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### THE PROVINCE OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

The Province of North and East Yorkshire has every reason to congratulate itself on the proceedings which took place at the annual meeting of its Prov. Grand Lodge, at Whitby, on Thursday, the 15th ult. It is only occasionally that we read of a lodge celebrating the centenary of its constitution, yet this particular meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge was timed so as to coincide as nearly as possible with the date which the brethren of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, had selected for commemorating the centenary of their respected lodge, and thus the whole Province may be said to have taken part in the celebration. There are but seven lodges in North and East Yorkshire which have existed long enough and been able to satisfy the authorities of Grand Lodge as to such a continuity of working as would justify the grant of a centenary warrant, the seven thus fortunately circumstanced being the Humber Lodge, No. 57, which was warranted by the "Ancients" in 1756; the Lennox, No. 123, Richmond, of "Modern" origin, and dating from 1763; the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, Scarborough—"Ancient"—dating from 1791; the York Lodge, No. 236, York—the fortunate possessor of such of the old archives, &c., of the "Grand Lodge of all England" as are still preserved—which was warranted by the "Moderns" in 1777; the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull, warranted in 1783 by the same Grand Lodge; and the Constitutional, No. 294, Beverley, dating from 1793, and the Lion, No. 312, Whitby, 1797, having the same "Modern" origin. It is therefore the more commendable in the Province that it should have resolved on doing all the honour in its power to the brethren of a lodge which, through good and ill fortune alike, has upheld the prestige of the Craft, and is still, as it has been ever, a worthy exponent of the principles of Freemasonry. But this was not the only fortunate circumstance which was associated with this annual meeting. In the month of May the brethren met together in York—as mentioned in our "Note" of last week—to celebrate the fifth anniversary festival of their Educational Institute, and as the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Marquess of ZETLAND, was unable to be present, his place as President was ably filled by Bro. the Very Rev. Dean of YORK, Past Grand Chaplain of England, under whose kindly auspices the handsome total of over £1050 was raised for this local Charity. Such a measure of success as this must have greatly pleased both the Prov. Grand Master and the lodges and brethren under

his rule, and we trust that future festivals in its behalf may be as productive, and that the claims of the Central Institutions will still be remembered to their advantage. If we add to this that the reports as to the state of the lodges in the Province were satisfactory in every way—as regards membership, funds, and the regularity of their meetings, &c.—we can understand how it was that the recent annual meeting of our North and East Yorkshire brethren was so well attended and why the proceedings were of so satisfactory a character. We trust that future annual meetings may be as successful.

### GRAND LODGE DECISIONS.\*

There appear to be sundry matters in the first head or chapter which we had overlooked and to which it seems desirable we should call attention. Thus, there are notes at p.p. 17 and 18 on the "Recognition of New South Wales," and "Canvassing at Elections," respectively, which, in our opinion, it would have been better to group together with the previous notes having almost precisely the same headings. The points considered may not be precisely similar, but as they relate to the original cause of the decisions, it would have been certainly better had they been so grouped, with a sub-head in each case to indicate the nature of the points considered. Thus, as regards the second decision connected with the question of recognising New South Wales, the J.W. of a lodge having given notice of a motion for the discussion at a regular meeting of the question of the desirability of the Masons in N.S. Wales amalgamating, the Dist. G. Master very properly ordered the removal of the notice from the Agenda and on appeal by the lodge, the Grand Lodge upheld the Dist. G. Master. Bro. LAWRENCE remarks that "if a new Grand Lodge is to be formed at all, there must be concerted action somewhere," but at the same time he recognises that the discussion of such a question as that of seceding from the English Constitution in order to join another ought not to be conducted under the ægis of an English warrant. To use his own words: "Let the brethren scheme for independence, but let there be some show of decency about it." Moreover, it was open to the members of this lodge to have met together informally and considered the course they should adopt; and if, as the result of such important meeting, it was deemed advisable to join the New South Wales Constitution, they could have surrendered their English warrant and petitioned for a New South Wales one, their conduct under such circumstances being void of all offence towards their parent G. Lodge. Our belief is that nine-tenths of the squabbles which arise in connection with the formation of new Colonial G. Lodges are caused by the ignorance which prevails in lodges of the laws they have sworn to obey. Being ignorant, they set about what is a perfectly legitimate course in a wrong manner; and being obstinate, they persist in their wrong-doing, and the result is dissension everywhere. However, after the new laws adopted at the June Communication of Grand Lodge, there ought to be no difficulty in carrying out the arrangements preliminary to the formation of a new Colonial G. Lodge. The subject crops up again and incidentally

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in the note headed "Right to retain the warrant," where the notorious Cambrian case is commented upon. We do not propose to weary our readers with remarks on this case. It is enough that this lodge is still on the roll of our Grand Lodge. The majesty of the law as expressed in former Article 219 of the Book of Constitutions has been fully vindicated by the retention of this lodge on Grand Lodge roll. As for Bro. LAWRENCE'S comments on this matter, they seem to us to be in accordance with the facts, but we think he goes too far when he says that "while Grand Lodge will support the 'loyal' minority wherever a new Grand Lodge is formed, such 'loyal' minorities are regarded as a frightful nuisance, and Grand Lodge will never put itself out of the way to prevent such minority from being swallowed up by the local Grand Lodge. It will protect them against oppression, and that is about all." This strikes us as being tantamount to a slur upon the conduct of Grand Lodge in dealing with these minorities; but we fail to see how it can do more than protect them. It has modified its Article 219, under which they are protected, but the Article is still on the Statute Book, while it makes it a rule never to acknowledge a newly-formed Grand Lodge except under the condition precedent that any of the lodges in the jurisdiction of the new Grand Lodge which may desire to remain in allegiance to it shall have all their rights and privileges safeguarded. The three English lodges in Montreal, to which we referred in one of our "Notes" of last week, furnish a case in point of the steadfastness with which our Grand Lodge protects the interests of all such lodges. These were on the roll before the troubles began which led to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and it is because the Grand Lodge of Quebec—which was established by separation from Canada several years later—refused to accept this condition precedent to its recognition by us that there never have been any official relations between that Grand Lodge and ours. What more can be expected of us than the protection which protects those who desire it we are unable to say.

In the second part, which commences on p. 32, the matters considered relate to "resignations, erasures, and exclusions," among the most important Decisions dealt with being those which have cropped up lately concerning "Resignations." We think it must be tolerably clear to most people now that once a member has announced his resignation of membership of a lodge his connection with it ceases, and if he desires to again become a member, he must be proposed and balloted for in the usual manner. It is recognised that a man is as free to leave our ranks as he was to join them, and that the lodge or lodges affected by his resignation have no alternative but to accept it. A somewhat curious case is given under the head of "Conditional Resignation Illegal," in which a Bro. A is mentioned who was Secretary of Lodge X and aggrieved as to the action of an Insurance Company which imprinted Masonic emblems on its Prospectuses. This Bro. A visited Lodge Y, of which the Dep. P.G.M. was a member, and at the proper time sought and obtained permission to inquire if that officer was aware of the alleged practice, and whether anything was going to be done to put a stop to it. The D.P.G.M. answered in the negative, and subsequently conversation took place in lodge and at dinner, in which Bro. A's views were described as illiberal, and the D.P.G.M. is alleged to have said that if Bro. A "were so narrow-minded he was better out of Masonry." This so preyed upon his mind, that Bro. A wrote to the W.M. announcing his intention of resigning as soon as the time for which he had been appointed Secretary expired, giving lengthy reasons for the course he proposed to adopt and amongst them the proceedings in Lodge Y. The W.M. remonstrated with Bro. A, pointing out that his letter contained divers imputations on the conduct of the D.P.G.M., and when the lodge met prevented Bro. A from reading his letter, at the same time ruling that he could not couple his resignation with any proviso that his letter should be read in full and entered on the minutes. Bro. A contended that as the letter was not read in full, his resignation fell through, but Grand Lodge decided against him. The date, as given, of this decision is "December, 1879," but it seems to us that this is clearly one of those cases in which the *locus pœnitentiæ*

on which the present Grand Registrar laid such stress in his recommendation of 1894, should have been allowed. The case, briefly stated, stands thus. Bro. A, who is Secretary of Lodge X, tells his W.M. that, for certain reasons, which he recapitulated in his letter of intentional resignation, he proposes to resign his membership of the lodge as soon as the period has expired for which he was appointed Secretary. But when the lodge meets he is not allowed, for what were, no doubt, good and sufficient reasons under the circumstances, to read his letter in full, but only that portion of it containing the "actual words of resignation." Hereupon Bro. A, Secretary of Lodge X, declares that as his resignation of membership is not an accomplished fact—which it would have been had he said "I resign" without reference to time or circumstances—but "merely an expression of intention," which, to use G. Registrar PHILBRICK'S own words, in March, 1894, "Can be withdrawn at any time," he withdraws, not the resignation, which once communicated to the lodge, is irrevocable, but the intention to resign. In other words, while resignation of membership takes effect from the moment of its announcement in open lodge, there is this to be said in respect of the announcement of a mere intention to perform the act of resignation at the expiration of a certain period of time; (1) that under no circumstances can the intention be transformed into an act until the stated period of time has expired; (2) that though it may be impossible for a man to undo an act of resignation when it has come into effect, there is no law which forbids him altering his intention to resign at some future time; and (3) if he announces that he has so altered his intention before the period of his notice has expired, he retains his status of membership. There is always what Bro. PHILBRICK calls the *locus pœnitentiæ*, so long as the mere intention to resign has not been converted into an act of resignation.

The remaining head or chapter contains a great variety of decisions with which we consider it desirable that members of lodges should make themselves acquainted. Some curious cases will be found amongst them, as in that described under the head of "Limits of jurisdiction," but we must leave the reader to judge for himself of each case as it is described. We, therefore, bring this notice to a conclusion with a repetition of the remark we made at the outset—that Bro. LAWRENCE has done good service by publishing his compilation. We have not seen our way to accepting all the conclusions at which he has arrived, while there are a few statements to which, as our readers will have seen, we have been under the necessity of objecting; but the merits of the pamphlet far outweigh the blemishes we have noticed. His work might have been more perfect, but it is a good work, notwithstanding, and, we feel sure, will be appreciated by those who study his book carefully.

#### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. W. W. Beach, M.P., occupied the chair as G.Z.; Comp. Ashworth the chair of G.H.; and Comp. Richard Horton Smith, Q.C., the chair of G.J. There were also present—

Comps. E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; Thomas Fenn, G.S.N.; Sir George Harris, President of the Committee of General Purposes; Malcolm Morris, Cowper, Geo. C. Kent, Walter Ebbetts, G. H. N. Bridges, Frank Richardson, G.D.C.; and G. Smith, Grand Organist.

The Past Grand Officers present included—

Comps. Jas. Boulton, W. Russell, Jas. Edmeston, Alfred Spencer, V. Abrahams, Walter Martin, Frederick Lawrance, J. Lewis Thomas, R. J. Emmerson, George Read, C. F. Hogard, Chas. Belton, Thomas Minstrell, Rowland Plumbe, J. J. Thomas, E. J. Brown, J. Clayton, E. C. Mulvey, W. Vincent, William Cowper, H. Lovegrove, W. M. Bywater, H. Tipper, J. A. Farnfield, P. A. Nairne, J. M. McLeod (Sec. R.M.I.B.), R. Clowes, L. Browne, C. F. Matier, L. C. Gordon Robbins, Peter de Lande Long, T. H. Gardiner, J. D. Langton, H. Sutherland, and others.

Among the other companions present were—

Comps. J. J. Simcox, 1501; John Strachan, Prov. G.J. Northumberland; James Heelis, Prov. G.J. East Lancashire; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J. Kent; Chas. H. Wood, Prov. G.S.E. Leicestershire; Geo. W. Barnard, P.P.G.S.E. Norfolk; Thos. H. Hobbs, M.E.Z.; Henry A. Tobias, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; W. R. Barr; A. E. Friedlander, P.P.G.S.B. Warwick; J. Harrison; N. Tracy, P.G.S.E. Suffolk; O. Philippe, P.Z. 1900; R. C. Campbell, M.E.Z. 1489; J. H. Salter, 1024, Prov. G.H. Essex; E. W. Lewcock, P.Z. 2416; Chas. Bullock, H. 404; Edward S. Norris, P.Z. 32; John Mason, P.Z. 1395; A. C. Chaplin, H. 137; A. J. Bewry, P.Z. 1524; J. Frye, P.Z. 1694; W. Dodd, P.Z. 1194; Harry Price, P.Z. 177; A. H. Salter, H. 157; John Clayton, P.Z. 89;

Gordon Smith, P.Z. 1319; J. R. Clipperton, P.Z. 19; J. Williams, P.Z. 591; T. Cox, P.P.G.J. Derbyshire; W. B. Fendick, P.Z. 177; J. W. Martin, Prov. G.S.E. Berks; W. F. Bull, M.E.Z. 820; M. Slaughter, P.Z. 176; T. H. Price, P.Z. 1321; R. G. Hall, P.Z. 129; W. O. Welsford, H. 1321; R. A. Luck, P.Z. 111; W. H. Keeble, P.Z. 14; A. S. Morris, P.Z. 284; and others.

On the motion for the confirmation of the minutes, Comp. LE FEUVRE called attention to the decision of Grand Chapter in dismissing the petition of a companion from the Punjab in reference to the right of the Grand Registrar of the Craft to be Registrar of Grand Chapter. The question thus decided by the Deputy Grand Registrar ought to be further ventilated, because he could not help thinking that a serious mistake had been made—a mistake all the more serious, for it could not be remedied. The practice condemned by this decision was the one which was followed in every province and district in this country, and notably so in the province of the Grand Z. in the chair, and in the province of the Grand Registrar himself. He hoped that Grand Chapter would find a solution to the difficulty, because as, he said, the decision of Grand Chapter affected most seriously not only the D.G. Chapter of the Punjab, but the P.G. Chapters in this country who had adopted the same practice.

Comp. FENN pointed out that Grand Chapter in May simply dismissed the appeal, and he did not think that any companions could possibly object to that. Grand Chapter thought the appeal ought never to have come before the Grand Chapter at all and that Grand Chapter had no business to express its opinion on the appointment or non-appointment of Provincial Grand Superintendent. Apart from this he agreed with much that Comp. Le Feuvre had said.

Comp. W. W. BEACH said the only essential question before the Grand Chapter was the confirmation of the minutes of the May convocation. It was necessary to bear in mind that the Deputy Grand Registrar in giving his opinion as to the law gave his opinion in accordance with what he believed to be the existing law. It was the duty of the Grand Registrar and his Deputy to administer the law as it existed. They ought not and did not judge as by what the law ought to be. In what Comp. Le Feuvre had said as to the merits of this case he entirely agreed, and he thought it would be most unfortunate if in the provinces they were to be bound to appoint the Craft Grand Registrar to be Grand Registrar in the Royal Arch. In the provinces they all desired to follow the law and to act up to it, and it would be advisable on many grounds that this particular law should be altered so that there should be no ambiguity about it.

Comp. SMITH, Dep. G. Reg., defended his decision in the Punjab case, stating that it was in accordance with the law as laid down in the regulations for the government of Royal Arch Masonry. He had no feeling in the matter one way or the other, but if Grand Chapter should be of opinion that the law as he had stated it, should be altered, it might be changed in a very simple manner by the addition of a few words. By the regulation 36 those words could be made retrospective, and then the law would be quite clear, and such a difficulty as the one they had had to deal with could not occur again.

The minutes of the May convocation were confirmed.

Comp. W. W. BEACH said H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the First Grand Principal had, in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, been pleased to appoint 60 companions to a Past Grand Chapter rank.

Comp. LETCHWORTH, G. Scribe E., then read out the names of the following 60 companions (several of whom were present, and were invested), on whom Grand Chapter rank had been conferred:

#### LONDON.

Comp. The Earl of Portarlington	...	G. Scribe N.
" J. Strachan, Q.C.	...	Dep. G. Reg.
" Rev. C. J. Ridgway, M.A.	...	Prin. G. Soj.
" Lieut-Col. A. B. Cook	...	A.G. Soj.
" Walter Webb	...	"
" Stewart Brown, F.R.C.S.	...	"
" Thomas Jones	...	"
" Edmund Pontifex	...	"
" Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A.	...	"
" W. H. Stanger	...	G.S.B.
" J. Leach Barrett	...	"
" Capt. R. Gresley Hall	...	"
" W. J. Crump	...	"
" Mihill Slaughter	...	"
" Ernest M. Money	...	G. Std. Br.
" Capt. J. R. Clipperton	...	"
" Gordon Smith	...	"
" W. B. Fendick	...	"
" W. G. Kentish	...	"
" William Shurmur	...	"
" Henry A. Tobias	...	"
" Oscar Philippe	...	A.G.D.C.
" E. L. P. Valeriani	...	"
" H. Nelson Price	...	"
" E. Cutler	...	G. Organist.

#### THE PROVINCES.

Comp. Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., Leicester	...	P.G. Soj.
" James Heelis, East Lancashire	...	A.G. Soj.
" James J. Lambert, West Lancashire	...	"
" A. H. Bowles, Surrey	...	"
" Charles E. Prior, M.D., Bedford	...	"
" G. J. Tilling, Hants	...	"
" W. Lewis Morgan, M.A., Oxford	...	"
" Richard Luck, Durham	...	"
" J. B. Winterbotham, Gloucester	...	"
" J. H. Salter, Essex	...	"
" Thomas Cox, Derby	...	G. S. B.
" Lieut.-Col. G. W. Walker, Stafford	...	"
" J. Clayton, Cheshire	...	"
" B. Vickers, Lincoln	...	"
" C. Coupland, Kent	...	"
" John Brewer, Devon	...	"
" John W. Martin, Berks	...	"
" John J. Williams, Bucks	...	"
" Bernard F. Edyvean, Cornwall	...	"

Comp. Charles Bullock, Herts	...	G. Std. Br.
" G. W. G. Barnard, Norfolk	...	"
" N. Tracy, Suffolk	...	"
" George Dalrymple, Cumberland and Westmoreland	...	"
" John Mason, Middlesex	...	"
" A. E. Friedlander, Warwick	...	"

#### ABROAD.

" Major-General Sir H. Kitchener, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Egypt	...	G. Scribe N.
" Rev. H. J. Spence Gray, M.A., Punjab	...	Prin. G. Soj.
" James Stiven, Madras	...	P.G. Std. Br.
" E. J. Smith, Bombay	...	"
" H. M. Rustonjee, Bengal	...	"
" John Fenwick, Queensland	...	"
" George Russell, Natal	...	"
" Joseph Clark, South Africa (E.D.)	...	"
" J. B. Wheelwright, South Africa (W.D.)	...	"
" A. O'Driscoll Gourdin, Hong Kong and S. China	...	"

On the motion of Comp. Sir GEO. HARRIS, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee the following petitions were agreed to:

1st. From Comps. Robert Clay Sudlow, Past Dep. G.D.C., as Z.; Henry S. Wellcome, as H.; Frederick C. Van Duzer, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the Columbia Lodge, No. 2397, London, to be called the Columbia Chapter, and to meet at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London.

2nd. From Comps. Henry Thomas Edward Holmes, as Z.; John Parkin Hewitt, as H.; Thomas Edmund Barker, as J.; and 15 others for a chapter to be attached to the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, Sheffield, to be called the Milton Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

3rd. From Comps. Lieut.-Col. Charles James Hamilton, as Z.; Rev. John Edward Player, as H.; John Creery, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Radnor Lodge, No. 2587, Folkestone, to be called the Radnor Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Folkestone.

The Committee had also received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove, from the following chapters:

"The Highgate Chapter, No. 1366, from the Gate House Tavern, Highgate, to Beale's Restaurant, Holloway-road, Holloway, London."

"The Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, London, from the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, to the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, London."

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommended that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The report was agreed to, and there being no other business Grand Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form.

### SUMMER GATHERING OF THE OLD MASONIANS' CRICKET CLUB.

The old scholars of our Wood Green School were fortunate in selecting Saturday, the 24th ult., for their summer gathering: it was a lovely July day, and many members and their lady friends assembled.

It had at first been contemplated to charter a launch and proceed up the river, but eventually it was decided to gather in the grounds of the Grove Hotel, Dulwich. The principal feature of the afternoon was a cricket match between ladies and eleven of the members, the latter being allowed to use only the left hand in batting, bowling, and fielding, touching the ball with the right hand counting a penalty of two runs to the ladies; needless to say, it was the cause of a great deal of merriment.

The ladies' team was assisted by Mr. Robt. McLeod, a son of the esteemed Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and Bro. R. H. Williams, an old Masonian. The members' team comprised Bros. R. S. Chandler and C. P. O. Doherty, Messrs Barker, H. Lewis, Lumsden, Gough, Gallatt, A. G. McLeod, and three others. The game resulted in a victory for the ladies, the respective scores being, ladies—62; gentlemen—53. Miss Pink proved herself quite an effective bowler, securing seven wickets for 21 runs, Misses T. Cuthbert, Pink, and Gough were the best batswomen. For the opposition, the only two who were able to score with any success were Bro. R.S. Chandler, who made 17, and Mr. A. G. McLeod, 14 runs.

At the conclusion of the match, the company adjourned to a capital tea. After tea, some present indulged in tennis, others in arranging impromptu races, &c., whilst their energetic Secretary, Mr. Barber, with a few colleagues were busily engaged in lighting the numerous lanterns with which the gardens of the hotel were decorated.

The day concluded with an *al fresco* concert and dancing; those contributing songs were Miss Clara Judge, "A Gondola of Dreams;" Miss R. Stowie, "The promise of life;" the Misses Lewis, Bracstead, and Mrs. Newman; Mr. W. Cleverly sang "The flight of ages," Mr. H. Lewis, a Japanese song, Mr. W. Lewis, "The Bandoliers," Bro. C. P. O'Doherty, "The Vagabond," and Mr. Barber, a mandoline solo.

The company separated at a late hour having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The entertainment committee consisted of Bros. R. S. Chandler and C. P. O'Doherty, Messrs. H. Lewis, H. Wilson, and C. W. Barber.

### Scotland.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STIRLINGSHIRE.

A quarterly Communication of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 27th ult., at Alloa. Bro. George Christie, Provincial Grand Master, presided. Bro. Roxburgh, R.W.M. 69, acted as Provincial Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 69, as Provincial Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. John Taylor was elected *interim* Provincial Senior Grand Warden. An application for Benevolent Fund was granted. By-laws for Craftman Lodge, No. 850, Dollar, were approved of.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the George Hotel, Bangor, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Harlech, Prov. G.M., supported by Bro. Col. Henry Platt, P.G.D., Deputy P.G.M. The brethren were entertained by the Royal Leek Lodge, 1849, of which Bro. D. Williams is W.M.

The Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:

Bro. Dr. Griffith, 1509	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. Coxhead, 1674	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" T. Lloyd Kyfl n, 1849	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" James Smith, 1509	...	...	...	
" J. G. Tuxford, 2569	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Jones Morris, 1509	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Edward Roberts, 606 and 1369	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. E. J. Lloyd, 1849	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. R. Heap, 1369 and 1998	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. Jones Griffith, 1998	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Porter, 755	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Ellis, 1674	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. A. Foster, 1113	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. S. Evans, 1477	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Rowland, 605	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Dr. W. G. Owen, 606	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Finwick, 2423	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. J. Bradshaw, 597	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Eugene Clarke, 384	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. H. Ashley, 755	...	...	...	
" W. J. Preston, 1583	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. C. Vincent, 1549	...	...	...	
" W. Williams, 597	...	...	...	

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual convocation of the Prov. G. Chapter of Middlesex was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 31st ult., when the following companions were present:

Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp, Prov. G.H., as G. Supt.; Dr. F. Lawrance, P.G.S.B., as Prov. G.H.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.P.G.J., as Prov. G.J.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E.; W. W. Mansfield, Prov. G.P.S.; R. S. Liversedge, Prov. 2nd A.G.S.; H. Barton, Prov. G.D.C.; Geo. Gregory, P.P.G. Treas.; D. W. Pearse, P.P.G. Reg.; C. Fruen, F. C. Austin, R. W. Forge, P.P.G.S.; J. M. Stedwell, P.Z.; T. W. Ockenden, J. S. Tavener, G. S. Dauntton, H. E. Herron, M.E.Z.; J. M. Small, J. 1691; Gen. Astley Terry, M.E.Z. 1691; J. Hicks, M.E.Z. 1237; R. V. F. Seton, I.P.Z. 1194; J. Pullman, P.Z.; R. Poore, P.Z. 1423; T. D. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507; J. W. Hinton, P.Z.; W. W. Lee, and others.

The Prov. Chapter having been opened, a letter was read from Comp. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., G. Supt., expressing his regret that Parliamentary duties prevented his attendance.

The audit report was adopted, and the Prov. G. Treas., Comp. A. Blenkarn, thanked for the ability with which he had discharged his duties.

The roll of chapters was called; all were represented with the exception of two.

Comp. C. FRUEN, P.Z., proposed Comp. H. E. Herman, M.E.Z. 1293, for the position of Prov. G. Treas., and, having detailed Comp. Herman's many qualifications for the post, the proposition was seconded and carried unanimously.

Comp. RAYMOND H. THRUPP announced that the G. Superintendent had re-appointed him to the position of Prov. G.H., and had also appointed Comp. Sir Reginald Hanson, as Prov. G.J.

The following appointments were then made:

Comp. W. H. Lee (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Maj.-Gen. Astley Terry	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" H. E. Herman	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Robinson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. S. F. Seton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Soj.
" J. Pullman	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
" F. C. Austen	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G. Soj.
" J. Hicks	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. S. Tavener	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. S. Dauntton	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. P. Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" J. W. Hinton, Mus. Doc.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Gilbert (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

A sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Lebanon Chapter having been thanked for the use of furniture, the Prov. G. Chapter was closed.

Comp. THRUPP, Prov. G.H., afterwards presided at the banquet, when the usual toasts were briefly given.

Comp. Dr. F. LAWRENCE, P.G.S.B., replied for the "Grand Officers," and mentioned that this was the first Prov. G. Chapter he had attended, but it had given him great pleasure to be present. He was glad to meet many companions whom he knew, and appreciated the hospitality shown him.

In proposing "The Grand Superintendent," Comp. THRUPP said that Lord George Hamilton intended being present, as he had not attended the last two meetings, but the exigencies of the State prevented him, as a special meeting of Parliament was called for that day, and he had to attend to support the Government. The Grand Superintendent's position in connection with India was one of great anxiety, and though all present wished he had been with them, yet they felt his heart was with them, and they must acknowledge that the State had a higher claim than the Province of Middlesex. They took great pride in their Grand Superintendent, and would heartily drink to his health and future prosperity.

Comp. J. M. STEDWELL, P.P.G.J., proposed "The Prov. G.H. and

Prov. Grand Officers," and said that very pleasant duty had devolved upon him quite unexpectedly. It was the health of one so well known and so much respected both in the Craft and the Royal Arch—Comp. Thrupp, Prov. G.H. It was not necessary to speak of Comp. Thrupp's good work in the province, for they all knew his abilities and enjoyed his friendship. They earnestly hoped he would long be spared to take an active part in the affairs of the Province of Middlesex.

Comp. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, Prov. G.H., returned thanks. It was always a great pleasure to go amongst the companions as he was received with so much kindness. They knew that his heart was in the province, and that he did all he could to promote its happiness and prosperity.

"The Visitors" having been honoured, the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH WALES.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on the 27th ult., Comp. Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, Grand Superintendent, presiding, and supported by Comp. Colonel Henry Platt, Prov. G.H., and Comp. Rev. T. Edwards, Prov. G.J. The Grand Superintendent appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. Col. Henry Platt	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. Lloyd Griffith	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. G. Tuxford, 1509	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" T. A. Foster, 908	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Donald Cameron, 384	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. W. Newton, 606	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Evans, 1509	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. M. Williams, 384	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" H. Jones Roberts, 606	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" W. A. Foster, 384	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. P. Hole, 998	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Hughes, 1509	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Rev. L. R. Hughes	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Fairchild, 384	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Jas. Foster, 384	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" J. W. Fendick, 384	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

In the evening the banquet was served at the George Hotel, the catering being excellently done by Bro. Baxter.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

## ANNUAL MEETING AT STOWMARKET.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Corn Exchange, Stowmarket, under the banner of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 516, on Friday, the 30th ult. There was a large attendance of Prov. Grand Officers, present and Past.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER having opened the Prov. Grand Lodge, read a letter from the Prov. G.M. (Bro. Lord Henniker), expressing deep regret at being unable to attend in consequence of illness, and added that his medical adviser hoped that with a few more days' continued rest he would be considerably better. The Deputy Prov. G.M., before proceeding with business, presented Bro. Tracy, Prov. G. Sec., on behalf of the lodges in the province, with complete full dress Grand Lodge clothing, and a framed illuminated address on vellum, Bro. Rev. C. J. MARTYN explaining the presentation was in honour of the rank of Past G. Std. Br. being conferred by the G.M. upon Bro. Tracy. He read an extract from the Prov. G.M.'s letter, referring to Bro. Tracy, in which he expressed his sentiment of Bro. Tracy's worth, and hoping there would be room in the address to receive his signature.

Bro. TRACY briefly acknowledged the gift, remarking that he had already been presented with the undress clothing by members of his own lodge.

The roll of Prov. Grand Officers and the roll of lodges were called over.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the officers for the year as follows:

Bro. A. W. Cobbold, P.M. 81	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. T. Drake, P.M. 555	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. T. Pratt, W.M. 555	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaplains.
" Rev. J. R. M. Vatcher, 1823	...	...	...	
" H. J. Salmon, P.M. 1008	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. Tracey, P.M. 376, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. R. Quilter, P.M. 2371	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" T. B. Read, P.M. 114	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. Thwaites, P.M. 376	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. M. Franks, P.M. 376, P.P.J.G.D.	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. W. Moore, P.M. 388	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. T. Comber, P.M. 1592	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. O. Bradbrook, P.M. 516	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" C. W. Harper, P.M. 1663	...	...	...	
" Owen A. Clarke, J.W. 1008	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Alfred Spalding, P.M. 376	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Kemp, P.M. 959	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. H. Cook, P.M. 225	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" F. G. Hawes, P.M. 516	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" F. C. Peacock, P.M. 516	...	...	...	
" H. J. Riches, P.M. 1663	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" B. W. Syer, 376	...	...	...	

The Board of General Purposes regretted being unable to present so favourable a report as last year, as the gains in number from 42 initiations and joinings 22, were rather more than balanced by resignations 43, deaths 17, and exclusions five, resulting in a loss of one to the number, now amounting to 992. The arrears were very heavy, amounting to 100, as



against 81 last year. With regard to the financial position, the course recommended by the Board last year of discharging the liabilities had been carried out, leaving a balance of £68 15s. 7d., rather more than last year, but as the greater part of the fees of honour of this year were included in this, the balance was practically less, which could only be accounted for by the balance left last year being £20 less than the preceding year. With regard to the Charities, the Board recommended the usual £21 to the Benevolent, £10 10s. to the Girls, and, considering the M.W. Grand Master presides at the Centennial Anniversary, the Province should vote £31 10s. to the Boys' Institution.

An amendment was proposed, and carried unanimously, that the sum of £52 10s., under the exceptional circumstances of the year, be granted, instead of the amount proposed in the report, and which was afterwards adopted *nem con.*

The report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, which contained no matters of public interest, was also adopted.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in a brief address to the brethren, said it must be gratifying to them all to see how well Masonry was progressing in the province. There was a very slight falling off in the numbers—one—but still they would rather have seen it on the other side. They all recognised, however, that they did not look so much to actual numbers as to the character and quality of the members in the province. They had better go on as they were than increase their numbers to the disadvantage of the Craft. In almost every case there had been an increase of votes. The Province of Suffolk occupied a very different position now to what it did years ago, and he trusted that the province would continue in its career of prosperity. Dilating upon the principles of Masonry, he observed that the great thing to be regarded was the fact that Masonry brought them together and welded them together. It made them feel that they stood upon a universal platform of brotherly love, relief, and truth. The more he saw of Masonry properly carried out, the more he respected and honoured it. In conclusion, he referred in sympathetic terms to the cause of Lord Henniker's absence, and spoke of the interest which his lordship always evinced in the welfare of the province.

The brethren afterwards attended divine service at the Parish Church, the procession thither being headed by the Stowmarket Volunteer band. The sermon was preached by Bro. W. T. PRATT, W.M. 555, P.G. Chap.; the service was intoned by Bro. the Rev. J. R. M. Vatcher, and the musical portion of the service was under the direction of Bro. Owen A. Clark, P.G. Org. The offertory was devoted to the Stowmarket Parish Nurse Fund.

The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Institute, the catering being in the hands of Mr. Le Touzel, landlord of the Fox Hotel. The hall was prettily adorned for the event, the floral decorations being particularly effective.

The usual toasts followed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WILTSHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Trowbridge on the 28th ult., under the presidency of the Earl of Radnor, who appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. John A. Randell, 663, P.P.G.N....	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. S. Bambridge, 1533, P.P.G. Reg.	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. E. N. Browne, 355, P.P.G.S.E.	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" G. W. Wiltshire, 632, P.P. 1st A.G.S.	...	Prov. G.S.Ns.
" Sir Roger W. Brown, M.E.Z. 632	...	
" G. H. Palmer, 632, P.P.G. Treas.	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Amos Barns, 355, P.P. 1st A.G.S.	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. E. Hopkins, P.Z. 663	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Rev. C. W. Wheeler, 632, P.P.G. Std. Br.	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" E. Waters, P.Z. 586	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. H. Reed, P.Z. 1478	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" John Chandler, 355, P.P.G.H.	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Charles Mitchell, P.Z. 586	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. O. Hogarth, M.E.Z. 355	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. G. Blakeley, M.E.Z. 586	...	
" F. J. Leader, M.E.Z. 1533	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" W. Dean, P.P.G. Janitor	...	

A banquet was afterwards served at the George Hotel.

### AN ADDRESS.

The following address was delivered by Bro. the Rev. E. FOX-THOMAS, P.M. 312, P.P.G. Chap., at the Prov. G. Lodge of N. and E. Yorkshire, at Whitby, on the 15th ultimo:

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Grand and Provincial Grand Officers and brethren. Every living thing has a history, and there is, of course, a history lying at the back of our splendid gathering this afternoon. The present time offers a fitting opportunity for stating what the course of that history has been. But a record, however brief, of the Lion Lodge, whose centenary we celebrate to-day, would be imperfect without some reference to the previous existence of Freemasonry in Whitby.

Recent research has discovered two old deeds, both of which I have had in my hands—the one referring to William Becke, "free mason," Whitby, in 1616, and the other to Robert Warde, "free Maison," Whitby, in 1639, concerning whom Bro. W. J. Hughan is of the opinion that they were undoubtedly Freemasons as we understand the term now, and as it was understood then.

The first Masonic lodge constituted at Whitby was the Golden Lion, named after the inn where it met, according to the prevailing custom in the days when separate Masonic Halls were almost an unknown quantity. It was warranted under that name 25th June, 1764, as No. 127 of the "Ancients," but it never made any returns to Grand Lodge, and was eventually erased. As such a large number of resident Masons assisted in the formation of the succeeding lodge in 1772, it is probable that the former lodge continued to hold "irregular" meetings down to about that year.

The second lodge formed at Whitby was the Britannic, or Britannia, Lodge, warranted by the "Moderns" in 1772. Its minute book opens with 23 By-laws signed by 61 brethren, the first article of which is remarkable for its reference to the office of Deacon—not then common—whose duties appear to have consisted only in "calling in the Bill of Expences and collecting the Reckoning." In 1782

this lodge applied for and was granted a warrant for a Royal Arch chapter, which still continues to flourish, and is the second oldest in Yorkshire.

Both the Britannia and Lion Lodge minutes record the admission of clergymen "free of expence but registering fees" (Grand Lodge dues), and are late instances of a formerly prevalent practice. But our fraternal ancestors had an ingenious way of squaring the account with their clerical brethren, as shown by the following extract from the Treasurer's book of the Lion Lodge: "April 16th, 1797. Paid for Sermons preach'd at Scarborough C—s—d." Though the labourer was doubtless worthy of his hire, evidently his Masonic discourses were delivered without money and without price!

No reason is assigned for the decline of the Britannia Lodge, which was both prosperous and popular down to January, 1786, and though erased in 1790, it was not extinct until after the subsequent lodge had existed for one or two years, when it appears to have died a natural death.

The Lion Lodge was warranted 14th January, 1797. Fifteen brethren of the Britannia Lodge were among its founders, or became members immediately after its inception. The records are continuous from the commencement until the present date. For the most part they are legible and well kept, and testify to the painstaking industry of the past and present Secretaries and Treasurers. In the earlier books, as might be expected, the absence of uniformity of spelling shows that the schoolmaster was not then abroad. In one entry the word "Masonic" is written "Masonic," "Mesonic," "Messonic," and so with other words as "gard," "jewell," "shool." But as a rule they are not dry-as-dust registers of the past, for native wit and natural talent have combined to render their perusal pleasant and profitable.

In the stirring times at the opening of the present century, high days and holidays, both national and local, afforded frequent opportunities for the display of Masonic paraphernalia. On these occasions, our forefathers, arrayed in all their glory, perambulated the narrow streets of this ancient town, sometimes attending Divine service at the old parish church, but always dining together, usually at the early hour of half-past one. Scrupulous care was exercised that good digestion might wait on appetite. Hence the following minute: "None but household bread to be introduced. No pastry of any description to be admitted." But the same moderation did not characterise their potations. At one of these celebrations, 16 brethren dined together, and imbibed 12 bottles of sherry at 5s. 6d. each, 14 ditto of port at 5s. each, and one shilling's worth of porter. I purposely mention this instance to emphasise the fact that this was only in accordance with the general practice of society, say a hundred odd years ago. Dr. Johnson once observed to Boswell, "I remember when it was quite customary for all the respectable people in Lichfield to be put to bed drunk every night." Lichfield was no exception to the rule, and though this statement must be taken with a grain of salt, it helps to estimate aright a formerly almost universal custom that, in connection with the Order of Freemasonry, may now be said to be a thing of the past. Another interesting payment noted in the cash book is "Short of Shot 2/31." This item needs no explanation, and is variously entered—"Shot," "Paid Shot," "Short, Shot," "Shot Extra," "Shot and Candles," "Deficiency of Shot," "Tyler and Shot," "Tyler's Shot and Lemon."

It must not, however, be supposed that our ancient brethren joined the lodge to "sit down to eat and to drink, and rise up to play." Taking into account the manners and customs of their day, they were as devoted to the great principles of Freemasonry as we are to-day, and as education and refinement progressed, so did our early brethren advance in knowledge and understanding.

In 1825, it was "ordered that in future the brethren shall appear in white gloves, to be made of whatever material they may think proper so that they be white." Three years previously, the lodge paid to Bro. Cravens, of Leeds, for instruction in the Union System of Craft Masonry £14 1s. 6d., and when there was no business at an ordinary meeting, the members practised this ritual in the Three Degrees, until the year 1855, when Bro. Goring visited the lodge and received £15 10s. for instruction given. At a more recent date the lodge was again visited by another brother, and the ritual then imparted has been carefully passed on to succeeding officers. In minor details it differs slightly from that in vogue in southern lodges, but we believe our working to be as nearly in accordance with that of 20 or 30 years ago, as it is possible for an orally transmitted ritual to be.

Care and discrimination have always been exercised with regard to the admission of candidates and visitors. In 1822, "a man attempted to visit of the name of John Trestor, and not admitted." Nearly 60 years ago, a worthy brother, still resident in the town, was brought into the lodge for initiation, when it was ascertained that he was one month under age, consequently he had to retire until the next meeting.

In the course of your reading, many of you will have met with a book entitled "Long Livers." There are seven of them in the Lion Lodge, not dead books but living "Lions"—brethren who have exceeded half-a-century of Masonic life, but whose interest in the Craft continues unabated. One of their number—Bro. J. Nicholas Lawson, P.M.—still acts as our Treasurer, and he has personally superintended the decoration of the hall in which we are now met. We honour them and love them, as they love us and honour the lodge.

During the first 16 years of its existence the Lion Lodge met at the Golden Lion Inn, then for two years at the Freemasons' Tavern (burnt down in 1853), from whence they migrated to the Angel Inn, where for 44 years they found a "common inn of rest." In 1859 the "Lions" removed to the new Masonic Hall on the West Cliff, where we still continue to meet, and with the lotus eaters say—"We will no longer roam."

This is the seventh visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge to Whitby, the dates of which are as follow: 1844, 1851, 1858 (foundation-stone laying of Masonic Hall), 1859 (consecration of Hall), 1867, 1884, and once again you honour us with your presence to-day. On each of the above occasions, save one, the head for the time being of the noble family represented by our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master in the chair has presided over the proceedings.

It was the custom of the Romans to mark any specially eventful year as an "Annus Mirabilis" (wonderful year, or year of wonders). Having now attained the venerable age of 100 years, the Lion Lodge may well regard the present year as an Annus Mirabilis. This fact also is not without interest to the province represented here to-day, for in the ordinary course of events, a period of exactly 50 years must elapse before the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Ridings of North and East Yorkshire will be able to celebrate the centenary of the next oldest lodge in the Province. "Not backward are our glances bent, but forward."

Of late years, as many of you know, there has been found in Jerusalem an ancient inscription belonging to the times of the Hebrew monarchy. It tells how two parties of workmen had been tunnelling, working in opposite directions, to make a channel through which water might pass into the city. They had begun the work at the two ends, and, as the inscription records, and as the course of the tunnel shows, had been in some danger of missing each other. But while they were making their way through the rock, there began to be heard the voice of a man calling to his neighbour, and soon pick struck against pick, and a way was made along which the water could pass. In different parts, the lodges of this province have been working, apparently in opposite directions. But already we seem to hear, as it were, the voices of brethren calling to their neighbours, and soon, perhaps, pick will strike against pick.

May the brethren of the Lion Lodge, and of every lodge in North and East Yorkshire help to widen the channel along which shall flow to all parts of the habitable globe, one mighty river of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

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**Masonic Notes.**

Supreme Grand Chapter met in quarterly convocation on Wednesday, when a number of companions had the brevet rank of Past Grand Officers conferred upon them. The majority of the companions who were thus honoured had previously received Past rank in Grand Lodge, but the places of those who were not eligible to receive office in the Royal Arch were filled by others, so that the full number of 60 were honoured.

We rejoice to learn that "our girls" have again done extremely well in their public trials. In the Science and Art Drawing Examinations, 31 entered for freehand, and 28 passed. 18 entered for model drawing, and 16 passed; five entered for the difficult test of light and shade, and all passed; 49 passes out of 54.

We judge, from the tenour of the proceedings at the recent meeting, at Portsmouth, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, that the Province contemplates raising a large amount of support to our Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at its Centenary Festival. This is not to be wondered at, seeing that Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, the Chairman of the Board of Management of the School, and Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., one of the members of the said Board, are both of them leading and influential members of the Craft in the Province. Apart, however, from this, our Hampshire and Isle of Wight brethren take a deep interest in the success of our Institutions. During the last few years, since they have started an Educational Fund of their own, their contributions to the Central Charities have been on a more moderate scale than usual, but on special occasions—as when their respected Provincial Grand Master has undertaken to preside at one of the Festivals, when some special Anniversary has been celebrated, or some special effort made in behalf of a particular Institution—Hants and the Isle of Wight has always been prepared to do its duty worthily.

The proposal made by Bro. Richard Eve that the Province should raise a sum sufficient to purchase a Perpetual Presentation to the Boys' School as a memorial of its Centenary was doubtless an excessive one; the amount required—£1260—takes a good deal of raising. But the further proposal by Bro. T. Francis that a sum of 250 guineas (£262 10s.) should be voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge as a special donation in respect of the approaching Centenary was cheerfully acquiesced in; and with this as an example we doubt not that the lodges, and chapters, and brethren will take care that their donations are likewise of a special character, that shall be worthy alike of the Institution and the Province. The 20th century will have run barely half its course ere such another anniversary will be held as that which the friends and supporters of the Boys' School are proposing to celebrate in the summer of 1898 under the auspices of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master and President, and we trust the Craft generally will spare no effort in order to ensure that the success of the coming Festival shall be unprecedented in the annals of English Masonry.

Certain remarks which were made by Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, at the recent annual meeting of his Prov. G. Lodge, deserve more than the casual notice which the remarks contained in an after-dinner speech are ordinarily accorded. His lordship, in reference to the acceptance by anyone of a duty or duties, laid down two important principles—firstly, that no one should undertake a duty which he was unable to perform; and, secondly, that having undertaken a duty, he should make a point of fulfilling it to the best of his ability. We are afraid there are not a few brethren who do not allow themselves to be sufficiently actuated by, at all events, the former of these principles, and accept positions, the duties of which they know beforehand they will be unable to perform. There are those who accept positions readily, nay, even greedily, knowing the while that they are not likely to have the time, the inclination, and much less, the ability to perform the duties pertaining thereto. Matters have greatly improved as compared with what they were years ago, when it was the exception for anyone to trouble himself about performing the duties he undertook. But the principles laid down by Lord G. Hamilton are still somewhat loosely observed, and we trust his remarks will not be without their influence in inducing men to remember that the acceptance of a duty entails the responsibility of discharging it to the best of one's ability.

It is satisfactory to know that at last a step in the direction of rebuilding a Masonic Hall for the English and Scottish Craft in Bombay has been taken, and that Bro. Lord Sandhurst, who is Pro Dist. G. Master (E.C.), and G.M. of all Scottish Masonry in India has at last had the opportunity of laying the foundation stone of the proposed edifice. The ceremony took place on the 5th June, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren of the two Constitutions, a very full account appearing in the *Indian Masonic Review*. Such a project as this has been in contemplation for something like 20 years, and our Bombay brethren are to be congratulated on the fulfilment of their desire for a hall of their own.

There is also in the same *Indian Masonic Review* a full account of the installation of Lord Sandhurst as Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. This event took place the day previous to that assigned for the laying of the stone of the new Masonic Hall. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Smith, the retiring Grand Master, and when Lord Sandhurst was placed in the chair, he delivered a brief, but appropriate, address, in which, having first of all paid a high compliment to his predecessor for the ability, tact, and judgment with which he had fulfilled his duties, he expressed his intention of doing all in his power to maintain the interests of Scottish Freemasonry in India. "I recognise," said his lordship, "not only the honour of the post, but also the duties of the post, and I shall do my utmost to fulfil them."

From the report of the annual general meeting of the Subscribers to the Madras Masonic Institution, on the 24th March last, under the presidency of the Dist. G. Master, Bro. Col. G. M. J. Moore, it appears that the Institution has fared very prosperously during the past year. Its funded capital now amounts to 18,000 rupees, as against 17,100 rupees at the close of 1895, while the number of children being educated is 13, at a cost of 1050 rupees, as compared with 11 children, at a cost of 945 rupees, in 1895. Moreover, the children are all reported as making satisfactory progress in their Schools. We trust that the Institution will go on and prosper even more abundantly than in the past year.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia held its annual Communication in Victoria on Thursday, the 17th June. Bro. Alexander Charleson, M.W.G. Master, occupied the chair, and, according to the report in the *Canadian Craftsman* for last month, there was a very full attendance of G. Officers and others entitled to be present. In the evening the brethren attended divine service in the Presbyterian Church, the sermon being preached by Bro. the Rev. J. A. Logan, G. Chaplain. On returning to the hall, the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year took place, Bro. the Rev. E. D. McLaren being elected G. Master, and Bro. E. Hosker, G. Secretary. An address of congratulation to the Queen on the completion of the 60th year of her reign was adopted amid the heartiest manifestations of enthusiasm, and on the following day the proceedings were brought to a close with a banquet, at which the newly-installed G. Master presided with great success.

We learn from the *Freemasons' Repository* that the various Grand Bodies in Vermont held their annual meetings in Burlington in the month of June. The proceedings in Grand Lodge were opened on the 9th June under the presidency of Bro. Haskins, G.M., and Bro. D. N. Nicholson was elected M.W.G.M. for the ensuing 12 months. Comp. Nicholson, G.H.P., presided at the 30th annual convocation of Grand Chapter on the 11th of the same month, and Comp. G. S. Weston was elected to succeed him. The Grand Commandery was held on the 8th of the month, and Sir Knight Robert J. Wright was elected and installed G.C. for the ensuing year, while as regards the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, the new G.M. is Comp. Donald A. Stone. In the case of all these Grand Bodies the secretarial duties are discharged by Bro. W. G. Reynolds, who is G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery and Grand Council.

Our respected Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Past G. Master of Canada, is well-known for his philanthropy, and it is not, therefore, surprising to read in the pages of the *Canadian Craftsman* that he has been organising a Strawberry Festival for Crippled Children, in Toronto, and taking measures for establishing a fund to help the crippled children of the poor in the matter of surgical appliances. Our contemporary also depicts him as having taken a leading part in the celebration by Toronto brethren of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, whereat it was resolved to commemorate the auspicious event by endowing a cot in the Victoria Hospital for children, to be called "The Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Masonic Cot." The sum to be raised is 2000 dollars, and a very handsome sum, too, for a very handsome purpose.

We will take the opportunity next week of reproducing from our Canadian contemporary the addresses to be delivered to the Queen on behalf of the Grand Lodge and Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

## Correspondence.

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

### QUEEN VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2655.—AN EXPLANATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My attention has been called to a report in your issue of May 8th, of the consecration of the above lodge, and one part of it has caused some unpleasantness in consequence of its incorrectness. You state that I "kindly undertook the musical arrangements of the ceremony at very short notice, &c.," and "that the excellent choir of Lodge Metham, No. 1205, all of whom volunteered their services," &c.

It is manifestly unfair to have omitted any recognition of the thoroughly efficient services of a choir of brethren, who, personally paid their expenses to come from Exeter to Plymouth, to render the music under the direction of Bro. Luget, the P.G.O., at whose request I presided at the organ. The evening previous I attended at Metham and rehearsed some of the service with Metham choir, but our Exeter friends sang an anthem, which neither the choir nor myself had seen before.

I trust you will allow me to give publicity to this explanation, and also give honour where honour is due.

You will oblige me if you will assure our Exeter brethren that I did not forward you the report.—Yours fraternally,

W. WILLOUGHBY,  
Mus. Bac. Oxon., F.R.C.O., S.D. 1247.

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[We corroborate Bro. Willoughby's statement as to the report he speaks of not having been received from him.—Ed. *Freemason*.]

## Craft Masonry.

### Isle of Axholme, No. 1482.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th ult., when Bro. W. S. Scholey was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. T. Stanforth, P.P.S.G.W., assisted by Bros. J. Constable, P.P.G.O.; M. J. Behrendt, P.P.J.G.W.; and C. Fox, P.P.G.S. Just before Bro. Hemingbrough vacated the chair, the Installing Master, Bro. T. Stanforth, presented to him, on behalf of the members of the lodge, a jubilee jewel of very handsome design, as a memento of his year of office. Bro. Hemingbrough briefly thanked the brethren for their valuable gift, and said it would be worn by him with great pleasure and pride on all Masonic occasions. The newly-elected W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Hemingbrough, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; J. Franks, S.W.; G. S. Tyack, P.P.G.C., J.W.; T. Stanforth, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. H. Lee, S.D. and Sec. (*pro tem.*); A. W. Cundall, J.D.; J. G. Barratt, I.G.; F. H. Waite, Std.B.; W. Chamberlain, D.C.; T. Stanforth, Almoner and Ch. Stwd.; and G. Naylor, Tyler.

After the duties of the lodge were over, the brethren assembled in the banquet room, where a splendid spread awaited them, prepared by hostess Cranidge in her noted dainty style. The tables and room presented a refreshing appearance, produced by plants and flowers placed here and there, and both catering and attention were commendable. The duties of the Stewards were commendably attended to.

The regular and Masonic toasts were honoured in due form, intermingled with vocal renderings by the brethren, amongst whom were Bros. C. Fox, A. W. Cundall, J. H. Lee, M. W. Renton, and W. S. Scholey. Accompanist, Bro. H. L. Burtonshaw, P.P.G.O.

### United Military Lodge, No. 1536.

The last of the anniversary festivals of the Woolwich and Plumstead districts, at least for the year of grace 1897, took place on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when the above excellent lodge celebrated its installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, in the presence and with the assistance of a goodly array of the brethren and visitors from the neighbouring and other lodges. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. Fowler, W.M., who commenced his arduous duties by raising a candidate. The W.M. elect, Bro. F. Reed, S.W., was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and Bro. Reed was, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted. It was then announced that Bro. Walter Martin, A.G. Purst., sought admission, and he was conducted to his seat, and saluted, for which he greeted the brethren. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Fowler, I.P.M.; A. Hill, S.W.; A. Simmonds, J.W.; Rev. H. H. Walker, M.A., Chap.; J. W. Gee, Treas.; E. W. Sennett, P.M., Sec.; S. G. Meredith, S.D.; A. G. Swanson, J.D.; F. Hully, P.M., I.G.; A. B. Arthur, D.C.; Lieut. H. Chase and J. Howe, A.D.Cs.; W. Redman, Org.; and W. Shackleton, P.M., R. F. Cockrane, and S. J. Hackworthy, Stewards. Bro. Fowler then completed the ceremony by giving the addresses admirably, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The new W.M. commenced his reign by initiating a candidate in grand style, and after Bro. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., had been re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Grand Charity Committee, and "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the visiting brethren present, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the Concert Hall of the building by Bro. G. Cashfield, P.M. 615, and mine host of the Earl of Chatham, Woolwich, and was, in every respect, worthy of his fame as a munificent caterer.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. G. Kennedy, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Mould, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. W. Ingle, P.M.; T. O'Neill, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (hon.), &c.; G. Davis, P.M., P.P.G.P. Essex; C. Warren, T. Brooks, G. Hook, L. E. Gee, E. W. Searle, A. Andrews, and J. Horton, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. A. McQueen, S.W., H. Jacobs, J.W., and T. Chambers, all of 13; H. Pamment, W.M., and W. Long, J.W., both of 700; J. O. Cook, W.M., E. M. Taylor, J.W., and B. Littlewood, all of 913; W. Turvey, W.M., J. Palmer, S.W., and J. Smith, all of 1472; H. Crowder, W.M., G. Dyer, S.W., and J. Weatley, all of 2399; A. G. Collins, W.M. 2041; W. J. Kipps, S.W. 1531; J. Ward, J.D. 2041; G. Harlow, 2175; and W. Pexton, 1977.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," having been drunk, that of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of Bro. W. Martin.

Bro. W. Martin, in response to an enthusiastic reception, said it gave him extreme pleasure to be present at their meeting that afternoon, more especially as their W.M. was not only an esteemed friend of his, but was one of his pupils at the lodge of instruction over which he (Bro. Martin) presided as its Preceptor, and he was proud to say that in Bro. Reed they would find a Master who was a good worker, and thoroughly up in the ritual of the Degrees, and in every respect an excellent Mason. After referring to a former visit to Woolwich on the occasion of Bro. J. Ferry performing the ceremony of consecration, and of the pleasure that visit afforded him in seeing the splendid muster of Masons who attended that important function, he assured the brethren that the officers of Grand Lodge were always ready and willing to do anything in their power to forward the interest of Freemasonry, and as long as the brethren of the Craft were loyal to the true principles of the Order and the grand tenets of Masonry—brotherly love and Charity—so long would Masonry flourish, and spread its branches still longer and stronger to every corner of the habitable globe. He need hardly say that he was proud of the honour conferred upon him by their Grand Master, as were the whole of

the Grand Officers, and he felt sure that they would only be too glad to do whatever they could to prove how highly they esteemed that honour. He was exceedingly pleased to see an old friend, Bro. Jolly, present, and could assure that brother that his appeal in the cause of Charity would receive his (Bro. Martin's) hearty support. He felt sure that under the guidance of Bro. Reed their good old lodge would go on and prosper, and in the name of the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, he heartily thanked them for their kind and genial reception of the toast. Our distinguished brother, who had been frequently applauded during his speech, resumed his seat amid great cheering.

The next toast was that of "Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of the Province of Kent; Bro. James Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past;" and

Bro. Spinks, in responding, said their W.M. did quite right in omitting the toast of their P.G.M. as a separate toast, as the last time, he (Bro. Spinks) had the honour of seeing his lordship, he requested him to omit the toast, and make it one with the other Provincial Grand Officers. He was exceedingly sorry that their P.G.M. was not able to be present at their recent Prov. Grand Lodge meeting held in that hall, but his lordship was summoned to attend H.M.G.M. the Queen, at Buckingham Palace, that day, and so could not possibly attend. There was not a Prov. G.M. in England more popular, if so much, among his Masonic subjects, than Earl Amherst was among his. As to the Charities of the province, they had given no less than £2500 to the Charities during the past year, being £1250 apiece to two of the Charities, most of which came from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge. After enumerating at length the many gifts to the Charities by Prov. Grand Lodge, he concluded by assuring the brethren that the Prov. Grand Officers did good and faithful service to the cause, and for the interest and advancement of Freemasonry in the Province of Kent.

Bro. Kennedy spoke highly of the geniality and kindness of heart of Bro. Eastes, and of his care and judgment in the selection of the P.G. Officers, and

Bro. Moulds added briefly his testimony to the merits of their rulers in the province.

Bro. Penfold wanted to know what anyone could have to say after Bro. Spinks. If he were to say that the Province of Kent was a grand province, he should only be repeating a fact that was like a household word amongst them. Yet he could fairly say it, and, further, that they were proud of it, and still further proud to know that their P.G.M. was also D.G.M. of England—a position that the highest in the land might be proud to occupy. When the P.G.M. took office there were but three lodges in the province, now there were 63; that showed to what an enormous extent Masonry had flourished under his rule in the province alone. After speaking of the £1000 given by the brethren for the erection of a window of the Chapter House at Canterbury, not one penny piece of which was taken from the funds of the province, he assured them he was proud to be an officer of such a province, and thanked them heartily for their reception of the toast.

Bro. Fowler then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said they had installed a Master who would be a credit to the lodge. As Bro. Martin had said, their W.M. was a pupil of his, and that he was proud of him, they might rest assured that Bro. Martin's estimate of their W.M.'s abilities was a correct one, while the manner in which Bro. Reed had initiated a candidate that day was an earnest of what they might expect at his hands. He asked them to drink the toast as it deserved.

The W.M., in response, regretted his inability to properly respond to the toast, or in a manner equal to that which it deserved. That lodge was not his mother lodge, but ever since he had joined it his ambition was to some day achieve the proud position of its Mastership, and fill the chair into which he had been that day installed. For their unanimous vote that had placed him there he thanked them, and they might be assured that nothing would be wanting on his part to deserve their approbation, for he had sold himself heart and soul to the lodge, and meant to show them that they had not purchased a bad bargain. Let them find him plenty of work, and then, if he did not do it to their satisfaction, it would not be for want of trying. He thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. Fowler, in responding to a hearty toast to him as Installing Officer, said he did not intend to make a long speech, as they had a real musical treat before them. He could assure them that he had endeavoured to do the work to their satisfaction, and if he had pleased them he was satisfied.

"The Visitors," "The Initiates," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Press" were the other toasts.

Some splendid vocal and instrumental music was much enjoyed. The contributors were Miss E. Hope and Miss Annie Cheal and Bros. G. Roberts, R. Fowler, E. Walford, Robinson, and C. Parsons, Bro. Kipps presiding at the piano.

### Scots Lodge, No. 2319.

This flourishing lodge held its installation meeting on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Temple of the Holborn Restaurant. Bro. James Thomson, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge and during the performance of all the preliminary business, and there were also present Bros. Dr. D. M. Forbes, S.W.; D. R. Duncan, J.W.; A. Ritchie, Treas.; D. A. Ross, Sec.; E. Johnston Gordon, S.D.; Wm. Craig, J.D.; J. Page, D.C.; A. Davidson Arnott, Org.; T. Sandilands and J. Duncan Balfour, Stwds.; Thomas Grant, P.M.; Joseph Whitehead, P.M.; John Whitehead, P.M.; P. MacLean, Piper; J. Latta, Tyler; Percy G. Mallory, John Imray, T. M. Burnside, W. McClure, James Edmeston, Robert Watt, J. M. Barclay, Ashley Gordon, D. M. Smith, Wm. Gray Greig, John Plenderleith, A. Whitehead, W. MacLean, H. C. Rendall, Robert S. Darling, A. J. Macmaster, Thos Wright, P. Black, W. W. Arnott, James Anderson, John Nicol, and Edward Watts. Visitors: Bros. R. W. Rice, J. Featherston, L. C. Venables, W. P. West, R. Gooch, E. W. Payne, John Sandeman, F. S. Toogood, F. J. Smith, Robert Evans, J. G. Gordon, H. J. Inderwick, J. Little, W. Bussey, H. Massey, James Gray, Joseph Cox, Edward T. New, Edward Gabriel, J. Smith, E. J. Harrison, W. Martin, G. D. Lister, C. Funegalli, H. T. Desch, A. C. Woolsey, Chas. F. Quicke, E. G. Van Tromp, Henry F. Foale, G. Pett Smith, Albert Reed, G. Rossiter, G. T. Clough, J. Webb, George Basset, H. W. Parker, W. C. Warley, Thos. Mackenzie, W. Syckelmore, A. W. Weston, W. H. Wheeler, and W. J. Scrivener.

When the time came round for the installation of the new Master, Bro. James Thomson, W.M., gave way to Bro. Duncan F. Gellion, P.M., who had expressed a desire to instal his old friend, Bro. Dr. D. M. Forbes, P.M. 909, S.W. and W.M. elect. Bro. Gellion then went into the chair, and in excellent style performed the ceremony. After Bro. Dr. Forbes had been placed in the chair, Bro. James Thomson was invested as I.P.M. of the lodge, and later on he received the presentation of a Past Master's jewel. The other officers were Bros. D. Robertson Duncan, S.W.; E. Johnston Gordon, P.M., P.Z., J.W.; the Ven. William Macdonald Sinclair, D.D., Archdeacon of London, P.G.C., Chap.; Alexander Ritchie, J.P., C.C., Treas.; David Angus Ross, Sec.; Duncan F. Gellion, P.M., Trustee; William Craig, S.D.; Ashley O. P. Gordon, J.D.; Thomas Sandilands, I.G.; John Page, P.M., P.Z., D.C.; J. Duncan Balfour, A.D.C.; Frederick John Young, Peter Black, Thomas Charteris, John Macgregor, and Walter D. Home, Stwds.; John Plenderleith and P. C. Mallory, Auditors; A. Davidson Arnott (M.B. Dunelm), A.R.C.O., Org.; Sergt. Peter Maclean, Piper, and John Latta, Tyler. After the delivery of the address by Bro. Gellion, P.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Dr. D. M. Forbes, W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said her Majesty the Queen was the most queenly of women and the most womanly of queens that ever reigned over this or any other country. She was "a pattern to all princes living with her and to all who shall succeed." The letter to her loyal subjects, thanking them for their loyalty was one, not only of the most womanly, but one of the most motherly expressions of a grateful heart anyone ever read. She addressed her people as "my people." Her people had shown in this Jubilee year, by their good humoured behaviour and their attachment to law and order, that they were patterns to all people and all nations on the face of the earth—worthy subjects of so good, so great, and so worthy a Queen.

Bro. Dr. Forbes, W.M., in proposing "The M.W.G.M.," said the Prince of Wales had ruled over English Masons nearly a quarter of a century, and during his time Masonry had flourished more than it ever had before. Masonry was not only most loyal, but it was one of the most Charitable institutions in Great Britain and Ireland. Masons collected far more money for Charity than any other body of men. One of the Prince of Wales's great acts which became him better than any other was the expression of his feelings of love for the sick poor of London; there was no brighter crown of glory than to be merciful to the poor and sick.

The next toast was "The Grand Lodge of England, and all the Grand Lodge



Officers, Present and Past," and Bro. Dr. Forbes, W.M., in giving it, said the Grand Officers were at all times willing and ready to take their places and do their work at the sharpest notice, and the Craft owed them a deep debt of gratitude.

Bro. Edmeston, P.G. Supt. of Wks., replying, said there was always a fraternal feeling among Masonic lodges, especially towards Grand Lodge. He thought that the great, growing and important Scots Lodge might be better known to the leaders of Grand Lodge. Three Grand Lodge Officers who had been asked to attend that day were full up with engagements and could not come. There were only two present, himself and Bro. Walter Martin. When more Grand Officers visited the lodge it was to be hoped some of the members of the Scots Lodge would become members of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Walter Martin, A.G.P., also acknowledged the toast, and said he had thoroughly enjoyed the working of Bro. Gellion, and, from what he had seen, he should say the W.M. was a treasure to the lodge. That augured well for the Scots Lodge.

Bro. James Thomson, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said Bro. Forbes was the ninth Master of the lodge, and no better or worthier Scotchman had filled the chair. Not only was he connected with the Masonic Charities and Masonic business in general, but he was one of the greatest and most energetic of the Scotsmen in London who looked after the Scottish Charities, and there was no fitter man to be entrusted with the gavel. It was a severe accident that he was not able to sign on as a founder; he was present at the consecration and at every meeting since, and there was no more consistent or splendid worker in the cause of the lodge. He did not now occupy the chair of a lodge for the first time; he was one of those few Masters who had followed on two years in succession as Master of his mother lodge; he was a great man and a good man, or he would not have such a high honour thrust upon him. He possessed the great feeling of fraternity; he was one of the greatest, most delightful, and most energetic Masons, and when he (Bro. Thomson) saw him in the chair of the Maybury Lodge, he looked forward to the time when he should see him installed in the Scots Lodge, and should have to propose his health. It was a privilege to instal one's successor, but when Dr. Forbes was elected the "grand old man" of the lodge, Bro. Gellion said he should like to instal the doctor, and he (Bro. Thomson) replied that he would be very delighted to let him, and now he thought he did not do a bad thing for the lodge when he consented. In Dr. Forbes they had a Past Chairman of the Royal Caledonian Asylum and a Past Chairman of many years' standing of the Royal Scottish Corporation. Both of those societies had conferred upon him a mark of appreciation of his services; they had presented him with a list for life of 253 votes. Dr. Forbes was also a Past President of the Caledonian Society, a society which he (Bro. Thomson) had supported with all honesty before he became a Mason. There was everything in the Caledonian Society which was in Masonry, and when Dr. Forbes was in the chair of the Scots Lodge they might depend upon it it was a great thing for the Scots Lodge. It was a great pleasure to him to sit on Dr. Forbes' left, and he hoped Dr. Forbes would have such a year of office as would eclipse all previous years.

Bro. Dr. Forbes, W.M., in reply, assured the brethren that he liked to hear good old Scotch songs, for one could not help being born over the border and recollect their national history and character; but there was one thing about the Scots Lodge, they had changed their venue from the old Scottish Corporation Hall to the Holborn Restaurant. There had been an old maxim among Scotchmen, which Scotchmen had taken much advantage of, that it was owing to an old man, who was an elder of the church, on account of the contributions he gave to the church, when he died, he turned round to his children, and said: "My dear children, I cannot give you any money, but I can give you good advice." They all said "What is the good advice?" He said "Gae South; keep on going South." The Anglo-Scotch had gone south, and they did not see much prospect of going across the sea. But there was another maxim they had—"When ye've once settled your corner, gae to the West, where the money is." That was the point. He thanked the I.P.M. for the way in which he had glorified him. Of course, there was a little truth in the matter; but there was one thing he should say—he never repented of doing good, nor should he ever.

Bro. Forbes, W.M., proposed "The Installing Master and the I.P.M." He united the two for one simple reason—that to the I.P.M. he was obliged for having allowed his old and respected friend, Bro. Gellion, to instal him. He asked Bro. Thomson if he would forego the privilege in order that Bro. Gellion might perform the ceremony, and he kindly gave way, and so did the other Past Masters. The brethren of the Scots Lodge had no doubt felt that they were under a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Gellion for the grand way in which he installed him. Visitors must acknowledge that the feeling and touching way he gave the addresses was as good as they could have seen anywhere. He had never seen it better done. He had seen Bro. Gellion do it several times, and he had seen him do it better, but he had never seen anyone else do it better. The brethren had also seen him do the Scotch reel that night—a man of 75 years of age. "Take him for all in all, we ne'er shall look upon his like again." (A cry—"A Grand Old Man.") The brethren had seen Bro. Thomson's working during the year; those who had not seen him work had no idea how well he did it. Bro. Thomson had a great deal of vital energy and power in him; he had the interest of the Scots Lodge at heart and he had tried his best to make the lodge prosper. He had handed it over to him (Dr. Forbes), who acknowledged the responsibility.

Bro. D. F. Gellion, P.M., in reply, said he was very much at a loss to express himself for what Dr. Forbes had said of him and Bro. Thomson. When he asked permission to instal his dear old friend he thought he was going to do something very grand, and in order to do so he prepared himself, but it was not to be, and he failed. (No, no.) If the brethren had heard him in Kensington Gardens that morning they would have said he did it well. He did not perform the ceremony that evening to his satisfaction. Although the brethren were so generous to him on all occasions, and gave him credit for doing things well, he felt that his work that evening was not what he should have liked it to be. The generosity of the brethren, and the kindness and cordiality with which they always received him, was a proof of their brotherly love. He felt that whatever his failings might be, they always tolerated him, and he thanked them very much.

Bro. James Thomson, I.P.M., also replied. His year of office was a great responsibility to him, but he was very grateful he was able to fulfil his duties with credit to himself and the lodge. As one of the founders of the Scots Lodge, he looked upon the proceedings with the very greatest and liveliest interest, and he hoped he should live for a long time to wear the beautiful jewel they had presented to him. He had some little to do with the designing of it. He hoped to live to show it to his grandchildren. He thanked the Past Masters for the assistance he had had from them. It was pleasant for him to see his old friend, John Imray, an initiate in that lodge. He also thanked all the officers from the bottom of his heart for the way in which they supported him; the Secretary, perhaps, more than all the others. They had a splendid Secretary, and he hoped Bro. Ross would be Secretary for a long time. He thanked Bro. A. Ritchie, the Treasurer, for his assistance and for many kind words of sympathy at a time when he (Bro. Thomson) was not with the brethren. He was not present at the ladies' night, and Bro. Ritchie sent him a kind letter of sympathy, which was in his heart, and a little picture, which was in his study. Bro. Ritchie had always been very kind, and in him as Treasurer the brethren had an ornament to the lodge. He thanked the brethren for the good attendance during his year; the percentage had been higher than in the previous year. It was then 27.9; in his year it was 41.9. The financial balance came out satisfactorily, and now he relinquished the chair he felt something had been attempted, something done, and he had earned a genial repose.

Bro. John Whitehead, P.M., responding to the toast of "The Past Masters," assured the brethren that one of the happiest moments of his life was when he saw so many brethren around the table as there were that day wishing well to the Scots Lodge. It had been his ambition to see the Scots Lodge one of the foremost of lodges. He was taken somewhat aback when Bro. Thomson said that was the ninth year of their incorporation, and it was a very pleasing moment to himself and the other Past Masters when they saw such a large gathering of brethren showing their appreciation of the Scots Lodge. It was no easy task to bring the lodge to such a condition. It was said at their first starting that they intended to try to make it one of the foremost of the lodges under the Grand Lodge of England. He thought they had done very well with the support they had had from the officers and members. He assured the brethren that the whole aim of the members was to study the comfort and interest of Scotsmen who came to London. They trusted that all those who did come to London who were Masons would not forget that there was a Scots Lodge. He had heard in his travels many say they did not know, and he hoped the gathering that night would not refrain from letting Scots Masons know there was a Scots Lodge always glad and ready to see them. They gave them a hearty welcome. In Dr. Forbes they had a Master second to none who had from the formation of the lodge its interests at heart, a man who said everything he could for Scotsmen. Bro. Gellion, too, was a great Mason, most genial

and kind-hearted. It was very pleasing not only to him (Bro. Whitehead) but to every member of the Scots Lodge to meet their dear old friend, Bro. Gellion, and witness the splendid style in which he performed the installation ceremony.

The toast of "The Visitors," was responded to by Bros. Jubal Webb and Thomas Mackenzie, of New Zealand, and after the toasts of "The Treasurer, the Secretary, the Trustee, and the Officers," and the Tyler's toast had been honoured, "Auld Lang Syne," concluded a glorious evening.

Bro. Thomas Mackenzie, who replied as one of the visitors to the toast of "The Visitors," has been a member of the New Zealand Parliament for 10 years. He is a P.M. of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 460, Clutha; he is an explorer, and the Premier has just brought his explorations, which include the discovery of some of the most important passes of New Zealand, under the notice of the Royal Geographical Society.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.

This chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 9th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. L. Steele, 30°, M.W.S.; Dr. Victor Jagielski, 1st Gen.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; A. W. Humphreys, R.; Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; Major Baldwin, Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., and H. Hills, J.P. Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., of the Invicta Chapter, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. F. F. Bonney, J.W. Leigh Lodge, and he was duly perfected, the ceremony being well performed. The ballot was also taken on behalf of Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., as a joining member. Bro. W. Maple, Prelate, M.W. elect, having resigned that position in consequence of ill-health, the Recorder reported that he had communicated the circumstance to the Secretary-General of the S.E., and that that brother had suggested the election of another brother in Bro. Maple's place. The ballot was then taken for M.W.S., and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. V. Jagielski. The notice of motion—"That in future the installation be held in November instead of July"—was unanimously carried. The Recorder then gave a notice of motion—"That, subject to the Masonic Hall being at liberty, the July meeting be discontinued, and that the month of June be substituted."

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Maple, T. E. Biddlecombe, Dr. Lott, 31°; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, 30°; Capt. George Carpenter, J. Adams, G. Grimwood, J.P., P.M.W.S.; George Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, after which the banquet was held at the Café Royale.

The chair was taken by the Recorder, and, upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

During the proceedings Bros. Dr. J. W. Hinton and Egbert Roberts instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren, and Bro. F. W. Driver read his well-known poem on the Rose Croix.

## Allied Masonic Degrees.

### Metropolitan Council (T.I.).

A meeting of this council was held at Mark Masons' Hall on the 16th ult. Among the officers and others present were—Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M., as W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. L. Shepherd; G. Graveley, P.M., as S.W.; J. J. Pakes, J.W.; George Powell, P.M., Treasurer; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; and Basil Stewart, S.D.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. C. C. Nicols, P.M., of Sierra Leone, and, it being unanimous, he was duly received into the three degrees of St. Lawrence, Knights of Constantinople, and Red Cross of Babylon, the ceremonies being admirably performed by the W.M., ably seconded by the exertions of Bro. B. Stewart, as Conductor. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. George Powell, unable to be present at the last meeting. It was unanimously resolved that in future the council meet in November instead of July as heretofore, and that the By-laws be amended accordingly. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. L. Shepherd, W.M.; R. L. Loveland, J.P., P.M.; W. Vincent, P.M., G.D.C.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., I.G.; and others.

The council was then closed.

The brethren dined together under the genial presidency of Bro. George Powell.

A few of the more important toasts were duly proposed and honoured. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

## UNFURLING OF A NEW LODGE BANNER AT CROOK.

On Wednesday night, the 28th ult., at the Crook Lodge, No. 2019, there was a very large attendance on the occasion of the visit of the Prov. Grand Officers of Durham, and the presentation of a new banner and certain framed portraits to the lodge. The W.M., Bro. J. Hertford Pollard, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. J. Anderson, S.W.; Wm. Addison, J.W.; W. Atkinson, Treas.; S. Barkas, Sec.; Edward Brougham, S.D.; Jas. H. Allison, J.D.; G. W. Rippon, Org.; W. Makepeace, I.G.; and the following Prov. Grand Officers and others: Bros. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. England, P.G.S.; Babington Boulton, P.P.S.G.W.; F. H. Bennett, P.J.G.W.; J. C. Moor, P.P.J.G.W.; John Joel, P.A.G. Sec.; C. W. Anderson, P.P.G.D.; E. Milburn, P.P.G.D.; and others.

After other business, Bro. T. HARDY, P.M., P.P.G.P., gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and stated that the W.M., Bro. Pollard, desired that the lodge should commemorate the Jubilee year and his year of office in a suitable way, and he had most generously presented a handsome new banner to the lodge. He invited, on behalf of the lodge, Bro. Robert Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., to unveil the new banner. (Applause.)

Bro. R. HUDSON, Prov. G. Sec., who rose amid applause, then unveiled the new banner, which bore the title and number of the lodge, with an excellent painting in oils of the Crook Parish Church in the centre, and the fact of the presentation of the banner to the lodge by Bro. J. H. Pollard, W.M. He said it had been a great pleasure to come again to Crook, and it was a privilege to be invited to unfurl the new banner. It would always be a pleasing reminder to them to know that the W.M. during his year of office had presented the banner to the lodge. (Applause.) He was very gratified to see the lodge in such a prosperous condition.

Bro. E. MILBURN, P.M., P.P.G.D., proposed, and Bro. JOHN JOEL, P.M., P.A.G. Sec., seconded, that the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to the W.M. for his generous and appropriate gift to the lodge, which was passed and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and the W.M. briefly acknowledged the vote.

Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.S., then unveiled by request three framed photographs of Past Masters of the lodge—Bros. T. Hardy, E. Milburn, and W. T. Wanless—which was also presented to the lodge by these Past Masters.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the visitors were entertained in the banqueting room in a very hospitable manner, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured thereafter.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at 4 p.m.

THE FISHMONGERS' COMPANY have sent a donation of 50 guineas to the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City-road, E.C.

THE 1ST GRENADIER GUARDS, who are shortly to go to Gibraltar, have been ordered, as a preparatory step, to transfer their regimental transport at once to the 2nd Scots Guards.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, as Commodore of the Club, presided at the annual dinner of the Royal Yacht Squadron at the Castle, Cowes, on Tuesday evening, among the guests being the Duke of York, and Bro. the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has re-opened the Chapel of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows at Kingston-on-Thames. It had been closed for many years, but has now been completely renovated at the cost of Col. Hamilton, of the 14th Hussars.

BRO. R. D. M. LITTLER, C.B., Q.C., Chairman of the Middlesex County Council and Quarter Sessions, laid the foundation-stone on Tuesday of a new Court House, which is about to be erected at a cost of £7500, for the convenience of the Middlesex magistrates.

THE QUEEN has written to the Mayor of Ryde to express her sympathy with the widow and children of the man who met with a fatal accident during the preparations for her Majesty's visit to the town, at the same time enclosing a cheque for £10 for their use.

SOME 1400 children residing in the neighbourhood of Drury-lane, Clare Market, the Strand, &c., were entertained in the gardens of Lincoln's Inn by the Benchers on Saturday afternoon last, music, dancing, and games, as well as a substantial tea, being provided for the party.

BRO. THE DUKE OF PORTLAND, accompanied by the Duchess, presided at the luncheon in connection with the Welbeck Tenants' Agricultural Show, there being also present amongst others, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Granby, Bro. Lord and Lady Wantage, Bro. Sir Frederick and Lady Milner, and Bro. Captain Holford.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT at the interment of the late Bro. Richard Benyon at Eaglefield, near Reading, on Saturday afternoon last, were Mrs. Benyon, the widow, Sir John and Lady Shelley, Bro. Lord Wantage, Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, the Earl of Portsmouth, Lord de Ramsey, and Bro. Sir John Mowbray, Bart., M.P.

THE DUKE OF YORK formally took over the command of the Isle of Wight Volunteers in succession to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg in the grounds at Osborne, on Monday, and when his Royal Highness had inspected the regiment, the Queen, accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg and two of her sons drove up and reviewed the regiment.

THE QUEEN held a Council at Osborne, on Tuesday, when there were present Bro. the Duke of Devonshire (Lord President), Viscount Cross (Lord Privy Seal), and Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P. (Comptroller of the Household). Subsequently her Majesty was pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on a number of gentlemen, amongst them being Bros. H. H. Bemrose, M.P., and Henry Harben.

BROS. THE RIGHT HON. A. AKERS DOUGLAS, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. Hicks Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., were among the ministers present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Monday.

THE WEATHER on Monday being especially fine, there was an immense exodus of excursionists and holiday folks generally from London on Bank Holiday. All the favourite inland and seaside resorts were crowded with visitors, and the various exhibitions and athletic and other recreation grounds were crowded with people. The railway and refreshment caterers did a splendid business, and everybody seemed to enjoy himself.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG visited Ventnor on Saturday afternoon last and laid the foundation-stone of the 11th block of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption. The inscription on the stone read—"To the Glory of God and in memory of Prince Henry of Battenberg." The subscriptions amounted to about £7000, of which the Treasurer gave 2000 guineas. Guards of honour were mounted on the occasion by the Isle of Wight Rifle Volunteers.

AMONG the guests at the marriage of Mr. Henry R. Hohler and Mabel Caroline, second daughter of Sir George and Lady Julia Wombwell, at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on Saturday last and at the reception which followed at the residence of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Dartrey in Eaton-square were the Duke of Cambridge, attended by Colonel Fitz-George, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey, the Countess of Carnarvon, the Bishop of Sodor and Man, and Mrs. Straton.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN visited the Royal Albert Institute, Windsor, on Saturday afternoon last, for the purpose of presenting the certificates and medallions to the members of the local St. John Ambulance Association. Her Royal Highness also distributed the bronze Jubilee medals awarded to those who had rendered assistance during the Windsor celebrations. Among the recipients were ladies, railway men, postmen, and police constables.

MARK MASONRY.—By command of Bro. Rev. Henry Baker Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland and Durham, a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge will be held on Wednesday, 25th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gladstone Street, Gateshead, at four o'clock. The Committee of General Purposes will meet an hour previously for the transaction of business. At 5.30 p.m. the banquet is to be provided in the banqueting hall of the Central Masonic Hall, Newcastle.

THE KING OF SIAM, with his son and suite, visited Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday, evincing great interest in most of what he saw, the sword and helmet of Henry V. which he wore at Agincourt, the coronation chair and stones, the tomb of Queen Elizabeth, and others, in the former being especially honoured with his Majesty's attention. After seeing St. Paul's, the King drove to Earl's Court and visited the Victorian Era Exhibition, afterwards taking a trip to Ranelagh in Baron Deichmann's coach, and dining at the Club quarters.

THE LORD MAYOR and Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs of London, with a large party of Civic functionaries and dignitaries, visited Brussels in State towards the close of last week, and met with a most enthusiastic welcome on their arrival and at the various banquets and gatherings held in their honour. The Civic party included Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P., Alderman Sir Stuart Knill, Alderman and Sheriff Ritchie, Bro. Sheriff Rogers, and Bro. Alderman Col. Davis, M.P. The immediate purpose of the visit was to inspect the International Exhibition.

ON THE 25TH ULT., a special service was held in Kilkeel Parish Church. The brethren of Lodge 144, Kilkeel, assembled in their lodge room at half-past five o'clock, and were there joined by members of Lodges 142, Castletwellan; 172, Ardglass; 697, Warrenpoint, and several strong supporters of the Order from Newry. Shortly before six o'clock the brethren, having been marshalled by Bro. H. C. Pentland, W.M. 144, proceeded to church, the usual order being observed on entering. The service was read by Bro. Rev. F. Dudley, M.A., the highly-respected incumbent of Kilkeel, and the lessons by Bro. Rev. Canon Pooler, Downpatrick. The musical portion of the service, which included the anthem, "Break forth into joy," by Semper, taken from Isaiah liii., 9 and 10, was well rendered by a large and efficient choir, Miss H. Lee presiding at the organ. At the conclusion of the service, Canon Pooler ascended the pulpit, and, taking as his text the fourth verse of the 1st chapter of St. John's Gospel, delivered an earnest and powerful address to a large and appreciative congregation. The collection, which was in aid of the Masonic Orphan Schools, was then taken up, and was entirely satisfactory.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF FIFE left London on Wednesday evening, for Mar Lodge, Braemar.

LADY HENRY SOMERSET has given a site to the borough of Reigate for the erection of a block of almshouses as a permanent memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON on Thursday consecrated a new church, dedicated to St. Peter, which has been erected at Lower Edmonton. The building will seat 520 people, and has cost £3800.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK and the Duchess of York, accompanied by a select party, enjoyed a river trip on Thursday, embarking at Windsor on a steam launch, and landing at Richmond.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has forwarded a cheque for £100 to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, E.C., as a donation towards the building fund of the new hospital now in the course of erection in the City-road.

THE LAST TWO NIGHTS of "Four Little Girls," at the Criterion Theatre, are announced, the play being withdrawn after to-morrow (Saturday). Next Saturday Mr. Horniman will produce a new and original comedy by Miss Martha Morton, entitled "The Sleeping Partner."

THE QUEEN has approved of the Jubilee Commemoration Medal being conferred on all officers commanding brigades, units, and representative detachments of the Regular Forces, Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers employed in lining the route of the Royal Procession on June 22nd.

AFTER THE FUNERAL at Dewsbury on Wednesday, of Bro. Dr. Hinchliffe, who was one of the oldest Freemasons in the district, it was announced that the deceased, after providing for his housekeeper and servants, had bequeathed property and shares worth about £50,000 towards higher education.

TUESDAY'S "GAZETTE" contained the announcement that the Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G., G.C.B., &c., to be Lord-Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Lancaster in succession to the late Earl of Sefton.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK and her daughter, the Duchess of York, paid an unexpected visit to the Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows, Kingston-on-Thames, driving over for the purpose from the White Lodge, Richmond. Their Royal Highnesses inspected many parts of the building, and chatted with many of the inmates.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS ADOLPHUS OF TECK, the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, and Lady Lettice Grosvenor attended the Eaton Flower Show. The Princess presented the prizes to the successful exhibitors. During the afternoon Mrs. Drew, accompanied by Miss Dorothy, drove over from Hawarden Castle and visited the ground.

THE ANNUAL SHOW of the Essex, Herts, and Middlesex Horse and Foal Society, of which Lord Mayor Phillips is President, was held at Waltham Cross on Monday, and proved a great attraction, the number of entries ranging between 300 and 400. Prizes to the amount of over £400 were awarded in the 43 classes in which the entries were arranged.

BARONESS BURDETT COUTTS distributed, on Tuesday, the prizes recently gained at the annual exhibition of the Brookfield Horticultural Society, Highgate, and was herself presented with an illuminated address, the gift of the allottees of the Highgate-rise Cottage Garden Allotments. The name of Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., the present owner of the ground thus allotted, was associated in the kindest terms with that of the Baroness in the address.

AFTER THE hospitable entertainment of the previous evening, the delegates of the Conference of the Deaf and Dumb on Thursday settled down to the consideration of practical schemes for the amelioration of their class. The meeting was held at St. Saviour's Lecture Hall, Oxford-street, and the subjects discussed included a proposal for State-aided National workshops for the deaf, and the development of the Deaf and Dumb Association as an employment bureau.

THE HOT WEATHER is just now exercising an unfavourable influence in the rate of mortality in London. Last week it rose from 20 to 23.6 per 1000, the cause being due to the number of deaths among children caused by eating unripe fruit, 441 out of the 459 deaths having occurred among children under five years of age. The return, however, is still slightly below the average for the last 10 years. The Croydon rate was 9.9, and that at Brighton the same as in the previous week, namely, 14.6.

HER MAJESTY'S dinner party on Monday evening included the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duke of York, Princess Victoria of Wales, Princess Charles of Denmark, Prince Christian Victor and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Arlbert of Anhalt, Admiral of the Fleet Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Keppel and others. The Queen's private band, conducted by Bro. Sir Walter Parratt, played a selection of music in the evening. On Tuesday the Queen's visitors included the Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne, and the Marquis of Lorne, while the dinner party included the King of the Belgians, who landed at Cowes in the afternoon.

THE KING OF SIAM, accompanied by his sons and attended by Bro. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), and Colonel Carrington, left Buckingham Palace for Portsmouth on Monday morning early and was met on his arrival by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, by whom the Eastern Monarch was most cordially welcomed. The whole party, after exchanging courtesies, went on board the Royal yacht Alberta and crossed to East Cowes, whence they were conveyed in Royal carriages to Osborne, where the King was received by her Majesty. Later in the day the Royal visitors returned to Buckingham Palace.

THE 2ND BATTALION of the Princess Victoria's Royal Irish Fusiliers went through the ceremony of "Trooping the Colour" on the Queen's Parade, Aldershot, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., being the 64th anniversary of the first presentation of colours by the Queen, then Princess Victoria, to the regiment. Among those present were the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Teck, Bro. Lord and Lady Pirbright, Maj.-Generals Bengough and Barnard, and the whole of the Military District Headquarters Staff. After the ceremony, the Duke presented long-service medals and other distinctions to sundry non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment, and later in the day the battalion gave itself up to festivity in honour of the occasion, while the officers entertained the Duke at dinner.

THE NEW PALACE STEAMERS, LIMITED, announce that on Wednesday, the 11th inst., and each succeeding Wednesday until 1st September, their well-known magnificent steamer La Marguerite will make a special trip to Boulogne and back, calling at Southend and Margate to and fro. A special feature of this trip—and one that will be greatly appreciated by the public—is the fact that passengers will have no less than 3½ hours on shore at Boulogne, as it is intended that a special train, to connect at Tilbury, will leave Fenchurch-street at 6.15 a.m., steamer returning from Boulogne at 4 p.m. A considerable reduction in fares to Margate and Ramsgate is also announced to take effect on and after Monday next.

THE QUEEN has sent, through the Marquis of Salisbury, the following gracious acknowledgment of an address of congratulation presented by the Grand Council of the Primrose League on the occasion of the recent Diamond Jubilee Commemoration: "Osborne, July 30, 1897. I have laid before the Queen the address of congratulation on the completion of the 60th year of her reign from the Primrose League, which you forwarded to me on the 25th inst. for presentation to her Majesty. The Queen commands me to ask you to express her sincere thanks for the kindly and loyal sentiments contained in the address, and also her Majesty's gratification at its touching allusion to the works initiated by the Prince Consort for the welfare of the people. (Signed) Arthur Bigge."

MASONIC CEREMONY AT DUMFRIES.—Bro. Lord Saltoun, G.M. of Scotland, visited Dumfries on Tuesday, and installed Bro. William A. Dinwiddie as Prov. G.M. of Dumfriesshire, in succession to Bro. A. H. Johnstone Douglas. His lordship was accompanied by Bros. Major F. W. Allan, J.G.D.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; D. Reid, G. Treas.; Rev. J. King Hewison, G. Chap.; James Muir, Acting G.D.C.; and a number of office-bearers and members of Grand Lodge. The deputation was received by the Prov. G. Lodge, over which Bro. Provost Glover temporarily presided, and the Grand Master having taken the throne, carried through the installation, observing that it was the first ceremony of the kind at which he had officiated, and congratulated Bro. Dinwiddie on his election. About 70 brethren afterwards dined together in the Royal Restaurant.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, August 14th, 1897.

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 9.****CRAFT LODGES.**

1789, Ubique, Criterion.  
2012, Navy, Mark Masons' Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Midway Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.  
Perseverance, Ridley'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 10.**

(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, and and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.  
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, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.**

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
2581, Empress, Queen's-gate Hall, South Kensington.

**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.  
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.  
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.  
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, 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, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, 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, 104, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioners, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-roz 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.  
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.  
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.****MARK LODGE.**

331, Davison, Mark Masons' Hall.

**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.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
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.  
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., 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.  
Montehore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.  
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.  
Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 7.30.  
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, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.  
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
United 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 13.**

(No Meetings.)

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.  
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, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
Savoy Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.  
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
Stronhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and and 4th Friday, at 7.  
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14.****CRAFT LODGE.**

1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-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, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.  
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.  
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, 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.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

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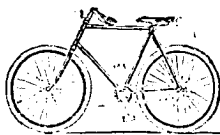
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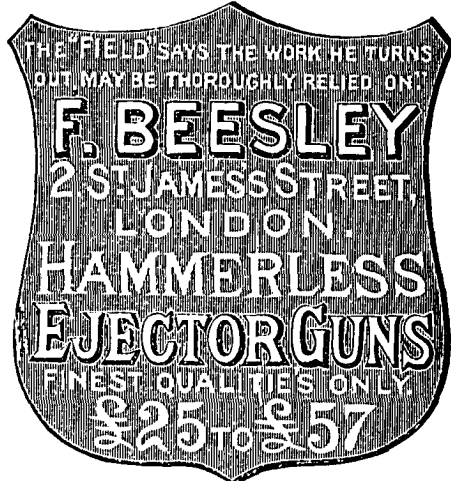
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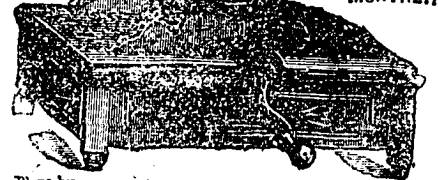
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