deserves. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. H. B. Danby, P.M., W.M.; W. Thwaites, S.W.; J. J. Rumbal, J.W.; George Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; A. F. Taylor, S.D.; J. A. Battersby, J.D.; A. J. Clayton, I.G.; Joseph Cox, W.M. 865; H. Stiles, P.M.; A. J. Turner; C. G. Hatt, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; E. L. Pope, A. C. S. Mackenzie, T. Pringle, R. H. Meyer, G. V. McLellan, T. H. Cooke, H. Sellick, Robinson, J. H. Neville, W.M. 1767; and W. B. Neville, P.M.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pope acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. J. H. Neville offered himself as a candidate for raising. He was therefore examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Sellick was elected a joining member, and Bro. Thwaites was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

The first meeting of this session was held on Friday, the 20th instant, at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, when there were present Bros. I. P. Cohen, P.M., Preceptor Percy Lodge of Instruction, W.M.; E. G. Platt, S.W.; G. Keibell, J.W.; T. I. Bird, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas. and Preceptor; Harry Willsmer, Sec.; J. Keibell, S.D.; Jackson, J.D.; Ditchman, I.G.; F. Dunstan, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; Hill, P.M.; Edmonds, P.M.; Crane, P.M.; O. J. Von Holtorp, P.M., P.G.D.C. Middx.; Davison, P.M.; Ives, P.M.; G. Clark, P.M.; Todd, P.M.; Siegenberg, W.M.; Von Holtorp, Tilley, Cole, Newman, Wyatt, Witte, Yates, Whittaker, Wertzell, Mason, Calley, Peters, Palmer, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Tilley acted as candidate in the ceremony of initiation, which was rehearsed. Bros. Hill, P.M., Wertzell, Tilley, and W. H. Newman were elected as joining members, and Bro. Platt elected W.M. for the ensuing week. On the proposition of Bro. Bird, Treas., it was unanimously decided to form a Masonic Charities Association in connection with the lodge of instruction. A preliminary Committee was appointed, consisting of the following: Bros. Dunstan, President; Bird, Treas.; A. Wyatt, Witte, Jackson, Ditchman, O. J. Von Holtorp, Davison, Calley and Harry Willsmer, Hon. Sec., to frame by-laws, &c.; 36 brethren have expressed their intention of becoming members. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Dawson, M.E.Z.; Loader, H.; Lewis, J.; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Benedetti, S.N.; Cornford, P.S.; Ed. Talbot, Telling, Cope, Wilson, Bonner, Chapman, B. Morgan, Addington, Cureton, and Lightfoot.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Bonner personating the candidate. Comp. Cope, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. E. C. Talbot, M.E.Z. 65, was elected a joining member. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

THE ARRANGEMENTS for the visit of the Prince of Wales to Leeds are completed and his Royal Highness will attend the Musical Festival on Wednesday next, on which day also he will receive an address of welcome from the Corporation.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE inspected, for the last time as Commander-in-Chief, the York Garrison on Knavesmire on Monday. The troops comprised the 17th Lancers, a squadron of the 8th Hussars, and the 1st Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers. His Royal Highness was attended by Bro. General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., Bro. Sir Reginald Gipps, Colonel Fitz-George, A.D.C., and the staff of the North-Eastern District.

Scotland.

Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., in the Dramatic Hall, Glasgow, Bro. John Fyfe, R.W.M., presiding. Among others present were Bros. Fletcher, S.W.; Gunn, acting J.W.; M'Alister, Sec.; Mennie, Treas.; and Jas. Stevens, P.M. 1427 (E.C.). The business before the meeting included the Second and Third Degrees, the officiating brethren being respectively Bros. John M'Innes, P.M. 408, and W. Johnson, P.M. 103. On the invitation of the R.W.M., Bro. Stevens (E.C.), addressed the lodge. He thought that it was well that brethren in different constitutions should have opportunity to occasionally review and compare their ceremonial work. There existed in England a prejudice against Masonry in Scotland. From his experience during the last three months he did not understand how that should be, and on his return to England he would do all he could to beat down that prejudice. He certainly considered that there were some portions of ceremonial work in Scotland far fetched, but those were matters of detail. He was glad to notice, and he spoke with 38 years' experience as a Mason, that of late years there was far more care taken in the selection of candidates for initiation in Scotland than formerly. He, however, deprecated the practice he had noticed in some lodges of allowing candidates being initiated on the same evening they were proposed. After some critical remarks on what he had seen in the work of the Third Degree that night, Bro. Stevens said he would recommend his brethren in England who were disposed to condemn Masonry in Scotland, to first see how it was practised there. He was sure they would be able, as he had been, to form a very different opinion.

Obituary.

BRO. E. Y. JOLLIFFE, P.M., P.Z.

It is with very deep regret that we announce the death, on Sunday last, the 22nd instant, at his residence, 100, King Henry-road, of Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., P.Z., the respected Secretary of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657. Our deceased brother for many years past had played a distinguished part in Freemasonry, and at the time of his death was not only a Past Master and Secretary of Lodge No. 1657, but P.M. and Treasurer of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, and P.M. and Treasurer of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, which met at Hampton Court, in the Province of Middlesex, while in 1887 his services to Craft Masonry were recognised by the late Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, who appointed him to the high office of Prov. S.G.W. In Royal Arch Masonry he had won equal distinction, and was P.Z. and Scribe E. of the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657, and P.Z. of the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, Hampton, and in 1889 was appointed to the chair of Prov. Third Grand Principal Middlesex. In all the various positions he had occupied at different times, Bro. Jolliffe had shown great ability, tact, and energy, and it is needless to say, that in the very large circle of brethren in which he moved, he was highly esteemed and respected. This, indeed, was shown at his funeral, which took place at Highgate Cemetery on Wednesday, when, in addition to Messrs. A. J. and E. W. Rowland and Dr. T. C. McLearn, sons-in-law of the deceased, and Messrs. Harold Millers and Henry Southall, there were present some 50 brethren, among whom were Bros. Dixon, W.M. 1657; W. H. Froom, P.M. 1657; A. B. Hudson, P.M., P.Z. 1657; George Kenning, P.M., P.Z. 1657; W. R. B. Briscoe, J.W. 1657; Thomas Briggs, 1657; Bro. Corbett representing the Neptune Lodge, No. 22; Bro. Isaac Hardy, W.M. Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460; Bro. Thomas Moss, Sec. Hampden Lodge, No. 2427; Bro. R. D. Cummings, Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168; with Bros. Laurence, Tittford, Smerden, Patterson, Gregory, Musto, Nathan Robinson, L.C.C., and Millward. Among the wreaths which were sent in token of respect to our late brother were those presented by the Aldersgate and other lodges with which he was connected. It only remains for us to offer our most respectful sympathy to the relatives and friends, both Masonic and non-Masonic, of our late Bro. Jolliffe, and to point out that the love and respect in which he was universally held must be to a certain extent a consolation at the present time when the loss they have sustained is most keenly felt.

BRO. THE REV. WM. VALENTINE, M.A.

A sorrowful party met at Whixley Vicarage on Monday to pay the last sad tribute of respect to the remains of one of the best men and truest Masons the world has ever seen. Our late Bro. Valentine had been for 42 years vicar of Whixley, with which he held the Perpetual Curacy of Allerton Mauleverer. He came of an old Devonshire family, and was an M.A. of Worcester College, Oxford. Possessed of considerable means, he was able not only to live, but to dispense charity and hospitality without stint, in spite of the united incomes of his two incumbencies amounting to less than the salary of a head-waiter. His life work in his parish will be an enduring record of his energy and goodness of heart. He found the village of Whixley and its church in a condition of neglect and disorder. He has left it a typical English village, the church beautifully restored and perfected, whilst in the neighbouring hamlet of Green Hammerton stands a lonely little church, erected at his own charges as a "thank-offering," in which he regularly conducted services without fee or reward. Generous to a fault, he never heard a tale of want unmoved. His heart and his purse were alike open to the distressed and the needy, and it will be long before Whixley will see his like again. For the bulk of his life he enjoyed good health, but during the last three or four years he showed signs of failing health, and within the last month an internal complaint developed itself, which carried him off after acute suffering borne most patiently. The writer saw and conversed with him a few days before his death, which he met with the greatest resignation. Our brother leaves six children, the eldest of whom—Lieut. Valentine, R.N.—is a member of the Craft. The late Bro. Valentine was initiated in the York Lodge, No. 236, and served as its Master in 1878. He was a Past Prov. Grand Chaplain of North and East Yorkshire; P.Z. of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236, and P.P.G.J.; a P.M. of the York Mark Lodge (T.I.), and P.P.G. Chaplain; Past Preceptor of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, and Prelate of the Provincial Priory; a member of the Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix, &c. But the particular branch of Masonry in which he took the keenest interest was the Royal Order of Scotland, of which he was the Provincial Grand Master for Yorkshire, and since his appointment to that office has never missed a meeting, save through ill-health. At the graveside several of his brethren were assembled, including Bros. T. B. Whytehead (Deputy P.G. Master of the Royal Order for Yorkshire); J. Todd, P.M., G. Std. Br.; Geo. Kirby, P.M.; E. W. Purnell, P.M.; T. S. Brogden, P.M.; John Sampson, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; Geo. Lamb, P.M.; F. W. Halliwell (Secretary of the Royal Order for Yorkshire); J. Biscumb, L. J. Thompson, Rev. J. Blake, P.M.; P. Pearson; and others. A number of the leading clergy of the diocese were present, and the church was crowded with parishioners and others who came to see the last of their old friend.

Masonic and General Tidings.

WE ARE ASKED to announce that the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1719, will commence the 1895-6 session at the Rutland Hotel to-morrow (Saturday), at 8 p.m.

AT CARDIFF, on Thursday last, the new Masonic Hall was opened previously to the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales being held, after which the Duke of York Lodge was consecrated. A full report will appear in our next.

A MARRIAGE has been arranged between the Duke of Marlborough and Miss C. Vanderbilt, daughter of the great American millionaire Commodore Vanderbilt, and will be solemnised in New York next month.

BRO. CAPTAIN LORD CHARLES BERESFORD, in command of the Medway Dockyard Reserve, Chatham, has been temporarily incapacitated from duty by an attack of rheumatism, which confined him to his bed.

"THE STRANGE ADVENTURES OF MISS BROWN," at the Vaudeville, reached the 100th performance on Thursday last. The play, which is going very strong, will be transferred to Terry's Theatre on the 7th prox.

A NEW HOME FOR THE BLIND of North and North-East Lancashire, which has recently been erected at Fulwood, Preston, was opened on Monday by the Countess of Derby, who was accompanied by her husband, Bro. the Earl of Derby.

THE SHAHZADA NASRULLA KHAN, accompanied by Sir Acquin Martin, the Afghan agent, arrived at Rome from Naples on Sunday night, and took up his abode at the Hotel Continental. On Wednesday his Highness returned to Naples, and left for Egypt on board the India Marine Steamer Clive.

IN CONSEQUENCE of the death of her Serene Highness the Princess of Battenberg, mother of Prince Henry of Battenberg and Prince Louis of Battenberg, R.N., grandson-in-law of her Majesty, the Court went into mourning on Monday, will change it on Monday, the 30th instant, and go out of it on Thursday, the 3rd prox.

BRO. J. R. COOPER, as Sheriff-elect, was on Monday presented by his ward—the Ward of Cheap—with a beautiful chain and badge, which cost about £200. The ceremony took place at Mercers' Hall, Cheapside, and was attended by most of the principal residents in the ward, Dr. Freshfield presiding, and making the presentation.

GENERAL REGRET will be felt at the announcement that Bro. Alderman Sir George Tyler, ex-Lord Mayor, is lying seriously indisposed at his residence, his medical advisers having given peremptory orders that he is not to leave his bed for at least a month. Heart-weakness is held to be the cause of Sir George's illness, for his recovery from which he has our sincerest wishes.

THERE WAS A VERY large gathering of students and friends on Saturday last at the Westminster Technical Institute, which was founded some years ago by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the occasion being the unveiling of a bust of the Baroness. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., among those present being Bro. Admiral Sir H. Keppel and Sir E. Henderson.

A GRAND REVIEW of the veterans of the struggle in 1870, when the Italian troops entered Rome, took place in Rome on Monday in the presence of the King and Queen of Italy, the Prince of Naples, Signor Crispi, and the Ministers of War and Marine. The King, as he passed down the lines, addressed a few gracious words to each group, and then the whole body marched past his Majesty. The King and Queen were heartily cheered on leaving the ground.

A NUMBER of the members of the Northampton Assistant Teachers' Association were returning from a picnic on the river Nene, when as they were in the lock near the paper mills the leading boat capsized, and the occupants, including two ladies, were thrown into the water. One of these was drawn under by the rushing water, but just as all hope of saving her had gone, she floated to the surface and was taken to the shore, where consciousness was restored with great difficulty.

THE KING OF DENMARK, the King and Queen of Greece, and Prince Waldemar of Denmark lunched with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on Monday on board the Royal Yacht Osborne. Afterwards his Royal Highness paid a visit to the Russian Imperial Yacht Standard, which is being built at Copenhagen, and then to the free port, the construction of which is being proceeded with rapidly. In the evening their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales attended a performance at the Theatre Royal, Copenhagen.

THE REGIMENTAL SPORTS of the Royal Scots Fusiliers took place on the Queen's Parade, Aldershot, on Monday, and, as the weather was delightful, the ground presented quite an animated appearance. Great amusement was caused by the black and white mop contest, in which two teams, each led by a commander mounted on a pony, and armed with mops, covered in the one case with soot and in the other with flour, encountered each other. The colonel and his officers entertained a large number of friends on the occasion.

A NEW SIXPENNY ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE, entitled "The Country House," is announced to appear in October. The new venture will deal attractively with rural affairs, and appeal largely to country gentlemen. Among the writers who have promised to contribute are the Duke of Argyll, the Earl of Winchelsea, the Marchioness of Carmarthen, Sir John Bennet Lawes, Bart., John Strange Winter, "Son of the Marshes," W. E. Norris, Grant Allen, Robert Barr, Norman Gale, Dr. Gordon Stables, R.N., and others. "The Country House" will contain 120 pages of letterpress, and be fully illustrated. The editorial and publishing offices are at 30, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

IN THE RAILWAY HOTEL, on the 19th inst., Bro. Robert Lunan, J.W., was presented with a Master Mason's apron, subscribed for by several members of the St. John's Lodge, No. 137, Bro. Mitchell, R.W.M., presided, and made the presentation in a short speech, brimful of the affection and respect in which Bro. Lunan is held by his brother Masons. Bro. Lunan briefly replied. A pleasant evening was spent with song and sentiment. The presentation apron is a work of art. On the flap is the compass and square, with a wreath of Scots' thistles, signifying Bro. Lunan's native country, while at the bottom corners of the apron the star of India is displayed. All the ornamentation is in gold lace.—*Dundee Courier*.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY on Monday paid a farewell visit to the Royal Irish Constabulary depot, Phoenix Park, and inspected the force stationed there. Bro. Lord Wolseley, who was accompanied by Colonel W. T. Kelly, C.B., and his staff, was received by the Inspector-General, Sir Andrew Reid, and other principal constabulary officers, and, having inspected the parade, he addressed the officers and men, praising them for their steady behaviour under arms, and congratulating them on the fine appearance they presented. He concluded by stating that during his time of service he had travelled through many countries, and he thought that for physique, general good conduct, and high standard of discipline, no force could equal them.

THE ATHLETIC CONTEST between representative teams of the London and New York Athletic Clubs took place on the Manhattan Ground on Saturday last, resulting in a complete victory for the Americans, who won every one of the 11 events on the card. C. Kilpatrick won the 880 Yards by 10 yards in 1 min. 53 2-5 sec.; Wefers the 100 Yards by a foot from Bradley, the English champion, in 9 4-5 secs.; Sweeney the High Jump, clearing 6 ft. easily, and after the contest 6 ft. 5 3-4 in.; Conneff the Mile in 4 min 18 1-5 secs.; and Wefers the 220 Yards in 21 3-5 secs. The Hurdles (120 yards) fell to Chase after an exciting struggle, and so did the Quarter Mile to Brooke, who won on the tape. In the Hammer-throwing and Weight-putting as well as in the Long Jump, the Englishmen were beaten badly. Conneff won the Three Miles in 15 min. 38 1-5 secs. by some 150 yards from Wilkins. A banquet was held after the contest, at which the Mayor of New York presented the medals to the winners. World's records were established in the Half Mile, 100 Yards, and 220 Yards, and also in the Hurdles, but the last was disallowed, as Chase knocked over the first hurdle.

WONDERS WILL NEVER CEASE we are told; but it cannot be denied that Holloway's Pills are the greatest wonder of modern times. They correct bile, prevent flatulency, cleanse the liver, and purify the system, strengthen the stomach, increase the appetite, invigorate the nerves, promote health, and re-instate the weak to an ardour of feeling never before experienced. The sale of these Pills throughout the globe astonishes everybody, convincing the most sceptical that there is no medicine equal to Holloway's Pills for removing the complaints incidental to the human race. They are indeed a blessing to the afflicted, and a boon to those who suffer from disorders, internal or external. Thousands of persons have testified that by their use alone they have been restored to health, after other remedies had proved unsuccessful.

THE NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT will resume its meetings on the 7th prox. at the Cock Hotel, Highbury-corner, at 8 o'clock. Companions are cordially invited.

THE LORD MAYOR OF MANCHESTER has remitted to the Duke of Westminster the sum of £1000, being a first instalment of contributions by the citizens towards the Armenian Relief Fund.

THE ROYAL SAVOY MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION will hold their first meeting in their new quarters at the Cock Hotel, Highbury, on the 6th prox., at eight o'clock. Brethren of the Mark Degree are cordially invited.

BRO. W. H. LONG, M.P., President of the Board of Agriculture, has been ordered away for a change, and will leave England to-day (Friday) for Gibraltar. He expects to be absent from England for about three weeks.

IT HAS BEEN definitely arranged that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will visit Lowther Castle in December instead of January, and great preparations are already being made in order to give a worthy reception to his Royal Highness.

BRO. FIELD-MARSHAL LORD WOLSELEY, the new Commander-in-chief, has promised to preside at the forthcoming anniversary, to be held in the King's Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, of the Royal Arsenal Association of Foremen.

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS of the 1st battalion Scots Guards was held at the Victoria Barracks, Windsor, on Wednesday, under Col. Mildmay Wilson, C.B. There was a capital programme, and most of the events were well contested.

WE ARE ASKED to state that the Prince Frederick William Chapter of Improvement will resume its meetings at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., on Thursday, the 3rd prox., at 8 p.m., and will continue same weekly until the end of April, 1896.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS HENRY and Prince Waldemar of Prussia, with their suite, arrived at Buckingham Palace early on Wednesday morning from Kiel. Their Royal Highnesses were met at the Victoria Station by Bro. Col. the Hon. H. Byng, Equerry to the Queen.

WEDNESDAY was the 30th anniversary of the relief of Lucknow, Sir Henry Havelock having fought his way to the City and forced an entrance into the Residency, after some desperate fighting on the 25th September, 1857. It will be remembered that Sir James Outram, who had joined Havelock some 10 days previously, and was his senior officer, magnanimously left him to complete the task he had undertaken, and served on his staff.

THE FIRST Court of Aldermen which has been held since the Midsummer holidays, met at the Guildhall on Tuesday. Bro. Lord Mayor Renals presided, and great interest was exhibited in connection with the resignation of his seat in the Court by Alderman Sir Andrew Lusk, the letter in which the resignation was tendered having been written by the worthy Alderman on his 86th birthday. The Lord Mayor announced that he should summon a Court on Thursday, the 3rd prox., for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF TECK, who have been the guests of the Earl and Countess of Hopetoun at their seat near Edinburgh, visited Linlithgow on Saturday last, accompanied by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Countess of Jersey, and the Ladies Margaret and Mary Villiers. Among the places they visited was St. Michael's Church, which has been restored to the condition in which it was prior to its capture by assault by Oliver Cromwell, and its being handed over to his dragoons for use as a stable.

A MEETING was held at Cardiff, under the presidency of the Mayor, on Monday afternoon, when a resolution was passed to the effect that steps be taken to give Bro. the Earl of Dunraven a hearty welcome on his return to England, in recognition of his repeated efforts to win the America Cup, and of his pluck, patriotism, and sterling character in endeavouring to maintain for British craft and seamen the premier position among yachtsmen and navigators of the world. A Committee was subsequently appointed to give effect to the resolution.

A BANQUET was held in the King's Hall of the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday last, when about 200 members of the Italian Colony in London, under the presidency of the Count Gallina, the Chargé d'Affaires in London, sat down to a banquet held in honour of the 25th Anniversary of the entry of the Italian troops into Rome. Among those present were several ladies and a number of the veterans of the Garibaldian and Italian armies. The proceedings were of a most enthusiastic character throughout. A congratulatory telegram was received during the evening from the Italian Ambassador.

BRO. SIR J. WHITTAKER ELLIS, BART., as *locum tenens* for the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir Joseph Renals) attended Divine service at Christ Church, Newgate-street, on Saturday last (St. Matthew's Day), among those present being the Sheriffs, and Bro. Alderman Col. Davies, M.P., Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, and the Town Clerk, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton. After service the Civic party adjourned to the Board Room of Christ's Hospital, when the lists of the Governors of the Royal Hospitals were handed to the Acting Lord Mayor, and by him entrusted to the Town Clerk for safe custody among the City archives.

THERE is little or no likelihood of any contest being provoked for the Aldermanic seat that Sir William's retirement occasions. All are agreed that there is one man who has a prior claim over everyone else—Bro. F. P. Alliston, who is from every point of view admirably fitted to become the chief of the ward with which he has been so long associated. A keen debater, a hard worker, and a shrewd man of business, he will make an Alderman thoroughly able to worthily uphold the traditions that centre round a seat at the Court of City Fathers.—*City Press*.

THE MATCH FOR THE "Iago" Challenge Shield was shot off between teams of four representing the British Museum and the Natural History Museum at the Park Range, near Tottenham, on Wednesday. At the conclusion of the firing it was announced that the British Museum team had won by 291 points to 280. The ranges were 200, 500, and 600 yards, seven shots at each range. The same day and at the same distances the London Irish Rifles had their annual competition for their Challenge Cup, which was won by Captain Denman with a score of 60 points, five shots at each of the three ranges already mentioned.

PRESENTATION TO A SHERIFF ELECT.—On Thursday, at the Aldgate Ward Schools, a meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr. Deputy-Pearse Morrison, to present a Sheriff's badge and chain to Mr. Alderman Pound, Sheriff elect, the Alderman of the Ward. The presentation was made by Mr. Alban H. Gibbs, M.P., who referred to the work that had been done by Mr. Alderman Pound, and said it was no new thing for Mr. Pound to have honours bestowed upon him by the City of London. He feared Alderman Pound was likely to have a very busy time during the coming year, but he knew that the duties devolving upon Mr. Pound would be conscientiously discharged. It was, therefore, with great pleasure that he presented the badge on behalf of the inhabitants of the Ward. Alderman Pound, in responding, said he was very grateful for the honour that had been conferred upon him. He thanked them, not only on account of the intrinsic value of the gift, but especially for the goodwill which he knew accompanied the presentation. A vote of thanks to Deputy Morrison concluded the proceedings.—*Morning Advertiser*.

MASONIC FUNERAL.—On the 22nd inst., the Greenock St. John Lodge, No. 175, conducted a ceremonial of funeral lodge in memory of Past Masters Bros. John Galbreath and Robert Urie. Bro. James Reid, R.W.M., was in the chair, and there was a large number of brethren present. Bro. John Galbreath was born in 1803, he was initiated in 1825, was R.W.M. in 1829, and died on the 7th inst. Bro. Robert Urie was born in 1823, he was initiated in 1856, was R.W.M. in 1863, and died on the 8th inst. The ceremony was of a most imposing character, and took the following form: Processional hymn, "When our heads are bowed with woe;" orchestra, Dead March in "Saul;" Luther's hymn, "Great God, what do I see and hear?" prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Thomas Kay; grand honours; anthem, "Holy, holy, holy," by the choir; Psalm xc. by the Chaplain; orchestra, "He shall feed His flock;" service; cornet solo, "Holy City;" service and grand honours; hymn, "Lead, kindly light;" oration by the Chaplain; hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er;" orchestra, "Wait him, angels;" service, grand honours and prayer by the Chaplain; closing remarks by the R.W.M. Bros. W. Paterson Cross and Robt. Whiteford were musical directors.