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THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

There are few Provinces, more especially among those of recent constitution, that have fared as prosperously as that of Middlesex. In 1869, the few outlying lodges, to the number of nine or 10, in the extra-Metropolitan portions of the county were grouped together and placed in charge of the late Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT as Prov. Grand Master, and during the 23 years' presidency of that most genial and popular chief those few lodges so increased and multiplied that when his death occurred in the spring of 1892, the Province of only nine or 10 lodges had become one of 40. Since then further progress has been made, not, it may be, so much in the way of additional lodges, as in strengthening and confirming those already established. In Royal Arch Masonry similar progress has been made, the three chapters in existence in 1871, when Sir FRANCIS BURDETT was appointed Grand Superintendent, having grown to 13; while in the Mark Degree, the progress is not perhaps quite so apparent in consequence of Middlesex having been incorporated with Surrey as one Province under Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, while since his death, not only have the two counties been formed into separate Provinces, but the Metropolitan district has been changed from one of uncertain strength to one covering a given area, with a fixed radius from Mark Masons' Hall. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that during the past year, when, not for the first time in its history, it bore a leading part in our Festival celebration, its proceedings should have been more than usually brilliant. The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Harrow, on the 27th June, under the auspices of Bro. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., Prov. G. Master, and the reports that were then submitted, as well as the proceedings generally, testified to the fact that in no previous year of its existence had the Province of Middlesex fared so prosperously as in that of 1895-6. In the first place, it had supported its distinguished chief as Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February by raising for that Charity a total of contributions amounting to no less than £3726, and in commemoration of that event, Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, attended the meeting in question, and presented an illuminated address of thanks to his lordship in recognition of his services. But this, though the most noteworthy event of the past year, and one that marks it as the most memorable epoch in the annals of the Province, was not the only presentation that was then made. Bro. HOWARD H. ROOM, who has been Prov. G. Secretary for the past seven or

eight years, and who, last year, was appointed G. Std. Br. of England, was presented with a gold watch to mark the valuable services he had rendered to the Province during his tenure of the Secretaryship. The watch was purchased with the balance of the fund raised for the purpose of presenting him with his Grand Lodge clothing, and in handing it to him, the Prov. Grand Master spoke in terms of the highest encomium of the able manner in which Bro. ROOM had carried out the duties of his office. Additional evidence was also forthcoming as to the success of the past year, the report of the Auditors showing that a very considerable balance remained in hand after meeting all liabilities, while the Provincial Charity Committee were able to announce that the candidates from the Province for the benefits of the Masonic Institutions had one and all been fortunate enough to secure their election. Thus the congratulations exchanged between the Province and its chief at this meeting were amply justified by the circumstances. A week later the annual convocation of Prov. G. Chapter took place at Hampton Court and the reports that were then submitted and adopted, all testified to the prosperity of the Royal Arch during the past year, the only drawback to the pleasure of the gathering being the unavoidable absence of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, the success of whose administration during his two years of office was the subject of eulogistic comment by Comp. THRUPP, who, as Prov. G.H., presided in his lordship's absence. As regards Mark Masonry in Middlesex, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Holloway-road on the 23rd July, when advantage was taken of the opportunity afforded by so numerous a gathering to consecrate an additional lodge—the St. Pancras, No. 494—with Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, an old and experienced Mark Mason, as first Worshipful Master. The number of lodges previously on the roll was 10, and as in the course of one of his speeches, Bro. Colonel A. B. COOK, Provincial Grand Master, was able to announce that application had been made to him for permission to found another new lodge, it follows that before another year has passed the muster-roll of the Province will comprise a dozen lodges, all well furnished with members and in a prosperous state as regards their funds. Thus in the Mark, as well as in the Craft and Royal Arch, the past year has been one of progress, and we trust that evidence may always be forthcoming at future annual meetings that the degree of prosperity to which Middlesex has attained has been upheld, if not surpassed. We congratulate the brethren on the unprecedented success of the year 1895-6.

PERPETUAL JURISDICTION.

In more than one previous article we have taken occasion to express a strong objection to the monstrous dogma which finds favour with some of the Grand Lodges in the United States, and is known as that of "Perpetual Jurisdiction." But the subject has been again brought to our notice on reading a review in the *Voice of Masonry* for the current month of the proceedings at the 75th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which was held in the City of Indianapolis on the 26th and 27th May last. From this we gather that there is a complete concurrence of opinion on the part of the Grand Master of the said Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge itself, and the compiler of its Report on Foreign Correspondence—Bro. WILLIAM COMMONS—as to the absurdity of this dogma. We are not acquainted with the precise circumstances of the par-

ticular case which has educed from these authorities so strong a declaration against the claim of any Grand Lodge to exercise this so-called "Perpetual Jurisdiction." We learn, however, that it is none other than the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or rather, its Grand Master, which has thus excited the anger of the Indiana authorities. The first in priority of time to raise his voice against the doctrine was Bro. EDWARD O'ROURKE, M.W.G. Master, who, in his address at the before-mentioned annual meeting, is reported by our contemporary to have "severely censured the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania for rigidly adhering to the dogma of perpetual jurisdiction, and inflexibly enforcing it," pointing out that if any Indiana brother should chance to be within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and while there should express a desire to visit one of its lodges, it would avail him nothing that he was "a Mason in good standing" in the jurisdiction of his own Grand Lodge, and could "prove himself such by the testimony that as in the faithful breast of every bright Mason," if at any period of his life he had had the misfortune to have had "his life poisoned by the virus of rejection of a Pennsylvania lodge." We are then told that the Grand Master was sustained by his Grand Lodge "in censuring the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania for issuing an edict against a Craftsman who was lawfully made a Mason in Indiana, but who had petitioned a lodge in Pennsylvania, and been rejected." This censure was expressed in the following terms: "That any Grand Lodge can acquire extra-jurisdictional authority is a principle that cannot be sustained by any system of equity or by any code of Masonic law. The doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates is held only by a minority of the Grand Lodges of the United States and by no Grand Lodge outside of the United States. It is un-Masonic, uncharitable, unconstitutional, wrong in theory, and pernicious in action." The edict was further denounced "as the act of the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and his act alone," and resolutions having been adopted in accordance with its censure, the Grand Lodge left it to the Grand Master to take such steps as his judgment might dictate. And, by way of strengthening the language of the Grand Lodge of Indiana—which was in itself sufficiently strong—our worthy contemporary proceeds to ask the following pertinent questions: "How can a lodge that rejects material—casts it out and away—justly claim to perpetually own and control it? Can a woman reject a lover and for ever after own and control him? Can a man forfeit a friendship and yet for ever possess it? Can a Mason dimitt from his lodge and still possess all the rights and privileges therein?" and it adds: "The truth is there is neither reason nor logic in claiming perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, and the Grand Lodge of New York is right in limiting the jurisdiction to 12 months." As for Bro. WILLIAM COMMONS, in his report on Correspondence, after recognising "the injustice of the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction" and pronouncing it to be "un-Masonic and pernicious," he cites the following case, which might very well happen in any jurisdiction: "A lodge is denied the right to work material which it deems worthy—a man who, as boy and man, had lived within its jurisdiction continuously for 40 years—because he had been rejected by a lodge in another State five years before the lodge which now desires to work him was chartered." Bro. COMMONS adds: "The rule is unjust and in direct opposition to the spirit of Masonic equity, which should allow every lodge to be the conservator of Masonry within its own jurisdiction. The rule of perpetual jurisdiction is too often one of perpetual disqualification."

We fully concur with the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, and Grand Reporter on Foreign Correspondence of Indiana in their unanimous censure of so ridiculous a dogma. Indeed, we have more than once denounced it in unmeasured terms in these columns, and are pleased to find that our denunciations are equalled, if not surpassed, by the condemnation of the Indiana authorities. Why any body of sensible men should go out of their way to lay down so monstrous a proposition as that a lodge which has once rejected a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry has jurisdiction over him ever afterwards puzzles us amazingly, and we sincerely hope that Bro. COMMONS is right when he declares that "it is only a question of time when the dogma of perpetual jurisdiction will be wholly discarded." We do not mind how soon that time comes.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, M.P., AS PROV. GRAND MASTER.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Exeter, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, was marked by the installation of Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., as Prov. Grand Master. The retiring Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Viscount Ebrington, was accompanied on the dais by the following members of Grand Lodge: Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Rev. H. G. Morse, P.G.C.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; W. G. Rogers, P.G.D.; E. D. Anderton, P.G. Sec. Cornwall, J.G.D.; R. Else, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Somersat; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Rev. W. Whitley, P.G.D.; G. C. Davie, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Devon; John Lane, P.A.G.D.C.; and J. Elliott, P.G.D.M. Barbadoes.

The Prov. Grand Officers were Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., as Prov. S.G.W.; Commander Quinn, P.J.G.W.; Rev. Preb. Smith and Rev. E. C. Atherton, P.G. Chaps.; W. F. Quicke, P.G. Treas.; W. A. Roberts, P.G. Reg.; J. Brewer, P.G. Sec.; G. Hawken, P.S.G.D.; E. W. Locke, P.S.G.D.; J. Orchard, P.J.G.D.; H. R. Grover, P.J.G.D.; G. Hooper, P.G.S. of W.; J. R. Lord, P.G.D.C.; J. Cole, P.D.G.D.C.; T. W. Atherton, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Pollard, P.A.G.D.C.; H. J. Barter, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Carter, P.G.S.B.; F. Orchard and W. Edwards, P.G. Std. Brs.; J. T. Gardner, P.G. Org.; R. Harper, P.A.G. Sec.; H. W. Pengelly, P.G.P.; Ellis, P.A.G.P.; A. W. Spinney, H. Roberts, T. Kerslake, E. Chapple, W. Lavers, and J. Taylor, P.G. Stewards; and H. Shooter, P.G. Tyler.

The first business was the installation of Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., as Prov. Grand Master.

The P.G.D.C., Bro. J. R. LORD, presented the patent of appointment of Sir Stafford by the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Installing Master, having examined the patent, directed a deputation consisting of the Worshipful Masters of the seven senior lodges of the province to retire with the P.G.D.C., and introduce the Prov. Grand Master designate.

The patent of the appointment was then read by the PROV. GRAND REGISTRAR, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with in ancient form.

The Prov. Grand Master having been proclaimed, an address, signed by the Worshipful Masters of the lodges in the province to the new Prov. Grand Master was then presented by the D.P.G.M., Bro. G. C. Davie.

Bro. DAVIE said they all offered Sir Stafford Northcote a hearty welcome among them. (Applause.) His name was a household word in Devonshire. In the ruling of that province he (Bro. Davie) felt sure the new P.G.M. would follow in the traditions of his predecessors, and that the position that province had always taken in Masonry would be retained. (Applause.) For the last 17 or 18 years the province had been ruled by one who, he was sure, had obtained the respect and love of all Masons in that province. (Applause.) Although in Masonry, as in other spheres, they were apt to worship the rising sun, he ventured to say they would never forget their outgoing Prov. Grand Master, and were most happy to see him occupying once more the place which he had worthily filled for so many years. (Applause.) In conclusion, Bro. Davie read the address.

The newly-installed PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in reply, said it was with feelings of the deepest heartiness that he rose to thank them for that striking proof of the kindly feelings they were good enough to entertain towards him. He assured them the address just read would be valued by himself throughout the rest of his life, and would be a cherished memento of a day of which he had such good reason to be proud. He felt that in taking up that position his only hope of being able to discharge its duties to the satisfaction of the brethren lay in the expectation that the brethren throughout the province would extend towards him a feeling of indulgence and co-operation. It gave him great pleasure to hear the words in which Bro. Davie referred to their old friend, the out-going Provincial Grand Master. (Applause.) He felt particularly diffident in attempting to fill the place of one who had so long and so ably discharged the duties of the office. His predecessor had many advantages he (Sir Stafford) did not possess. One was that Lord Ebrington was habitually resident in that province. That, unfortunately, he (Sir Stafford) was not. However, he lived in close proximity to the head-quarters of Masonry in England, and he thought that possibly for that reason he might be the better able in some respects to promote the welfare of the Craft, and he should at all times be at the disposal of the interests of Freemasonry in Devonshire. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proceeded to instal and invest his Deputy, observing that he was very pleased that Bro. G. C. Davie had consented again to fill that office.

An address from the lodges of Exeter was then presented to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, thanking him for his oration at the recent opening of new premises at Exeter and for his services to Freemasonry. The address was presented and read by the W.M. of St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39.

The reports were then presented.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY reported the total number of members in the province as 3318.

Bro. QUICKE, Prov. G. Treas., presented a balance-sheet, which showed that the balance in hand at the beginning of the year was £261 and at the end of the year £282.

The report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund was to the effect that the number of annuitants had increased from nine to 11.

Bro. GOVER presented the report of the Committee of Petitions.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then made a presentation to Bro. the Rev. W. Whitley, in recognition of his services as representative of the Committee of Petitions in London. Bro. Davie said it was not too much to say that the high position which the province had held now for some years in connection with the Charities was entirely due to the care, and energy, and judgment of Bro. Whitley. His labour had placed them in the position they then held, and the brethren belonging to the Committee of Petitions thought that his giving over the hard work of that office to Bro. Westlake was a suitable opportunity for making a presentation to Bro.

Whitley for his services, and they had asked him to hand to Bro. Whitley a silver salver as a small souvenir of the respect they felt for him and their appreciation of his services. (Applause.)

Bro. WHITLEY said he need hardly say that token of their esteem was very gratifying to himself, and he believed it would be still more gratifying, if that were possible, to his two sons who were present. (Applause.) He could assure them that the interests of the province would ever continue to be very near his heart. (Applause.)

Bro. R. BIRD proposed the election of Bro. Roseveare, J.P., C.C., as Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Roseveare, he said, was a member of Lodge Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport, and had passed through the chair of his lodge 24 years ago.

Bros. STANBURY and FULFORD seconded and supported the motion, further commending Bro. Roseveare, as, by his Masonic, commercial, and social standing, admirably fitted to fill the office.

No other name was proposed, and Bro. Roseveare was unanimously elected. Bros. Lord and Cornish were appointed Auditors.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed his officers as follows:

Bro. G. C. Davie, 251	...	...	Dep. P.G.M.
" M. Fortescue, 494	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" F. B. Westlake, 70	...	...
" Rev. F. C. Lewis, 1486	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Sullivan, R.N., 1099	...	...
" E. Roseveare, 1099	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Taylor, 1402	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Stocker, 36	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. R. H. Grumbly, 1158	...	...
" W. Luxmore Jones, 112	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" J. F. Elburton, 1125	...	...
" C. G. Withell, 2025	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" H. Jerman, 39	...	...
" J. R. Lord, 1247	...	...	Prov. S.G. of W.
" C. H. Fulford, 1254	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. W. Spiney, 105	...	...
" E. Chapple, 797	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" Captain Lindsay Lloyd, 2258	...	...
" T. Kerslake, 282	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Wallis, 1255	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" F. Luget, 39	...	...
" J. F. Allingham, 954	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Brutton, 372	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. T. Walters, 1099	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. J. Hadnafford, 223	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" F. S. Sprague, 1332	...	...
" W. Mountjoy, 421	...	...
" W. H. Perry, 106	...	...	Prov. G. Stds.
" G. W. Folley, 1855	...	...
" A. H. Whiddon, 1212	...	...
" H. Shooter, 112	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren upon whom Past Prov. Grand rank has been conferred to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England were—Bros. Frederick Day, 421, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Warren, 1254, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Whitley, 156, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Harper, 251, P.P.J.G.D.; and R. P. Culley, 1247, P.P.G.D.C.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER moved a resolution to the effect that the lodge expressed its deep regret at the retirement of Lord Ebrington, its warm appreciation of his services, and its desire to record that regret and appreciation in the minutes of the lodge.

The motion having been agreed to, Bro. Lord EBRINGTON said he thanked them very much for the hearty and unanimous way in which they had adopted the resolution. He expressed his acknowledgments to the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. for the kind manner in which they had spoken of his services. He also thanked all those over whom he had ruled for the last 17 years for their hearty and loyal support, especially those officers who had assisted him so unselfishly and ungrudgingly. He was greatly gratified at the choice the Grand Master had made of his successor. Devonshire was a province of which any man might be proud, and the province might well be proud of its Grand Master. (Applause.)

The lodge was then closed, and the banquet was served at the Royal Public Rooms.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual festival of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the Fareham Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon, the 11th instant, under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas. Eng.; E. Goble, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; Francis Newman, G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; and many Present and Past Prov. G. Officers.

The roll of lodges was called, and the Prov. Grand Lodge opened with the usual ceremonies.

After the preliminaries had been gone through and the minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Winchester on August 9th, 1895, had been read and confirmed, the accounts of the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. John W. Gieve, J.P., which had been examined and compared with the vouchers and found correct by the Auditors, Bros. J. Maling, W.M. 903, and G. E. Stares, W.M. 1069, were submitted. The receipts, including a balance brought forward from last year of £228 5s., amounted to £737 5s. 10d. The payments to the Masonic Charities amounted to £105 and grants to £171 5s.; and the balances at the National Provincial Bank of England, Portsea, were—current account, £122 18s. 1d.; deposit, £200.

The accounts were passed, and the re-election of Bro. Gieve to the Prov. G. Treasurership was moved and seconded in highly eulogistic terms and carried by acclamation.

The summarised report of the proceedings of the Prov. Grand Lodge Committee showed that one boy and one girl had been elected into the

respective Masonic schools since the preceding meeting, that one aged brother, four widows of Freemasons, and two families of orphan children of deceased brothers had been relieved with a total sum of £171 5s. The returns for the year ended December 31st, 1895, showed the total number of subscribing members in the province to be 3614, an increase of 111 on the previous year. The assets of the province amount to £1538 15s. 11d., while the liabilities are nil.

The Audit Committee was appointed, and after other business had been transacted the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, in the following order:

Bro. Sir Augustus Webster, Bart., 1373	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. W. Haydon, 309	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. J. Ashmall, 130	...	...
" Rev. R. W. Wilberforce, 342	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" J. W. Gieve, 309 (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Gillman, 257	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Edgar Goble, 309	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. A. Johns, 132	...	...
" R. C. W. Dixon, 1112	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" C. Hodges, 2158	...	...
" G. Backler, 1903	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" L. Colenutt, 1884	...	...
" J. H. Wavell	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. Taylor, 1705	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. Brown, 359	...	...	Prov. Dep. G.D.C.
" J. Howarth, 1776	...	...
" W. R. Matthews, 76	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" D. Wilkins, 1331	...	...
" W. Stewart, 1428	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. Fellows, 35	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. F. King, 1883	...	...
" G. F. Lancaster, 903	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Perry, 2169	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. G. Gammon, 928	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" C. Reader, 309	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. Cox, 2016	...	...
" G. E. Stares, 1069	...	...
" C. Sweetman, 175	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. E. Duck, 1834	...	...
" J. Maling, 903	...	...
" J. Exell, 487	...	...	Prov. G. Ty'er.

This being the 21st year of office of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order, Prov. Grand Masters have been given the power of appointing Past Officers. The following were consequently added to the list given above: Bros. L. Steele, 359, P.P.S.G.W.; S. R. Ellis, 342, P.P.J.G.W.; J. J. Bascombe, 804, A. Howell, 1834, and James Jenkins, 487, P.P.G.Ds.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, D.P.G.M., was re-appointed the representative of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight on the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will celebrate its centenary two years hence.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER adverted to the loss which the province had sustained through the death, from having been thrown from his horse, of the outgoing Prov. J.G.W., Bro. Arthur Lamb. He was a most enthusiastic Freemason, and took a great interest in his lodge, of which he was a P.M. and Secretary. He moved a vote of condolence with his bereaved relatives, which was seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, and agreed to in silence.

A letter was read from the Province of North and East Yorkshire, objecting to the proposed removal of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys from Wood Green, and to the contemplated expenditure.

Bro. R. EVE, Past G. Treas. England, and Chairman of the Board of Management, explained the action which had been taken, and a vote of confidence in the Board was carried *unanimously*.

After the Prov. Grand Lodge had been closed, an adjournment took place to the Red Lion Hotel, where a banquet was served.

The P.G.M. presided, and the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Health of Bro. Beach" being received with great enthusiasm.

THE FAMILY OF GRAND LODGES.

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

While the settlement of the "New Zealand Question" is progressing, let us hope to a satisfactory and equitable conclusion, the occasion may not be inopportune to survey the conditions under which newly-constituted Grand Lodges are accorded recognition as sovereign Masonic powers, by the other governing bodies of the Craft, in the British Isles, in Germany, and in North America respectively.

Under the Grand Lodge of England, and the same will probably hold good with respect to the sister jurisdictions of Ireland and Scotland, there are no hard and fast rules for the recognition of new Masonic powers, but the stream of precedent tends to show, that sooner or later, the "regularity" of every newly-erected governing body of Symbolical Masonry which controls a majority of the tributary lodges within the jurisdiction, is destined to be acknowledged by the three earliest of Grand Lodges.

Not, however, that this step would carry with it the stamp of "irregularity" as relating to the continued existence of any minority of lodges, large or small, which might decline to affiliate with the new organisation. The status of these would remain unimpaired by the act of the majority, and no pressure would be applied by either of the aforesaid Grand Lodges (I speak with certainty in the case of England, and from reasonable conviction with regard to the other two) to induce a subordinate to detach itself from the minority.

The usage in America is as follows: Every State or distinct territory is regarded as Missionary (or unoccupied) ground where, in the absence of a Grand Lodge, any Grand Lodge may establish lodges. But directly a local Grand Lodge is regularly inaugurated (though the question of law-

ful constitution remains a very open one) all the lodges which stand out and decline to join in the movement become "irregular." If, for example, out of 99 lodges, 50 were to erect a Grand Lodge, the other 49 would have to fall into line, or a forfeiture of their charters, if derived from American sources, would be the inevitable result.

I believe, also, that if out of the same number of lodges (99), three at least, unite in the formation of a Grand Lodge, and 47 others ultimately join it, making a total of 50, the 49 who stand aloof incur precisely the same loss of status as in the previous example.

Some authorities, indeed, go so far as to maintain that if three out of 99 lodges assemble and erect a Grand Lodge, there remaining 96 become "irregular." This, of course, is a monstrous doctrine, but must be mentioned because the principle or idea that a small minority of the lodges may form a Grand Lodge, and force the other lodges into it against their will, or drive them out of existence, was upheld by several Grand Lodges of the United States, in the case of the Grand Lodge of Victoria (Australia) in 1883, on which occasion 16 lodges, with an estimated membership of about 840, calmly transformed themselves into the governing body of a territory containing 95 lodges, and a membership of five thousand!

The dogma of Exclusive Jurisdiction fails, however, to recommend itself in any way to the German mind. Each of the eight Grand Lodges of Germany can grant (in effect) a warrant of constitution to brethren residing in any corner of it. Nor, indeed, would any protest be made on their part, as we may infer from Bro. Greiner's excellent article on "The Masonic Customs of the Fatherland," which appears in the *Transactions* of No. 2076 (ix. part II.), were any foreign Grand Lodge, in good standing, to erect lodges in the German Empire. The seats of the three largest Grand Lodges are at Berlin. All foreign relations are controlled by the Grand Lodge League of Germany, which consists of representatives of the eight Grand Lodges. This body decided some years ago that it would recognise any of the coloured or negro Grand Lodges in America, which had been lawfully founded and conducted according to Masonic principles; also that the members of such lodges might visit the German lodges.

The British, American, and German Grand Lodges differ, indeed, in a much larger number of points than I can find space to particularise in this article, not only with respect to the regularity with which a governing body of symbolical Masonry may have been established, but also in regard to the legitimacy of the Masonry which is practised under its banner.

From the point of view of the moulders of Masonic opinion in the U.S.A., or, in other words, of the Reporters on Correspondence in that country, the Conflict of Laws in regard to the "regularity" of Grand Lodges, and the legitimacy of the work performed by their subordinates, is at the present moment being very exhaustively debated. The event which has given rise to the discussion, is the claim advanced by the Gran Dieta Simbolica of Mexico to be received into the Family of Grand Lodges. The literature on the subject is of a very extensive character, but the interest evoked by the extraordinary proceedings of the Gran Dieta shows no sign of abating, and has, indeed, been greatly heightened in consequence of a recent visit by Bro. T. S. Parvin, the much-respected Grand Secretary of Iowa, to the Republic of Mexico.

A special article by this worthy and distinguished brother, headed "Mexican Masonry," forms a portion of the *Transactions* of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1896, and will presently be referred to more particularly, but a few preliminary words are essential, in order that the subject, in its latest phase, may be rendered familiar to those readers of the *Freemason* who may approach its study for the first time.

The story of the introduction of Masonry into Mexico has become very ancient history. It was originally planted there, early in the present century, by the so-called "Scottish Rite" (A. and A.S.R.), and afterwards lodges were established by Grand Lodges of the U.S.A. The adherents of one system were styled *Escoceses*, and of the other *Yorkinos*. Both titles passed into common use, denoting in the former case the aristocracy, and in the latter the reformers. Indeed, except by writers of the Craft, the Masonic origin of these terms seems to have passed into oblivion. Lieutenant Hardy, R.N., in his "*Travels in the Interior of Mexico*" in 1825, 1826, 1827, and 1828, observes—"During my sojourn in Mexico there existed two parties—one calling itself 'Yorkino,' the other 'Escocese.' It may be said that the influence of both parties has been most baneful, although not in an equal degree. The Yorkino party, after having destroyed that of the Escoceses, and being composed of materials which could not hold together, recently split into two; one being named Yorkinos moderados; the other, Yorkinos exaltados." (p. 519).

A debased form, or rather a travesty of Masonry next sprang up, called the Mexican National Rite—and, passing over a long series of years, the thread of the story may be resumed in 1860, after a Supreme Council, 33°, was established at Mexico City by authority of the Supreme Council, U.S.A., Southern Jurisdiction.

Soon afterwards there was a schism, and a Supreme Grand Orient of the (so-called) Scottish Rite was organised by the seceders. Both factions went on erecting Craft lodges in the Republic, and the voluntary union of these lodges—established indiscriminately by each of the two powers—gave birth to Grand Lodges in a number of the States. The Grand Lodges thus constituted assumed the title of "Free and Accepted Masons," asserted their independence of the two parent bodies (the Supreme Council and the Grand Orient), and claimed to be the Sovereign Masonic Powers within their respective State or Territorial limits, on the plan of the several Grand Lodges of the U.S.A.

Meanwhile, in 1883, the Grand Lodge of Missouri granted a charter for the establishment, in the City of Mexico, of Toltec Lodge, No. 520.

At the close of 1889 the preliminaries took place which resulted in the formation of the Gran Dieta Simbolica, but an extract from a letter written by the late Albert Pike, G. Commander Supreme Council, 33°, U.S.A., Southern Jurisdiction, to Dr. Ignacio Pombo, Sov. G. Commander Supreme Council of Mexico, on August 6th in the same year, will prepare the reader to some extent, for a surprising innovation upon the established Masonic forms, which became for a time—if, indeed, the practice is yet extinct—a leading characteristic of what has been lately passing under the name of Freemasonry in the Mexican Republic.

Albert Pike, to Ignacio Pombo, August 6th, 1889:—

"Your second question is,—Puede una Logia de Perfection, admitir en su seno, y conferirle los Grados del 4° al 14°, a la primera Doctora en Medicina, y que recibio los Grados Azules, en una Logia Simbolica?—If this means 'can a Lodge of Perfection confer its Degrees on a woman, who has obtained the Blue Degrees in a Symbolic Lodge?'—I think the answer ought to be that a woman cannot lawfully receive the Blue Degrees any-

where; and if a lodge so far forgets itself as to give them to a woman, she cannot be recognised as a Mason by a Lodge of Perfection." (*Off Bull.* X. 110).

To slightly anticipate, the lady above referred to, Dr. Matilda Montoya, the only female physician who ever graduated from a Mexican College, we shall next meet with, under the symbolic name of Clio, as W.M. of Lodge No. 27, on the roll of the Gran Dieta Simbolica.

On December 24th, 1889, "at the Valley of Mexico," the Supreme Council 33° relinquished all claim of jurisdiction over the first three Degrees and the Supreme Grand Orient of the Scottish Rite, together with several of the State Grand Lodges, voluntarily went out of existence in order that they might re-organise under one supreme governing body. This took place in February, 1890 and resulted in the foundation of the Gran Dieta Simbolica, with General Diaz, President of the Republic, as Grand Master, and Dr. Ermilio Canton, as Grand Secretary General.

The Gran Dieta has since claimed to be the supreme governing power (of Symbolical Masonry) for the whole Republic. There are State Grand Lodges, but all charters for subordinate lodges are issued by the Gran Dieta.

The next event of importance was the *Treaty of Monterey*, a provisional agreement for mutual recognition between the Gran Dieta of Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Texas, executed October 26th, and confirmed by the latter body (on the recommendation of its Grand Master, Bro. G. W. Tyler) December 8th, 1891. This proceeding engaged the attention of the Grand Lodge of Missouri which, at its annual meeting held October 11th, 1892, appointed a Committee of three to report in the following October as to the propriety of withdrawing the charter of Toltec Lodge, No. 520.

The next link in the chain of events was a powerful appeal by Toltec Lodge, No. 520, against its threatened doom. It took the form of a circular letter, dated March 31st, 1893, was signed by the W.M., Bro. Richard E. Schism, and bore the title of *An Inside View of Mexican Masonry*. The writer, *inter alia*, alleged that the lodges under the Gran Dieta admitted women, excluded the Bible, and meddled in politics. He objected also to the legitimacy of the act by which the Gran Dieta was ushered into existence, denying that there had been any convention of Masons, and affirming that the new body was a mere creation of the Supreme Council 33°.

The "Treaty of Monterey" was referred to by Bro. Chism in language that will bear repeating, as the opinion he expressed of that ill-advised compact, in 1893,—must be entertained by most sensible persons who are at all acquainted with the circumstances of the case, in 1896. He observes: "It is impossible to believe that the Grand Master of Texas, or any York Rite Mason, would condone the absence of the Bible, the admission of women to Masonry, the obligations without penalties, and the many other differences of secret work that would have been evident upon the slightest inquiry into that branch of the subject. The only conclusion from this is, that no examination whatever was held of the secret work of the Gran Dieta; that that body was supposed to be legitimate only from the fact of calling itself so, and that ordinary caution was entirely lost sight of in the whole transaction. This being the case, it seems to us that the Grand Lodge of Texas has received this whole Mexican Rite into its fellowship with less precautions than are usually taken in allowing a single strange Mason to visit a lodge."

The events so far related formed the subject of an article which I wrote for the *Transactions* of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge in 1893 (vi., 133), after which I received a variety of communications, both written and printed, from Bros. C. H. M. y. Agramonte, Richard E. Chism, and Ermilio G. Canton, all of whom are (or were) residing in the city of Mexico.

Bro. Agramonte, who has largely posed as champion of the orthodoxy of the Gran Dieta, denied, in the most positive manner, the presence of women in lodges, except in those, similar to the Eastern Star, which exist in Mexico.

Bro. Ermilio Canton, G. Sec. Gen. of the Gran Dieta, sent me many numbers of the *Boletin Masonico*, the organ of that body, and in the issue for August, 1893, I found a notice of my own article, from the pen of Bro. Guillermo Butze, which was a carefully-written answer (and semi-official) to the strange practices imputed to the lodges under the Gran Dieta.

The absence of the Bible and the omission of any Oath are not denied. It is admitted that there is a Lodge of Adoption, to which about 20 ladies belong, also that there is an Eastern Star Order, which came from the United States in 1848. But that women are ever present in *real* (or regular) lodges is emphatically contradicted—a statement which it will be well to bear in mind, as illustrating the amount of credit we can afford to give to utterances, either by, or on the part of, the officials of the Gran Dieta, when we reach that stage of the narrative where proof is afforded that women were permitted to be made Masons in the ordinary lodges, with the express sanction of the governing Masonic body. From Bro. Chism I received a copy of the *Boletin Masonico* for January, 1893, and on the second, third, and fourth pages of the outside cover, appears a list of the Grand and subordinate Lodges under the obedience of the Gran Dieta. The Grand Lodges, of which there are 17, head the roll, and the first one of all is described as

"Gr. Log. Valle de Mexico, No. 1, Mexico, Distrito Federal."

Next follow, in *numerical order*, under the heading of "Logias Simbolicas," the names of 205 lodges, from which I extract the following:

"Log. Maria Alarcon de Mateos num. 27, Mexico Distrito Federal.

"Marta Washington num. 156, San Luis Potosi: Sra. Josephine J. Rivera de Parvin.

"Josefa C. de Canton num. 158, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas: Sra. Hilaria Quintana de Gonzalez."

At page 117 of the same publication a list is given of the newly-elected officers of the Grand Lodge of the Valley of Mexico, No. 1. The G.M. is Ermilio G. Canton (G. Sec. Gen. of the Gran Dieta), and among the other office-bearers are: Clio, C. H. M. y. Agramonte, Euterpe, Caliope, and Armonia."

According to Bro. Chism and the evidence supplied by other numbers of the *Boletin Masonico*, "Clio, Caliope, Armonia," and "Euterpe" are ladies, and the first three, in private life, are known as Dr. Matilda Montoya, Mrs. De Kleinham (the mother-in-law of the G. Sec. General), and Mrs. Canton (the wife of that functionary) respectively.

In the *Boletin* for March and April, 1893, there appear, at p. 335, the words—"la querida H. Clio, Ven. Maest. de la Log. Maria Alarcon de Mateos No. 27" (the very dear Sister Clio, W.M. of Lodge No. 27).

The list of office-bearers in this woman's lodge, which I take from the *Boletin* of January, 1893, is as follows: "Clio (W.M.), Euterpe, Fraternidad, Caliope, Calipso, Melpomene, Dido, Leona Vicario, Aurora, Noemi, Fidelidad, Estrella, Armonia, Juano de Arco," and "Diana."

Particular attention should be directed to the circumstance that the woman's lodge occupies its regular place, according to the number, among the rest of the lodges. Among the other Mexican lodges whose names have been given above will be found the Martha Washington, No. 156, and the Josefa Canton, No. 158. The address in either case is to a lady, the Secretary, who in the former instance was the daughter-in-law of Past Grand Master Parvin, of Iowa, as will duly appear in the sequel.

(To be continued),

MASONIC CEREMONY AT DUNEDIN (N.Z.).

The foundation-stone of the Otago Agricultural Hall was laid with Masonic ceremonial on Wednesday, the 10th June. The weather was fortunately of that delightful character which has made the present winter, so far as it has gone, so memorable on account of its mildness, and the conditions were in every regard favourable and auspicious. The fact that the function was held on the weekly half-holiday conducted to a large gathering of spectators, not only of those who were more directly interested in the scheme, but also of numbers of people who were attracted to the scene by a desire to witness a ceremony in the performance of which the mystic rites of Freemasonry were employed. Long before the time fixed for the ceremony crowds of people gathered in the vicinity of the site, and those who had not received invitations to places within the hoarding wall that surrounds the foundations of the building took up their positions along the stone wall in Vogel-street, overlooking the section and in the neighbourhood of the overbridge, while a few venturesome youths climbed to the roofs of buildings in Crawford-street, and thence secured an excellent view of the proceedings.

Above and around the stone itself were seated or stood a large number of ladies and gentlemen, among the latter being the Hon. T. Fergus, Messrs. T. Brydone, J. Smith, jun., W. Patrick, Robert Campbell, James Hazlett, G. H. Gilroy, and J. H. Morrison (directors of the Otago Agricultural Hall Company), the Hon. W. D. Stewart, M.L.C., the Hon. W. H. Reynolds, M.L.C., Professor Gibbons, Professor Gilray, Dr. A. J. Fergusson, J. Allen, W. Fraser, T. Mackenzie, J. Green, R. Glendining, K. Ramsay, J. T. Mackerras, J. Shiel, J. R. Thornton, J. Hislop (architect of the building), T. Moodie, D. E. Theomin, W. Angus, J. Stephenson, C. R. Chapman, G. L. Denniston, G. Fenwick, J. Sinclair Thomson, R. A. Chaffey, W. Henderson, R. W. Glendining, W. P. Watson, L. A. Macpherson, P. R. Sargood, J. W. Brindley, E. Herbert, B. Stevwright, C. B. Grier, R. Wilson, D. Baxter, W. Snow, J. M' Rae Gallaway, J. B. Thomson, A. Lees, A. Matheson, W. Gow, A. M'Kerrow, D. Borrie, J. Carroll, J. White, J. Lethbridge, A. Todd, F. Townsend, J. Arkle, I. Selby, B. Hart, F. R. Chapman, A. S. Paterson, H. Clark, W. Crombie, M. Sinclair, W. Dawson, W. Carlton, P. Barr, J. Mitchell, H. Harraway, C. E. Bird, A. Solomon, J. R. Scott, W. Blackie, W. R. Perston, H. E. Hart, A. M'Farlane, A. Moritzson, T. Callender, A. Burt, J. Stone, C. W. Adams, and G. Esther.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Hons. J. M'Kenzie (Minister for Agriculture), W. M. Bolt, M.L.C., and W. J. M. Larnach; Messrs. J. Roberts, C.M.G., D. Pinkerton, W. Earnshaw, N. Y. A. Wales (Mayor), Jos. Allan, and T. Brown.

The District Grand Lodge (E.C.) was opened at the Masonic Hall at 1.30 p.m., and after the D.D.G.Ms. and officers of the S.C. and I.C. had been received, the brethren formed in procession, headed by the Dunedin Garrison Band. The members of the respective Masonic Constitutions of England, Ireland, and Scotland walked in twos. Then came the officers, followed by the Masters and Past Masters of the lodges. These were succeeded by the Grand Standard Bearers, with two Grand Tylers, followed by the respective Grand Officers, marching in twos, with the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Bro. T. S. Graham, preceded by his Standard Bearer, bringing up the rear.

The platform erected for the occasion was situated at the north-east corner of the section on which the hall is to be erected, and there was a plentiful display of bunting. On arriving at a proper distance from the stand, the procession halted and opened out right and left so as to allow the District Grand Master to pass up the centre, the District Grand Officers following in the rear in order. Upon being disposed on the platform, the Masonic ceremony began.

The D.G.D.C. (Bro. J. H. Moir) presented to the R.W. the D.G.M. (Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham) the directors of the Agricultural Hall Company, the Hon. T. Fergus (Chairman), Messrs. T. Brydone, James Smith, jun., W. Patrick, Robert Campbell, J. Hazlett, G. H. Gilroy, and J. H. Morrison.

The Hon. T. FERGUS then called upon the R.W. the D.G.M. to perform the ceremony.

The Masonic choir, under the direction of the D.G. Organist, having sung an ode,

The D.G. Chap., Bro. the Rev. F. C. PLATTS, offered up a prayer, and the D.G. Supt. of Works, Bro. D. C. Sharp, presented a plan of the buildings.

The D.G. Secretary, Bro. S. JAMES, read the scroll, of which the following is a copy:

"The foundation-stone of this building, to be used as an agricultural hall, was laid with Masonic honours, at the especial request of the directors of the Otago Agricultural Hall Company (Limited) by Thomas Sherlock Graham, Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Freemasons of Otago and Southland under the English Constitution, assisted by James Gore, Right Worshipful District Grand Master New Zealand South, Scottish Constitution, and David A. M'Nicol, Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master for New Zealand, Irish Constitution, with the officers of their respective District Grand Lodges, and in the presence of the brethren under their respective constitutions; the Hon. Thomas Fergus, chairman, and directors of the Otago Agricultural Hall Company; and the general public, on Wednesday, the 10th day of June, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896—Nathaniel Young Armstrong Wales being Mayor of the City of Dunedin,—in the fifth-ninth year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

"(Signed)

"T. SHERLOCK GRAHAM, D.G.M. Otago and Southland, E.C.

"JAMES GORE, D.G.M. New Zealand South, S.C.

"DAVID A. M'NICOLL, D.P.G.M. New Zealand, I.C.

"SYDNEY JAMES, D.G. Secretary Otago and Southland, E.C."

The scroll having been placed in the cavity of the stone, the D.G. Treasurer, Bro. J. H. Harcock, deposited with it a bottle containing a sovereign, a half-sovereign, a crown, a half-crown, a florin, a shilling, a sixpence, a penny, a half-penny, and a farthing, and also copies of the *Otago Daily Times* and *Otago Witness* of June 10th and the *Evening Star* of June 9th.

The stone, upon which the words "Otago Agricultural Hall Foundation Stone, laid 10th June, 1896," were inscribed, was then lowered with three pauses (under the charge of D.G.D.C., Bro. Moir), the band played "God bless the Prince of Wales," and the brethren gave the public grand honours. The D.G.M. having addressed his officers as to the duties of their respective offices, and the square, the level, and the plumb having been applied, the consecrating elements

were applied by the several brethren as follows: The vessel of corn was presented by Bro. C. D. L. Graham, P.D.L.B.G.P. (E.C.) to Bro. T. S. GRAHAM, D.G.M. (E.C.), who used the following words: "I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us and upon all like patriotic and benevolent undertakings, and inspire the hearts of the people with virtue, wisdom, and gratitude."

The cup of wine was presented by Bro. David Cherrie, D.J.G.W. (S.C.), to the D.G.M., Bro. JAS. GORE (S.C.), who used the following words: "I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness, and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless this undertaking. May His divine mercy protect the workmen engaged in this structure, and, as it is begun in peace, may it end in harmony."

The vessel of oil was presented by Bro. D. C. Sharp, P.M., D.G. Supt. of Works, (S.C.), to Bro. D. A. M'NICOLL, D.P.G.M. (I.C.), who used the following words: "I pour this oil as an emblem of peace. May its blessing abide with us continually. May the Grand Master of Heaven and Earth shelter the widow and orphan, shield and protect them from trials and vicissitudes of the world, and so bestow His mercy upon the bereaved, the afflicted, and the sorrowing, that they may know sorrow and trouble no more."

The vessel of salt was presented by Bro. E. R. Green, P.M. (E.C.), to Bro. W. NEES, D.D.G.M. (S.C.), who used the following words: "I sprinkle this salt as an emblem of hospitality and friendship, and may the Great Architect of the Universe incline our hearts to carry out the grand precept."

An ode was then sung by the choir, after which the W.G.M., Bro. T. S. GRAHAM, delivered the following invocation: "And may the Lord, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, bless the brethren here assembled in all their lawful undertakings, and grant to each one of them in needful supply the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, the oil of joy, and the salt of peace. So mote it be."

Bro. T. S. GRAHAM said: We are here to-day under the banner of England, Ireland, and Scotland, as members of an ancient, free, and accepted fraternity, to lay the foundation-stone of the Otago Agricultural Hall, and I need scarcely assure you, Mr. Chairman, that we have come here, and at your request, with exceeding great pleasure to assist you, however humbly be the effort, in your proceedings. Many here may naturally inquire what connection a Masonic body has with the laying of this foundation-stone. The answer is a very simple one. We are here as the representatives of those brethren and architects and worthy builders who ages ago, on the continent of Europe and elsewhere, raised those magnificent structures—cathedrals and other public buildings—by their secret arts, and retained the possession of certain secrets and signals among their guilds and brethren. These guilds used the compass, the square, the mallet, the chisel, and many other instruments; but we as theoretical Masons simply use these as symbols from which we deduce certain moral lessons, and we trust that when these are thoroughly understood and followed by the brethren of our society, they may be rendered better men when they pass away from the society than when they enter it. Permit me, Mr. Chairman, to express the pleasure we have in coming here to-day, and allow me to express the earnest hope that when completed this building may in every respect prove a credit to yourself, your brother directors, and those gentlemen who, by their foresight and energy, have entered upon a scheme which I trust you will be able to bring to completion. (Applause.) I also trust the building when finished will be a credit to the architect who prepared the plans, and last, though not least, a credit and ornament to the city of Dunedin. (Applause.)

Bro. Hon. THOMAS FERGUS said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brother, Brethren, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—I assure you that the directors of the Otago Agricultural Hall Company feel very grateful indeed to my brethren of the Masonic tie for having conferred an honour upon them this afternoon in consenting to lay the stone of their new hall. I take it that the magnificent day which we have at present is but the emblem of the days of prosperity we will have inside this hall when the walls are fully erected and the roof is on it. (Applause.) It is with exceeding pleasure, too, that I see around me some very old Masons—men who have been connected with agricultural matters for many years. Bro. James, on my immediate right, was the first Secretary of the first agricultural society in Otago, and I am pleased to see him so hale and hearty as he is now. (Applause.) I have, Right Worshipful Sir, to congratulate my brethren, your colleagues or companions, upon the magnificent manner in which they have conducted this ceremony. It might not be out of place for me just to say a word or two with respect to the building of which this is the foundation stone. Some time ago the Agricultural Society of Otago took it into their heads that it would be wise and well to hold an annual winter competition, especially for dairy produce and root crops. They entered upon this project, intending to make it a success; but they found that the success far exceeded their highest anticipations. Last year when the show came off they found that if it was to continue to flourish they would require a much larger building than any in Dunedin at the present day in which to contain not only the exhibits, but also the people who came from far and near to see them. (Applause.) In order to obtain a larger building a few gentlemen met together, and they decided that they would ask the people of Otago to subscribe a sufficient amount of money for the erection of a building. The money was to be on debentures terminable at the option of the society, and when the society were in possession of funds to enable them to pay off those debentures, the hall was to revert to the Otago Agricultural Society for the benefit of the farmers of the whole provincial district. I need not say that the directors have met with unequalled success. We had very few rebuffs; one and all on whom we called were only too eager to aid us to the best of their ability; and I am proud to say that we have at the present time enough money and promises to enable us to complete the erection of the building. (Applause.) Having erected the building, we look confidently to the farmers and stockowners of Otago to aid us, and we have no doubt we will be able to give them good value for their money, and advance the cause of agriculture with leaps and bounds to the credit of this part of New Zealand. (Applause.) We have especially to thank the Otago Harbour Board, who have given us a lease, on what is merely a peppercorn rent, of this magnificent site; but I think their generosity will not be wasted, because they will have an additional value added to the surrounding sections by the erection of this building. (Applause.)

Bro. FERGUS, on behalf of the architect, Mr. J. Hislop, then presented Bro. Graham with a mallet, as a symbol of one which was being made for him to keep as a memento of the occasion.

On the return march of the procession, the Masonic bodies were, at the invitation of the Agricultural Hall Company, invited into the City Hall, where the brethren were entertained with a light repast.

THE KAISER AND THE FREEMASONS.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the publication of correspondence between the Kaiser and Prince Frederick Leopold. The latter wrote on behalf of the Freemasons lodges in Prussia complaining to the Emperor of the way in which their organisation was continually attacked by the Catholic press, and also by the "Adelsblatt" newspaper. The Emperor replied through his secretary that he had communicated with Duke Ernest Gunther, proprietor of the "Adelsblatt," with the object of stopping the attacks in that paper, but he abstained from making any reference to the attitude of the Catholic press in the matter.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1896.

Masonic Notes.

With reference to Bro. Lamonby's remark in the concluding paragraph of the letter of his which appeared in our columns last week, that some seven or eight years ago he made a suggestion in the *Freemason* similar to that which will be found in the leader which appeared a fortnight since on "Article 219, Book of Constitutions," we had no recollection of his having done so, and offered our suggestion, for what it was worth, in complete ignorance of his having made a similar one some years since. We are pleased, however, to find that his views on the subject are in harmony with ours, and that he is of opinion that Article 219 should be amended somewhat in the manner indicated by us.

As to the question whether the time has or has not yet arrived for the recognition of "the new body called the Grand Lodge of New Zealand," we take leave to point out to Bro. Lamonby that his Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Master, expressly stated in his message to Grand Lodge, on which the Pro Grand Master's motion was based, that he (the M.W.G.M.) had "informed himself of the general state of Masonic feeling in the Colony." From this we infer, not unnaturally, that the general feeling throughout Masonry—English, Irish, and Scotch, as well as New Zealand—in the Colony, is in favour of recognition of the new lodge. If so, why need we prolong the present discord?

Whenever a new lodge is consecrated in London or the Provinces, the Consecrating Officer, be he the Grand Secretary or the Grand Master of the Province in which the new lodge is located, almost invariably makes it a rule to enjoin on the founders the necessity for exercising the strictest caution as to whom they accept as candidates for initiation and membership, and it is gratifying to know that, whenever an opportunity presents itself, the leading members of the Fraternity in the United States make it their business to impress on others the same necessity for caution. Bro. J. B. Anthony in his portion of the New York Report on Correspondence, in objecting to the exercise of the prerogative which some Grand Masters claim of making a Mason at sight, lays it down that "the necessity of 'due inquiry' is of the same importance now as in the old days, and the perpetuity of our Institution depends largely on the care exercised in this particular."

He argues rightly enough that "while we should exercise greater caution in the case of one who has been rejected, yet any carelessness upon this important pre-requisite will tend to the detriment of our Fraternity." As he justly says, also, "'Due inquiry' is indispensable, and its exercise is the prerogative of the lodge in whose jurisdiction the candidate resides." For this reason he holds that "in assuming to 'make a Mason at sight,' a Grand Master not only violates the essential of 'due inquiry' and ballot, but also the jurisdiction of a lodge."

All Masons will be delighted to know that "the Home" which was established a few years since by the Grand Lodge of New York "has proved 'no Utopian dream,'" but, on the contrary, that "the blessing of the Almighty and the liberality of our noble Fraternity have made it a great, a practical, and a permanent Charity." The statistics submitted to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication in June show that the receipts for the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund during the past year amounted, in round figures, to 84,811 dollars, the total of the same, including, we presume, the balance brought forward from the previous account, being 120,503 dollars, while the expenditure reached 78,793 dollars. The Reserve Fund is set down at 190,000 dollars, and "the cost of the Home and Appurtenances" at 257,938 dollars. The cost per beneficiary of the Home is given at 212.25 dollars per annum or 408 dollars per week.

The remarks of Bro. A. S. Wait on the powers of a Grand Lodge, as quoted by the *Voice of Masonry*, from his Report on Correspondence submitted to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, are very much to the point. He does not consider "Grand Lodges as sovereign in any such sense as that they have a right to assume or exercise despotic powers." He rightly describes them as "representative bodies, their members being bound by the instructions of the lodges which they represent." He further says, in illustration of his opinion, "At the formation of the first Grand Lodge of England, the thought entered the mind of no one that it was anything more than a union of the lodges for the better government of the Craft in matters pertaining to the general welfare. There is no reason why they should be anything more to-day. We have much higher respect for the Grand Lodge which consults its constitutional lodges before acting in great matters of general interest than for such as assume to act upon the idea that their so-called subordinates have no rights which they are bound to respect."

It does not often happen that the minutes of a Grand, Prov. Grand, or District Grand Lodge are the subject of so much discussion as those of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland encountered at its Quarterly Communication on the 3rd June last. On the usual motion made and seconded that the minutes, printed

copies of which had been sent to every member, be taken as read, the Master of one of the lodges inquired whose duty it was to compile the minutes, by whom they had been compiled, and whether they had been approved by the District Board of General Purposes. This inquiry was objected to as being out of order, and was so ruled by the District Grand Master. The same Master then moved that they be read, and the motion being seconded, they were read in full by the District Assistant Grand Secretary.

This step in advance having been made, the further progress of business was stopped by objections raised by the aforesaid Master to the general inaccuracy of the minutes, and the District Grand Master having called upon him to specify the inaccuracies he complained of, this was done, and the District Grand Secretary having offered the necessary explanations, certain remarks of that officer were, on motion made, seconded, and carried, "excised from the minutes."

But still the end was not yet. A Past District G. Warden then rose and moved that a certain portion of the minutes be non-confirmed, and the motion having been seconded, objection was taken to it on the ground of irregularity. However, the District Grand Master ruled that the motion was in order, and after a long discussion, it was carried, with the result that the portion of the minutes objected to was non-confirmed. It is, possible, however, that we have not heard the last of this matter. In spite of the District Grand Master's ruling, to which he still adhered, the proceedings were still declared to be out of order, and a brother respectfully gave notice that he would appeal to Grand Lodge. Then, and not till then, the minutes as amended were confirmed.

It is difficult to say what strange things may or may not happen in Freemasonry in the jurisdictions of some of the Grand Lodges in the United States, but there is one strange practice which prevails in Iowa and of which it is impossible to speak in terms of commendation. According to Bro. George B. Van Saun, Visiting Custodian, as he is quoted in this month's *Voice of Masonry*, a non-affiliate from a sister Grand Lodge jurisdiction moving into that of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, "has no right of visitation, no right of Masonic relief from the lodge, and in case of death no right of Masonic burial. He has committed the great crime (Masonic) of taking a dimit possibly to join a lodge in another State, and is accordingly denied the courtesy of visiting with his brethren in the tiled precincts of the lodge." The sooner this practice is done away with, the better will it be for the credit of Freemasonry in Iowa.

We are glad to find that the Grand Lodge of Indiana at its annual Communication, in May last, is reported in the *Voice of Masonry* to have "totally but fraternally dissented from the Wisconsin reimbursement of Masonic relief proposition, and declined to take any steps towards an inter-jurisdictional enactment of such a law." The Grand Lodge, indeed, maintains "that it has at all times contended and held that a Mason in distress is entitled to aid and assistance from the Fraternity, wherever he may be at the time of his need, and that, as a matter of law, his lodge is not bound to make any restitution, though it may always do so at its own option." We have before now spoken in terms of the strongest condemnation of this Wisconsin proposal, and we are pleased to find that our views are supported by so influential a Grand Lodge as that of Indiana.

Our view on this proposal is that which is so clearly set forth by Bro. William Commons in his report on Indiana Correspondence. Says that able brother "the true rule of Masonic relief is, when you find a worthy brother in distress you must contribute for his relief as liberally as you can do without inconvenience"—that is, of course, without detriment to yourself and your belongings—"and this, too, without expectation or hope of remuneration." Where comes in the Masonic Charity if a brother does out help to a distressed Mason with the deliberate expectation that the lodge to which the latter belongs, or belonged, will reimburse him his outlay?

According to advices received from South Africa, Bro. C. T. W. Mouat has resigned the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Western Division of South Africa, and is succeeded by Bro. John B. Wheelwright, District Grand Secretary, the office of the latter being taken over by Bro. G. E. O. Bennett, I.P.M. 324.

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BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

The new edition of the "Book of Constitutions" is now ready for sale and can be had in the 32mo. size for *one shilling* (postage 1d.) instead of 18d. as formerly. The laws thus printed are complete to the year 1896, and moreover, there is a very full and accurate index, entirely re-arranged, added to, or carefully tested, so that the handy little volume is most useful for reference in every way and as perfect as possible. This is a *new* edition, and for the first time our beloved brother, the present Grand Secretary, has duly certified the publication by authority of the Board of General Purposes. The doctrine of evolution is certainly abundantly illustrated by comparing the premier "Book of Constitutions" of 1723 with the numerous issues since, down to the new edition of 1896, and now, it seems to me, that even the most critical and captious cannot fail to be pleased with our code of laws. Why, however, is there no jewel for the President of the Board of Benevolence, though a Grand Officer?

W. J. HUGHAN.

CENTENARY OF THE LOYAL VOLUNTEERS PRECEPTORY, No. 7.

A most interesting meeting was held in connection with the above preceptory on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, it being the centenary. To celebrate the event there was a large assembly of sir knights present. Sir Knight John Wagstaffe, P.G.S.B. Cheshire, presided.

After the minutes had been read and carried unanimously, the sir knights received the members of Great and Prov. Priory, and they were duly saluted. The ballot was taken for two companions, and they were both admitted, and, one being present, he was installed, the first portion of the ceremony being performed by Sir Knight George Wagstaffe, P.E.P., and the latter by the E.P., Sir Knight John Wagstaffe, who all through the evening conducted the business in a most dignified manner, which did great credit to the unique occasion.

At the close of the ceremony, Sir Knight JOHN WAGSTAFFE thanked the officers of Great and Prov. Priorities for their company that day, and welcomed them, in the name of all the sir knights to celebrate their centenary, and expressed a hope that they would often have their company on other occasions.

Sir Knight C. N. BESWICKE-ROYDS, Prov. G.P., responded.

The banquet which subsequently was held was laid in the dining hall, and, as the loyal and other toasts proceeded, they were interspersed with some capital songs, recitations, &c., and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The following were present: Sir Knights Clement N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G. Prior Lancs.; Henry Thomas, P.G. Sub-Prior Lancs.; Wm. Tyrer, P.G. Sub-Prior Lancs.; John Wagstaffe, E.P.; Geo. Wagstaffe, P.E.P.; Walter Newton, P.G.C. of G., Chap.; T. D. Foreman, Con.; Allen Shaw, Marshal; A. W. Siddall, P.E.P., P.G. Marshal, Reg.; Joseph Leech, P.E.P., P.G.S.B., Treas.; G. W. Davies, Sub-Marshal; James Bromley, C. of G.; T. Potter, 2nd Aide-de-Camp; Wm. Higson, 1st Pur.; T. Neale, P.E.C., Guard; Harrison Veevers, P.E.P., P.G.S.B.; H. Tomlinson, Ernest Moss, Jno. Clayton, P.E.P., P.G.C. Cheshire; C. A. Griffiths, A. B. Wilkinson, H. L. Holland, T. Bowers, P.E.C., C. of Lines; Henry Lees, J. Turner, J. Whicke, E. Bromley, and John Smith. Visitors: Sir Knights E. Pike, P.E.P., P.P.G. Reg.; G. S. Smith, P.E.P., P.G.S.B. Lancs.; F. K. Stevenson, P. Chan. Cheshire; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Reg.; J. Andrew, and J. W. Buckley.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF NEW MASONIC ROOMS AT ILKLEY.

There was a numerous attendance of brethren at Ilkley on Saturday, the 8th inst., to take part in the somewhat rare ceremony of the laying of the foundation-stone of new Masonic rooms. The rooms are being erected for the members of the Olicana Lodge, No. 1522. The ceremony was conducted with all the rites and customs peculiar to the Craft. Assembling in the present lodge room, in the yard of the Crescent Hotel, the brethren, wearing their regalia, were marshalled in processional order by Bro. J. Monckman, who officiated throughout as Director of Ceremonies, and walked thence down Church-street to the site of the new building in Cunliffe-road. There was a large concourse of spectators. At the head of the procession was the Tyler, with drawn sword, the visiting brethren, two abreast, immediately following, with the representatives of the younger lodges leading. Next came the brethren of Olicana, preceded by the banner, and after them the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past. Next were the bearers of corn, wine, oil, and salt, and of the various implements required in the ceremony, in the rear being Bros. J. Gaunt and Johnstone, W.M., who were the most prominent participants in the subsequent ceremony.

Amongst the visiting brethren were—Bros. J. Monckman, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Matthewman, P. Asst. G. Sec.; A. T. Akeroyd, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Reed, P.P.G.D.; W. Watson, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. M. Wilson, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Bradfield, P.P.G.D.; A. Scarth, P.P.G.D.; D. Salmond, P.P.G.S. of W.; James Ambler, P.P.G.D.; J. Pollard, 1522; R. C. H. Bonsor, 1018; J. W. Dry, 384; W. G. Stansfield, 600; F. Copley, 1108; G. H. Clemons, 1311; J. Whittaker, 1302; A. Suttle, 1108; W. Tomlinson, 81; J. M. Mann, 265; Irlton Smith, 753; W. Hoffman Wood, 1522; A. Riley, 2330; C. Cooper, 1108; H. Woodhead, 304; B. B. Burrows, 380; Thomas Bagley, 306; and J. E. Fox, 917.

The Olicana Lodge, which was constituted on the 10th February, 1875, had as its first Worshipful Master Bro. J. Gaunt, and it was he who laid the foundation-stone of the new premises. The ceremony commenced by the singing of the Hundredth Psalm, followed by a prayer by Bro. the Rev. IRLTON SMITH, vicar of St. Margaret's, Ilkley.

Bro. JOHN ILLINGWORTH, P.M., on behalf of the Past Masters of the Olicana Lodge, presented Bro. Gaunt with a silver trowel, and called upon him to lay the stone, in the cavity in which was first placed a phial containing coins and other articles. A brass plate bearing an inscription was also placed in position, and Bro. Gaunt proceeded to perform his portion of the ceremony.

Bro. JOHNSTONE, the regnant W.M., afterwards proved the first position of the stone with the plumb, rule, level, and square, and proceeded, according to ancient custom, to strew corn, pour wine and oil, and sprinkle salt over the stone. As he did so, he said: "This corn I strew or scatter over this stone. Corn is the

greatest necessary of life. In temporal matters it is symbolical of plenty or abundance, and in spiritual matters, by its growth and development, of the resurrection and a future life. I pour wine over the stone, being typical of refreshment, joy, and cheerfulness, and because wine maketh glad the heart of man. I pour oil over this stone as a symbol of peace and unanimity. It is an emblem of unity, forgetfulness, forgiveness, and goodwill towards men. I sprinkle salt over this stone as the symbol of hospitality, fidelity, friendship, representative of perpetuity, durability, and incorruptibility.

Then, following the ancient rule of the Order, gold coins were placed upon the stone for the workmen, and the architects (Bros. E. Critchley and A. Adkin) were commanded to complete the building without loss of time.

Bros. JOHNSTONE and GAUNT afterwards delivered addresses, at the conclusion of which the anthem, "Hail! Masonry Sublime" was sung.

The procession was re-formed, and the members returned to the lodge-room. Later on they banquetted together at the Middleton Hotel, where the usual Masonic toasts were honoured and congratulatory addresses made.

DEVON MASONIC WIDOWS' ANNUITY FUND.

For many years our Devonshire brethren have supported local funds for aiding distressed brethren and the orphan children of Masons, but no such provision has been made for the widows. Some brethren thought this ought to be remedied, and consequently a resolution was brought before the Western Masonic Association, affirming that it was desirable to establish an Aged Widows' Annuity Fund. This was unanimously agreed to, and a small committee was appointed to take the preliminary steps for its inauguration. The Committee worked so energetically that they were able to call together those who had promised financial support, and a meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at Gandy-street Masonic Hall, Exeter. Bro. Major G. Strobe Lowe, Chairman of the Western Masonic Association, presided over a large attendance.

The Secretary of the Provisional Committee, Bro. GIFFORD, read the Committee's report.

The adoption of the same, and a resolution that the Aged Widows' Fund be established, was moved from the chair, and agreed to unanimously and heartily.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of the officers for the ensuing year as follow: Bros. Major G. S. Strobe Lowe, J. P., P.M. 1855, P.P.J.G.W., P.D.G.M.M., Chairman; S. J. Page, C.C., P.M. 1099, Vice-Chairman; F. B. Westlake, P.M. 70, P.J.G.W., Treasurer; James Gifford, P.M., Sec. 2025, P.P. S.G.D., Secretary; and Frank Mabin, 105, Asst. Secretary.

A General Committee was formed, comprising one representative from each contributing lodge, and donors of five guineas or more.

An Executive Committee was elected, embracing the officers, members of the Provisional Committee, and Bros. John Lane, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; S. Jones, P.P. J.G.W.; E. H. Shorto, P.M. 39; and T. W. Atherton, P.M. 248. This Committee was also empowered to complete the by-laws and submit them to the General Committee.

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.S.G.D. Eng., spoke of his strong sympathy with the movement, and gave some particulars of the methods adopted in other provinces.

The success of the fund is assured by the hearty way in which the brethren in the province have supported it. Although some who have stated their intention to give have not yet named the amount, the Secretary was able to announce that the promises given up to the day of inauguration had reached nearly £850.

EMPRESS LODGE, No. 2581.

At the above lodge, on Wednesday evening, the 12th instant, Bro. Will E. Chapman, A.G.D.C., in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, initiated Prince Ademuyiwa of Jebu Remo, West Africa.

The PRINCE, who seemed greatly impressed with the ceremony, replied, at the banquet, to the toast of "The Initiate" in the following words: W.M. and Brethren,—I am void of words, but it would be unbrotherly on my part if I did not say a word or two after my health has been so enthusiastically drunk by you all. I am very glad to be here, not only because I am a brother on the square, but even more because I am a member of a lodge solely established in honour of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, Empress of India, and, if I may be allowed to add to her Majesty's titles of State, the Protectress of Africa. There was a time when Englishmen would not dream of recognising an African as a brother, but as time goes on, things have changed and we both can now say, in the language of the poet, "Skins may differ, but affection dwells in white and black the same." Freemasonry to outsiders is most dreadful, but it is the reverse when one gets in. It is little known that God is the pillar and foundation of the Institution. Dear brethren, this is the most solemn night of my life, and I would appeal to you in the language of the Holy Writ, "Brethren, pray for me." It is only the grace of God and your effectual progress that will help me to keep true to the solemn obligation I have to-night taken and prove an honour to the Empress Lodge. I am very proud to-night to be a brother of noble men who are members of a race that to-day holds the sway over almost half the world and is its leading ruler. I am indebted to Englishmen for all the pleasure and gratification I receive from the education I have had, and it is my daily prayer that I shall never prove ungrateful to the race to which I am so much indebted. I thank you, brethren, for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health.

GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. At both meetings Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence, presided, and Bros. D. D. Mercer and C. A. Cottebrune took the chairs of Senior and Junior Vice-President. Bros. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, A.G. Sec.; W. Dodd, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler, represented Grand Secretary's department; and there were also present Bros. Charles Dairy, William Vincent, James Boulton, J. H. Matthews, George B. Chapman, Wm. Fisher, T. W. Whitmarsh, George Graveley, Charles J. R. Tijou, Henry Garrod,

W. M. Bywater, W. Kipps, George R. Langley, Robert A. Gowan, Alex. Stuart Brown, S. H. Goldschmidt, Walter Martin, James Kew, Walter Lean, John Oldis, George Bishop, W. G. Hildreth, Rev. S. J. Roco, W.M. 188; Thomas H. Hobbs, H. Massey, Harold Imray, M. T. Tuck, H. Wilkinson, J. J. Lauriston, Daniel Romain, Sam Rayson, P. H. Garner, Thomas Robinson, William Shackleton, R. Sanden, and S. N. C. Rumball.

At the Board of Masters, the agenda for the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd proximo was read to the brethren. At the Board of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the July meeting to the Grand Master to the amount of £310. There was only 13 new cases on the list, and these came before the Board qualified through lodges in the London district and at Burslem, East Stonehouse, Cape Town, Falmouth, South Shields, Cheadle, Alfreton, Montego Bay, Guernsey, Gibraltar, and Buenos Ayres. One petition was dismissed, and two of the cases were deferred for further information. To the 10 remaining cases a total sum of £150 was voted. There was no recommendation to Grand Lodge, and only one (£30) to the Grand Master. Four petitioners were relieved with £20 each, one with £15, three with £10 each, and one with £5. The meeting was said to be the shortest on record and the amount voted the least, and probably this is true, at all events, for more than 20 years.

A MASONIC PROCESSIONAL CROSS.

By the invitation of the Very Rev. S. Reynolds Hole, D.D., Dean of Rochester, the Rev. Warren C. Hubbard, of Rochester, in the State of New York, occupied the pulpit at Rochester Cathedral on Sunday evening. He is the bearer of an offering—a handsome processional cross—to the English cathedral church from the Freemasons of his city, and he is himself a Past Master of the lodge there, and Grand Chaplain for the State of New York. The service was attended by the members of the six lodges in the town, all wearing their regalia, and after Mr. Hubbard's sermon a collection was made in aid of the Cathedral Restoration Fund. After the service the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where they were joined by the Mayor of Rochester, the Dean, and the Rev. W. C. Hubbard. The Mayor gave Mr. Hubbard a cordial welcome on behalf of the citizens of Rochester.

The Dean of ROCHESTER, who wore Masonic regalia, on behalf of the Masters, Wardens, and Fellows of Gundulph Lodge, No. 1050, and the other local lodges, then begged the visitor's acceptance of an address of welcome. He spoke of the great kindness he himself met with during his lecturing tour in the United States, and said that Rochester, in the State of New York, excelled all other places in the enthusiasm the people displayed in his reception. In attending a meeting of the lodge there he received from Bro. Hubbard, the President, every expression which one man might hope for from another. They would thus have some idea of the joy which filled his heart when this same brother came across the Atlantic to England to tell him that he had brought an offering from the Freemasons of Rochester, in America, to the cathedral church of Rochester, in England. The visit of Bro. Hubbard was specially well timed after a little transitory soreness between the two great countries. It was a sign of the feeling which abides in the hearts of those Americans whose love and esteem and sympathy Englishmen most desired to have. The Anglo-Saxons of England and America were not given to gush and effusiveness, but the attachment between the two nations was deep and true.

In acknowledging the compliment, the Rev. W. C. HUBBARD said many Englishmen did not understand America or the peculiarities of its people. All who lived in the United States were not Americans. The Anarchical bombast, and all those threats of the dissolution of the ties which bound Englishmen and Americans together, emanated, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, from persons who had simply drifted to the States, and either spoke English with a very broken accent, or did not speak it at all. They had taken up their abode there because they were unworthy to live in their own countries. The States were so big, so broad, so roomy, that these people had come there, and the Americans were not responsible for them. Those who were *bond fide* Americans could never, while there was a living God, strike their own mother. They must not believe all they read in some newspapers. In the United States there were Americans and Americans so-called. The Americans themselves were loyal to the English people, and they must never forget, as the Americans never would, that without the English the States could not have been.

This speech was loudly applauded. The interesting proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.—*Church Review*.

Secret Monitor.

Premier Conclave, No. 1.

A meeting of this conclave was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, June 17th. The conclave was honoured with the presence of the M.W.G. S.R., the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick. There were also present M.W. Bros. J. Zacharie, P.G.S.R.; W. G. Lemon, P.G.S.R.; R.W. Bros. J. Tickle, G.T., S.R. elect; Baron d. Ferriers, P.G.T.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.S.R.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.G.V.; J. J. Pakes, P.G.V.; and several others. Visitors: Bros. Marshall, Buckley-Carr, Charlton, Boyes, Plumpton, Armstrong, and Hargraves.

The first business was to induct the following candidates: Bros. C. J. Nelson, R. Malpas, J. Bridge, and T. Sheppard, of 1702; F. W. Kendall, 781; J. J. Green, 1283; F. A. Jewson, 1327; J. R. Reep, 1260; and T. C. Edmonds, 1507. Bro. J. Tickle, G.T., was then installed S.R. for the ensuing year, and received the hearty congratulations of the G.S.R. and the large circle of members and visitors. The S.R. appointed his officers in rotation.

The conclave was closed, and the brethren dined with the members attending the Grand Council at the festival banquet.

Mark Masonry.

Lewis Lodge, No. 391.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Tuesday, the 4th instant. Bro. George Wilson was installed as W.M., in succession to Bro. Richard Weston, to whom a Past Master's gold jewel was presented. The lodge was reported to be in a sound financial condition. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Richard Weston, I.P.M.; S. L. Thornton, S.W.; S. R. Hunt, J.W.; H. Granger, M.O.; J. H. Ewart, S.O.; G. Fowler, J.O.; Jos. Farncombe, Treas.; J. A. Day, R. of M.; W. Gates, Sec.; G. J. Lenny, S.D.; G. J. Hussey, J.D.; W. Lintott, D.C.; J. C. Berry, I.G.; A. Lenny, Stwd.; and S. L. Wright, Tyler.

In the evening the brethren dined at the Bear Hotel. Among the guests was Bro. Slingsby Roberts, G. Stwd.

Lodges of Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, E.C., when there were present Bros. Drake, W.M.; William Baker, S.W.; J. Greig, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; Thomas, P.M., Treas.; Meadows, Sec.; Spencer, S.D.; J. G. Robson, J.D.; A. J. Rippin, I.G.; James Smith, P.M.; Pepé, F. S. Leigh, Snipman, Batt, Douglas Smith, Callingham, and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Pepé being the candidate, after which Bro. Shipman answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was passed, Bro. Drake rendering both ceremonies in a masterly manner. Bro. Shipman answering the questions leading to the Third Degree, the W.M. resumed the lodge in the First Degree, and rising for the first, second, and third times, Bro. William Baker was unanimously elected W.M. for the first Wednesday in September, next Wednesday being officers' night of the mother lodge, when Bro. Greig, Assistant Preceptor, will occupy the W.M.'s chair. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present Bros. A. J. Turner, W.M.; Maurice Moss, S.W.; W. H. Marler, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Herring, S.D.; A. J. Clayton, J.D.; F. E. Thompson, I.G.; William Hide, Stwd.; W. Hillier, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; C. G. Hatt, P.M.; J. H. Neville, P.M., W.M. 1757; W. C. Lightfoot, H. Robinson, W. K. Clapp, W. Lewis, and J. T. Davies.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hillier acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Turner vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. J. H. Neville. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Turner acting as W.M. elect, and Bro. Hillier as D.C. The lodge was opened and resumed in the necessary Degrees, and the inside work being omitted, the addresses incident to the ceremony were delivered by Bro. Neville in an excellent manner. Bro. Moss was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. J. T. Davies was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

Obituary.

BRO. FREDERICK ADLARD, P.M., P.Z.

A venerable and highly esteemed Craftsman in the person of Bro. Frederick Adlard, P.M., P.Z. 7, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex, died at his residence in Park-road, Harlesden, on the 12th inst., and having been born on the 3rd September, 1809, was within a very few weeks of completing his 87th year. During the last seven or eight years, owing to the loss of his eyesight, Bro. Adlard had ceased to take an active part in Masonry, but there are few brethren to whom it is given to pass so many years in the full exercise of membership. He was initiated as far back as the 16th February, 1832, in the Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 165, and having served as Deacon and Warden successively was elected to the chair of Master in 1834. In the course of the same year he became a joining member of the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, and here again he so ingratiated himself with his brother members that for quite a long term of years he filled one or other office and for a time more than one office concurrently. He served as W.M. in 1853, was Director of Ceremonies for close on 20 years, and for a long time also was its Treasurer. He remained a subscribing member till the day of his death—that is to say for 62 years—and so highly valued were the services he rendered to the lodge that on two occasions he was the recipient of a testimonial, the first being in 1855, when he was presented with an illuminated address on vellum, which bore the signature of every member of the lodge, and was handed to him, as the address stated, "as a mark of our appreciation of, and gratitude for, the able and zealous manner in which he has at all times promoted the interest and sustained the character of the lodge, for the period of 20 years, during which he has been a member, and in token of our esteem and regard for him as a man and brother, accompanied by our sincere wishes for the prosperity and happiness of himself and family." The second testimonial was given him in 1868, when the late Bro. John Hervey, who afterwards filled the office of Grand Secretary, was Worshipful Master, and took the form of a handsome drawing-room clock and gold Treasurer's jewel. In presenting this to Bro. Adlard, Bro. Hervey spoke in the highest terms of the numerous services he had rendered to the lodge during the 34 years of his membership, referring especially to those he had rendered as W.M., D. of C., and Treasurer, and expressing the hope that he might be spared for many years to continue those services which the lodge so highly appreciated, and by which it had so greatly benefited. But this and his mother lodge were by no means the only lodges with which the name of our deceased brother was associated. In 1855 he joined the Romford Lodge, No. 214, and, after serving as Treasurer for many years, was, on his retirement from the office, presented with a silver teapot. Moreover, he was appointed Prov. A.G.D.C. of Essex, in 1857, in recognition of his worth. He was also a joining member of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, Chelmsford, and of the St. John's Lodge, Hampstead, No. 167, which latter he served as D.C. during the whole 20 years of his membership. Nor must we omit to mention that both in 1864, when the foundation-stone of the new buildings in connection with Freemasons' Hall was laid by the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., and, again in 1869, when the same buildings were inaugurated by the same Grand Master, Bro. Adlard served the office of Special Steward. He was exalted in Fidelity Chapter, No. 3, in 1834, and having subsequently joined the Romford Chapter, No. 214, was installed its M.E.Z. in 1856, and 20 years later was appointed its Director of Ceremonies, while in the Prov. Grand Chapter of Essex he ranked as a Past Provincial Grand Registrar. In addition to the services we have enumerated in connection with different lodges and chapters and the province of Essex, it must be mentioned that for eight years he was a member of the Board of General Purposes, and had also served on the Colonial Board and Board of Benevolence, while he was a most generous supporter of our Charitable Institutions, but more especially of the Boys' School, of which he was a Vice-Patron, and for which he had served eight Stewardships. He was also a Life Governor of, and had served as Steward for the Girls' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and what it was in the power of very few brethren of our time to say, he served the office of Steward to the Asylum for Aged Brethren in 1839, in the days when the late Bro. Dr. Crucefix, P.G.D., in spite of the opposition of the Duke of Sussex, was working so laboriously to establish that Charity, which, some 10 years later became and still is a part of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Adlard was buried in Kensal Green Cemetery on Saturday, the 15th inst., and it only remains for us to offer our sincere and respectful sympathy to the family and friends of our late brother, in whose memory the services he rendered both as a Mason and in his domestic capacity will always be sacredly cherished.

LORD RUSSELL OF KILLOWEN delivered a lecture on "International Law" before the Associated Bar in America at Saratoga Springs, on Thursday.

Masonic and General Tidings.

WE ARE PLEASED to hear that Bro. the Duke of Abercorn has quite recovered from his recent indisposition, and has left Hampden House for Baron's Court, Newton Stewart, County Tyrone.

THE WEEKLY MEETINGS of the Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622, will be resumed at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 3rd prox., at 8 p.m.; Preceptor, Bro. David Rose, P.M. 73 and 1622.

THE TRIAL TRIP of the new torpedo-boat destroyer Thrasher, which has just been built by Messrs. Laird Bros., Birkenhead, took place in Liverpool Bay, on Tuesday, when the Craft developed a speed of 35 statute miles per hour.

EARL CADOGAN, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has, on behalf of the Queen, conferred the honour of Knighthood on Mr. Arthur Vicars, F.S.A., Ulster King of Arms, Registrar and Knight Attendant of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick.

THE BLACKHEATH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1320, will resume its meetings on Monday, the 7th proximo, at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8 p.m., under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Wm. Dawson, P.M. 788. Brethren are most cordially invited.

AT A LUNCHEON which was given at the New Palace, Potsdam, on Tuesday, in honour of the birthday of the Emperor Francis Joseph, the Emperor William proposed the toast of his health in these terms: "I drink to the welfare of his Majesty the Emperor Francis Joseph, my most intimate friend and ally."

THE DUTIES of the Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275, will be resumed on Friday, the 4th proximo, at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8 p.m., under the able Preceptorship of Comp. Thomas Grumman, P.Z. and S.E. 1275, who hopes to rehearse the installation ceremonies. Companions will be heartily welcomed.

AMONG THE GUESTS that have been staying with the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, at Wynyard Park, Stockton, during the present week, were Bro. the Earl of Durham, the Earl of Crewe, the Countess of Derby, the Lady Isobel Stanley, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Helmsley, Sir Charles and Lady Hartopp, and Viscount Castlereagh.

BRO. COL. THE HON. H. BYNG represented her Majesty at the funeral of the Dowager Lady Dacre, who was one of her Majesty's Women of the Bedchamber at the time of her Coronation and for some years afterwards. Lady Dacre's remains were interred at Kimpton, near Welwyn, Herts, and among the wreaths which covered the coffin was one sent by her Majesty.

THE ADMIRALTY have completed their arrangements for commissioning six torpedo-boat destroyers for foreign service. Of these, the Dragon, Boxer, Bruiser, and Banshee will be attached to the Mediterranean Squadron, while the Handy and the Hart are intended for service on the China Station. Four torpedo boats will also be despatched to the Mediterranean.

THE MARQUIS OF BUTE has announced his intention of contributing £10,000 to the University of South Wales, to be applied to the purposes of technical education; the Drapers' Company have promised £10,000 as a contribution to the fund for providing new buildings, and the Government have promised £20,000, but on condition that an equal amount is raised by public subscription.

EARL CADOGAN, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Countess Cadogan have been entertaining a succession of guests at the Viceregal Lodge, Dublin. On the 14th inst. a ball was given; a second will be given this (Friday) evening. To-morrow (Saturday) and again on Monday their Excellencies go in semi-State to Leopardstown, while on Tuesday, the 25th instant, and two following days they will attend in State the Horse Show in Dublin.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT has offered a handsome shield for a competition on a large scale of a somewhat novel kind, namely, for an "Obstacle Race for Battalion Teams," which will take place on the rough ground east of the Aldershot Gymnasium, to-day (Friday). Each team will consist of two officers, eight sergeants, and four sections (24 rank and file), making a total of 106, and, 15 teams having been in training for some time past, will take part in the competition.

THE BROTHERS OF CHESHIRE will learn with interest that Bro. Lord Egerton, P.G.M., will hold his annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Macclesfield on the 30th prox., when amongst the appointments will be that of Bro. J. T. Hindle as Prov. G. Organist. It is announced that the Egerton Lodge, No. 2132, is about to remove from its present place of meeting at Seacombe to the Albert Masonic Hall, New Brighton, the change being made for the greater convenience of the majority of the members.

THE QUEEN, who was accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and attended by Bro. Col. the Hon. H. Byng and Major the Hon. H. C. Legge, as Equerries-in-Waiting, inspected the 2nd Battalion Scottish Rifles on the lawn at Osborne on Monday morning. When the inspection was over, the men were marched into an adjoining field and partook of refreshments, furnished by Royal command. According to present arrangements, the Queen and her Court will leave Osborne for Balmoral on Wednesday, the 2nd September.

WE REGRET to hear that a somewhat serious accident occurred on Monday evening to Bro. Lord Suffield, who was knocked down by a runaway horse and cart on the Overstrand-road, Cromer, while standing in conversation with a friend near the residence of Mr. H. Broadhurst, M.P. His lordship was knocked violently to the ground, and, immediately aid being summoned by Mr. Broadhurst, who witnessed the catastrophe, it was found that his lordship, besides being badly bruised, had sustained a slight concussion of the brain. Lord Suffield, who was not in the best of health, is, we are glad to say, progressing favourably towards recovery.

THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR broke his journey on his way north on Saturday last at Chester, in order that he might have an interview with Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden. On Monday his Excellency visited Glasgow, arriving in the evening and meeting with a most enthusiastic reception. Among the places he inspected en route were the Steel Works at Barrow and the Shipbuilding Yard of the Naval Construction and Armaments Company, in which he saw building the first-class cruiser Niobe, 435 feet and 1000 tons, four torpedo-boat destroyers, and two second-class cruisers. The party dined together at the Furness Abbey Hotel under the presidency of the Duke of Devonshire.

THE FIRST LIST of subscriptions to the "Sir Augustus Harris Memorial Fund" was published on Tuesday. Among the contributors are H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Messrs. Rothschild, Bro. Sir E. Lawson, the Loriners' Company, Bros. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, James Willing, jun., the Earl of Londesborough, E. Letchworth, F.S.A., J. H. Matthews, the Earl of Lathom, W. Ganz, F. Mead, Lennox Browne, Sir Albert Altman, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Alderman Green, Harry Nicholls, J. Lewis Thomas, Col. T. Davies Sewell, Meyer Lutz, Edward Terry, and John L. Toole, the Earl de Grey, the Countess of Gosford, General Sir H. de Bathe, and others.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY was installed Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports on Saturday last, at Dover. His lordship was accompanied by the Marchioness of Salisbury, Viscount Cranborne, Lord Hugh Cecil, and the Ladies Gwendolen and Florence Cecil, and among those who were present as spectators of, or participants in, the function were the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, the late Lord Warden, the Mayors, Records, Town Clerks, &c., of the several ports, the Registrar and Chaplain of the Ports, the Judge of the Ports Admiralty Court, the Surrogate, and the barons, with the Sergeant of Admiralty, and other officials, while at the banquet which followed Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph and Lady Savory, representing the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayores of London, and Bro. Sheriff Cooper, with the City Trumpeters in attendance, were among the most honoured guests. After his installation, Lord Salisbury unveiled a full-length portrait of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, his predecessor in the office, in his uniform as Lord Warden, which had been subscribed for and presented to the Corporation in recognition of his services. The proceedings throughout were most interesting, and Dover, in honour of the occasion, was en fête the whole day.

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THE BARONESS DE HIRSCH has forwarded a donation of £500 towards the general funds of the Middlesex Hospital.

THE BAND of the 2nd Life Guards will play in the Green Park on Sunday next from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m., and that of the Grenadier Guards in Hyde Park from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

THE WHOLE of the proceeds of the Lyceum stall, at the recent bazaar at St. Martin's Town Hall, have been presented by the Parisian Diamond Company to the Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark.

MISS V. ST. LAWRENCE has made arrangements with Mr. G. B. Phillips which will enable her to produce Mr. Victor Stevens' pantomime—"Little Red Riding Hood"—at the Novelty Theatre at Christmas. The production will be under the direction of Mr. Newman Maurice.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED that Bro. the Hon. Sir Edward Monson, who, three years ago succeeded Sir Augustus Paget as Her Majesty's Ambassador at Vienna, will be appointed Ambassador at Paris in succession to the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, who resigned his office a short time since.

THE DUKE OF YORK, who has been, and till the end of the week will remain, the guest of Bro. the Duke of Devonshire at Bolton Abbey, has been enjoying excellent sport over his grace's extensive moors, the weather having been very favourable and the birds plentiful and in excellent condition.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, Commander-in-Chief, reviewed the troops at Colchester on Wednesday and afterwards inspected the new military hospital, recently erected at a cost of £20,000, and the new camp buildings. His lordship subsequently lunched with the officers of the York and Lancaster regiment.

LORD ROSMEAD, Governor of Cape Colony and her Majesty's High Commissioner for South Africa, who is returning to Cape Town on board the Union Steamship Company's vessel, the Norman, reached Madeira on Wednesday morning, and is reported to be greatly improved in health since he left Southampton.

THE INQUIRY into the death of Mr. Crozier, the unfortunate actor at the Novelty Theatre, who was accidentally stabbed by a brother actor named Franks, in the final scene of a melodrama, entitled—"The Sins of the Night," on the 10th instant, terminated on Saturday last, the jury returning a verdict of death by misadventure.

MISS BELLA PATEMAN, Miss Beatrice Ferrar, Mr. H. De Lange, and Mr. Sidney Brough have been engaged by Bro. Edward Terry for his play, "Love in Idleness," when it is produced at Terry's Theatre in October next. Bro. Meyer Lutz, who was for so many years associated with the eminent comedian at the Gaiety Theatre, will look after the orchestral arrangements upon Bro. Terry's return.

THE INQUEST on the body of Baron Von Zedtwitz, owner of the 20-ton yacht, Isolde, who was killed in the collision between that yacht and the German Emperor's Meteor on Tuesday, was held at Ryde the following day, and resulted in a verdict of "accidental death," no blame being attached to anyone. A message of sympathy from the Queen was forwarded to the Royal Albert Yacht Club and also one from the Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes.

THE BROTHERS comprising the Horwich Lodge held their annual picnic on Wednesday, the 12th inst., the point selected for the outing being the delightful country round Skipton and Bolton Abbey. There was a good response to the invitations sent out, the party leaving Horwich about eight o'clock in the morning in a well-appointed saloon on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway. After the pleasantest of journeys the party arrived at their destination, fully ready to do the sights of the place. Dinner and tea were partaken of at intervals, the day being spent in a most enjoyable fashion.

OWING TO THE RAIN that fell on Tuesday, several of the important matches played during the early part of the week were left drawn. In that of Surrey v. Australians, the home team made 295 and their second innings was declared closed with 90 runs for the loss of four wickets—the not outs being Abel (50) and W. W. Read (7). The Colonials made 224 in their first innings but the light was so bad that they were unable to go in a second time. Kent beat Gloucestershire by 25 runs; Essex beat Derbyshire, but Yorkshire v. Middlesex and Sussex v. Lancashire were both drawn.

AN ALARMING ACCIDENT happened on the evening of Friday, the 14th inst., to Miss Massey-Mainwaring (daughter of Bro. the Hon. W. Massey-Mainwaring, M.P.), who, with a lady friend, was being driven home from Hammersmith to Grosvenor-place. Close by Addison-road Station the horses bolted and the carriage coming in contact with a railway van, the ladies and the coachman were pitched into the road. The former escaped with a severe shaking, but the latter had to be removed to the West London Hospital, where it was found that he was suffering from concussion of the brain.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT as to the approaching tour of the Czar in Europe are to the effect that his Majesty will leave St. Petersburg on Tuesday next, the 25th instant, and will reach Vienna on the 27th. His stay at the Austrian Capital will extend over two or three days, and then, after a brief visit to Kief to attend a local fête, his Majesty will go to Berlin. Thence he will continue his tour to Copenhagen, and thence visit Balmoral and Paris. He is expected to arrive in the latter city towards the end of September, and will return to St. Petersburg towards the end of October, after paying a prolonged visit to Darmstadt.

THE CHARMING VIENNESE ARTISTE, Miss Annie Dirkens, is now back at the Shaftesbury Theatre playing her original part of Paolo in "The Little Genius." The management wish it particularly known that there was no foundation whatever in the reports that this lady had seceded from the cast, the facts of the case being simply that Miss Dirkens' engagement with the late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris was until August only, but owing to the manner in which "The Little Genius" has caught on the management wish to prolong her engagement for an indefinite period, and in order to do this Miss Dirkens had to make arrangements to get out of several continental contracts, to enable her to do which the management gave her five days holiday.

NO ASSURANCE COMPANY of to-day has shown more ingenuity in devising original methods of advertising itself than the British Workman's and General; and the best of it is that the methods employed are generally of a kind to call forth feelings of goodwill and happiness. The latest departure is a kind of garden party, accompanied by a dinner, which was given to some five or six hundred guests at the Imperial Institute on Saturday. At the first glance one does not, perhaps, quite see the connection between the British Workman's and the Institute; but there is no doubt that such a function as this will have a certain effect in popularising both; and, if so, the end sought will probably have been accomplished. The gathering on Saturday was a distinct success, and seemed to be much enjoyed by all who participated in it.

A SAD BEREAVEMENT has befallen the Home Secretary (Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P.) and the Hon. Lady Ridley, who, with their three daughters, arrived at Blagdon, Northumberland, on Saturday last from London. The following morning the family attended Divine service at Stanington, when Miss Cecilia M. Ridley, the eldest daughter, who is only 19 years of age, was suddenly taken seriously ill. She was at once removed to Blagdon, but, in spite of every effort, she became worse, and, to the inexpressible grief of her parents, died at 4 p.m. Her death is ascribed to the rupture of a blood vessel on the brain. The funeral took place at Stanington Churchyard on Wednesday, the principal relatives present being Bro. Sir M. W. and the Hon. Lady Ridley, Mr. M. W. Ridley, Master Jasper Ridley, and the Misses Stella and Grace Ridley. Messages of condolence have been received from the Royal Family and the members of the Cabinet, as well as from private friends throughout the country.

THE FUNERAL of Sir J. Everett Millais, Bart, President of the Royal Academy, took place in St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, with all the pomp and circumstances which attend the obsequies of so eminent a man. The Archbishop of York, Chaplain to the Royal Academy, was prevented officiating, and the service was performed by the Canons and minor Canons of the Cathedral. The pall-bearers were eight in number, and included Bros. the Marquis of Granby, Lord Wolseley, and Sir H. Irving, and the President of the Royal Scottish Academy. The Queen was represented by Bro. Sir J. E. Commerell, G.C.B., V.C., Admiral of the Fleet; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by his private secretary, Bro. Sir Francis Knollys; while other members of the Royal Family also sent representatives. The Diplomatic Corps was in great force, and there was, in addition, a very large attendance of notabilities as well as representative of the various art academies, institutes, and societies. The route followed by the procession was thronged with spectators.

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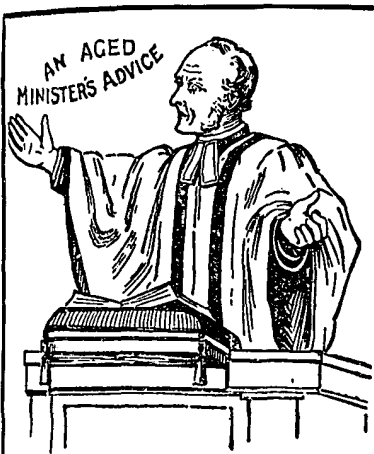
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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, August 29, 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 24.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
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, Mildmay 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 Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridder's Hotel, Holborn, 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.
Doric 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 25.

(No Meetings.)

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, 2nd 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-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace 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 26.**CRAFT LODGE.**

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LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
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.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Derby Allcroft, 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., at 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.
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
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.
Pannure, 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, at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

General Committee Girls' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

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, Berymead 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.
Tredgar, 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 28.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amburst-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, New 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 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-rd., 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 29.

(No Meetings.)

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.
Ebury, 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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