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A QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

There is no earthly reason why the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom and the several Colonial Grand Lodges which are indebted to them in the first instance for their existence—or, be it said rather, for the constitution of the private lodges which established them—and which the said Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland have from time to time recognised since 1856, should not live together in the most absolute peace and harmony. The Colonial Grand Lodges have all they can possibly desire in the way of self-government, and it is only here and there that any evidence of the subordination of the Colonies to the Mother Country in things Masonic is to be found in the shape of a stray lodge or two which have preferred to remain in obedience to their parent Grand Lodge to casting in their lot with the local Grand Lodge. And even where these evidences still exist the old and the new order of things have with one solitary exception contrived to rub along together most harmoniously. It is indeed on record in the case of Nova Scotia, that when Bro. General LAWRIE was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of that Province, he and his Grand Officers not infrequently visited the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 398, Halifax, which is still in communication with the Grand Lodge of England, the relations between this lodge and the brethren of the Nova Scotian Constitution being of the most cordial character; while to take a more recent instance, Bro. Lord BRASSEY, who is Grand Master of Victoria, is a subscribing member of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, which retains its connection with our Grand Lodge. As regards the three English lodges in Montreal it is a matter of history that difficulties have arisen between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England in reference to them, but it will suffice if we affirm, as we can do most truthfully, that these difficulties are not of our seeking, nor do we imagine they ever would have arisen, if only the Grand Lodge of Quebec, following the example of that of Canada (Province of Ontario) and the rest of the Colonial Grand Lodges, had been content to leave our Anglo-Montreal lodges in the undisturbed possession of their undoubted rights and privileges. It is evident, therefore, that so far as this part of the general question of jurisdiction is concerned, there is, or in the exceptional case of Quebec, need be no obstacle to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, being on terms of the most perfect amity with the Colonial Grand Lodges they have recognised, or been at all times prepared to recognise, on the usual conditions of respect for those lodges which prefer remaining under the parent Grand Lodge. But on two or three occasions during the last ten or a

dozen years other questions relating to jurisdiction have arisen, which seem likely to cause some trouble. The first case of this kind that arose was when the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, one of the independent Grand Lodges established in British North America, issued its warrant for the constitution of a lodge at Gibraltar. When the news of this issue reached England, the authorities of our Grand Lodge lost no time in placing themselves in communication with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and in pointing out that Gibraltar was Masonically under the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, and that, so far as English Masonry was concerned, it was under the rule of a District Grand Master appointed by our M.W. Grand Master. On receiving this information, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at once and most gracefully withdrew the warrant it had issued, and no interruption whatever occurred to the fraternal relations which had always existed between the two Grand Lodges. The second case arose a few years subsequently, when the Grand Chapter of Canada issued warrants for the constitution of sundry chapters in Melbourne, the capital of Victoria, which was then occupied concurrently by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, by each of which a District Grand Lodge had been established, while at the same time there was an unrecognised Grand Lodge of Victoria. Remonstrance was at once made by our Grand Chapter, the authorities of which pointed out to the intrusive Grand Chapter of Canada that Victoria was a part of British territory over which the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, and with them, of course, their Grand Chapters, always had exercised, and still rightly claimed to exercise, undisputed authority. The Grand Chapter of Canada, however, instead of gracefully retiring, as the Grand Lodge of Manitoba had done, from an untenable position, resolved on maintaining the chapters it had warranted *conte que conte*, on, so far as we can remember, the very absurd ground that as there was no recognised Grand Lodge of Victoria, that Colony was *unoccupied* territory, in which it was lawful for every sovereign Grand Chapter in the British Empire to warrant chapters. It was claimed that the Grand Chapter of Canada was the peer of the Grand Chapters of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and as such was fully entitled to do as it pleased in the matter of issuing warrants for establishing chapters in British territories, in which there was no sovereign Grand Chapter in the exercise of supreme authority. Our Grand Chapter rejoined that, so far as it was concerned, it had always exercised supreme authority concurrently with the Grand Chapters of Ireland and Scotland over capitular Masonry throughout the British Empire, and that when the Grand Lodge of England, of which it is a part, recognised the sovereignty and independence of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and with it, of course, those of its Grand Chapter, it recognised a sovereignty which was naturally and of necessity restricted to the territorial limits of Canada. It had recognised it unreservedly as the supreme authority over the Masonic lodges in the Province of Canada, but, in doing so, it never intended to confer upon it the right to establish lodges in other portions of the British Empire. To put the matter more clearly, it ceded the Province of Canada, which had been previously British Territory, to the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the one condition that any English lodges which preferred doing so should be at liberty to remain in communication with the Grand Lodge of England. However, the Grand Chapter of Canada remained obstinately deaf to the voice of reason and common sense, and there appeared to be the makings of a

severe difference between Canada and England when the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was established and recognised by us, and the absurd pretensions of the Grand Chapter of Canada ceased to interest us. Still more recently—indeed, no further back than the 15th June last—a third case of a somewhat similar character appears to have arisen in connection with two applications for warrants by brethren in Western Australia to the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. Our information respecting these applications and the subsequent action of the Grand Lodge of Victoria thereupon is derived from the Report of the Board of General Purposes, which was submitted to that Grand Lodge at its Regular Quarterly Communication on the aforementioned 15th June last, the paragraphs in which the Board dealt with these applications being as follow:

"17. A letter was received from a member of the Order asking if the Board would recommend a warrant to be granted for the purpose of opening a Lodge in Perth, Western Australia, to which a reply was ordered to be sent to the effect—'That this Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction.'"

"22. A communication was received from a brother residing at Cue, W.A., asking for particulars to guide him in forming a new Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. To which the Board replied—'That this Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction.'"

When the discussion on the first of these paragraphs was reached, the Rev. Bro. MEADOWCROFT, who is G. Sec. for Foreign Correspondence, is reported to have asked "Why the Board said it had no jurisdiction in Western Australia?" and was given to understand by the President of the Board—Bro. J. H. A. MATTHEWS—in reply, that it "considered it would be an unfriendly act to the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions holding District Grand Lodges there." On this, "R.W. Bro. EDWARD EDWARDS said he could have understood the Board saying that they did not wish to accept jurisdiction there," while "R.W. Bro. ANGEL ELLIS was of opinion that they had no more right to issue warrants for lodges to be held there or in Fiji than Canada had a right to come into this territory; as well might they grant a warrant to open a lodge in England." However, common sense does not appear to have carried the day, though represented by Bro. ELLIS, who made this remark; by W. Bro. THOS. SMITH, who said the United Grand Lodge of Victoria "would be trespassers in Western Australia;" and by R.W. Bro. SCOTT, who maintained "that Western Australia was outside the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. The Victorian Grand Lodge had no jurisdiction beyond its own political boundary. Western Australia belonged to Great Britain. This was a colony, not a nation, and possessed no territory. Neither America nor any other country would attempt to open here, so that the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges was confined to political boundaries." Bro. MEADOWCROFT maintained "that there was nothing in the Constitutions to bind them from granting a warrant to the crowds of Victorian brethren who had gone to reside there;" while Bro. W. B. EDWARDS moved "That the Clause" or Paragraph "be amended to read 'Had no desire to undertake jurisdiction in that Colony,'" and it was the clause as thus amended, not as originally framed, which was adopted. Our Melbourne contemporary *Masonry*, from which we have derived our information, in commenting upon the discussion over this matter, remarks:

"The Board of General Purposes received some excellent hints *re* the applications from Western Australia for charters to open lodges there. It is evident that the Board utterly misconceived its powers, and talked absurdities as to the Grand Lodge having no jurisdiction in that Colony." And, having thus delivered itself, it proceeds to lay down the following monstrous doctrine, which, if acted upon, would have the effect of rendering the government of Masonry an impossibility: "They"—that is, the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria—"have evidently yet to learn that every Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in every country unless a Grand Lodge of the Territory itself forbids its entrance there." This is tantamount to saying that every Grand Lodge or Grand Orient in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australia has the legal right to warrant lodges in any country, or any part of any country, in which a Grand Lodge has not been established. Perhaps our

contemporary will be kind enough to quote its authority for this audacious statement. In the meantime, however, it will be noted that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, which is composed for the most part of lodges of English, Irish, and Scotch constitution, which was recognised by the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom as recently as 1889, and of which H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M. of England, is Patron, though it has been only seven years in existence, already claims to exercise the right of issuing warrants of constitution for the establishment of lodges in British territory outside its own territorial boundaries. True, by the acceptance of Bro. EDWARDS'S amendment, it declares that it has "no desire to undertake jurisdiction in that Colony" of Western Australia, or, we presume, in any other British Colony, with which territorially it has nothing whatever to do. But to forego the exercise of what it claims to be legally entitled to do differs entirely from the authoritative declaration made in the first instance by this Board of General Purposes, but set aside by a majority of the Grand Lodge, that the latter "had" absolutely "no jurisdiction" whatever. The Grand Lodge of Victoria claims to have jurisdiction outside its territorial limits, but, out of friendly consideration for the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, it "has no desire to undertake" it. So long as this desire exists, so long the Masonic relations between Victoria and England will go smoothly enough; but our authorities had better be prepared for a change of opinion, and guard themselves against so absurd a claim, especially in the case of any new Colonial Grand Lodges which may apply to them for recognition. "Forewarned is forearmed."

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

It is gratifying to learn from the report we publish elsewhere of the proceedings at the recent annual meeting in Hull of the the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire that the past year has been exceptionally prosperous. As regards the meeting itself, though the disappointment caused by the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Marquis of ZETLAND, Prov. G. Master, was great, no efforts had been spared by Bro. THOMAS MORRILL, W.M., and the officers and members of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, in order to ensure its success, and before the brethren separated, the strongest evidence was forthcoming on all sides that those efforts were fully appreciated, not only by Bro. Lord BOLTON, D.P.G.M., who presided, but also by the Prov. Grand Officers, the representatives of lodges, and the visitors generally. As to the progress made during the past year, the several reports from the executive officers showed that both numerically and financially the position of Masonry in the Province had been greatly strengthened, while in the brief address which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master delivered, it was in his lordship's power to confirm the evidence of those reports in other ways by mentioning, in the first place, that a new Masonic Hall had been dedicated at Saltburn-by-Sea, and that two new lodges, whose prospects of a successful future were most encouraging, had been consecrated since the previous meeting at Selby, namely, the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2586, Scarborough, and Beresford Peirse Lodge, No. 2610, Bedale. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was also in a position to congratulate the brethren on the very marked success of the efforts made in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at whose Anniversary Festival in February, North and East Yorkshire subscribed no less than £900. This, and the circumstances we have referred to before, redound greatly to the credit of the Province, and we sincerely hope that when the time for the next annual meeting arrives, it will be found that the 12 months on which it has just entered have been, at least, as satisfactory as those which a few days since were brought to so honourable a conclusion. There is some good work to be done—a fifth Festival to be held in aid of the Provincial Educational Fund and the centenary of the lodge at Whitby to be celebrated. Thus the opportunities will not be wanting for maintaining and even extending the prestige of the Province, and we doubt not our North and East Yorkshire brethren will turn them to the best possible account.

THE "RED BOOK."

The well-known "Red Book," or official annual of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales, &c., has just been issued, with most commendable promptitude, the returns of the chapters being corrected to 30th June of this year. The roll of members is not only arranged in alphabetical form as an index (with the subscribing chapters duly noted), but *each chapter* has its several members duly arranged in like manner, with the places of meeting and the names of each M.W.S. and Recorder carefully described.

There are now 111 chapters of the Rose Croix on the register, two having been added since June, 1895, viz., the "Adam's Peak," at Ceylon, and the "Humphrey Chetham," Manchester. One hundred and thirty-seven chapters have been warranted during the last 50 years, of which 26 have been removed from the active roll. The oldest chapter is the famous "Baldwyn," Bristol, of "Time Immemorial" origin, the senior of those having ordinary charters being the "Grand Metropolitan," No. 1, London, of June 24th, 1846. Some, however, with later numbers and dates were at work previously, only not regularly warranted by a Supreme Council, but under Knight Templar auspices, as the "Coryton and Rougemont Union," No. 2, Exeter.

The Rules and Regulations remain as they were in 1895, for it is rarely these are either altered or added to. The *personnel* of the Supreme Council has, however, been slightly changed, the esteemed Bro. H. D. Sandeman having resigned as Grand Secretary-General, and has been elected one of the honorary members. So also has Lieut.-Col. H. Somerville Burney, making but five in all so honoured. The Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master for Northants and Hunts, &c., and Lieut.-Col. Arthur B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C. of England, have been elected into the historic *nine*, with the rank of Grand Registrar and Grand Marshal respectively.

Under the heading "Officials of the Supreme Council" are the additional names of our esteemed Bro. Major-General J. Crossland Hay, C.B., 33°, as *Grand Secretary General*; Bro. E. Monteuis, as Assistant D. of C. (Sir George D. Harris, 33°, being still the courteous and efficient D. of C.), and Bro. Fredk. C. Bevan, 30°, as Deputy Organist. The Inspectors General of the Home Districts remain as in 1895, the South-Eastern District being still without any Inspector, and two for South Africa have not yet been appointed, consequent on the retirement of Bros. R. J. Finnemore and R. W. S. Giddy.

Five new members of the 32° have been created, but the roll of 54 is not yet complete, and, though 13 additional names appear as members of the 31°, its maximum of 90 has not been attained. The roll of the 30° is arranged alphabetically; but, so far as I can judge, rather over forty brethren have been promoted to this coveted distinction, about an average really of one 30° to three chapters, the rigid scrutiny and evident intention of the Supreme Council (whose decision is final) resulting in so few additions being made, though there is no lack of suitable material, and numbers are waiting for an opportunity to be thus complimented.

Undoubtedly the method followed so long by the Supreme Council has proved most beneficial, for when promotion means *well-earned honour* the value of all such Degrees is much enhanced. Sometimes, however, the restrictions imposed as to age and service in the Rite are rather hard when applied to exceptional circumstances. Still, I have never heard a complaint, though disappointment has been keenly felt when the 30° has been delayed for a time.

The prosperity of the Rite continues, and with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Patron, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Hon. Member, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., as the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, there is every reason to anticipate even still more success in the future. Captain Nathaniel George Phillips is the senior member of the S.C., dating from 1864 (who has long been one of its most constant supporters), the next in seniority being the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, K.P., whose interest in the A. and A. Rite is as firm as ever. The other members of the S.C. are Colonel Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D. of England; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, M.A., P.G.C. of England; Bro. James H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C. of England; the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Northants and Hunts; and Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C. of England.

General Hay, as G. Secretary-General, has made an excellent Editor of the "Red Book" for 1896, its accuracy and general arrangement being as near perfection as possible.

W. J. HUGHAN.

P.S.—Since writing this, the sad news has been received of the decease of Lord Limerick. His Lordship will be much missed as an earnest and intelligent Craftsman.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the above Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 6th instant. Bro. Colonel Campbell, Acting Grand Master, presided. The Waidens' chairs were occupied by Bros. J. Dalrymple Duncan and Major F. W. Allan. A letter of apology was intimated from the Grand Master, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., on account of indisposition. Lady Saltoun wrote apologising for the absence of Bro. Lord Saltoun, Grand Master Depute, because of an accident which his lordship had sustained when out riding, his back being rather seriously injured.

Bro. JAMES MUIR, G.D.C., presented the Acting Grand Master Bro. Major Allan with his commission as Proxy Prov. Grand Master of the Transvaal.

The ACTING GRAND MASTER congratulated Bro. Major Allan on his appointment, and expressed the hope that he would be able to keep the Transvaal in order. (Laughter.)

On the recommendation of Grand Committee, charters were granted to the following lodges: Clair, Meerut, India; Heart of Mid-Lothian, Edinburgh; Thistle, East London, Cape Colony; Peace and Harmony, Rangoon, Burma; Warrego, Cunnamulla, Queensland; and Rosslyn, Nambour, North Coast Railway, Queensland.

In reply to a question, it was stated that the Heart of Mid-Lothian Lodge was for the Dalry district of Edinburgh, where it was thought a lodge would supply a much felt want among the brethren.

It was agreed to authorise the resuscitation of Lodge St. John, Shotts, No. 471.

It was reported that the Provincial Grand Master of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright shires, Bro. the Hon. Hew Dalrymple, had re-opened the Lodge Myrton, Port William, No. 539.

The minutes of Grand Committee bore that a dozen lodges had been temporarily suspended, and their diplomas withheld, for violating the rules of the Constitution by conferring Degrees at a less interval than two weeks between each Degree.

The action of the Committee was confirmed, and it was remitted to the Provincial Grand Masters of the respective districts, with full powers, to deal with each case and report.

It was reported that R.W. Bro. F. Douglas M'Millan had been installed as District Grand Master of the Transvaal by Bro. T. R. Harrison, P.M., the first Right Worshipful Master in the Transvaal under the Scottish Constitution.

It was remitted to Grand Committee with power to contribute to the extent of £50 to the relief of distressed brethren in Aleppo and Aintab.

The Annuity Board reported that they had granted annuities of £10 each to 15 out of 49 applicants. There are now 107 annuitants on the fund, the total annual value of the grants being £1000.

The Grand Treasurer's statement of accounts for the quarter ending 25th July showed the income to have been £1425, being £790 in excess of the expenditure.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DORSET.

On Thursday, the 6th instant, at All Soul's Mark Lodge, No. 126, Weymouth, the annual provincial meeting was held under the genial presidency of Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P., P.G.M., and in the presence of a large and distinguished body of members of this Degree, including Bros. the Rev. W. M. Heath, P.P.G.M., P.G. Chap. Eng.; and Sir R. N. Howard, P.P.D.G.M., P.G.O. Eng.

The usual routine business was transacted and the following brethren appointed officers for the year, viz.:

Bro. H. T. George, P.M. 126	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" J. A. Sherren, P.M. 126	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. Mills, P.M. 133, 126...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" the Rev. F. Mondey, Dep. M. 126	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" the Earl of Portarlington, W.M. 126, P.G.W.	...	...	...
England...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" R. Toleman, P.M. 121	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" D. H. Williams, S.O. 126	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" G. Habgood, P.M. 99 (re-elected)...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Zillwood Milledge, P.M. 126, P.P.J.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. J. D. Reid, W.M. 121	...	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
" W. Hair, J.W. 133	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" D. J. Lawson, S.O. 133	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Sidney S. Milledge, R. of M. 126	...	...	Prov. G.I. of Wks.
" A. Rayner, J.W. 126	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Bagg, J.D. 133	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. Cox, S.O. 121	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. Badden, J.D. 99	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" H. A. Hurdle, Org. 126	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. J. Freeman, Sec. 133	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" A. Hains, Tyler 99 (re-appointed)...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The business being over, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a *recherche déjeuner* was provided and the usual Masonic toasts given. Bro. Col. Brymer, M.P., the popular P.G.M., presided and sent the fruit for the table, which was much admired and duly appreciated.

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12.25 midnight—For Chepstow, Newport, CARDIFF,
SWANSEA, Llanelly, CARMARTHEN, Pembroke Dock,
Tenby, Cardigan, New and Old Milford, &c., for 7 or 14
days.

EVERY SATURDAY, 7.55 a.m.—For MINEHEAD,
LYNTON, LYNMOUTH, Barnstaple, ILFRACOMBE,
PLYMOUTH, Tavistock, Launceston, Devonport, NEW-
QUAY, Truro, FALMOUTH, St. Ives, PENZANCE, &c.,
for 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days.

8.5 a.m.—For Wellington, SHREWSBURY, Church
Stretton, Leominster, HEREFORD, Oswestry, Welshpool,
ABERYSTWYTH, Llangollen, Corwen, BALA, Blaenau
Ffestiniog, DOLGELLY, BARMOUTH, Harlech, Criccieth,
CHESTER, Birkenhead, LIVERPOOL, Rhyl, LLAN-
DUDNO, BETTWS-Y-COED, Bangor, CARNARVON,
Llanberis (for Snowdon), &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days.

8.40 a.m.—For WESTON-SUPER-MARE, EXETER,
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1896.

Masonic Notes.

Very sincere, and, at the same time, very general, regret will be felt throughout the English Craft at the unlooked-for death of Bro. the Earl of Limerick, who, in all the various branches of Freemasonry with which he was connected, had played a part which was most honourable to himself and had been signally beneficial to Freemasonry. He will be best remembered for his services to Bristol, of which he was Prov. G. Master for 23 years, from his appointment in 1866 to his resignation in 1889. He was also for many years a prominent member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, in which he had taken the 33° and held the office of Grand Chancellor, while in

the Order of the Temple he was a Knight Grand Cross. He died on Saturday last at Tewin Water, his seat in Hertfordshire, leaving a widow and children to mourn his loss. To them accordingly and to his lordship's numerous friends, both within and outside Masonry, we tender our most respectful sympathy.

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A curious incident occurred in the Dartford County Court last week. Three gentlemen were summoned as jurors and the plaintiff in one of the cases to be decided objected to their serving on the ground they were Freemasons, the defendant (Bro. Charles Hind) being also a member of our Society. The judge allowed the objection and the Mason jurors were excused from serving. We are unable to see why a man, who happens to be a Freemason, should fail in his duty as a juror. We have never heard of any such case, but we have heard of cases in which a defendant who knew the presiding Judge or Magistrate was a Mason made it known to the latter that he, too, was a member of the brotherhood, with the result that he received a double dose of punishment, the Judge considering that the fact of the defendant being a Mason was an aggravation of the offence with which he was charged.

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The *Erith Times*, in its comments on the incident, remarks—"This is placing our future Kings in an invidious and peculiar position—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and H.R.H. the Duke of York are both Masons." As to the Queen's eldest son being not only a Mason, but the M.W. Grand Master of English Masons, the fact is sufficiently notorious, but we have never heard of the Duke of York having been initiated into Freemasonry. His brother, the late Duke of Clarence, was a Past G. Warden of England, and at the time of his death held the important office of Prov. G. Master of Berkshire. Doubtless this will account for the error into which our worthy contemporary has fallen.

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Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Past G. Master of Canada, has recently performed another of those public acts of Charity by which his career has been signalised. The new hospital at Stornoway, which has been erected by public subscription, has been furnished and equipped throughout at his entire cost, this generous act being done by him as a tribute of respect to his mother, who was born at Goathill, near which the hospital stands, in 1800, and lived there with her father till 1822. A condition has been attached to the gift by Bro. Robertson to the effect that two beds, one for a boy and another for a girl, shall be free to the children of members of Fortrose Lodge, No. 108, Stornoway, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. Robertson's grandfather having been a member of that lodge from 1798 to 1822.

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While referring to this benevolent act of our respected brother, we gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity of tendering him and also Bro. W. Gibson, Deputy Grand Master of Canada, our congratulations on their recent election to the Dominion House of Commons. Bro. Robertson has long been known by his numerous philanthropic acts, and will doubtless prove a worthy addition to that legislative body.

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The 115th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th June, as many as 730 out of the 737 lodges in the jurisdiction being represented. From the reports presented by the principal executive officers, it appears that the number of subscribing members in the State is 90,874, being an increase over the previous year's return of 3301. The ordinary receipts amounted to close on 74,072 dollars, of which nearly 72,800 dollars arose from fees and dues of lodges. Bro. G. Secretary Ehlers further reported that when he first entered upon the duties of his office the number of subscribing Masons was 69,629, while G. Lodge was indebted to the extent of 600,000 dollars, with little or no prospect of discharging it, at least in the near future. Yet within three years from the time when the plan for wiping out this huge debt was inaugurated, the thing was done, while concurrently, a sufficient sum for the erection of a Masonic Home was raised. Bro. Ehlers, we are glad to know, remains at his Secretarial post, while the new Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master are Bro. John Stewart and Bro. W. William A. Sutherland respectively; Bro. Charles E. Ide being S.G.W.; Bro. Charles W. Cushman, J.G.W.; and Bro. William J. McDonald, Grand Treasurer.

Obituary.

THE EARL OF LIMERICK, P. PROV. G.M.
BRISTOL.

The Craft has sustained a great loss by the death, at the comparatively early age of 56, of the Earl of Limerick, who had been a very prominent Freemason for upward of 30 years. Indeed, his appointment to the office by which he will be best remembered—that of Provincial Grand Master of Bristol—dates from the year 1866; while in 1865 we read of him in the *Freemasons' Magazine and Mirror* as being Great Sub-Prior in the Order of the Temple, which position he subsequently vacated on his advancement to the more important post of Grand Prior. He was also a Knight Grand Cross in the same Order, while in Royal Arch Masonry he was a Past G. Scribe N. He was also a very prominent Mark Mason, having served as S.G.W. in 1870, as Deputy Grand Master under Bro. Earl Percy, and as Grand Mark Master from 1875 to 1878. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he had attained equal eminence. He was a Past M.W.S. of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter of Rose Croix, had conferred upon him the 33°, and was Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council. He resigned his position of Prov. G. Master of Bristol in 1889, and consequently for the past few years his name had not been so frequently or so prominently before the Masonic public as during his presidency over that province. We must not omit to mention that his lordship was a Vice-President of the Boys' School and a Life Governor of and had twice served the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Lord Limerick, who was born on the 17th January, 1840, succeeded his father in the title and estates in 1866. He was formerly in the Rifle Brigade and Major of the Gloucestershire Artillery Volunteers. He was a D.L. and J.P. County Limerick and a J.P. for the Counties of Clare and Cork. From 1886 to 1889 he was a Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen, and from 1889 to 1892 and again from 1895 till the day of his death Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, while in the political world he was the chief Whip of the present Government in the House of Lords. He had been A.D.C. to the Queen since 1887 and for several years was President of the National Artillery Association. He was twice married and is succeeded in the earldom by his eldest son by his first wife—Viscount Glentworth, who now becomes fourth Earl of Limerick. His lordship died at his Hertfordshire seat, Tewin Water, near Welwyn, on Saturday Inst, and was buried in Digswell Churchyard on Wednesday, among those present at the funeral, in addition to Viscount Glentworth and other members of his family, being Colonel Browne, representing the Queen, who sent a wreath; Lords Waldegrave and Churchill on behalf of the Government, and Colonel Hennell for the Yeomen of the Guard.

ANTI-MASONIC CONGRESS.

An International Anti-Masonic Congress is to be held, under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church at the end of September, at Trent, in Austria. According to the programme, the object of the Congress is made known to everybody "the immense moral and material evils done by Freemasonry to the Church and Society, and to seek a remedy by help of a permanent International organisation against Freemasonry." Only those persons will be allowed to take part in the Congress "who confess the most absolute obedience to the Church and the Pope." The Organisation of the Congress is in the hands of a Central Committee, with its seat in Rome, to which the different National Committees are to be subordinate. The work of the Congress is to embrace the question of the Historical Study of Freemasonry, and of the practical conclusions to be drawn from it, in order to combat Masonry. The work will be divided into four sections, the first and second dealing with Masonic doctrine and action, its ends and means; while the third and fourth deal with means for combating Freemasonry. Among the latter are public and private prayers for conversion of the Masons; secondly, encyclicals and other acts of the Pope and Church in reference to Masonry; thirdly, the organisation of all Anti-Masonic elements and the founding of fresh Societies, and, finally, the publishing and spreading of Anti-Masonic books.

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Correspondence.

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

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with much interest your leader on the above subject, and, while at one with you as to the desirability of immediate union amongst the contending interests in New Zealand, would ask to be permitted to point out an important view of the case, as regards recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, that appears to have been entirely overlooked, especially by the advisers of the M.W. the Grand Master. In other words, we are asked to enter on a new departure from an old-established practice, a practice that has frequently been enunciated and pressed home in Grand Lodge by the movers and seconders of recognition to Grand Lodges in the British Colonies. I need scarcely say that had such a doctrine been promulgated a year or less since, it would have been considered rank heresy on the part of the proposer. To be plain, hitherto it has been the rule and custom to withhold recognition until the movement for a Grand Lodge is unanimous or practically so.

Now, here are the facts. Beginning at the beginning, Canada was recognised under these Constitutions. Then, coming nearer to the present time, recognition was twice refused to Grand Lodges in New South Wales and Victoria, in the former case, the second time, be it carefully noted, when, numerically speaking, New South Wales was as nearly as possible in the same position as New Zealand is at the present day, and when, also, some of the most influential men in the Colony were connected with it. Subsequently, however, South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania were severally and periodically recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, in conformity with the precedent and *sine qua non* as to unanimity, there being one or two dissentient lodges in New South Wales, one in South Australia (an Irish lodge), and two in Victoria, while Tasmania was quite unanimous.

It is, therefore, but fair to inquire why this sudden change of procedure? and why was New Zealand not told, as in effect were New South Wales and Victoria, to wait until they were unanimous? If the time for recognition had not arrived in the cases of New South Wales and Victoria, neither has the time arrived when New Zealand should be recognised.

By the way, referring to your remarks on Article 219, affirming the desirability of Grand Lodge amending said article, it is seven or eight years since, when a trouble arose in Victoria over the warrant of an English lodge, that I made a similar suggestion in the columns of the *Freemason*.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

August 8th.

Reviews.

IN THE POWER OF TWO (THE SPIDER AND THE FLY).—By Rayne Butler, author of "Cleopatra," "The Mystery of Ivy Bank," "Proserpine," "Jonquilla," "Sweet Lucie Grey," &c., London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, and Co., Limited. 1896.—The new work by the accomplished authoress of so many well-written and deservedly popular stories fully sustains her reputation. She exhibits the same constructive ability in this tale of "In the Power of Two," while her descriptive powers are equally prominent. The leading characters, too, are well drawn, each of them exhibiting a marked degree of individuality, while the plot, though marvellously simple, has been deftly put together. The principal personages are a Miss Euphemia Wade and her step-brother, Laurence Wade, a medical practitioner, who is many years her junior and over whom she watches with almost more than a mother's love and solicitude for his welfare. Two other folk also play a very leading part in the story—a Captain Layton and his niece, Violet Layton, who occupy the house which adjoins Miss Wade's and is indeed her freehold property. This Captain Layton, who is a mesmerist, will benefit very materially in the event of his niece dying during her 21st year, and Euphemia Wade, who is also capable of exercising mesmeric influence over others, discovers his purpose, and steadfastly devotes herself, with her step-brother's aid, to counteracting the evil designs of the Captain in his endeavours to bring about the death of Violet Layton. In this she proves successful. The Captain disappears from the scene of his iniquities, and Violet, who is a beautiful girl, and one that it is impossible not to love, meets her fate in the —. But we must not divulge the issue of Miss Rayne Butler's cleverly-constructed story. We repeat that it is well-written, and that those who play the leading parts in it are very ably portrayed. It will doubtless enhance the interest which those who read Miss Butler's work will experience when they learn that "In the Power of Two" is dedicated to the memory of her father, the late Bro. Butler Wilkins, P.G. Std. Br., D.P.G.M. Northants and Hunts.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, the 5th instant, on the invitation of Bro. Thomas Morrill, W.M., and the brethren of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, the annual assembly of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire was held at the Town Hall, by the courtesy and kindness of the Mayor, Alderman C. Richardson. Bro. Morrill and his colleagues are to be congratulated on having made such excellent arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the numerous visitors, who came from all parts of the province, as well as from the Provincial Grand Lodges of West Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, including the D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Harling Sissons, J.P. The balcony and staircases were decorated with tropical plants; refreshments were generously provided; the Council Chamber was utilised as a robing-room, and the banquet hall was improvised for the purpose of holding the Provincial Grand Lodge, the dais being covered with crimson cloth.

The Mayor entertained a few of the brethren to luncheon in his parlour, including the Sheriff, Councillor H. Morrill, J.P.; the Town Clerk, Mr. R. Hill Dawe; Bros. Alderman Hall, J.P.; Alderman Tooze, J.P.; A. E. White, Borough Engineer; J. G. Milner, Borough Treasurer; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Secretary; Dr. Foster, Prov. G.D.C.; and T. Morrill, W.M. 57.

Considerable disappointment was felt at the unexpected absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Marquis of Zeland, owing to illness, but in his absence Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Bolton presided over the deliberations

of the brethren in an expert manner. The lodge-room was crowded to excess, a record attendance, it was thought, being made.

The Board of Benevolence was held in the Library, and grants were made to deserving applicants. The Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present, and the Prov. Grand Officers of other provinces proceeded in procession from the robing-room, and, after, their entering Provincial Grand Lodge, were duly saluted with honours.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Selby, were confirmed, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. JOSEPH TODD, P.G.S.B. England, presented his balance sheet, duly audited, which was also unanimously adopted.

Several minor alterations to existing by-laws were agreed to, upon the motion of Bro. Major WOODALL, Past Grand Treasurer of England.

Bro. W. F. Smithson's past services were eulogised, and he was unanimously re-elected to represent the province (in conjunction with West Yorkshire) on the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bros. Major Woodall and W. Tessayman were re-elected to represent the province on the Charities Association. Bros. A. Jones, P.M. 236, and G. L. Spetch, P.M. 1611, were selected as Auditors. The following five brethren were elected to serve on the Provincial Board of General Purposes: Bros. Woodall, T. B. Whytehead, W. J. Watson, Rymer, and Alderman H. Tooze, J.P. Very flattering terms were expressed towards Bro. Todd in regard to his several years' gratuitous service as Treasurer for the province, and his re-election was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

Bro. TODD, in acknowledging the honour done him, said that he would undertake his onerous duties for one year longer, as the festival for the Educational Fund would take place during the year, and this would entail additional labour which it would hardly be fair to inflict upon his successor had he resigned this year. However, he hoped the brethren would relieve him on the next occasion as he had promised to serve them for another 12 months. (Cheers.)

The 30 lodges in the province then communicated and presented their annual reports. Past Provincial Grand rank was conferred on the following brethren in consideration of their past distinguished services to the Craft, viz.: Bros. W. Tessayman, P.P.G.S. of Works, to be P.P.S.G.W.; Richard Watson, P.P.G.S.B., to be P.P.S.G.W.; T. B. Redfearn, P.A.G. and Sec., to be P.P.J.G.W.

Charity Stewards' jewels were then presented by Bro. Lord Bolton to the following brethren who had qualified under By-law 22: Bros. Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, P.P.G.C.; W. Lowther Carrick, P.G. Reg.; J. Vernon Cooper, P.P.G.R.; James Matthews, P.P.G.D.; and John T. Towler, P.M. 250.

On the motion of Bro. Lord BOLTON, seconded by the S.W., the sum of 10 guineas was voted with acclamation to Bro. Fred. J. Lambert, P.G. Tyler, on his retirement and in recognition of his 17 years' faithful services as Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the exception of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, who had been re-elected by the Provincial Grand Lodge:

Bro. Thomas S. Brogden, P.M. 236	...	Prov. S.G.W.
Herbert L. Swift, P.M. 2328	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. J. E. Cockburn-Hood, M.A., 2610	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
Rev. E. Richards, M.A., 1337	...	
Bro. J. Todd, P.M. 236, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.G.W.	...	Prov. G. Treas.
W. Lowther Carrick, P.M. 2431	...	Prov. G. Reg.
M. C. Peck, P.M. 250, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.P.G.W.	...	Prov. G. Sec.
John Wildbore, P.M. 57	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
A. W. Tomlinson, P.M. 200	...	
J. T. Oliver, P.M. 1248	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
H. Chapman, P.M. 312	...	
John George Wallis, P.M. 2494	...	Prov. G.D.C.
W. S. Meek, P.M. 643...	...	Prov. Dep. G.D.C.
G. W. Tindall, P.M. 2586	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
A. P. Maddison, P.M. 1618	...	Prov. G.S.B.
James Buckle, P.M. 660	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
G. F. Clarkson, P.M. 1337	...	
J. Carlill Savill, 1010	...	Prov. G. Org.
T. B. Redfearn, P.M. 1511	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
David Young, P.M. 1991	...	Prov. G. Purst.
G. W. Greenwood, P.M. 2134	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
Charles Travess, 200	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The newly-appointed Provincial Grand Officers were then saluted with grand honours.

The Right Hon. Bro. Lord BOLTON, D.P.G.M., who gave the annual address, said:

After a lapse of seven years, again we meet in annual assembly in this active centre of Masonic life and work—(hear, hear). There are six lodges firmly established at Hull, and the principles of the Order are here carried out in their highest sense. Long may the good work continue, and the beneficial readings of the Craft yield ample fruit in the conduct and benevolence of the brethren who dwell within its sphere—(applause). In Grand Lodge the most notable event has been the retirement from the office of Deputy Grand Master—the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe—who is succeeded by the Earl Amherst. In commemoration of the 21st anniversary of the installation of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, Provincial Grand Masters are empowered to confer Past Provincial Grand rank upon a limited number of brethren within their provinces. The P.G.M. has, therefore, much pleasure in complying with this regulation, and he trusts that the worthy brethren who have this day been invested with Past rank may be blessed with health to continue their useful work for the benefit of Freemasonry—(applause). Since our last meeting, a new Masonic Hall at Saltburn was dedicated on the 14th October last, and two new lodges have been added to the province—the St. Nicholas, No. 2586, at Scarborough, and the Beresford Peirse, No. 2610, at Bedale, on the 24th April. We believe these lodges are in good hands, and do not doubt that they will prove valuable additions to our roll—(applause). The joint Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, undertaken by the P.G. Treasurer, the P.G. Secretary, and the Charity Representative in February last, was so successful that upwards of £900 were raised, which will increase our voting powers by nearly 400 votes—(loud applause). Whilst congratulating the province upon this noble effort, we must point out that several of our lodges did not contribute, and we trust these are reserving their strength for next May, when it is intended to hold the fifth festival of the Province Educational Fund, which is doing so much for the fatherless children—(applause). The Prov. Grand Master has accepted an invitation for next year's meeting from the Lion Lodge, No. 312, which will celebrate its centenary next year, from which auspicious event our meeting will be more than usually in-

teresting, and we hope to meet a large assembly of the brethren at Whitby next July—(cheers).

Bro. Thomas Hart, Under-Sheriff of Hull, and D.C. 57, then sang a fine Masonic solo, "Hail! Masonry Divine."

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for the annual banquet at the Masonic Hall of the Humber Lodge, over which Bro. Thomas Morrill, W.M., presided, and he was supported by many eminent brethren of the Craft.

The gathering was very successful indeed, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, "The Health of Bro. T. Morrill, W.M. 57," was received with enthusiasm.

During the evening a very pretty Masonic song (suitable for the Fourth Degree) was sung with telling effect by Bro. H. J. Oldroyd, entitled "Come, Brethren." It has been expressly composed by Bro. Fred. J. Harper, F.R.C.O., for the members of his mother lodge, and it received an enthusiastic reception.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF DORSET.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Priory was held under the banner of All Souls' Preceptory, No. 31, at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, on Friday, the 7th instant, and was, as usual, a great success. The V.E. P.G. Prior, Sir Knight Sir R. N. Howard, presided, being supported by Sir Knight Judge F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G. Vice-Chancellor England, the illustrious visitor being received under an arch of steel.

The absence of the P.G. Treasurer, Sir Knight Rev. W. M. Heath, P.G. Prelate England, was much regretted.

The officers appointed to provincial rank were as follows:

Sir Knight H. T. George	...	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" Rev. F. Mondey	...	...	Prov. Prelate.
" W. B. Morgan	...	...	Prov. Chancellor.
" H. J. Groves	...	...	Prov. Constable.
" J. A. Sherrin	...	...	Prov. Marshal.
" F. W. Hetty	...	...	Prov. Registrar.
" Rev. W. M. Heath, P.G. Prelate England	...	...
" (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. Treasurer.
" B. Browning, D.P.H.	...	...	Prov. Vice-Chan.
" M. C. C. Burke	...	...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
" Sidney S. Milledge	...	...	Prov. Almoner.
" Earl of Portarlington	...	...	Prov. Capt. of Gds.
" A. C. Chapin	...	...	Prov. Herald.
" W. Watts	...	...	Prov. 1st Std. Br.
" A. Harris (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. Equerry.

After the usual business had been transacted and the alms collected, the V.E.P.G. Prior, who had provided carriages, took all the sir knights to his delightful residence—"Greenhill House"—where, as in former years, he entertained his guests right royally, a charming evening being spent.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly Council was held at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on Friday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., in the chair; Bros. J. S. Cumberland, John Strachan, W. H. Kempster, M.D., George Corble, S. J. Attenborough, H. Thomson Lyon, H. A. Tobias, R. D. Cummings, and J. M. McLeod, Secretary.

It was resolved on recommendation of the Finance Committee to make a further investment of £4000 in South Australian Three per cent.

Bro. W. H. Spaul was nominated by the Province of Shropshire for election on the Board of Management.

On the minutes of the last Quarterly Court being read, the SECRETARY reported and read letter received that day from Bro. M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec. North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, stating "With reference to the statement in our circular to which you take exception, my Committee considers it is amply justified by the reports in the *Freemason* enumerated in the circular, and as these reports have not been corrected they must be considered as accurate. As you have announced that the Board will issue a statement next month our Provincial Grand Lodge yesterday decided to await such a statement, which will be considered at the regular meeting of the Charities Association in November or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose."

Craft Masonry.

Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th instant, at the Crown Hotel, Brixbourne, the brethren attending being Bros. E. Blenkhorn, P.M., W.M.; J. Gravatt, S.W.; F. Page, as J.W.; J. Petch, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., Prov. G.S.B., Sec.; R. W. Nicole, I.P.M.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. C. Renaud, S.D.; E. N. Beningfield, J.D.; H. R. Bower, I.G.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; T. Williams, Tyler; D. Taylor, A. T. D. R. Palmer-Palmer, A. C. Little, H. Facks, and F. H. Johnson. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Lamigeon, W.M. 2551; T. Sims, P.M. 1604; E. Thurkle, P.M. 87; E. W. Stapley, 1288; and W. G. Nutkins, 2562.

The first business was to ballot for Bro. Arthur Keeley, 1288, as a joining member, and the result was unanimously in his favour. The next was to pass Bros. F. H. Johnson and Walter Gorman Nutkins, who was initiated in the Papyrus Lodge, No. 2562. A ballot was taken for Mr. Joseph Edward Little, and, proving unanimous, he was initiated. The ceremonies were rendered by the W.M. in an admirably impressive manner, showing that, though to years or more have passed since he filled the chair of K.S. in his mother lodge, he had kept himself well up in the work. Later in the evening he complimented his officers on the manner in which they had acquitted themselves—this, from so strict a disciplinarian as the W.M., may be considered praise, indeed. An addition to one of the bye-laws was proposed by Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., which, after discussion, was carried. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren, after a stroll through the gardens, re-assembled and sat down to a very enjoyable dinner, after which toasts, songs, and recitations caused the time to pass quickly, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

A GRAND MASONIC TEMPLE is being arranged for at the new Trocadero Restaurant which Messrs. J. Lyons & Co. are now completing at Piccadilly Circus. Special and complete accommodation will be provided for large and small lodges, and the tariff will be strictly in accord with the moderation which has hitherto characterised J. Lyons and Co.'s charges. The cuisine will fully sustain the high reputation this company have already earned, and the decorations and comforts of the whole place will mark a new era in the record of Masonic gatherings. Inquiries as to particulars, should be addressed to the proprietors, J. Lyons & Co., Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington.—[Adv't.]

Scots Lodge, No. 2319.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 19th ultimo at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane Court, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. Joseph James Whitehead, W.M. There were also present Bros. Major F. W. Allan, J.G.W. of Scotland; Archdeacon Sinclair, Chaplain; Whitehead P.M.; Page, P.M.; Gellion, P.M.; T. Grant, P.M.; Alexander Ritchie, J.P., C.C., Treasurer; J. Duncan Balfour, T. D. M. Burnside, H. C. Rendall, P. Black, Edward Watts, T. MacClure, A. Whitehead, R. S. Darling, T. Wright, J. Plenderleith, J. M. Barclay, T. Charteris, J. R. MacArthur, J.P., W. E. Von Reiffenstein, John Bennett, J. Macgregor, W. Gray Greig, P. G. Mallory, Robert Watt, Daniel MacMaster, John Green, A. D. Arnott, T. B. Barrett, W. B. Smith, and John Nicol. Visitors: Bros. the Rev. John Watt, D.D., P.G. Chap. Scotland; the Rev. Henry Lansdell, D.D., P.G. Chap. Eng.; J. Featherstone, P.M. 1656; Henry Bond, P.M. 1656; W. B. Goodacre, 172; H. Narstor, 20; H. J. Inderwick, 834; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; A. H. Marks, W.M. 1563; R. Darling, W.M. 1446; W. H. Bullock, P.M. 2128 and 2432; R. Wilson, 1792; W. S. Scrivener, 1459; R. Marshall, 813; T. H. Roberts, P.P.G.D. Surrey; R. Thompson, 2502; John Lindsay (No. 9, M.K.); J. Smith, P.M. 2186; C. F. Quicke, P.M. 1531; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.M. 704; Thomas McKee, P.M. 809; Dr. Alexander Ross, 347; James Blake, 198; T. B. Pinchbeck, 2202; H. W. Parker, W.M. 2048; A. W. Weston, P.M. 1278; T. D. Chandler, 1972; R. Wellwood Ker, 194; James Gray, J.P., P.M.; Joseph Cox, P.M. 1776; W. A. Buxton, 1538; T. Stewart, 1563; Joseph Little, 1607; W. Forrester, W.M. 249; W. Ainge (Kil No. 2); A. A. Kelly, 1288; W. H. Wheeler, 2454, and others, over eighty brethren sitting down.

After the minutes had been read and approved and the Auditors' report received, the W.M. installed Bro. James Thomson as W.M. for the year, and himself received the collar of I.P.M. The brethren invested as his officers were Bros. Dr. D. M. Forbes, P.M., S.W.; D. Robertson Duncan, J.W.; the Ven. William Macdonald Sinclair, D.D., Archdeacon of London, P.G. Chap. Chap.; Alex. Ritchie, J.P., C.C., Treas.; David Angus Ross, Sec.; D. F. Gellion, P.M., Trustee; E. Johnstone Gordon, P.M., P.Z., S.D.; William Craig, J.D.; James Anderson, I.G.; John Page, P.M., P.Z., D.C.; Ashley O. P. Gordon, A.D.C.; Thomas Sandilands, J. Duncan Balfour, John Bennett, and Peter Black, Stwds.; John Plenderleith, Auditor; A. Davidson Arnott (M. B. Dunelm), A.R.C.O., Org.; Sergt. Peter Maclean, Piper; and John Latta



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

and Sheppard, Tylers. Bro. Page, P.M., presented a magnificent and ancient dagger to the lodge, which he had purchased in St. Petersburg, an article of beautiful workmanship; and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to him for the gift on the motion of Bro. Dr. Forbes, seconded by Bro. Grant, P.M. Bros. Daniel McMaster and Thomas Boevey Barrett, having been elected joining members, were obligated to fidelity to the Scots Lodge, and Messrs. Robert Watt and Percy George Mallory were then balloted for and initiated in the Order.

The brethren subsequently closed the lodge, and adjourned to an excellent Scottish banquet. The usual toasts followed.

The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that in a few months her Majesty would have reigned longer than any European Sovereign. He hoped she might live long to reign over them, and he was sure that when the Victorian era came to be written it would be found there had been nothing greater in history.

Bro. the Rev. Henry Lansdell, D.D., P.G.C., responding to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," gave some most interesting experiences of his in lodges in Bokhara and Hong Kong, and in Bucharest the capital of Servia.

Bro. J. J. Whitehead, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said he was sure the brethren were delighted to see Bro. James Thomson in the chair of the Scots Lodge; he had been in the lodge ever since it was formed; he was, as they all knew, a founder, and he had been one of the most prominent and energetic of its members. It was a proud moment for Bro. Thomson to be in the chair he now occupied, and the reception he had met with that evening must be most gratifying to him, and no doubt would be a stimulus to him to work. At the same time, it must be a great satisfaction to him to have all the brethren with him. The brethren would all work with him and for him in the lodge to the utmost of their power, so that his year of office might be rendered even more successful than any which had preceded it.

Bro. James Thomson, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, received an ovation. He said Bro. Whitehead struck the right note when he said it was a proud moment in his life to be W.M. of the Scots Lodge. He could only hope he should be able to follow the footsteps of his predecessors in the chair. He should try to do the very best he could for the lodge, and they all knew that Bro. Dr. Forbes intended to beat his two predecessors, so they must give him an example that will give zest to his intent.

Bro. Thomson, without resuming his seat, then proposed the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Joseph J. Whitehead, the Installing Master," and said that during his Mastership Bro. Whitehead had given dignity to the chair in a very ample way, and there had not been a hitch during his year of office. It had been one of the most successful years and Bro. Whitehead had been one of the finest Masters the Scots Lodge had ever had. He had come out that day in an entirely new character as an Installing Master; his elocution was very fine indeed, and his enunciation was perfect. As a rule, a W.M. could not get on very well without the prompter's cue, and Bro. Whitehead was a perfect man in that respect, for he gave him (Bro. Thomson) the right word at the right time, and never interrupted at the wrong time. He was much obliged to him for that, and he was sure he and Bro. Whitehead would get on well together as they had that night. If so, the lodge would have a very prosperous year.

Bro. Joseph James Whitehead, I.P.M., who, on rising to respond, was received with immense applause, said he did not know how sufficiently to thank the brethren for their great kindness. Really he never expected when he went into the chair he would be so much in the confidence of the brethren. It was true that he strove very hard indeed, and he was pleased his efforts had received the kind approval of the brethren. He had indeed tried his hardest to make his year the best the lodge had had and to bring the Scots Lodge to a higher position than it stood in when he went into the chair. The W.M. had been rather too complimentary and he was afraid the worthy brother's remarks had partaken too much of the form of after-dinner speeches. He had tried an important function and had done his best. He knew many of the members of the Scots Lodge had done their best to make his year of office what it had been; they had assisted him in every possible way; in everything they had rallied round him, and why should he have the whole of the credit? Although he had passed the chair if there was harder work in the Scots Lodge the W.M. would find in him one of his most constant supporters. He hoped that each year would prove better than its predecessors and that when Dr. Forbes came to the chair he would do better than all the Past Masters put together. He also hoped that the Scots Lodge would be one of the best lodges in England or Scotland. He trusted that the whole of the members individually and collectively would work together to attain that end, and even to make the Scots Lodge one of the finest lodges that ever existed in the world.

Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, P.G.C., proposed "The Grand Lodge of Scotland and its Grand Officers." He was sorry he had not been present in the lodge, but he had been engaged in promoting the union of Christendom at Hampstead with Dr. Parker. Speculative Masonry, he believed, was older in Scotland than in England, at any rate they knew very well that the English ritual was composed and written out by a Scots Mason, and ancient Masonry was extremely Scotch. The brethren might remember there were peculiar features in Scots Freemasonry. There was a builder in Scotland and others who were interested in practical Scots Masonry who erected ancient buildings there, and he did not, in fact, think there was any country of the same size as Scotland that had so many ancient buildings. The brethren were sorry to see the ancient buildings the reformers destroyed, which no doubt was a great evil. The present state of Freemasonry in Scotland was extremely satisfactory as there were 700 or so lodges there. He believed also that in our Colonial Dependencies Freemasonry had been greatly promoted by the Scottish brethren who had gone out to the Colonies and had been the most successful of our Colonists. The present Grand Master of Scotland, Sir Charles Dalrymple, whom they all respected, was a very gallant, honourable, and chivalrous political opponent and leader, and the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Saltoun, a Past Master of that lodge, and the Earl of Rosslyn, S.G.W., were all among the best. These were names they all received well, as well as the J.G.W., Major Allan, who was now present, and whom they received with the greatest cordiality, for they all knew his Masonic career. Among the Past Grand Masters he mentioned the name of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, whom they all esteemed and respected, as one of the founders of the lodge. There were also Lord Blythswood, the Earl of Mar and Kellie, and the present Earl of Haddington. What Scotsmen did he believed they always did with their might and main. Although he had not been so much a Scotch Mason, he believed Freemasonry was carried out as well in the north as in the south. In the Scots Lodge of London he thought there was a perfectly right feeling. Scotsmen naturally abided by the laws, political and civil, but, at the same time, he thought the Scots Lodge represented old Scots Masonry in the southern locality. They had taken up their abode at the Scots Corporation Hall, which was very close on the borders of Alsatia—a place known in the time of James the First of England for the first great advent of Scotsmen to London, which was described in "The Fortunes of Nigel," and in Alsatia, in those very early days, they had to take refuge and went thereby going just across Fleet-street. Scotsmen held a different position in London then to what they did now. They were now the most brilliant of their kind, whereas they were formerly the subjects of obloquy. Again, he wished to say the Scots Lodge was a true representative of Scottish Freemasonry in this country, and he hoped the Scots Freemasons who were present would carry home a good report. Among them he might mention Bro. Rev. John Watt, D.D., of St. Andrew's University, and P.G. Chaplain, Scotland, and Bro. John Whitehead, of Aberdeen, the senior Past Master of the Scots Lodge. He coupled the name of Bro. Major Allan with the toast.

Bro. Major Allan, in reply, said he was very pleased to be present at the installation of his old friend as Master of that lodge, and to receive such a hearty welcome. The Grand Lodge of Scotland was doing its very best. Perhaps in many ways it might not be up to the Grand Lodge of England. What they had done in Scotland was very great, but they must not try to do too much at once. Lodges in Scotland had struck against giving a candidate no more than one Degree in one night. He thought that only one Degree should be given in one evening. With regard to the Masonic Charities, the Grand Lodge of Scotland was imitating the Grand Lodge of England. They gave about £1200 a year in annuities of £10, £12, and £20. He wished they could do the same as was done in England. If any of the brethren went to visit the Grand Lodge of Scotland they would find the Scots brethren were not a bad lot. They did what they could for Masonry, and they wanted to raise its tone, and he was glad to be the bearer of a letter from the Grand Secretary of Scotland to the Scots Lodge, London, wishing Bro. Thomson a glorious year of office.

Bros. Dr. Watt of Glasgow, and John Whitehead, Aberdeen, also replied.

Bro. John Whitehead, P.M., replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," said it was seven years that night the lodge was consecrated, and it was a proud moment for him to see around him so many brethren who were there on the consecration occasion. Among them was Major Allan, and now the first initiate of the lodge was I.P.M. He felt more proud to see his son in that position and to have given so much satisfaction when in the chair than of anything else. He sincerely trusted that that son would not be the only son who would fill the chair of that lodge. What the Past Masters had done in the past they would do in the future to raise the dignity of the lodge.

Bros. John Page, P.M., D.C., and D. F. Gellion, P.M., Trustees, also replied.

Bro. Dr. D. M. Forbes, P.M., S.W., proposed "The Visitors," and said: W.M., Wardens, and brother Scots,—The toast that the W.M. has entrusted to me is that of the visitors. It is a most important toast, and I feel highly honoured by being selected to propose it. In the Masonic system of morality, Charity holds the primary place, but hospitality holds also a high position. The Scots Lodge has always at its meetings a goodly display of visiting brothers, and I am pleased to see here to-night so many distinguished brethren of the Craft assembled to partake with us of the social cheer in harmony and brotherhood—

"Pleasures that to the human mind convey
Ideal pictures of the bliss supreme."—*Ferguson.*

Scottish hospitality is well known; indeed, our neighbours and ancient allies, the French, when they wish to describe hospitality in supreme degree describe it as such. But we give the visitors to our feast not only a hearty Scottish, but a hearty Highland welcome. As Robert Burns, whom we are proud to honour on the centenary of his death, so well expresses it—

"When death's dark stream I ferry o'er,
A time that surely shall come,
In Heaven itself I'll ask no more
Than just a Highland welcome."

We trust that in the Grand Lodge above he has received a Highland welcome as hearty as we have endeavoured to give our visitors in this lodge below. I can only add, by drawing your attention to the words, after this toast to the programme—

"Will you no come back again,
Better loved ye canna be,
Will you no come back again."

Brethren,—"The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Cox, P.M., Gray, Dr. Goodchild, and others.

Bro. James Gray, P.M., in the course of his reply to the toast of the visitors, said he had the pleasure the other evening of meeting an old Australian friend, one of his Masonic children, who was on a visit to the old country after 30 years absence. He had been advised not to return to the land of his birth and happy youthful memories as he would find it all changed and the spell of happiest recollections would be broken for ever. Instead of this, however, he found it as dear and attractive as imagination had pictured it, and old friends true and real to receive him with open arms. Bro. Gray said his feelings that night on revisiting the Scots Lodge were very similar, and when he found how the brethren received him so warmly, his heart glowed once more with its old love for the Scots Lodge. He thanked the W.M. very sincerely for giving him the opportunity of being present, and Bro. Dr. Forbes, S.W., for the very kind and enthusiastic manner in which he had proposed the health of the visitors, also the brethren

for the hearty and loyal reception given to the toast. Bro. Dr. Forbes, S.W., had referred most eloquently to Scottish hospitality. As Scotsmen they were proud of this distinguished characteristic of their race, and they might as well thank the sun for shining, their mountain streams for running down to the sea, or even those ebullitions of Scots fervour of his—as thank Scotsmen or the Scots Lodge for hospitality—they can't help it. He most heartily congratulated their new W.M. on his accession to the chair of the Scots Lodge. He had worked long and faithfully in the interests of the lodge, and now as W.M. he was sure Bro. Thomson would make his year of office one to be remembered for conscientious activity and marked progress. No one would conserve all the noblest traditions of Scotsmen and the best interest of Freemasonry more than the present W.M. In fact, Bro. Thomson was nothing at all if not a Scotsman to the backbone, and if that vertebra of his could only be put under the Rongon Rays it would be found to be bristling all over with Scotch thistles and his brain with untranslatable Scotch quotations. He was sure that their new W.M. would zealously maintain and promote the best interests of the Scots Lodge, and hand over to his successor the jewel of his office not only undimmed but brighter than he received it, with the lustre of good work well and faithfully done.

Bros. Dr. Goodchild, Dr. Cox, P.M., Weston, and Whistler likewise responded.

Bro. W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec. 2128, and P.M. 2432, said what he had seen and heard that night had filled him with admiration for the Scottish character. He was much impressed with the clannishness which the Scots carried with them across the border, and which had brought about the present magnificent gathering. He did not see why the Irish should not have their lodge in London. There was a large number of loyal Irishmen settled in London, many of them unattached Masons, and, from what he had heard, he believed they would gladly join a lodge recruited from the Fatherland. He would be only too pleased to take part in founding such a lodge, and Bro. Inderwick, who was present, would also assist in any way possible to help the movement. He would ask the W.M. if the Scots Lodge would help the movement if the M.W.G.M. was asked to grant a charter?

Bro. Thomson, W.M.: Most certainly.

The other toasts were then given and responded to, reels and pipe music following, and the evening ended as usual—all joining hands in "Auld Lang Syne."

In the course of the lodge proceedings a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master.

The music during the evening was of a high order, Bro. Davidson Arnott being well supported by an efficient choir.

THE OLD TROCADERO went the way of all things but in its stead there has been raised a Trocadero which bids fair to altogether eclipse the memories of the old favourite place of amusement. A magnificent restaurant has been raised upon its site, and Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Limited, have succeeded beyond their anticipations in making this the most attractive and comfortable resort of the kind in Europe. A Masonic Temple is included in its many attractions and exceptionally good arrangements are being made for the convenience of lodges. Application for particulars should be made to the proprietors, J. Lyons and Co. Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington.—[ADVT.]

Obituary.

BRO. R. E. FAIRCLOUGH,

whose death we briefly announced in our last issue, was on the 2nd instant apparently in the best of health. He had been out in the afternoon for a short ride on his bicycle, and on his return he asked whether his tea was ready, and then went upstairs to his dressing-room, where his daughter found him, not five minutes after, lying on the floor dead. Death was due to heart failure. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, in 1887, in which he filled the chair, having had a brilliant year of office. He was exalted to Royal Arch Masonry in the Islington Chapter, No. 1471, and was a Life Governor of the three Institutions. He was Preceptor of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, and of the St. Leonard's Lodge of Instruction, No. 1766. He was one of the best of friends and a splendid Mason, and his working of the ritual was perfect. Bro. Fairclough was known to us personally, and we tender our respectful sympathy to his bereaved family and to the members of the Clapton Lodge, who have sustained a very great loss, but his memory cannot be but ever green to them. Bro. Fairclough was Manager of the book-binding department of Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Limited, with whom he had been for upwards of 30 years. The funeral took place on Saturday last, the 8th inst., a special service being held at St. Matthews Church, Clapton, which was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Colbeck, assisted by the Rev. W. Howard Braine, M.A., the latter afterwards officiating at the grave. The cortege then proceeded to Chingford Mount cemetery. The mourners were the children of our deceased brother, Bro. E. Fairclough, W.M. 2155 (brother of the deceased); Bro. E. J. Wickenden, W.M. 1599 (son-in-law of the deceased); Bro. Philip H. Waterlow, P.M. 2090 and 1491, P.Z. 1706, P.G.D. (represented by his private Secretary, Bro. J. W. Miller, P.M. 1491); Bros. J. D. Geddes, W.M. 1365; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec. 1365; C. Luker, P.M. 1365; J. Bunker, 1158; F. Keibell, A. Rusby, J. B. Frost, and R. T. West, 1744. When the gates of the cemetery were reached there was a crowd of upwards of 200, consisting of many of the hands of Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Limited, who were engaged in the department of which Bro. Fairclough was the manager, and members of the Craft, amongst whom were Bros. A. H. Church, W.M. elect, W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas., F. C. Lintott, J.W., T. T. Gethen, J.D., J. Holland, and T. W. Vaughan, all of the Clapton Lodge; Bros. W. Cutchey, P.M.; W. Napper, P.Z. 1471; J. Feistal; A. Stanger, P.M. 12; Ernest Love, S.D. 1509; P. Howell, Leicester, Ives, Davenport, Crisp, Punter, Pearce, S.W. 1524; Bestow, S.W.; Oakley, W.M. 1524; G. Keibell, W.M.; Johnson, Sexton, Friedlander, Willsmer, Matthews, and many others. All the brethren present wore a sprig of acacia, which was afterwards laid upon the coffin. Many handsome wreaths—in all 32—were sent by the sons and daughters of the deceased; Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Wickenden and family; brothers and sisters of the deceased; Bro. Philip H. Waterlow; W.M. and brethren of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365; Islington Chapter, No. 1471; brethren of the Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365; brethren of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524; members of the St. Leonard's Lodge of Instruction, No. 1766; brethren of the Lewis Lodge of Instruction, No. 1185; Mr. and Mrs. Molyneux and family; Mr. and Mrs. Hughes; W. J. and M. Fairclough; Mrs. Thomas Fairclough and family; Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Geddes; Bro. and Mrs. Luker and family; Mrs. Horrocks; Bro. and Mrs. Davenport; Bro. H. D. Howell; workmen of the binding department of Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Limited; the staff at Great Winchester-street and London Wall; fellow managers at the Hill-street branch; managers and staff at Finsbury stationery works; ladies in the folding department; ladies in the vellum sewing department; Mr. Arthur Miller; L. and E. Bird; Mr. and Mrs. Tucker and family; A. Pearce; Mr. and Mrs. Riches; Mr. and Mrs. Greenhill; and Mr. and Mrs. Trayner. The arrangements for the funeral were carried out by Mr. G. R. Moss, of Lower Clapton, in a manner which gave every satisfaction.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, August 22, 1896.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 8.30.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Midway Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridder's Hotel, Highbury, E.C., at 7.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Zonic Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18.

Board of General Purposes, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

RAFT LODGES.

1330, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1095, New Finsbury Park, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-road, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terr. North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

General Committees of Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.

RAFT LODGES.

619, Beadon, Royal Crystal Palace Hotel.
2140, Huguenot, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.3.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross,

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22.**RAFT LODGE.**

1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.
Ebony, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st., W. at 8.

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THE CROWN PRINCESS OF AUSTRIA, the Archduchess Stephanie, has returned to the Hotel Albermarle from visiting the Queen at Osborne.

MR. GLADSTONE, accompanied by Mrs. Wickham and the Rev. Henry Drew, attended a matinee performance of "The Sign of the Cross" at the Royalty Theatre, Chester, on Saturday last, and was most enthusiastically cheered by the audience.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, in his remarks on the operations in which the regular and volunteer troops were engaged on the 7th instant, expressed the pleasure it had given him to note the improvement made by the latter as compared with former years.

IN CONNECTION with the "One and All" Flower Show of the National Co-Operative Festival at the Crystal Palace on the 22nd inst., there will be a unique exhibition of photographs and other illustrations of suburban and rural gardens and scenery.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF SPARTA and Prince Nicholas of Greece, with their suite, arrived at Marlborough House on Saturday last, and in the course of the evening left London, *via* Flushing, for Germany on a visit to the Empress Frederic at Friedrichsruhe.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the National Artillery Association at Shoeburyness was brought to a conclusion last week with the usual distribution of prizes to the winning detachments and the review of the troops by the Commander-in-Chief, Bro. Viscount Wolsley.

TRINITY TERM LAW SITTINGS came to an end on Wednesday, when the judges rose for the Long Vacation. There will be no further general sittings in Court until Saturday, the 24th October, when Michaelmas term commences and the Courts will resume business.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has presented a photograph of himself and a silver medal to Mr. Herbert Palin, who served on board the Osborne during the voyage of his Royal Highness to Bombay some 10 years ago. Mr. Palin is now a member of various local bodies at Portsmouth.

OWING TO THE masses of heavy clouds which obscured the sky the men of science who had gone to Sweden to make observations on the total eclipse of the sun on Sunday last were able to obtain only partial glimpses of the phenomenon, and unfortunately, at the moment of totality the sun was completely obscured.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK has, through the editor of the *Warwick Advertiser*, sent £10 to the Joseph Arch Annuity Fund, with a letter stating that she is anxious to add even such a trifle to the sum being raised on behalf of the man who first taught the agricultural labourer to "see light on the mountain."

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, accompanied by the Duke of York, and attended by Bro. Sir Francis Knollys and Sir C. Cust, arrived at Marlborough House from the Royal yacht Osborne off Cowes on Monday, and in the evening their Royal Highnesses visited the Prince of Wales's Theatre and witnessed a performance of "On the March."

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Royal Botanic Society, Regent's Park, was held on Monday, when it was shown that the receipts exceeded those of the previous year by £857. An endeavour was made to induce the Council to open the Gardens more frequently to the public, but it was decided to leave matters in the hands of the authorities. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Duke of Teck, who is President of the Society.

THE FORCE at Aldershot under the command of the Duke of Connaught has been this week augmented by the addition of 16 battalions of militia—about 10,000 men—who will form the fourth and fifth divisions for the approaching Army manoeuvres. They will not, however, be formed into divisions until the 25th instant, when Lieut.-General Lord William Seymour and Major-General Bro. Lord Methuen will arrive and take up their commands.

THE WIDOW of Lord Tennyson, the late Poet Laureate, died at Aldworth House, Blackdown, near Haslemere, early on Monday morning, from congestion of the lungs. Her ladyship, who was 83 years of age, had been in delicate health for some time past, but no fears were entertained as to her condition until Friday, the 7th instant, when grave symptoms, following upon a recent attack of influenza, set in, and she finally succumbed as stated.

A GARDEN PARTY and Venetian fête were given at Barnes on Saturday afternoon last by the employees of Harrod's Stores, and proved a very great success. The band of the Royal Horse Guards attended, by permission of Col. Brocklehurst, and played a choice selection of music, while the programme, which was a lengthy one, included athletic sports, negro minstrelsy, dancing, a musical ride by lady cyclists, tableaux vivants, &c. The proceeds will be handed over to the fund that is being raised in behalf of Guy's Hospital.

THE CANADIAN VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY, who came over to England to take part in the annual meeting of the National Artillery Association at Shoeburyness, and who had the good fortune to carry off the Queen's Prize, were entertained at dinner by the officers and members of the 3rd Kent Position Volunteer Artillery at their mess, Plumstead, on Monday. Colonel Hudson, of the latter body, presided, and among the guests were Colonel Coles, Captain Forster, and 26 others. The evening passed off most enjoyably. On Tuesday they visited the Bank of England and Newgate Prison, and on Wednesday went to Windsor.

OF THE MATCHES which were brought to a conclusion on Saturday last, that between the Australians and Kent at Canterbury terminated in a decisive victory for the former by 176 runs, the scores being—Australia, 310 and 203; Kent, 196 and 141. In the contest between Gloucestershire and Middlesex, the former won by six wickets, the scores being—Middlesex, 279 and 231; and Gloucestershire, 343 and 170 for four wickets. Essex had no difficulty in beating Surrey, but the matches between Sussex and Somersetshire and Leicestershire and Lancashire were both drawn, Sussex scoring 559 and Somersetshire 476 for six wickets; while Leicestershire made 399 and 63 for four wickets and Lancashire 335.

THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF SALISBURY gave a garden party at their Hertfordshire seat at Hatfield, on Saturday afternoon last, in honour of the Chinese Ambassador and the Archduchess Stephanie of Austria, about 1500 guests being present. Among the members of the house party were the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., Bro. and Mrs. Grenfell, Lord Rowton, Viscount and Viscountess Cranborne, the Earl and Countess of Selborne, Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, Bro. the Marquis of Granby, Lord Waikworth, and Bro. the Hon. Sidney Greville. Among the other guests were Lord James of Hereford, Lord and Lady Iveagh, the Earl of Stamford, Bro. the Earl of Crawford, Bro. the Earl of Londesborough, the Earl and Countess of Romney, Bro. the Earl of Kilmorey, Bro. Lord Glenesk, Lord and Lady Seaton, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, Bro. Sir Dixon and Lady Hartland, Bro. Sir Howard and Lady Vincent, and Lord and Lady Colchester. Previous to his visit to Hatfield, the Chinese Ambassador drove to Trafalgar-square to view the statue erected to the memory of "Chinese" Gordon, and two of his attendants affixed a wreath to the statue, bearing the inscription—"A Soldier and Friend of China. A Tribute of Respect from Li Hung Chang." Subsequently his Excellency drove to St. Paul's Cathedral, where he saw the magnificent cenotaph to Gordon's memory. Here, also, he caused a wreath to be placed as a tribute of respect from him.

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THE BADGE AND CHAIN of office for Bro. (Deputy) R. Hargreaves Rogers, as Sheriff of the City of London, is being manufactured by Messrs. George Kenning and Son, Little Britain, City.

A MILLION more passengers have been carried by the Great Northern Railway during the first six months of the present year than during the corresponding period of 1895.

A NEW CLUB HOUSE, which has just been erected at Plumstead at a cost of some £3500, was opened on Saturday last by Bro. Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P. for the Dartford Division of Kent.

BY THE DEATH of Bro. the Earl of Limerick, the post of Chief Government Whip has become vacant and will be filled by the appointment of Earl Waldegrave, who will be succeeded as second Whip by Bro. Lord Churchill.

BRO. LORD METHUEN, commanding the Home District, has ordered an inspection of the 38 rifle ranges located therein, including several that are in use by the Metropolitan volunteers. The reports are to be sent in by the 1st prox.

WE REGRET to announce that Sir John Everett Millais, Bart., the eminent painter and President of the Royal Academy, died at his town residence at half-past five on Thursday evening. The cause of death was cancer of the larynx.

MR. WILLIAM OPPENHEIM attended last week by special command at Osborne for the purpose of submitting some of the productions of the Royal Dresden China Manufactory for the Princess of Wales's inspection. The Princess was pleased with what were shown her and made several purchases.

THE HEAT throughout the United States is terrible, and on Sunday as many as 71 persons are reported to have died from sunstroke and heat apoplexy in New York and the suburbs, while at least as many more succumbed in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis, and the smaller towns and cities.

WEDNESDAY proved an unpropitious day in Scotland, and consequently there was very little done in the way of sport on the moors on that day. However, some good bags were made on the Bolton moors in Yorkshire belonging to Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, on the Sheffield moors in Derbyshire, and in North Wales.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, left Marlborough House on Tuesday morning for the purpose of paying a visit to Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark at Appleton House, Sandringham. The same day the Duke of York, attended by Sir Charles Cust, left London for Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire, on a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

FURTHER SEVERE FIGHTING has taken place in Matabeleland between the rebels and Sir F. Carrington's forces. Colonel Plumer, who was in command, defeating the enemy after a tough engagement which lasted some hours and in which the Matabeles fought very bravely. Their losses were heavy, amounting to close on 300 killed, including several chiefs, while the British lost five killed and 15 wounded.

LI HUNG CHANG visited the Crystal Palace on Monday, when he was entertained at dinner by the London Committee and Managers of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. After dinner there was a grand display of fireworks, which greatly interested the Ambassador, who frequently expressed his pleasure at what he saw. At the close of the day he returned to Carlton House-terrace.

AMONG THE MINISTERS present at the Cabinet Council, which was held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday, were Bros. A. Akers-Douglas, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. M. H. Long, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart.

A SERIES OF MISHAPS befel the steamers Cardinal Wolsey, Queen Elizabeth, and the Surrey Belle during their trip up the river to Hampton Court on Sunday last. They were well freighted with passengers, and on reaching Kew Bridge had the misfortune to run aground. When there was water enough to float them again they collided with barges and each other, but reached their destination without injury to person or property.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY will be installed as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports at Dover to-morrow (Saturday), and will be accompanied by the Marchioness of Salisbury, Viscountess Cranborne, the Ladies Florence and Gwendoline Cecil, and Lords Edward and Hugh Cecil. The Mayor of Dover has invited the Acting Lord Mayor of London (Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P.), and the Acting Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs to be present, and they have accepted the invitation.

A RACE was sailed under the auspices of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on Wednesday for money prizes amounting in value to £150 and a cup value £300, given by Mr. Whittaker Wright. Meteor (the German Emperor's yacht), Britannia (the Prince of Wales's yacht), Ailsa, Satanita, Caress, Isolde, and Corsair entered, and in the result Meteor proved an easy winner, Caress taking second prize on her time allowance.

THE MATCH BETWEEN Notts and Kent terminated in a draw. Notts went first to the wicket on Monday and completed the handsome score of 430, in which were included 172 by Shrewsbury and 127 by A. O. Jones. Kent pluckily responded with 337, towards which Mr. J. M. Mason contributed 131, and A. Hearne, who had to retire hurt, 51. Notts on their second venture scored 102 for seven wickets and then declared the innings closed. Kent then went in and had made 94 for two wickets when stumps had to be drawn and the match ended, as we have said, in a draw.

LI HUNG CHANG during the present week has visited the Bank of England and the Post Office, at the former of which he was received by the Governor and Directors, while at the latter H.M.'s Postmaster-General, the Duke of Norfolk, did the honours of the meeting. At both places his Excellency exhibited the greatest interest, and at the Bank of England, in particular, he entered into a very animated conversation with the Governor and others who were present. In the afternoon he was received at the Fishmongers' Hall by the London Chamber of Commerce and its East India and China Trade Section. Among the presentations made to his Excellency was Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P., the *locum tenens* of the Lord Mayor.

THE THIRD MATCH between the Australians and England was brought to a conclusion on Wednesday, England proving victorious by 66 runs. The scores were small, those of England amounting to 145 and 84, while the Colonials put together 119 in their first and only 44 in their second innings. Vast crowds attended the Oval in order to witness the play, and at the close the cheers for the English team were most enthusiastic. It was entirely a bowler's match, and Trumble, Giffen, and McKibbin for the Australians, and Hearne and Peel for England did tremendous execution, Hearne securing in all 10 wickets and Peel eight, and Trumble 12 wickets, McKibbin five, and Giffen two. In the two previous matches, played at Lord's and Manchester respectively, the honours were equally divided, England winning at Lord's by six wickets and the Colonials at Manchester by three.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. J. M. McLEOD.

It will be within the recollection of our readers that on his appointment to Grand Lodge Office last April, our Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., was presented by some of his friends with a complete suit of Grand Lodge and Chapter clothing at a complimentary dinner given in his honour on May 9th. Although the subscribers to the testimonial were specially limited, when accounts were audited it was found that the indefatigable Bro. James Stephens had so carefully and skilfully managed the business that a balance was left. It was generally felt by those who attended the dinner that this should be handed to Mrs. McLeod to purchase for herself a little memento of the occasion.

Recently a few friends (including the Auditors, Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., and H. J. Lardner) foregathered at the Frascati and there presented a surprise packet to Mrs. McLeod in the shape of a cheque for the balance of the fund, which we understand our Secretary's wife intends to expend upon a reliable timekeeper to mark the early and late attendance of her husband at the many lodges he visits in the performance of his duties.

Thus closed an interesting event, and we can only add a wish that the watch may mark good time for many years and ever remind Mrs. McLeod of the esteem in which her husband is held.