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FREEMASONRY IN SWEDEN.

Assuming there is no rule of practice to the contrary, we venture to think it would be an act of grace on the part of our Grand Lodge if it voted such an address of congratulation to his Majesty OSCAR II., King of Sweden and Norway, on completing the 25th year of his reign and of his G. Mastership of the Craft in those countries, as was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at its Quarterly Communication on the 1st instant, and reproduced from the Philadelphia *Keystone* in our issue of last week. We are not aware that the Masonic relations heretofore existing between the State of Pennsylvania and the kingdoms of Sweden and Norway have ever been of a particularly intimate character, but for well nigh a century there has been a strong bond of sympathy between the Grand Lodge of which King OSCAR II. is the present head and the Grand Lodge of England. If the reader will consult the pages of PRESTON'S "Illustrations of Masonry"—edition Oliver, 1861, pp. 269, *et seq.*—he will find that at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, held on the 10th April, 1799, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of MOIRA, Acting Grand Master, a letter addressed by CHARLES, Duke of Sudermania, "National Grand Master of all the Lodges re-united under the Grand Lodge of Sweden working in the Royal Art within the states and dominions dependent on our august Sovereign, Master, and Protector, his Majesty the King of Sweden," on behalf of his Grand Lodge, to the "Most Illustrious, Most Enlightened, Most Sublime, Most Venerable, and Venerable the National Grand Lodge of England, the National Grand Master," &c., &c., was presented by Bro. Baron DE SILVERHJELM, Minister from the King of Sweden to the Court of Great Britain. In this letter, which is dated "Grand Lodge of Sweden, 24th Jan., 1798," Baron DE SILVERHJELM is described as being "decorated with the highest degrees of Masonry," and is strongly recommended to the fraternal consideration of the Grand Lodge of England, while the purpose in transmitting the letter is stated to be not only "to express to you the sincere esteem we bear you" but also to state "how desirous we are to contract with you a fixed and permanent union." It had previously been pointed out in language more than ordinarily ornate that the Order enjoyed in the two States "the same privileges and the same protection of government," and that it enjoyed "the sacred rights of true liberty (their essence) in being able without

danger to exercise those charitable deeds towards the unfortunate, which are the principal objects of our duty;" and it had been argued that "this uniformity of situation, as well as the fundamental principles of the Craft, which we equally profess, authorise us to consolidate and to draw closer a confidence, friendship, and reciprocal union between two bodies whose common object is the good of humanity, who mutually consider friendship as the nerve, and the love of our neighbour as the pivot of all our labours." It is subsequently suggested that "the union, which is the basis of our labours, being now established between two nations who reciprocally esteem each other, and who are both known to possess the requisite qualities of all Free and Accepted Masons, it will consolidate for ever the foundation of the Masonic Temple, whose majestic edifice will endure to future ages." The letter concludes—"May the Most High, the Grand Architect of the Universe, deign to be favourable to the wishes we offer for the success of your endeavours, and we remain always, Most Illustrious and Most Enlightened Brothers, by the Sacred Numbers, your devoted Brother, CHARLES Duke of SUDERMANIA."

The letter having been read, it was unanimously agreed that the Grand Master be requested to return an answer "expressive of every sentiment correspondent to the warm and brotherly address received," and also that "the Baron DE SILVERHJELM be received as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden, and have a seat with the Grand Officers at all meetings of the Grand Lodge." At the next meeting of Grand Lodge, on the 8th May following, the Earl of MOIRA, who presided, reported that his Royal Highness the Prince of WALES had complied with the wishes of Grand Lodge, and returned an answer in which were expressed sentiments correspondent to those uttered by the Duke of SUDERMANIA, the Prince trusting that the admiration the two nations feel for each other may be "improved by a close relation between the members of the Craft, the existence of which in each of the countries is founded on beneficence to mankind." Elsewhere occurs the following passage: "We are fully sensible how much a course of communication must contribute to preserve that simplicity which has for so many centuries distinguished the Craft; a simplicity at once dignified in itself, and satisfactory as a pledge towards every government that affords us protection. Let us unite to maintain it. Let us proscribe all those innovations which can enable either dangerous enthusiasts or profligate conspirators to work in darkness, under the hallowed veil of our Institution; and let our labours, like those of our predecessors, be characterised by our adoration of the Almighty; by our submission to the government of our country, and by our love to our neighbour."

A few years later—at the consummation of the Union between the "Ancient" and "Modern" Grand Lodges of England on the 27th December, 1813—among those present at the Grand Assembly of English Masons held in Freemasons' Hall on the day just specified was "His Excellency Count DE LAGARDJE, the Swedish Ambassador, Grand Master of the first Lodge of the North, visitor," and when the Duke of SUSSEX had been elected Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge, "His Royal Highness was placed on the Throne by the Duke of KENT and the Count LAGARDJE, and solemnly obligated." But later occurrences have drawn still closer the bonds of the union thus established between English and Swedish Freemasonry. Towards the close of the year 1868 H.R.H. the Prince of

WALES was initiated into Freemasonry while on a visit to the late King of Sweden and Norway at Stockholm, his Majesty being assisted in his labours by the present King OSCAR. At his Royal Highness's installation as M.W.G. Master in the Royal Albert Hall, on the 28th April, 1875, a deputation attended from the Grand Lodge of Sweden, and at the banquet which was held in the evening the Prince himself proposed a toast to his Majesty. In 1887, at the instance of his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge conferred upon the Swedish monarch the rank of Past Grand Master, and subsequently presented him with the clothing and insignia of his rank, while, in 1888, his Majesty still further identified himself with English Masonry and its Institutions by attending the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in whose behalf he accepted the office of Steward, and to whose funds he contributed a donation of 25 guineas. Thus for the greater part of the last 100 years the Craft in the two kingdoms have worked together most harmoniously, and it would be a graceful compliment to OSCAR II. as Grand Master of Masons in Sweden, and one which could not be otherwise than most gratifying to his Majesty, if our Grand Lodge were to vote an address of congratulation to him on the happy event in his Majesty's career which has so recently been celebrated.

ON THE PROWL AGAIN.

It is evident, from the letter we published last week from Bro. JAMES NEWTON, Provincial Grand Secretary of East Lancashire, that the Masonic Vagrant is again actively engaged in levying toll on the unwary brother and lightening him of any superfluous cash which he is at a loss what to do with. Indeed, it is Bro. NEWTON'S opinion—and he, from his official position, may be regarded as an authority on the question—that “the number of impostors now preying upon the Masonic Almoners and the Fraternity generally,” is “greatly on the increase,” and, in support of this opinion, he mentions the case of a vagrant who rejoices in quite a number of aliases, and who has latterly been doing some very good business in East Lancashire. This vagrant is a member, as circumstances seem favourable, of one of three lodges in the Midlands, and a circular letter, which Bro. NEWTON, in the fulfilment of his duty, appears to have thought it wise to address to lodges in his Province, warning them against the depredations of this particular impostor, appears to have been so far successful, that one of the Almoners was able to bring him to book the other day, and, instead of helping the fellow on his way with a few shillings, wrung from him “an admission of his guilt, and a promise not to repeat the offence.” He had, however, already obtained assistance in three cases, and the chances are greatly in favour of his renewing his little game when he finds himself in another locality, where lodge Almoners have not been cautioned against his proceedings by an energetic Provincial Grand Secretary. But while this is one vagrant against whom we have been placed on our guard, there must be many others engaged in the lucrative business of Masonic vagabondism of whom we have no knowledge and who may sooner or later put in practice one of their many impostures at our expense. The vagrant who describes himself on his visiting card as “B.A.T.C.D.” has not been heard of lately, but doubtless when a favourable opportunity presents itself it will be found that he is still in the land of the living and still anxious to relieve us of any shillings for which a particular destination has not been ordered. For him, indeed, imprisonment appears to have no terrors, and we may reasonably assume that so long as there are brethren weak minded enough to give alms without inquiring as to the worthiness of the alms-seeker, so long will this fellow be on the prowl. Then there are those who visited the brethren in Kent and Surrey with considerable profit to themselves and to the extreme annoyance of those on whom they had successfully practised their impostures. In short, so far as our information goes and undoubtedly so far as our experienced Bro. NEWTON is able to form an opinion, the number of Masonic impostors is “greatly on the increase.” Yet it cannot be said that warnings enough, both in these columns and elsewhere, against the

depredations of these fellows have not been issued. The truth is that Masonic vagrancy will always flourish to a greater or less extent, so long as there is no organised system of coping with it. We have pointed this out before and have offered our assistance in every form and to every extent that may be thought expedient. We have adduced as a reason for starting such an organisation the success which has attended the one already established in the United States and Canada, and which we have the authority of successive Grand Masters of Canada has been the means of saving the brethren many thousands of dollars yearly. Yet here the lodges in town and country appear to think it better to leave the impostor full opportunity for following his avocation, than to start and maintain, with little trouble and for a small outlay, a Society for putting down Masonic Vagrancy. Fully half a dozen times during the last year or two have we called attention to this subject, and yet it was only last week that the Secretary of one of our largest and most important Provinces felt it his duty to warn us against the depredations of one of these fellows.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The well-known “Red Book” of the “Ancient and Accepted Rite for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown,” is a month later of issue this year than formerly, but as a matter of fact, the work has been done more expeditiously than ever before, as the new edition is corrected to 31st August, 1897, instead of to the 30th June as previously.

This most accurate compilation, ably arranged, and thoroughly complete, has some new features this time which add much to its usefulness for purposes of reference, such as an alphabetical list of Rose Croix chapters, and an Obituary, of sad import, which includes over 90 names, three having been members of the 33° (Colonel Burney, the Earl of Limerick, and Colonel G. A. Vernon), and others were enthusiastic Craftsmen, much missed and lamented.

The Frontispiece, as usual, is devoted to a map showing the Districts of the Inspectors General, and the Cities and Towns where the chapters assemble in England and Wales.

The Rules and Regulations have scarcely been altered, but there are some changes in the *personnel* of the Supreme Council, which should be noted, so I give the revised list as printed, viz:

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., *Grand Patron*.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., &c., *Hon. Mem.*

The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., *Grand Commander*.

Captain Nathaniel George Phillips, P.G.C., *Lieut. Grand Commander*.

Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, *Grand Captain of Guards*.

V.I. Frank Richardson, *Grand Treasurer General*.

The Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, *Grand Prior*.

V.I. James Henry Matthews, *Grand Chamberlain*.

Colonel the Right Hon. Earl of Euston, *Grand Registrar*.

Lieut.-Colonel Arthur B. Cook, *Grand Marshal*.

V.I. Richard Loveland-Loveland, *Grand Chancellor*.

There are likewise two alterations in the “Officials of Supreme Council,” viz., Captain W. Portlock-Dadson, 33°, has succeeded Major-General J. C. Hay, C.B., 33°, as Secretary, and Bro. Armitage, 31°, has been appointed the second Assistant to the Director of Ceremonies, who is the courteous Bro. Sir George D. Harris, 33°.

There are now only three retired members of the Supreme Council, viz. Major-Gen. Edward Clerk (1862 to 1890), Lieut. Col. J. G. Sandeman (1868-9), and the R.W. Bro. Hugh L. Sandeman (1874 to 1895), and as two of the three honorary members include the first and last of these, there is only one additional brother who enjoys that distinction, viz. the Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, Past Grand Commander of the U.S.A. (N.J.) There is one vacancy on the Roll of Inspectors General of Districts for England, and two for Abroad, as in the previous publication, and there are 18 members of the 33° who are not of the Supreme Council or on the Roll of Inspectors; the new names being the Right Hon. Lord Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. for Somersetshire, Captain W. Portlock-Dadson, P.G.D., the Right Hon. the Earl of Dartrey, P.G.W., &c.

There are 49 members of the 32° resident in England, and two honorary, so there are six vacancies, and as there are likewise 83 of the 31°, there are seven vacancies for that Degree. Of course these numbers vary during the year by the return home

of supernumerary members, or of others going Abroad. The 30° is as popular as ever, there being 643 brethren on the register who are so distinguished and three honorary.

The Rose Croix Chapters number 115 on the Register, exclusive of three in abeyance, and, speaking generally, they are in a very prosperous condition, never more than now I should say, and as the names of the subscribing members are given under their chapters, and also alphabetically, with other particulars, it will be evident that the "Red Book" is indispensable for all who are connected with, or interested in, the Ancient and Accepted Rite. There are over 3000 active members.

All the tests I have applied as to the accuracy of this excellent compilation have but served to prove the thoroughness of the editorship and completeness of the work, and I therefore warmly congratulate Bro. Capt. Portlock-Dadson, on the advent of this most welcome and very handy Masonic Annual.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

In the mellowest rays of autumnal sunshine, the Prov. Grand Master of Dorset, Bro. Montague John Guest, P.G.D. England, and his retinue of officers and brethren, were peculiarly fortunate in holding their annual Provincial Grand Lodge and festival at Lyme Regis, on Thursday, the 16th instant, under the banner of Montagu Lodge, No. 665—the seventh in order of seniority in the province. Upwards of 80 brethren assembled to do loyalty to their Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy, Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P., P.G.D. England, in particular, and to render services to Freemasonry in general. Situate in an out-of-the-way corner of Dorset, and feeling really proud of being six miles from a railway station, Lyme Regis, in present go-ahead days, naturally suffers from isolation, but, notwithstanding this stern fact, she is possessed of much unique scenery—not outraged (as is often so) by man, but as made by the G.A.O.T.U. Beyond this, Lyme boasts, too, of one of the most substantial Masonic Halls in the West of England; in fact, to quote the Prov. Grand Master—"Bro. Philpot has built us a model hall."

In welcoming and entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge, moreover, Montagu Lodge ranks second to none in the province for fraternal warmth and anxiety to do its level best, consequently Dorset's Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in this great year of Jubilee passed off with considerable *éclat*, under the gavel of the Prov. Grand Master, and, were it not from isolation aforesaid, we feel sure that the brethren would be anxious soon to come again.

The National School buildings at Lyme constitute a thorough up-to-date equipment, admirably suited, with proper adjustment, for the rendezvous of Provincial Grand Lodge, and it was a gracious act on the part of the Committee to offer the buildings for that purpose.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Boys' School, and, in addition to the leading Masens of Dorset, we noticed, as visitors, Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; Oakley, 1181, P.P.G. Std. Br. Devon; Toms, 1953; P. E. Yapp, 1181; Willats, 1254; Sollis; and others.

Routine business promptly over,

The Prov. Chaplain, Bro. G. P. BALLEINE, 622, delivered an *apropos* lecture. Freemasonry taught us that we were meant for a higher and nobler purpose hereafter in the Grand Lodge above. Here below it is our duty to prepare ourselves by "knocking off the superfluous knobs and excrescences" of character, by estimating the true disciplinary influences of Freemasonry, braving trials and difficulties, and by cultivating in a real manly way the practice of brotherly love, relief, and truth. A steady discreet observance of such principles must convince the world outside that inside there was much good—where the gradual smoothing and preparing of "living stones" was being effected to be fitted hereafter into that great Temple above "where the world's great Architect lives and reigns for ever."

The Chaplain was thanked for his excellent lecture.

The Prov. G. MASTER next addressed the brethren on the status and progress of the Craft in Dorsetshire. In this great Jubilee year of her Most Gracious Majesty's reign, Freemasonry had celebrated a great episode in its history, and the loyalty of the Craft had been marked by a magnificent gathering in the Albert Hall. As ever the Queen recognised good in Freemasonry and continued to be one of its potent patrons. In Grand Lodge this unique year had been marked by the distribution of additional honours to deserving brethren, and the Prov. G. Master rejoiced to find his own province recognised in having one honour, Past Grand Sword Bearer, conferred upon a meritorious brother and officer, Bro. Case. For five-and-twenty years Bro. Case had proved a most active and assiduous officer—(applause)—and the province that day desired to crown their congratulations by handing Bro. Case an outfit of Grand Lodge clothing to mark its high appreciation of his sterling services. (Applause.) The Prov. G. Master here invested Bro. Case as P.G.S.B. Eng., amid unanimous approval. In Masonic literature, relative to Dorset Province, there had been two excellent productions from the able pens of Bros. Zillwood Milledge and A. C. Chapin respectively. The former constituted a most helpful historic *resumé* of All Soul's Lodge, 170, and Bro. Milledge had very kindly given a copy to Prov. G. Lodge library; the latter constituted a similar treatise in Lodge Amity, 137. Unhappily death had removed many familiar faces from their midst in the persons of Bros. Devenish, Dr. Colmer, Tolman, and Stroode. All these had been active brothers and their loss evoked sincere regret and deepened their sympathies with their friends left behind. As to work in the province, it was decidedly good. For the Charities Bro. Freeman, of Portland, had worked particularly hard and with conspicuous success. In Lyme, Bro. Philpot had spontaneously built the brethren a very model lodge. The number of members fluctuated in the different lodges

though on the whole it showed a steady increase and now amounted to 723, and although not in favour of accepting each and all candidates, yet there were doubtless many worthy men around, whom it might be desirable to see amongst their members. For 1898 the invitation of Portland Lodge was accepted.

Bro. CASE, P.G. Sec., P.P.S.G.W., here feelingly thanked the brethren for their munificent testimony of his services. He really felt more grateful than he could then express, but trusted that his future services (as had the past) would be found to justify their confidence. (Applause).

After the formal adoption of reports and the re-election of Bro. R. D. Thornton, as P.G. Treas., 57 guineas were voted to the Boys' School for its coming centenary festival for the Stewardship of Bro. Brymer, D.P.G.M.

The annual subscription of one guinea was also voted towards the maintenance of the up keep of the "City Masonic Club" Life Boat just placed in the Poole Station. The Grand Master considered it a laudable object, and thought that many lodges along the seaboard ought thus to support it.

Ten guineas were next granted to the "Montagu Lodge," No. 665, towards decorating and fully furnishing its new building.

The Provincial Grand Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. S. R. Baskett, P.M. 1367	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" F. W. Hetley, P.M. 170	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Roland Hill, M.M. 665	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. D. Thornton, P.M. 1037	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Montagu Shearman, P.M. 1146	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Case, P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. S. Hasluck, P.M. 665, 18	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" P. J. Gavin, P.M. 472	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. C. Radford, P.M. 665	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. Hann, P.M. 1367	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. C. Chapin, P.M. 137	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. M. Cox, P.M. 707	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" O. M. Beament, P.M. 1367	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" S. C. Vye, 386	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

After the usual votes of thanks, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

Immediately after Bro. J. Grove, of the Royal Lion Hotel, served up a sumptuous banquet, at which the Prov. G.M. presided.

The *post-prandial* speeches embodied a loyal and fraternal interchange of good fellowship.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Darlington on Saturday, the 18th instant, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. The other Provincial Grand Officers present on the occasion were—Comps. R. Luck, Prov. G.H.; W. R. Staveley, Prov. Grand J.; Robert Hudson, P.G.S.E.; R. Hopper Holme, P.G.S.N.; B. S. Beckwith, P.G. Treas.; George Harland, P.G.P.S.; W. C. Barron, P.A.G.S.; C. T. Watson, P.G.S.B.; T. R. Jobson, P.G.D.C.; J. Robson Pattison, P.A.G.S.E.; and Thomas Grieve, P.G. Janitor. Among other Past Provincial Grand Officers and others present were—

Comps. Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, Charles H. Backhouse, J. K. Wilkes, John Bailey, James Sedcole, Thomas Coulson, John T. Wilson, W. E. Moffett, Fred Tovey, Richard Todd, H. J. Turnbull, M. A. Lax, J. C. Moor, A. S. Fowler, J. Thomas Henderson, T. G. Mabane, D. Cameron, J. D. Todd, Thomas Henderson, F. H. Bennett, G. F. Allan, Robert Stewart, John Armstrong, John W. B. Heslop, John Holt, W. Hodgson, C. I. Johnson, W. Payne, William Hutchinson, Thomas Olman Todd, J. H. Jackson, Thomas Harrison, Harry Brown, George S. Shaw, John Walton, Joseph Rickerby, James Lee, Alfred Grundy, Thomas Robinson, William Barlow, T. G. Garrick, John Robinson, William Swales, John Barnet, John Mark, W. Watson, Dr. Alfred H. Sevier, T. B. Grimes, J. Hunter, W. Geary, F. Coverdale, R. Farmer, and T. Beattie.

The Prov. G. Chapter was opened and

The Prov. G. Treas., Comp. P. S. Beckwith, presented his annual statement, and it was afterwards agreed that from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter the sum of 10 guineas be given to the Durham new Benevolent Fund, five guineas to the Durham Masonic Education Fund, and 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

The roll of lodges was afterwards called, and was very satisfactory.

The Grand Superintendent, Comp. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., addressed the Prov. G. Chapter, and expressed his satisfaction with the steady increase of the 13 chapters during the past year, which was 36 more than the preceding year, and he hoped this would increase during the coming year.

On the motion of Comp. R. HUDSON, Comp. Robert Stewart, of Gateshead, was unanimously elected as P.G. Treasurer.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following as the Provincial G. Officers for the coming year:

Comp. J. D. Todd	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. C. Moor	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" R. Hudson (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" John Holt	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. Stewart	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" D. Cameron	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" James Lee	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" S. Wilson	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. K. Wilkes	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" M. J. Todd	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" John Mark	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Harry Brown	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. G. Hetherington	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" George S. Shaw	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Robson Pattison (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" T. Grieve	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Prov. G. and Chapter was afterwards closed in due form.

A number of the members afterwards dined at the King's Head Hotel, Darlington, Comp. R. Hudson presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
SOMERSETSHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Friday, the 17th instant, at Highbridge, under the banner of the Vale of Jehoshaphat Chapter, No. 291. There was a large muster of companions from the various chapters throughout the province, including the following: Royal Cumberland, No. 41; Royal Sussex, No. 53; Sincerity, No. 26; Royal Cyrus, No. 285; Vale of Jehoshaphat, No. 291; Brotherly Love, No. 329; Avalon, No. 446; Dungarvan, No. 973; Inkerman, No. 1222; and Adair, No. 1750.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened,

The Grand Superintendent, Comp. R. C. ELSE, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. England, informed the companions that they met under very interesting circumstances—it was the Jubilee year of the receiving chapter (No. 291), whose warrant bore date 1847. He called upon Comp. F. F. Norris, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., to read a history he had prepared.

Comp. NORRIS then read the history referred to, which proved very interesting. He also read an introduction and notes by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. R. C. ELSE, dealing with Royal Arch Masonry in the province, and the present work at Highbridge and other chapters contrasted with 30 years ago.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Norris for the history he had prepared, and a hope was expressed that it would be printed and circulated throughout the province.

The Grand Superintendent, Comp. ELSE, announced that Comp. Col. W. Long had again consented to receive the collar of P.G.H., and that he had great pleasure in appointing as P.G.J., Comp. Edward Fry Wade, an old and esteemed P.Z. of the receiving chapter, and the Prov. Grand Secretary in the Craft. He then appointed and invested his other officers as follows:

Comp. E. Noke, P.Z. 53	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" E. R. Hayter, P.Z. 255	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" B. H. Watts, P.Z. 53	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. R. Wilson, P.Z. 973	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Davies, P.Z. 291	...	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" J. P. Capel, P.Z. 1222	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" W. H. Hake, J. 261	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" C. Card, S.N. 41	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. Bendell, S.N. 973	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. B. Wickenden, P.Z. 1750	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" A. Reynolds, P.Z. 329	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. W. Wiltshire, Treas. 973	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" A. J. Salter, 53	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" S. Bigwood, 41	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Janitor.

The sum of 50 guineas was voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed upon the list of the Grand Superintendent, who proposes to serve as Steward at the centenary of the Institution next year, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will take the chair at the festival.

A banquet followed at the Railway hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF
STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was held on Friday, the 17th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton. Bro. Colonel G. S. Tudor, Prov. G.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren from every lodge in the province.

The following appointments of Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were made:

Bro. Bilton	Prov. S.G.W.
" Gittings	Prov. J.G.W.
" Crump	Prov. G.M.O.
" H. Manley	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. Monro	Prov. J.G.O.
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" E. Booth	Prov. G. Reg.
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" J. Carver	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. J. Smith	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. H. Bearne	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" W. Briskell	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Cooksey	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. Patten	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Adams	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.

MASONIC ADDRESS.

The following address was delivered on St. John's Day, June 24th, by Bro. the Very Rev. C. W. Barnett-Clarke, M.A., Dean of Cape Town, District Grand Master:

Brethren,—We are assembled to render thanks and offer our oblations of praise and exceeding joy to the Most High God for His abundant mercies vouchsafed to Freemasonry during the long-continued glorious, happy, and peaceful reign of our most puissant and well-beloved Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria, the Patroness and Benefactress of our Masonic Order of the English Constitution. We are apt most of us to fail to have in remembrance what Freemasonry means, and we perhaps do not fully realise how profound is the obligation we lie under to the Monarch seated on the august throne of the sublime Empire of England, when, as in the Victorian era, the crowned and sceptred Ruler is well affected toward our ancient and loyal Brotherhood.

Freemasonry is a grand widespread Association of "good and true men," banded together in the adamant chain of mutual trustfulness, fraternal esteem, and sincerest friendliness, and therefore assuming to themselves the affectionate cognomen, "Brothers"—an honoured name claiming the constant exercise of benevolence, mercy, and gentlest charity. Its siren voice ever and anon calls winsomely upon us to help, and to be tender hearted one towards another, according to our solemn obligations. It helps onward the universal unity and comity of nations, peoples, and tongues on the face of the whole earth. "Sirs, ye are brethren." This is the solemn ceaseless appeal and monition of Freemasonry to all honest and true members. It is one of the purest, simplest, yet sublimest of all human organisations, based on God's holy law of brotherly love. It is the testing touchstone of truth, the torch of reason. Not a religious sect or denomination, and yet a help meet and handmaid to all true religion, a staunch vigilant guardian of God's volume of the most sacred law. Freemasonry inculcates the duties of Godward devotions day by day during the 24 hours allotted unto us. It is not a political cabal, a rancorous conspiracy; yea, it incites its faithful members to discharge all the duties of mature civic manhood, by the entire fulfilment of the various functions of educated citizenship and State privileges. Next unto our supremest duty, unto the Great Architect of the Universe, and, as reasonable creatures unto the Divine Creator, let us bear in mind that the tenets and principles of our venerable institution bind and bid us to be peaceful lieges in the land wherein we dwell; never to give any umbrage to the civil powers who "bear not the sword of justice in vain." Our standard of fidelity and fealty is this—that we should be most zealous and faithful to our God, our country, and our laws. Our confraternity constantly urges our never-failing observance of the Golden Rule—"Love thy neighbour as thyself." The words of our mouths must be the outward, honest expression of the current thoughts of our hearts. We must live up to our Masonic pledges and vows. We are to bind ourselves to be holy temples, fit for the sacred habitation of the Great and Mighty Master Builder, and to be zealous "workmen that need not be ashamed," because they give of their best and utmost in the toil and duty incumbent upon them unto their Divine Master.

The antiquity of our Association is well established beyond all cynical gain-saying. The emblems in use amongst us are depicted on monuments of undoubted claim to remote venerable primitiveness. Before I knew their meaning, I had seen and copied, in crass ignorance, some of the Masonic symbols in primitive temples, and palaces, and monuments in elder Egypt, on whose stupendous structures, erected more than 3000 years ago, are still to be seen such signs as the square, and triangle and circle, and sun and moon, and pentacle, known as "Masons' marks," handed down traditionally from generation to generation. These mystical symbols I have wonderingly gazed at in speculation, down in the depths of the spacious halls of massive stone, so artistically dressed, and constructed within the pitch dark, bat-infested recesses of the Great Pyramid, deemed to be a Masonic monument. Yea, the enigmatical Sphinx guards between its colossal outstretched front paws an exquisite and well-proportioned small temple, with Masonic marks indented into the solid walls and roofs and monolithic columns. At Thebes, at Luxor, at Philæ, at Abu Simbel, at Osioot, and Dendera, and Carnac, and other notable archaic ruins, I, when a cowan, saw these evidences of Masonic skill, devotion, brotherhood, and clever handicraft. Since I saw Masonic light, much interesting revelation has burst in upon me, and I have perused the clever volumes published by sundry Masonic brethren, such as Bros. Sir Charles Warren, and Piazzi Smith, and Gordon, and other experts in Masonic lore both in Egypt and Palestine and in the subterranean ruins of the Holy Temple of the Royal Solomon in Jerusalem.

Masonry hath been closely connected with Royalty for long centuries, and our forefathers in the Craft were literally operative as well as speculative Masons. The Masons so planned and constructed their edifices that all was contrived and carried out so as to present in boldest relief the types and symbols of their peculiar and beautiful system, that all artistic ornamentation should subserve the object of the lofty essential aim and design of the structure, and the tiniest detail should have its meaning and fulfil its purpose, even in out of sight elevations, yea, verily, even where the items of ornamentation were remote from the keen criticism of the eye of fellow man, out of reach of any ordinary mortal ken, yea, in the dark corridors and unwindowed halls of Pyramid and Tomb and Temple, even there the honest Mason of those far distant centuries wrought conscientiously whatsoever they took in hand—as should we likewise do. They builded for God and King in ancient buildings and those of modern date, such as renowned Windsor Castle—the splendid home of our beloved Queen, her ancestral stately palace—in castles, and abbays, and cathedrals, and ministers of old England, as Walmer, Tintern, York, Ely, Beverley, Minster, and Westminster Abbey, and in more temples of God, such as St. Paul's, where our Sovereign Lady went in magnificent pomp to render thanks—Masonic signs, yea, witnesses to the handiwork of Masonic brethren long since gone to their rest. And in the most novel and very latest of our Cape public buildings, I mean the new General Post Office in Adderley-street, I was shown the Masonic signs graven on the dressed stone, very well wrought. Many of them were actually identical with many familiar hieroglyphical emblems in Egypt, India, and olden England. The plain St. George's Cathedral, wherein I hope many Masonic brethren will muster this afternoon in fraternal united worship, despite inclement storm and rain, that unpretending structure has closely united associations with Freemasonry, for 60 years ago 400 brethren attended that imposing function in 1839, when solemnly its foundation-stone was laid with Masonic honours, on St. George's Day, April 23rd. My predecessor was a Mason. Bishop Robert Gray was a Mason, and so is Bishop Welby, of St. Helena, 84 years of age. Masons have many times met within its sacred walls as brethren, as Cape archives bear witness, and I fervently hope, when the foundation stone of a new and worthy and handsome and stately Cathedral shall be laid, that Freemasons again will be invited in accordance with ancient Rites to fulfil their part in the initiative ceremonial of stone-laying. It would indeed be a happy personal (though scarcely to be an anticipated realisation) if I should be mercifully spared to live, to have the fruition of much joy, and, as District Grand Master assist in testing and proving and declaring the stone to be well and truly laid. I do hope, my Masonic brethren, whatever their creed and proclivities in religion may be, will, according to Masonic generosity, give some substantial aid, as brethren have done in divers places—in Port Elizabeth, and Graham's town, and Simon's Town—and heretofore in Cape Town, in order to promote the erection of a public building which shall be an artistic, monumental edifice, and Temple of peace and brotherly love, as well as a Holy Temple of God. And as District Grand Master, and as Dean, and Senior Colonial Chaplain, I am deeply indebted to my Masonic brethren for the handsome Memorial Lectern to be this day unveiled and used publicly.

I have alluded of set purpose to the antiquity of our Masonic Order, and to its close connection with Royal patrons from remote ages. Masons are under solemn obligations to be loyal to "the powers that be," whether Imperial—as to Pharaohs and Cæsars of older times, or under a Monarchy, or as citizens or burghers of a Republic. Every Mason is bound to conform to the Laws and Institutions of the land wherein he takes up his abode. Masons are to be peaceable subjects, and "to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature." They are to be orderly and obedient citizens.

But, in this Royal week of loyal jubilation, I would fain touch upon the relations between Freemasonry and English Royalty, in early and in recent times. If we modestly confine our connection and do not press our strong claims to historic remote fealty to King Alfred the Great, yet most assuredly we can affirm that in the days of Alfred, grandson to King Athelstan, the Royal and beneficent Patron of commerce, and education, and religion, yes, and of Freemasonry, we have quite enough claims to hoary antiquity for the space of 950 years at least. Edward the Confessor, Edward III., Henry VII., and James I. were Royal Masons. But let us take more modern instances of Masonic Monarchs, or, at any rate, Royal Patronage. William III., Frederick, Prince of Wales, and other Princes of Wales have been Grand Masters in our honoured Order. Our Most Gracious Queen is the daughter of a Freemason, and the niece, and the mother, and the grandmother of Masons. The heir to the throne is our Most Worshipful Grand Master. God bless the Prince of Wales. His eldest son while he lived was a credit and cause of fraternal rejoicing to the brethren. Most poignantly did Masons as a Brotherhood bewail his demise at an early age of brilliant promise as a Provincial Grand Master. But not to prolong unduly this, my noontide, address. I shall confine my remaining observations to a comparison between two great English Queens, viz., Elizabeth of renowned fame, and our present noble Queen. Queen Elizabeth vainly strove to suppress Masonry, yea, she set her resolute mind on the utter annihilation of the Order. She actually sent an armed force on St. John's Day, 1561, to break up by might and main the Grand Lodge of England, when assembled at York. But the then Grand Master of England sagaciously won over the Queen's emissaries to adopt Masonry during their three months' sojourn, and initiated, passed, and raised them finally to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, and when they returned to Court and were received in the Presence Chamber by her ruffled Majesty, they so powerfully wrought on her mind and will by convincing the Queen of sterling Masonic loyalty, that Elizabeth became a sturdy Patroness of our Order, and out of compliment to Bro. Sir T. Gresham she consented, at his humble petition, to honour the New Exchange, of which the foundation-stone had been laid with Masonic honours, by issuing her Royal Mandate that it should be entitled "The Royal Exchange," out of courteous compliment to Freemasonry. But our own Most Gracious Queen Victoria inherited a friendly appreciation of our ancient Institution, and at this eventful epoch of universal jubilation throughout the enormous Empire of England, Masons of all grades and divers Constitutions manifest their loving homage in unanimous acclaim of most hearty loyalty. And, above all other Masonic brethren, we of the English Constitution praise the Great Architect of the Universe and Most High God, that in His unerring wisdom and merciful loving kindness He hath vouchsafed to our Realm and to our Order so true a woman, so sagacious a Sovereign, and so benevolent a mother to her vast Empire. May the Supreme King of Kings continue His unspeakable grace and richest blessings to our Empress-Queen and the Royal Family and to dear Old England, our motherland and fondly-loved home.

Before we proceed to the remaining duties of praise, prayer, and blessing, let me in a few words of hearty commendation ask an alms of you in support of that admirable Jubilee work of Masonic Charity, the Queen Victoria District Masonic Pension Fund for Aged Freemasons and Widows. But finally may your Charity and liberality be stimulated by the notable example of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, herself a lone widow, herself left to guard her fatherless children, bereft of a loving Consort, she has always stretched out her hand in deeds of mercy and sympathy to the widowed and fatherless, the necessitous, and to all well-deserving and destitute folk. May we imitate her Imperial liberality, and be ever ready to aid generously, all who come within the range of our kindly sympathy. May the King of Kings continue to bless and preserve our honoured Queen! May God bless and save the Queen for ever! So mote it be!

CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE LODGE OF PEACE AND UNITY, No. 314.

The celebration of the centenary of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Assembly Room, Bull Hotel, Preston, when there was a large and representative gathering of Masons from both far and near. The original warrant of the lodge is dated September 13, 1797, and continuity was able to be proved up to the present day, thus putting Peace and Unity in a proud position. It may be mentioned as pertinent to this interesting event that there are records to show that the Grand Lodge of York was founded in the year 926, and, though Freemasonry was interdicted in England in 1424, yet it was not annihilated, for in 1717 the Grand Lodge of England was established, Ireland following with a similar institution in 1730 and Scotland in 1736. The Freemasons' Hall in London was erected in 1775, and rebuilt and consecrated in 1869, the Prince of Wales being installed Grand Master in the Royal Albert Hall on the 28th April, 1875. At the present time there are some 10,000 lodges in existence, and more than 1,000,000 members. Since 1721, when the Committee of Charity was formed, princely sums have been raised and administered by it for the relief of distressed brethren and the maintenance and education of boys and girls in the Schools of the Craft.

At the celebration, the lodge having been duly opened, the Worshipful Master announced that, owing to the absence from England of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Centenary Warrant, which required his signature, had not yet arrived, and letters and telegrams from the Grand Secretary were read announcing that the warrant was otherwise in order.

An oration was delivered by the Chaplain of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. T. BARTON SPENCER, M.A., P.M., P.G. Chap. Eng., P.P.G. Chap.

The presentation of a very handsome banner by the W.M. to the lodge followed next, after which came a vote of congratulation to Bro. the Rev. Dr. Riley, Bishop of Perth, on his having the rank of P.G. Chap. conferred upon him.

A very interesting and pleasing event came next—that of the presentation of a piece of plate to Bro. Bee, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., on the occasion of his resigning the office of Almoner of Unanimity, Peace and Unity, Royal Preston, and Concord Lodges.

A banquet, served in the style for which the Bull Hotel management is noted was afterwards served.

After the banquet the following toasts and music were given: "The Queen," "National Anthem." "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," hymn, "God bless the Prince of Wales." "The M.W. Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," glee, "The mighty conqueror." "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M.; the Dep. Prov. G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," song and chorus, "A wand'ring minstrel." "Success to Peace and Unity, 314," glee, "Breathe my harp." "The W.M. of 314," song, "Here's to his health!" "The Past Masters of the Lodge," glee, "The image of the rose." "The Masonic Charities," song, "Norah, the Pride of Kildare." "The Visiting Brethren," song, "Silent heroes." "The Officers of the Lodge," quartette, "The Patent Medicine." "The Musical Brethren," chorus, "Let Mirth and Joy," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons."

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Joseph Cantor, P.M. 1609, P.P.G. Organist, a rich musical treat being provided for the brethren present.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF AYRSHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter held its autumnal equinox meeting at Kilmarnock on Saturday, the 11th instant, when there was a large attendance of members, amongst those present being Comps. Col. J. M. Mathie Morton, G. Superintendent; William Young, P.G.J.; John Douglas, P.G.S.E.; Thomas Duncan, P.G. Treasurer; Charles Barclay Miller, P.G. 1st Soj.; and Hugh Sloan, P.G. 3rd Soj.

The Grand Superintendent installed the Provincial Grand office-bearers for the ensuing year. It appeared from the reports of the companions present that Royal Arch Masonry was steadily advancing in the province.

From the Provincial Grand Treasurer's report it was shown that financially, the Provincial Grand Chapter was strong.

Various matters of Masonic interest were discussed, and it was arranged that the Grand Superintendent and Provincial Grand Chapter should visit all the chapters in Ayrshire before the end of December.

Craft Masonry.

St. James's Lodge, No. 482.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there were present: Bros. G. C. Kent, A.G.D.C. Eng.; J. McLeod, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. F. Pepper, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Warrillow, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. W. Heelis, P.M. 662, P.P. J.G.W.; W. F. Bradley, P.M. 662, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Payton, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Geo. Shread, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Warwickshire; W. E. Parkes, P.M., P.P. J.G.D.; Josiah Collins, P.M. 74, P.P.J.G.D. Warwickshire; B. Hunn, W.M. 74, P.P.J.G.D. Oxon; S. Jenkins, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Deely, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Higson, P.P.G. Std. Br. Cheshire; J. F. Thomason, P.M. 739, Prov. G. Org.; J. Dunbar Steen, P.M. 526, P.P.A.G. Sec.; W. Lister, P.M.; A. T. Holdsworth, P.M.; H. Loveridge, P.M.; T. H. Spencer, P.M. 662; F. T. Jefferson, P.M. 662; D. Rose, jun., P.M. 1031; J. S. Halliwell, W.M. 259; T. H. Salter, W.M. 662; W. E. Thomason, 739; G. H. C. Hughes, 1782; and C. D. Eaton, 1874. Visitors: Bros. Bayley, Biggs, Brooks, Davis, Fenwick, Green, Jeffrey, Kellett, Male, Pearce, Powell, Migley, and 29 brethren of the lodge. Apologies were received from the Prov. G.M. Staffordshire, the Dep. Prov. G.M. Warwickshire, and many other brethren.

Lodge having been duly opened, the D.C. called upon the brethren to salute the Grand Lodge Officers present. The ceremony of the evening was afterwards proceeded with, Bro. Skevington placing his successor in the chair in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was duly seated, proclaimed, and greeted, and the addresses were delivered by Bros. Payton and Holdsworth. Bro. Frank Hughes then appointed and invested his officers, Bros. F. Skevington, (P.M.); W. Allman, S.W.; P. H. Whitehead, J.W.; W. F. Bradley, M.A., P.M. 662, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. F. Pepper, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Lincoln C. Lamsdale, Sec.; E. Booth, jun., S.D.; W. J. Durose, J.D.; H. Loveridge, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Thomason, Mus. Bac., Oxon., P.M. 739, Prov. G. Org., Org.; B. Nock, F.R.C.O., Asst. Org.; G. D. R. Bunting, I.G.; H. E. Rose, F. G. Whittall, G. Loveridge, J. Appleby, and A. Browse, Stwds.; and A. Dalley, Tyler. A special resolution of thanks to Bro. Payton for past services having been proposed by the W.M., and carried unanimously, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet table, which bore evidences of the kindly interest taken by Mrs. Frank Hughes in the proceedings.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "The M.W.G.M." were duly honoured, and then the W.M. proposed "The Grand Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B.

The toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire" was ably proposed by Bro. J. F. Pepper, who, in a few felicitous sentences, touched upon the many excellences of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth.

In proposing "The Dep. Prov. G.M. and the Prov. Grand Lodge," the W.M. took the opportunity of including all the Prov. Grand Lodges represented, and called upon Bro. Warrillow, P.P.S.G.W. Staffs., and Bro. Humm, P.P.J.G.D. Oxon, to respond.

"The W.M. of St. James' Lodge, 482," was submitted by Bro. Allman, S.W., who referred to his long connection with the W.M. in various walks of life, and also to the Masonic career of the W.M., and expressed the earnest wish that the W.M. might have health and strength to attain to all their highest hopes of him in his exalted position as W.M. of his mother lodge.

"The W.M.'s Song" was given in dramatic style by Bro. Halliwell, the brethren joining heartily in the chorus and march.

The W.M. sincerely thanked the brethren for their more than kindly reception of the toast, and, in the course of further remarks, impressed upon the brethren the importance of endeavouring to arrive at the innermost truths and principles underlying our great Craft and so to apply them as to render ourselves better fitted to leave this every day world of ours better for the lives that we have lived.

The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities" and made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School, announcing that he had 100 guineas, in the form of 10 Stewardships, already promised.

Bro. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, in responding, gave a sketch of the history of the School and some interesting details, *re* its present position. He fervently re-echoed the W.M.'s hope that a "Century of Thousands" might be raised at the Centenary Festival, which the brethren of No. 482 had so kindly promised to support to the best of their ability.

The W.M. extended a cordial welcome to "The Visitors," and thanked them for the honour to No. 482 by their presence in such numbers.

Bros. Salter, Green, and Spencer responded in appropriate terms. The toasts of "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and "The Officers" were responded to by Bros. Skevington, Holdsworth, and H. E. Rose, respectively.

During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. Wrigley, Jeffery, Rogers, and Skevington; a recitation was given by Bro. Steen; and a pianoforte duet by Bros. Thomason and Nock.

The Tyler's toast brought a very memorable evening to a close.

Victoria Lodge, No. 2669.

PRESENTATIONS TO BROS. CHARLES CRABTREE AND THOMAS NORFOLK.

The first regular meeting of the above lodge took place at Salem-street, Bradford, on Monday, the 20th instant. All the founders were present, and there was a good attendance of visiting brethren, the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the lodges in the Bradford district having been invited to be present.

During the evening, to commemorate the consecration of the new lodge, presentations took place to the first W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Charles Crabtree, P.M. 600, P.P. G.D., and Bro. Thomas Norfolk, P.M. 600, P.P.G.D.C., of a set each of very handsome photographs of the founders of the lodge. The photos were beautifully mounted in fine gilt frames, with Masonic ornaments, and form a memento of an occasion of much interest to Bradford brethren. The unexpected nature of the presentation made the gift doubly acceptable, a fact which both recipients fully appreciated.

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Masonic Notes.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Terry has at length been successful in enlisting the services of a chairman at the Festival which will be held in February, 1898, in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. the Earl of Jersey, G.C.M.G., Prov. G. Master for Oxfordshire, having very kindly undertaken to preside on the occasion.

A new lodge will be placed on the register of United Grand Lodge, on Monday, the 4th prox., when the Past and Present Lodge, No. 2665, will be formally consecrated. The ceremony will be performed by the Grand Secretary, and when the lodge has been constituted, Bro. C. W. Hudson, Prov. G.D.C. Sussex, will be installed as the first W.M. "Past and Present" has our heartiest good wishes for its success.

We are indebted to Bro. John T. Thorp for a copy of the Transactions of the Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester, for the year 1896-7, and promise ourselves the pleasure of reviewing the book in next week's issue. Our experience of former Transactions of this lodge has been always satisfactory, and a hasty glance through the pages of the present pamphlet is enough to satisfy us that the issue for the current year is on a level with, if it does not surpass, those which have already appeared.

Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, will hold its first meeting after the holidays at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 1st proximo, when Bro. Hamon Le Strange, P.G.D., will be balloted for as a joining

member, several members of the Correspondence Circle elected, and a Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler chosen for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. G. L. Shackles will deliver a lecture on "Masonic Medals," with lantern illustrations. The brethren will afterwards dine together at the Holborn Restaurant.

Among the papers announced to be read at future meetings of the lodge are one by Bro. C. Purdon Clarke on "Building Societies in Persia," and another by Bro. R. F. Gould on "The Degrees of Pure and Ancient Freemasonry," which is certain to offer special attractions to those brethren, among whom we include Bros. W. J. Hughan and G. W. Speth, who have paid particular attention to this branch of Masonic study. Other promised papers are "Freemasonry in Canada," by Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M.; "The Arms of the Freemasons," by Bro. W. H. Rylands; "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty: a Physical and Psychological Examination of Symbolic Masonry," by Bro. S. T. Klein; "The Rawlinson MSS.," by Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley, which is to be read in November; and "The Bi-gradal Theory," by Bro. G. W. Speth.

We have much pleasure in announcing that a new work from the pen of Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., is now in the Press, and will be published at an early date, on "Military Lodges; the Apron and the Sword; or, Freemasonry under Arms," being an account of Lodges in Regiments and Ships of War and of famous Soldiers and Sailors (in all countries) who have belonged to the Society, together with Biographies of distinguished Military and Naval brethren, and anecdotes showing the influence of Masonry in warfare. The publishers are Messrs. Gale and Polden, Limited, 2, Amen-corner, Paternoster Row, E.C., and the net price will be 5s. We have no doubt whatever from the thoroughness with which Bro. Gould carries out everything he undertakes, from his intimate knowledge of our Organisation, and from his known ability and experience as an author, that his new work on "Military Lodges" will prove a valuable addition to our historical literature and give an increased lustre—if indeed that be possible—to his fame as the historian of Freemasonry.

Apropos of a remark quoted from the *Masonic Journal* to the effect that "there is no power in any Grand Master to make a Mason at sight and any one who has assumed to do so within the last quarter of a century has been severely condemned," the *Philadelphia Keystone* quotes a number of cases which occurred during the last century in English Masonry, and which the said *Masonic Journal* will have some difficulty in disposing of as precedents in support of the practice it so roundly condemns. The cases quoted include that of Lord Lovell, who in 1731, held an occasional lodge at Houghton Hall, in Norfolk, for the purpose of raising Francis, Duke of Lorraine—afterwards Emperor of Germany—and the Duke of Newcastle to the Degree of Master Mason and those held in 1737 at the Palace of Kew, at which Frederick, Prince of Wales, was initiated and passed Fellow Craft, and afterwards raised M.M.

The other instances are those which were held in 1766 and 1767 respectively, Lord Blaney, G. Master, presiding in person at the former occasional lodge and initiating, passing, and raising the Duke of Gloucester, brother of King George III., while at the latter Bro. John Salter, Dep. G.M. in the absence of Lord Blaney, conferred the Degrees upon the Duke of Cumberland who was subsequently G. Master from 1782 till his death in 1790. Again in 1787, an occasional lodge was held at the Star and Garter, Pall Mall, at which the Duke of Cumberland made his nephew George Prince of Wales a Mason. Thus it is one thing to question the expediency of a Grand Master in these days exercising this particular prerogative, but in the face of the precedents which our *Philadelphia* contemporary has quoted, it will be difficult to deny the existence or the exercise of the prerogative by G. Masters of England during the last century.

There has been a good deal of activity exhibited recently by our Scottish brethren in Calcutta. On the 2nd August, Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise, Grand Secretary of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, accompanied by Bro. C. Furdonjee, visited Calcutta, and Bro. Capt. Wise, acting as Grand Master, consecrated the new Anglo-Scottish Masonic Hall, in the presence of a numerous gathering of the officers of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal (E.C.), headed by their District Grand Master, Bro. Brigadier-General Yeatman-

Biggs. When this ceremony was ended, Lodge Albyn, No. 813 (S.C.), assembled, and was officially visited by the Acting Grand Master, who warmly congratulated the members on the prosperous condition of the lodge and the harmony existing amongst them. The following evening, Lodge St. Andrew-in-the-East, No. 404 (S.C.) was resuscitated. The next evening, Bro. Capt. Wise officially visited two lodges. On Thursday, Chapter Star of India, No. 203, was resuscitated, and on Friday the Degrees of Royal Ark Mariner and Red Cross of Babylon were conferred on a number of companions to enable them to organise a chapter of those Degrees in Calcutta.

The District of Bengal is somewhat unfortunately circumstanced at the present time. The District G. Master—Bro. Brig.-General Yeatman-Biggs, C.B.—is away on duty in command of one of the brigades on the North-west frontier, while his respected Deputy, Bro. J. R. Maples, has been ordered home on the ground of ill-health. However, there are doubtless some good men whose services will be available in such an emergency, while the District G. Secretary, Bro. H. M. Rustomjee, is a host in himself, and will keep things going smoothly in the absence of the Chief and his Deputy.

According to the *Pacific Freemason* there are certain questions which a man who petitions a lodge to be made a Freemason must answer satisfactorily in writing before his candidature can be accepted. But in addition to these there is a number of other questions as to which it is most desirable the lodge shall satisfy themselves before they finally resolve on accepting him as one of their members. These questions it seems are: Is he intelligent? Is he a man of fraternal disposition? Is he a gentleman? Is he discreet? Is he honest? Is he selfish?

As for the reasons assigned by our contemporary for asking these questions, they are undoubtedly sound. It is of little good, for instance, accepting a person as a Mason who is wanting in intelligence, and who, for that reason, will be unable to understand and appreciate the "grand moral truths contained in its ritual;" nor is he likely to prove a credit to any lodge which may accept him who does not possess "that social disposition which enjoys the companionship of fellows." He ought undoubtedly to be a gentleman, that is, "a man of cultured habits," and there is equally no doubt that he should exhibit the qualities of discretion, honesty, and unselfishness. But while we readily concede that a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry should possess all the attributes which the *Pacific Freemason* deems necessary, we do not see how such a series of inquiries could be conducted without causing serious offence to more than one of the persons concerned. If those who become sponsors for a candidate are able to satisfy their brother members that he is a man of reputation—a man whom it is a pleasure to them to be associated with in the daily concerns of life, and in whose manly qualities they have the utmost confidence, we do not see how the lodge as a body can expect more specific information.

This, indeed, is what our contemporary most probably intends—that a candidate should be in a position to satisfy the lodge he aspires to join, through his sponsors, that he is a fit and proper person to be made a Mason—fit, that is to say, mentally, morally, and socially, to become one of them. This kind of general assurance, made with a due sense of responsibility by those who recommend the candidate, is what we look to receive in England, and it is only because many Americans appear to favour the inquisitorial process, that we imagine the *Pacific Freemason* considers inquiry under the heads he specifies is necessary or, at least, desirable.

We learn from the *Indian Freemason* for last month that the District G. Lodge of Burmah at its Quarterly Communication held on the 24th June decided to commemorate her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee by founding a ward in the Dufferin Maternity Hospital. We unite with our contemporary in congratulating the brethren in Burmah on having adopted so benevolent a scheme and have no doubt that under the auspices of so able a chief as Bro. D. G. Macleod, Dist. G. Master, it will be successfully carried out.

A new lodge under the Scottish Constitutions was successfully inaugurated at the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Hong Kong, on the 24th June last. Bro. F. Howell had been appointed to perform the ceremony of consecration, and in due course, the Naval and Military Lodge of Scotland, ranking as No. 848 on the roll of Grand Lodge, was constituted and its first R.W. Master installed in the chair in the person of Bro. T. Spafford. The officers for the ensuing year were invested and the brethren afterwards celebrated the auspicious event by dining together and doing honour to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. We trust the new lodge may have before it a long and prosperous career.

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.

COURTESY TITLE "WORSHIPFUL BROTHER."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

For several years past it has been customary in my Provincial Lodge for the "Past Masters" in the lodge to be addressed by the courtesy title of "Worshipful Bro. Smith" in the place of the more common appellation of "Brother Past Master Smith" used in many lodges. Recently an old and experienced Preceptor of a North London Lodge of Instruction was present and took exception to the designation, contending that no Freemason was entitled to be addressed or referred to as W. Bro., unless he was an officer of Grand Lodge. Is this contention correct? Even if it is, can there be any objection whatever to the practice of styling Past Master as W. Bro., even if it be but by "courtesy." I can see none, and I much prefer "W. Bro." to Bro. P.M. Will some of your readers of experience inform me on the subject?—Yours fraternally,

SECRETARY P.M.

CANVASSING AND TOUTING AT ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

Inasmuch as all good Masons are agreed that canvassing and touting at elections constitute improper conduct, where does the necessity arise for adding new laws to our Book of Constitutions? Bro. Lamonby should, I venture to think, in all fairness, let the matter remain *in statu quo*, or propose some new method of voting for the office of Grand Treasurer. As matters stand at present, few brethren are able to exercise their voting power for a Grand Treasurer unless they are fortunate enough to reside in town, or in some of the home provinces. A perusal of the list of Past Grand Treasurers will conclusively prove that the present method of voting does not give the brethren in the North much say in the matter, and on that account canvassing and touting may some day be the outcome of the absence of equal representation.

If Bro. Lamonby is anxious for reforms, it is prudent they should be proceeded with in their entirety.

P.Z.

Reviews.

Bro. W. Eliot Thomas, M.J.I., of No. 1402, Torquay, has written some excellent Holiday Guides for Torquay and Paignton, and has now completed the handy trio, with one for St. Marychurch and Babbicombe, well known romantic and marine suburbs of Torquay. This beautiful neighbourhood is a great favourite in the summer, and is lovely at any time. As the Guide is lavishly illustrated, and has a map of the locality, all will agree that it is practically given away for *three halfpence*, post free, from the author, of Scarborough House, Torquay, who facetiously observes—"With marine and moorland excursions and coaching trips, what more is wanted—*save this handy little Guide and its specially-drawn map*"—to make the attractions perfect?

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Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 1st instant. The proceedings were opened by Bro. J. B. Jones, the retiring W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. H. Cooke, P.M., D. of C.; W. H. Thornton, P.M.; F. Evans, P.M.; W. M'William, P.M.; George Broadbent, P.M.; and G. Proudman, P.M. Bro. E. A. Davies, W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. J. B. Jones, the retiring W.M., and W. M'William, P.M., and was duly installed W.M. of the lodge in an impressive manner by Bro. W. H. Cooke, P.M., D.C. The remaining officers invested were Bros. J. B. Jones, I.P.M.; J. R. Bromley, S.W.; F. Holgreaves, J.W.; J. Jack, Treas.; A. J. Mackay, Sec.; J. W. Worrall, S.D.; W. J. Jones, J.D.; W. H. Cooke, P.M., D.C.; James Settle, Org.; A. Shawfield, I.G.; R. W. Pierpoint, E. Beeson, R. H. Perrin, and J. Cargill, Stewards; F. Du Chemin, Tyler; and W. H. Thornton, P.M., Charity Representative. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. B. Jones, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services to the lodge.

Amongst the visiting brethren present were Bros. George Broadbridge, P.P.G. D.C.; J. Armstrong, W.M. 2651, P.P.G.S. of W.; Roger White, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Biscoe, W.M. 724; E. J. Robin, W.M. 1350; F. G. Billett, P.M. 1350; F. Wilkinson, I.P.M. 594; A. Ferguson, J.W. 1325; D. Woodward, J.D. 1570; A. Hudson, 1675; Thomas Ronald, 292; C. J. Jordan, late 1032; W. G. Davies, 1518; John Jones, 823; R. W. Johnston, 2290; A. Rowland, 292; S. Hawkins, 292; G. W. Barmard, 373; and C. H. Barmard, 2215.

After the business was concluded, the banquet was excellently served by Bro. Casey.

The musical programme was contributed to by Bros. Broadbent, R. W. Pierpoint, G. Proudman, W. J. Parkinson, E. Beeson, A. J. Mackay, and J. Settle.

Clapton Lodge, No. 1365.

The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on Thursday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. A. H. Church, W.M.; J. D. Geddes, I.P.M.; F. C. Lintott, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Banks, J.W.; T. T. Gething, S.D.; F. Orfeur, J.D.; W. Blackburn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Thayre, P.M., D.C.; G. Schilling, and C. R. Campbell, Stwds.; W. Finch, P.M.; W. H. Caton, P.M.; C. E. Luker, P.M.; W. R. O. Cathrow, D. Campbell, P.M.; P. Becker, E. Wildash, H. C. Amendt, W. D. Seaton, Harry Green, F. G. Minter, E. M. Edwards, H. J. Dyer, R. B. Chessum, E. S. White, C. G. Diamond, J. H. Shipman, A. W. Diamond, F. W. Moore, E. Stanger, F. Brown, S. T. Green, H. A. Zoers, C. Sienesi, and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John J. Olley, W.M. 2511; W. Shurmur, P.A.G. Std. Br.; Walter Martin, A.G. Purst.; E. T. M. Notcutt—Cape Town—P.G. Dist. Officer; S. Rusby, J.W. 2511; N. Orfeur, 1312; R. Brookman, I.P.M. 1426; J. H. Milton, I.P.M. 2511; T. Wilson, P.M. 1328; S. A. Stanger, P.M. 12; W. Brookman, 175; J. Garrod, P.M. 754; J. C. Nicholson, P.M. 12; H. E. Swift, 2511; W. Fisher, Sec. 2411; W. H. Nolloth, 2511; W. E. Robbins, J.D. 2505; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report adopted, the W.M. elect, Bro. F. C. Lintott, was presented by Bro. W. Finch, P.M., and installed into the chair by the outgoing Master, Bro. A. H. Church, in a manner that made it impossible to have been better carried out. The newly-installed W.M. in an impressive manner appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. W. Banks, S.W.; T. T. Gething, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; F. Orfeur, S.D.; F. J. Thayre, J.D.

G. Schilling, I.G.; C. R. Campbell, D.C.; F. G. Minter, R. B. Chessum, and H. J. Dyer, Stwds.; E. Scullamore White, Org.; and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses was very ably rendered by Bro. A. H. Church and he is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which he carried out the whole of the installation ceremony. On the motion of Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. W. Banks, S.W., for the great things he did for the summer outing, which made it the gigantic success it was stated to have been. Bro. W. Banks stated that he was deeply gratified for their kind expressions, but he was at a loss to know what especial duty he had performed; but the little he did was a great pleasure to him, and he was amply repaid by their thanks. The W.M. stated that he had a very pleasant task to perform, which was to present Bro. A. H. Church with a Past Master's jewel, as a small token of his brilliant year of office, and he hoped he would be with them for many years to wear it. He felt sure that the members would agree with him that no one more deserved it for his excellent working of the ritual. A proposition was received for an initiate, and, after other business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently partook of a choice banquet, for which Bro. H. C. Amendt was responsible, and it was admirably served under the superintendence of Bro. P. Becker.

At the conclusion of the repast, the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured.

The next toast was "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." The W.M. gave "The Grand Officers, Present and Past." He stated that they were honoured that evening with the presence of two Grand Officers, who were well known for the great things they had done for the Craft, and the members were highly gratified to have them there; he had very much pleasure in coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Wm. Shurmur, P.A.G. Std. Br., and Walter Martin, A.G. Purst.

The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Bro. W. Shurmur, P.A.G. Std. Br., responded, and said that it was gratifying to the Grand Officers to know that their services were appreciated. During the last 25 years Masonry had advanced to an enormous degree, and its great success was mainly due to Bros. Earl of Lathom and Lord Mount Edgumbe for their great efforts, and they were ably supported by two excellent Committees—the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Benevolence. He hoped to have met Bro. Bunker, P.M., there that evening, who was a member of the Board of Benevolence, an earnest and zealous Freemason, a worthy man, and one they all respected. The two Boards he mentioned did really all the practical work of Grand Lodge. That was the first opportunity he had had



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

of responding as a Grand Officer in a Craft lodge, and he had travelled over 200 miles to be present to see his very old friend, Bro. F. C. Lintott, installed into the chair, and the ceremony was performed in a most perfect manner by Bro. A. H. Church, who was also a very old friend of his. In conclusion, he stated that he considered it a great honour to have been asked to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Walter Martin, A.G. Purst., also acknowledged the toast, remarking that Grand Officers were anxious to watch the working of lodges, and he congratulated the lodge on the excellent working they had witnessed that evening. As a Mason of 21 years' standing, he had no hesitation in stating that he had never seen better working than that of the I.P.M., Bro. A. H. Church.

In proposing "The W.M., Bro. F. C. Lintott," Bro. A. H. Church, I.P.M., said that it felt like old times to have the gavel in his hand once again. He had been deposed from a happy office by one who was able to do everything in the ritual as it ought to be done, and he hoped the members would do all to make the Worshipful Master's year of office one of great success. He had come up specially from Sandgate to be installed that day, and he wished him everything he could wish himself, but he thought it went without saying that he would have a prosperous and happy term of office, and, he would add, with the best of health.

Bro. F. C. Lintott, W.M., on rising to respond, had a hearty welcome. He thanked the I.P.M. for his kind words, which, he said, he did not deserve, but he would always do his very best, no one could do more, and he appreciated the high honour of having been elected Master of the Clapton Lodge.

In submitting "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. A. H. Church," the W.M. stated it was the toast of the evening. He was not only the youngest Past Master, but the best, and his grand working that evening stamped him as one of the best Masters the lodge had ever had.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm, as was Bro. A. H. Church, I.P.M., on rising to respond. He said, "The King is dead, long live the King." Never had the truth of that appeared to him until that evening. He appreciated the flattering remarks as to his working, and no one ever regretted leaving the chair as he did, as he revelled in the working of the ritual. If anything was doing he liked to be in the thick of it, and he could have done with two more years in the chair with happiness. He was then relegated with the so-called fossils, but there appeared plenty of life in them yet, and, although they were the unemployed in the lodge, they were ever ready to do anything, but their services were never required. He thanked them all for their kindness to him while he was in the chair, and might he say that he was satisfied with his term of office, and he hoped the members appreciated his small efforts.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," and said they were only too glad to welcome visitors. They were honoured that evening with a good few, and he thanked them for their kind attendance, as he took it as a personal compliment to himself. The lodge was reputed to be hospitable, and they wished to be second to none in entertaining their guests. Time would not permit all of them to respond, but he made special reference to Bros. J. J. Olley, W.M. 2511; E. T. M. Notcutt, P.M. St. George Lodge, Cape

Town, Past District Grand Officer; T. Wilson, P.M. 1328; S. A. Stanger, P.M. 12; and Walter Fisher, 2411.

Bro. J. J. Olley, W.M. 2511, said he was extremely pleased to have been called upon to respond to the toast. The W.M. was S.W. in his (Bro. Olley's) lodge and he had made way for him to keep himself free to be installed W.M. of the Clapton, his mother lodge. The W.M. was a true and good Mason and he felt the members should be proud of him, as he thought they were, and he hoped they would all give him earnest support because he deserved it, and, concluding, he gave the members a cordial invitation to attend his lodge.

Bro. E. T. M. Notcutt also acknowledged the toast, thanking the W.M. and the members for the way the visitors had been received and entertained. He had been looking forward for years for that evening, to again visit that, his mother lodge. It was six years since he was there, but he had been away at the Cape, where he would have to return shortly. Time would not permit him to relate what he had seen of Masonry at the Cape, but his experience was that wherever one went in Masonic circles they found plenty of friends, and he gave a few interesting details of his travels in Masonry. He was glad to be in the lodge once again, but he missed Bro. Fairclough and other dear friends who had gone to the Grand Lodge above.

Bro. J. Wilson, P.M. 1328, said that he had been a Mason for 25 years, and had never seen the installation ceremony better rendered, and he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

Bro. S. A. Stanger, P.M. 12, said that he endorsed everything with emphasis what had been said of the I.P.M.'s working, which was very impressive, and he added that too much could not be said of the W.M.'s good qualities.

Bro. Walter Fisher and J. C. Nicholson, P.M., also responded, bearing testimony to the excellent working and the lavish hospitality of the members.

In presenting the toast of "The Charities," the Worshipful Master stated that it was a toast that should always be given at every Masonic gathering. In eloquent terms, he urged the members to give liberally—they would never miss it—and he joined the name of Bro. D. Campbell, P.M., with the toast.

Bro. D. Campbell, P.M., responded. He said it was entirely in the wisdom of the W.M. that he should be called upon at a moment's notice to respond to the important toast of the Charities, but was afraid he could not give it proper justice; however, the subject was one that did not require any eloquence, as the toast in itself was enough to inspire a large amount. The three Institutions were the best in the world, and all Masons should support them. Masons helped those in distress—if they did not do so they would not be worthy to be called Masons. The W.M. had kindly consented to go up as Steward for the Boys at the forthcoming festival, and he hoped the members would send him with such a list large in amount as to make the lodge a Vice-President of the Boys, as they were of the Girls, and he would be disappointed if such a result was not achieved. The lodge had not been backward in supporting the Charities, and might it always be so in the future.

The Charity box having been passed round, the W.M. announced that its contents for that evening amounted to £2 12s.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. stated that it was an important toast as they were the backbone of the lodge, and were all the best of fellows.

Bro. W. Finch, P.M., said it was a great pleasure to him as the oldest Past Master present, to have to respond. The installation ceremony that evening had never been performed better in the Clapton Lodge and if it was ever required the Past Masters would be only too happy to do what they could for the lodge.

Bro. Luker, P.M., also responded, observing that it was 14 or 15 years since he responded for the toast of the Initiates, and he was proud that night to be sitting as a Past Master with two Grand Officers. He agreed that the working of the I.P.M. had never been excelled in the lodge. He had spent many pleasant evenings there and he hoped for more.

Bro. J. D. Geddes, P.M., stated that he had very little to add after the eloquence of the other Past Masters, but he coincided with their remarks as to the exemplary working of Bro. A. H. Church, and it was difficult to express in words his admiration of the courtesy of the I.P.M. to them all while he was in the chair and his services to the lodge would never be forgotten. In the W.M. they had one of the very best and he would not be found wanting in any way.

The W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary." He said they deserved every praise for their great efforts. They were both well tried and excellent officers—impossible to have better—and he was gratified to have their services during his year of office.

Bro. W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas., who was well received, thanked the W.M. for his kind words. The lodge was in a good financial position, the outgoing Master leaving with a larger balance on the right side than they had when he went into the chair.

Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., Sec., on rising, was received with acclamation. He thanked the W.M. for again appointing him to the office of Secretary. He had been ill, but his doctor gave him permission to attend that evening, and he felt all the better for it. He hoped that he was giving them satisfaction, and that he should continue to do so. The prosperity of the lodge meant giving liberally to the three Institutions, which they were all anxious to support. Might he mention that he was more than proud to hear their good opinions of his son's working. They knew the I.P.M. was his first initiate, and his great success in the lodge made him, his father, a very happy man.

The next toast was "The Officers," the W.M. stating that they were all good men and were ready at once to take higher office. He was proud of them, and he felt sure they would give him every assistance, and if he (the W.M.) turned out a success, the officers would be the cause of that result.

Suitable responses were made by Bros. T. T. Gething, J.W.; F. Orfeur, S.D.; F. J. Thayer, P.M., J.D.; and G. Schilling, I.G.

The Tyler's toast brought to an end one of the many of the happy meetings of the Clapton Lodge it has been our privilege and pleasure to attend.

The musical entertainment was excellently carried out under the able direction of Bro. Harry Green, in which the following also took part: Miss Ada Hunt Smith, Miss Isabelle Wallace, and Mr. Walter J. Walls, but special mention should be made of Bro. Harry Green, whose great efforts were much appreciated. Bro. E. Scullamore White, Org., ably presided at the pianoforte.

Bro. F. C. Lintott, the W.M., was initiated in the Clapton Lodge, in which he has served the several offices. Our brother was a founder of the St. John at Hackney Lodge, No. 2511, of which he is now S.W. for the second time, having given way for the J.W. to go into the chair. Also founder of the St. John at Hackney Chapter, No. 2511, in which he is Principal Sojourner. He is a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and Assistant Secretary of the Clapton Lodge of Instruction. A worthy Mason he!

Eldon Lodge, No. 1755.

On Saturday, the 11th instant, the above lodge met at the Royal Hotel, Portishead, and, in the presence of a large number of brethren and distinguished visitors, the installation of the W.M., Bro. T. Turner, took place. The ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. A. Jefferies, I.P.M.; J. W. H. Hall, S.W.; J. H. Stafford, J.W.; the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly, P.M., Chap.; J. R. Thebridge, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Shapland, Sec.; E. Tedder, S.D.; T. Lowther, J.D.; A. J. Tonkin, P.M., D.C.; E. Davey, Org.; J. W. Roberts, I.G.; C. J. Tonkin and T. Cox, Stwds.; and F. Simpkins, Tyler.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. E. Fry Wade, P.G.S.; W. Reece, P.P. G.D.; C. Pfeiffer, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Gard, Gard, P.P.S.G.W. Bristol; and E. G. Machon, P.P.G.S. Wks. Bristol.

The ceremony over, the annual banquet took place, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Mrs. Boulter, as usual, arranged the banquet in excellent style.

Hendon Lodge, No. 2206.

The installation meeting of this successful lodge, held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the 11th inst., proved a particularly interesting and enjoyable function. Bro. Mansell Powell, W.M., vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., who was installed by his old friend and colleague, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B. The members present included Bros. M. Powell, W.M.; A. M. Farrow, I.P.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., S.W.; J. Hudson, J.W.; G. Lewis, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. H. Dobbs, S.D.; C. Johnson, D.C.;

J. H. Gunn, Prov. A.G.P. Herts, I.G.; T. H. Knight and J. Mason, Stwds.; A. H. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; W. W. Langley, P.M.; W. B. Parsons, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; W. Martin, A.G.P.; J. Irvine, P.M.; G. Jefferson, Org. 2271; J. T. Musgrave, 753; J. Bate, W.M. 1507; G. A. Mursell, P.M. 35, P.P.G.D.; R. J. Davis, 1671; J. Lane, P.M. 1871; C. Jarratt, 2396; J. F. Saunders, P.M. 1507; F. Cuzner, I.G.; J. Thwaites, P.M. 2087; W. Dawson, S.W. 1622; J. J. Lamigeon, I.P.M. 2551; G. Smith, W.M. 554; S. Lloyd, P.M. 2398; G. F. Vine, J.D. 2271; C. W. Mathews, 2271; F. D. Robertson, 1897; C. Graeme, 2045; W. A. Wilkinson, 704; S. J. Derham, P.M.; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened and the minutes read and a very satisfactory Audit report adopted. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., then assumed the chair and installed Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., as W.M., the following officers being afterwards invested: Bros. John Hudson, P.P.G.P. Herts, S.W.; J. H. Dobbs, J.W.; G. Lewis, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. H. Gunn, Prov. G. Purst. Herts, S.D.; C. Johnson, J.D.; T. H. Knight, I.G.; J. Mason, D.C.; Joseph Mason, H. Ashley, and G. Elliott, Stwds.; and Whiting, P.M., Tyler. The presentation of a handsome Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Powell, then took place, and the gift was appropriately acknowledged. The W.M. signified his intention of representing the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School, and, correspondence having been read, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, which was followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B., replied for "The Grand Officers," and returned hearty thanks for the kind reception given the toast.

Bro. Walter Martin, P.A.G.P., also replied. He said he had known the W.M. for 20 years, and hoped he would continue to show the same juvenile spirit for many years to come.

"The Worshipful Master" was next given by Bro. Mansell Powell, I.P.M., who said they all knew Bro. Stiles so well, and he had done so much for the Order, that it would be unnecessary to add more in submitting the toast.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, W.M., P.G. Treas., in responding, said that they were all aware that the chief characteristic of their W.M. was his modesty, and that he could say more about others than about himself. Having been associated as a founder, he was pleased to attain the position of W.M. of the Hendon Lodge, and having been in office since its foundation, fought its battles, and stuck to it right through, he was not going to do otherwise than his level best now he was in the post of government as W.M. He would strive to his utmost to make the lodge a greater success, and keep the same good feeling together. He was proud to be their W.M., and to find such a happy gathering, and thanked them for their hearty reception.

The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master," and said he did not know what to say about Bro. Scurrah. They all knew him as one of the best fellows in the world, and as one who had rendered conspicuous service to Masonry, and their own lodge particularly. That was the eighth occasion on which he (the W.M.) had been installed, and those with any knowledge of the ceremony, would say that Bro. Scurrah did it very well indeed. Bro. Scurrah wanted to install him, and had done so through the kindness of Bro. Powell, I.P.M. In other Degrees Bro. Scurrah was a thorough master, and evinced the same painstaking manner as in the Craft.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. He wished to give credit where credit was due, and therefore thanked the I.P.M. for having given way to allow him to instal Bro. Stiles. Knowing that Bro. Stiles and he were old friends, Bro. Powell, I.P.M., said it would give him great pleasure to hear him (Bro. Scurrah) perform that ceremony. The W.M. celebrated his jubilee birthday a week or two ago and if he was not capable of governing a lodge at that age he ought to be. All would congratulate Bro. Stiles on arriving at that age and also on being in a good state of health for they would remember his serious condition when undergoing an operation some time since. They congratulated him upon being W.M. of this lodge and trusted he would have a happy year of office. He (Bro. Scurrah) did the installation to the best of his ability and hoped it had met with their approval, and this would ever be a red letter day to him. He congratulated the members on the position of the lodge at the present time. They were in the happy position of being able to take each other by the hand with the most cordial and fraternal feeling, and if this did not constitute a successful lodge he did not know what did. The harmony prevailing was an earnest of happiness in the future and he was grateful to think they were in that happy position. He thanked them for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received.

"The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was next cordially given from the chair, and, in reply,

Bro. Mansell Powell, I.P.M., said he had always done what he could for the lodge.

Bro. A. M. Parsons, P.M., also responded, remarking that it was a treat to be connected with such a pleasant, happy, and prosperous lodge.

"The Visitors" was acknowledged in cordial terms by Bros. J. Bate, W.M. 1507; J. Irvine, P.M. 862; G. A. Mursell, P.P.G.D.; S. Lloyd, P.M. 2398; and J. Thwaites, P.M. 2087.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was given in eulogistic terms by the W.M., who referred to the able services rendered by Bros. G. Lewis, P.M., Treas., and W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Sec.

"The Officers" found an able spokesman in Bro. J. Hudson, P.P.G. Purst. Herts, S.W.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. J. Jefferson ably presided at the pianoforte, and the contributors to an excellent musical programme included Bros. W. Edwards, C. Graham, and Drerham.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, on Wednesday, the 15th instant. Present: Bros. Theo. Barber, W.M.; A. L. Peace, acting S.W.; G. Eland, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas.; J. Constable, Sec.; E. Hirst, S.D.; T. J. Smith, I.G.; R. Brew and T. R. R. Marsdin, Stewards; W. Hallgarth, Almoner; W. P. Robotham, Org.; J. Dugdale, T. Tomlinson, and F. Pine, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. H. Woodhouse, P.M., and Peacock, S.D., of 242.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. H. A. Fenton, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. B. Maskill was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. F. Pine, Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

The installation meeting is fixed for October 13th.

Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278.

A regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th instant, which was attended by Bros. J. Gravatt, W.M.; E. Blinkhorn, I.P.M.; A. Ingram, S.W.; C. C. Renaud, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; E. N. Beningfield, S.D.; H. R. Bower, J.D.; F. Page, I.G.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P. G.S.B., D.C.; C. Nicole and D. Taylor, Stewards; A. A. Kelly, Org.; T. Williams, Tyler; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. W. Nicole, P.M.; G. H. Redding, A. C. Little, F. H. Johnson, and A. D. R. Palmer-Palmer. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Milbourne, P.M. 13, and G. Redding, P.M. 917.

The business on the agenda was the raising of Bro. G. H. Redding, and the W.M. kindly consented to allow Bro. F. Page, I.G., W.M. 1613, to perform the ceremony, he being an old friend, and the introducer of Bro. Redding to the lodge. The work was done in an able and impressive manner. A brother was proposed as a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

The after-dinner proceedings were of the usual attractive character, an admirable programme having been arranged by Bro. R. W. Nicole, the musical director, Bro. A. A. Kelly accompanying.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson street, Bradford, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; John Niven, P.M.; J. T. Last, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Ellis, P.M., Treas.; R. S. Hird, S.W.; J. W. Bland, J.W.; W. S. Smith, as S.D.; W. Docksey, as J.D.; J. S. Marsland, I.G.; John Cooper, Tyler; R. B. Nicholls, Org.; F. Betteridge, Stwd.; J. S. Hedley, F. Kinder, W. Durrance, W. H. Townend, R. H. Markham, John Morton, and C.

Wood. Visitors: Bros. A. Sutcliffe, P.M. 308; William Oddy, P.M. 387, Prov. A.G.D.C.; J. C. Cooper, 1680, E.C. (Allahabad); and Dr. S. Lodge, jun., 48.

The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the Auditors' report regarding the Treasurer's accounts was presented, and the balance-sheet passed and adopted. A resolution regarding the lodge banner was passed, after which Bro. John Morton was elected W.M. and Bro. Ellis, P.M., Treas. for the ensuing year; the election of Tyler was deferred until the next meeting. A joining member was proposed and apologies tendered for the absence of a number of the brethren, after which "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

After refreshments, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In responding for "The Visitors," Bro. O.Jdy, P.M. 387, Prov. A.G.D.C., while thanking the brethren for the cordial reception the visitors had received, stated that he occupied a somewhat peculiar position, inasmuch as he was called upon to respond to a toast, of which, owing to his unfortunate deafness, he had not heard a single word of the remarks of the proposer; at the same time, from past experience he could understand the kindly manner in which the toast had been proposed. Although deaf, his eyesight was remarkably good, and he was pleased with the proceedings in the lodge. Bro. Oddy remarked that he had recently conferred the Third Degree in his own lodge, but had only heard the voice of the candidate in the O.B. during the entire ceremony.

Several other toasts followed.

Bros. Nicholl, Kinder, Du'rance, Townend, Dr. Lodge, and Last contributed songs, slos, and recitations to the harmony of the evening.

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at the Weavers' Arms, 17, London Wall, when there were present Bros. Kinipple, W.M.; Spencer, S.W.; Woodman, J.V.; Harlow, P.M.; Preceptor; Jas. Smith, Sec.; Sargent, S.D.; Knight, J.D.; Dobbs, I.G.; Greig, P.M.; Saunton, P.M.; Hughes, I.P.M.; Butcher, Brown, Welch, William, Robeson, Garton, William Baker, Collins, Farr, Lloyd, Wood, Bush, McCarthy, Matland, L. Newman, Gernon, Stevenson, and Brooks.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Gernon was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Matland answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, but was not entrusted. Bro. Butcher was a candidate to be raised to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. opened the lodge and Bro. Butcher was duly raised. Masonic drill having been given, Bros. Gernon, McCarthy, Matland, and Newman were elected joining members, after which the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. A. Zeppenfeld, W.M.; H. Raphael, S.W.; H. Pinnell, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M.; Preceptor; G. Hill, P.M.; Treas.; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; M. Beedle, S.D.; T. Bowden, J.D.; R. Hatfield, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; H. Parker, H. Mullins, A. E. Mullins, J. Mason, S. C. Cross, A. Butcher, and J. Leather.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cross being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Butcher being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 4th Section was worked by Bro. Leather. The W.M. rose for the first time, dues were collected, and Bro. A. E. Mullins, W.M. 1446, was unanimously elected a joining member. At the second rising Bro. Mullins, S.W. (Bro. Raphael having retired), was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Kemp, W.M.; Clarkson, S.W.; Kobelt, J.W.; Pauncefort, Preceptor; Berry, S.D.; Pate, J.D.; Day, I.G.; Tilt, Sec.; Collins, and Hurlley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Collins, who acted as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. The lodge was closed down, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE, No. 1320.

The weekly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Monday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. Ballard, W.M.; Trotter, S.W.; H. Potter, J.W.; W. Dawson, P.M.; Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.M., Sec.; Robinson, S.D.; Gulliford, J.D.; Brambleby, I.G.; Smith, Baker, R. J. Richards, Loader, Snodgrass, Stafford, Shelley, Hardman, Cornford, Lord, H. Reed, Sobel, King, Weare, sen., Rice, Asst. Sec.; Plant, and Hurley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Sobel having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Ballard, and Bro. E. Rice, W.M. elect 1320, being installed, invested his officers. The addresses were ably rendered by Bro. Ballard. Bro. Trotter, S.W., was elected W.M. for the first Monday in October. Hearty congratulations were given to the Preceptor for so successful a gathering and the rapidly-increasing lodge. The lodge was then closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. C. Renaud, W.M.; W. Rapley, S.W.; S. Cload, J.W.; F. G. Hardyment, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M.; P.P.G.D. Heris, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; J. E. Thomas, S.D.; W. F. Roberts, J.D.; A. E. Armfelt, I.G.; H. R. Bower, J. Bailey, H. J. Collier, F. H. Johnson, C. Nicole, A. Oldrey, W. Aldridge, J. R. White, J. H. Thurman, C. W. Rayner, C. Smith, V. J. R. Longman, J. T. Hoare, G. Gregory, P.M.; R. P. Upton, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M., C. Bone, and J. W. Clarke, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bower being the candidate. The ancient charge was given. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey being the candidate. The questions were put and answered, and the lodge opened in the Third Degree. Bros. H. J. Collier and W. Aldridge were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Rapley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on Friday, the 17th instant, when the following were present: Bros. Webster, W.M.; Marks, S.W.; Ramshotton, J.W.; Barnett, S.D.; Rev. Greenwood, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Holland, P.M., Preceptor; Kobelt, acting Sec.; Ridgway, and Willis.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ridgway acting as the candidate. Bro. Kobelt, acting as candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. closed the lodge in the Second Degree. Bro. Marks having been unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting when all Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 17th inst. Present: Comps. C. Plant, M.E.Z.; S. J. Derham, H.; Hy. Hardman, J.; Wm. Dawson, acting Preceptor, C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Cureton, P.Z., S.N.; Hy. Cornford, P.S.; Snelling, Jas. Hill, Montgomery, Lightfoot Wm. Wills, Drinkwater, Eckersall, West, and Sobel.

The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals and Past Principals. The minutes of the previous weekly convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Montgomery personating the candidate. The chapter was placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. of the Rose Chapter, on the 24th instant, and the M.E.Z. of the Sterndale Bennett Chapter, on Friday, the 1st prox. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. H. Matthews, President of the Board, occupied the President's chair; Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, took their usual places; Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and H. Sadler, represented the Grand Secretary's department. The other members present were Bros. George B. Chapman, Robert Case, George R. Langley, Henry Garrod, W. Fisher, George Everett, George Graveley, E. C. Mulvey, T. H. Goldschmidt, William Vincent Robert A. Gowan, Walter Martin, James Bunker, O. Lamare, J. Harrison, T. J. Mercer, C. H. Webb, H. W. Wybourn, Baron D. Barnett, Arthur Williams, Thomas Whitford, F. J. Eedle, Thomas Rendall, Charles John Combs, Edmund Freeman, C. Pulman, W. H. Dallemore, James W. Cain, John Hills, N. Goodchild, C. Doresay, and H. Massey.

The Board first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at last monthly meeting that grants should be made to the amount of £395. There were 26 cases on the new list, which were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Calcutta, Holmfirth, Hull, Minehead, Hong Kong, Gloucester, Rainham, Birmingham, Kidderminster, Preston, Liverpool, Enfield, Stonehouse, Bristol, Balsall Heath, Hatfield, and Rochdale. Out of these cases six were deferred, the requirements of the Board not having been complied with. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £685. One recommendation was made to Grand Lodge for £200, and two cases were recommended for £50 each. To the Grand Master two cases were recommended for £40 each, and five for £30 each. The remaining cases were granted £15, £10, and £5 each.

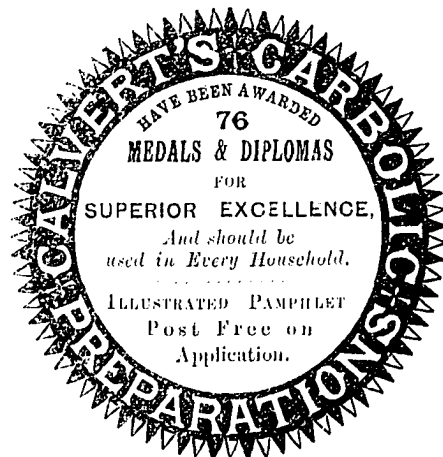
Obituary.

BRO. JAMES S. NAISH, P.M. 1833.

On Monday, the 13th inst., the funeral of the late Bro. James Smith Naish took place amidst many manifestations of mourning and regret. The body had been previously removed to the residence of deceased's father, Glengariff, Wellington Park, Clifton, and the funeral took place from there, the first portion of the service, which was quite plain, being held at St. Saviour's Church, Redland, where the Rev. J. W. Firth, curate, conducted the service and also the closing portions at Arno's Vale Cemetery, where deceased was interred. The body was enclosed in an inner shell of elm, with outer coffin of oak, which bore the inscription—"James Smith Naish, died 16th September, 1897, aged 39 years." The coffin, which was covered with lovely floral tokens of admiration and affection, was conveyed in an open funeral car, and there were seven mourning coaches, the following being the mourners: First carriage: Mr. Henry Naish (father), Mrs. J. S. Naish (widow), Miss Ethel Naish and Miss Naish (sisters.) Second carriage: Miss F. Naish, Miss M. Naish (daughters), Mr. H. W. Naish (brother), Mrs. H. W. Naish (sister-in-law), and Mr. G. Naish (brother.) Third carriage: Mr. J. Phelps, Mr. G. Phelps, Mr. W. Phelps, and Mr. D. Beak. Fourth carriage: Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Overbury, and Mr. H. Scull. Fifth carriage: Mr. A. Lewis, Mr. Hennessey, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Calcott. Sixth carriage: Mr. Clancy, Mr. Dix, and Mr. Rawle. Seventh carriage: Mr. Fielding, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Sellick, and Mr. Gaule. Amongst those in the church were Councillors Swaish and Elkins, as representing the St. Philip and Jacob South Ward of the Bristol Town Council, for which deceased was the third and junior member. *En route* to the cemetery and at Arno's Vale there were others, including the employees of the deceased, as well as brethren of the Craft, who assembled to pay their last respects. Bro. Naish was W.M. of the St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, in the year 1890, and was P. Prov. G. Std. Br. in the Province of Somerset. He was held in high esteem for his sterling work in the Craft, and was much respected by his brethren and friends. His early decease is a matter of sincere regret. Our sympathy is tendered to his widow and relatives.

BRO. WILLIAM PAAS, P.M. 28.

Very general regret will be felt at the announcement of the death, on the 16th instant, of Bro. William Paas, aged 71 years. For some time past, failing health had rendered it impossible for Bro. Paas to take an active part in Masonry; but in his day he had done good service. He was a P.M. and P.Z. of the Old King's Arms Lodge and Chapter, No. 28, and had been a very strenuous supporter of our Institutions.



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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, October 2nd, 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, SEPTEMBER 27.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 1549, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
- 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1261, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGES.

- 4, Prince of Wales, Mark Masons' Hall.
- 220, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

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.
- Fiants, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
- Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
- Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Marquess of Ripon, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
- Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
- North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
- Perseverance, Ridler'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, SEPTEMBER 28.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel.
- 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 548, Wellington, Bridge House Hotel.
- 2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGES.

- 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 332, Boro' of Greenwich, William the Fourth Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
- Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
- Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8
- Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
- Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
- Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
- Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
- Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
- Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
- Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
- Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
- 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 G-and 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, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.20

- 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.
- Urban, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6.
- 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, SEPTEMBER 29.

CRAFT LODGE.

- 368, Temperance in the East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.

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.
- Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
- Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
- Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, S.
- 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, 164, 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, SEPTEMBER 30.

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

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern.
- 2102, Highbury, Cock Tavern.
- 2264, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

- 363, Ruspini, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
- Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 345, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
- Caxton, Carr's, 205, Strand, W.C., at 7.
- 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.
- Elliott, 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.
- Montefiore, 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.
- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
- Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
- Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
- 809, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1486, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1927, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2488, Eccentric, Criterion.
- 2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

MARK LODGE.

- 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Allian, 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, Ladbrooke-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.
- Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford street, 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.
- Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
- Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
- Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
- Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
- Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
- The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
- Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
- Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-rd., Paddington, W., at 8.
- Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8
- Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1572, Carnarvon, Allion Tavern.
- 1922, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1940, Brixton, Anderson's Hotel.
- 2490, Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30
- Gresham, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
- Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. LORD CLAUD HAMILTON, Chairman of the Great Eastern Railway Company, has returned from the Continent and gone on a visit to Scotland.

THE 1ST BATTALION of the Grenadier Guards, under the command of Colonel Villiers Hutton, will embark at Southampton for Gibraltar, on Friday, the 30th October.

MR. GEORGE HANBURY, Treasurer of the Paddington Green Children's Hospital, has made a donation of £100 towards paying off a debt of £1900 due to the bankers of the institution.

BRO. J. HOLLIS, of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, was presented on Thursday, the 16th inst., with a Past Master's jewel—voted by the lodge—by the W.M., Bro. A. Doggrell.

AT WORCESTER, a new Masonic hall, with frontages to St. Nicholas and Trinity-streets, has been built. The chief elevation is Classic in character, and is carried out in red brick and terra-cotta.

THE ELCHO SHIELD, which was won by the English Eight, at Bisley, in July, will be taken to the Guildhall, escorted by members of the City Volunteers, on Saturday, the 9th October, and placed in charge of the Lord Mayor.

THE QUEEN EMPRESS has transmitted a message to the Viceroy of India expressive of her Majesty's grief at the recent losses of officers and men and of her admiration of the conduct of the troops during the severe fighting on the North-west frontier.

THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY and other officials of the department arrived at Devonport from London on Monday night and at once went on board the Admiralty yacht *Enchantress*. The inspection of the dockyard commenced the following day.

THE WARDEN of St. Michael's College, Aberdare, has received from an anonymous donor the handsome gift of £1000 towards the endowment fund. The College was founded by the late Miss Talbot, and is intended for the training of young men for the Church.

MR. JAMES COATS, JUN., of Ferguslie House, Paisley, has forwarded a donation of £1000 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to mark his sense of the conduct of those who recently attempted to bring discredit on the management. Mr. Coats has also announced his intention of doubling his annual subscription paid to the local secretary.

TWO MASONIC FUNCTIONS of especial moment are about to take place in connection with the Prov. Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire, of which, Bro. the Earl of Lathom is P.G.M. The one is the laying of the foundation-stone of St. Catherine's Church, Horwich, on the 2nd prox., and the other will be found in a gathering of the brethren of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Southport, on the 13th of the same month.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by Princess Henry of Battenberg, and the Prince and Princess Francis Joseph of Battenberg, with the Princess Eugenie and Prince Alexander of Battenberg in a second carriage, drove to Mar Lodge on Saturday afternoon last and had tea with the Duke and Duchess of Fife. Notwithstanding the day was cold and stormy there were a large number of visitors who turned out to get a glimpse of her Majesty.

THE PEACE Preliminaries between Turkey and Greece were signed on Saturday last both at Constantinople and Athens. The amount of indemnity to be paid by Greece amounts to four millions, while the strategic frontier which is to be assigned to Turkey includes several heights of importance the possession of which enabled the Greek brigands to invade Turkish territory without serious difficulty. The frontier line, however, will be settled on the spot.

MONDAY was the 43rd anniversary of the Battle of the Alma, which was fought on the 20th September, 1854, and the regiments that were engaged in the battle had their colours decorated in honour of the victory then achieved by the allied armies over Russia. The senior surviving officers on the active list who took part in the fight are Field-Marshal the Duke of Cambridge, who was in command of the First Division, and Sir F. P. Haine, who was then a Brevet-Major in the 21st Foot—now Royal Scots Fusiliers.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES visited the International Exhibition of Fine Arts, in Copenhagen on Saturday last, and expressed his satisfaction to find British Art so well represented. On Sunday his Royal Highness with the Princess of Wales, the Princess Victoria of Wales, and Princess Charles of Denmark, attended the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Alban's Church, Copenhagen. On Monday the Prince left for Homburg with the intention of paying a visit to his sister, the Empress Frederick of Germany at Kronberg Castle.

THE KING OF SIAM has returned from his continental trip, and left Paddington Station for Taplow Court on Saturday afternoon last. His Majesty was met by the First Secretary and others of the staff of the Siamese Legation, and drove at once to the Court. Here on Tuesday his 44th birthday was celebrated, and on Wednesday, in continuation of the festivities in honour of that event, the King gave a garden party, which was attended by a numerous and distinguished party of guests. The King will leave England early next month.

SWEDES AND NORWEGIANS on a visit to, or resident in, London dined together at the Trocadero Restaurant on Saturday, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of King Oscar II.'s accession to the throne. In the absence of the Swedish and Norwegian Minister, the chair was taken by the acting Chargé d'Affaires, and, after due honour had been done to the toast of "Queen Victoria," King Oscar's health was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. A special Jubilee service was held on Sunday in the old Swedish Church in Prince's-square, Shadwell, the last resting place of Emanuel Swedenborg.

BRO. LORD LUDLOW, more familiarly known as Lord Justice Lopes, has returned from his excursion abroad and met with a most cordial welcome on reaching his home near Westbury. The town was *en fête* and in the market place a guard of honour of the 1st Wiltshire Rifle Volunteers was drawn up and saluted his lordship. Outside the Town Hall an address was presented congratulating his lordship on his elevation to the peerage. After expressing his thanks for his reception Lord Ludlow drove to his residence at Heywood, where the members of the reception committee and the volunteers were afterward entertained by his lordship.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK have been enjoying their stay at Guisachan, in Inverness-shire, as the guests of Lord and Lady Tweedmouth. On Friday and Saturday of last week, accompanied by his host and the Hon. Dudley Marjoribanks, the Duke went deer-stalking. On Sunday his Royal Highness attended divine service in the dining-hall, while on Monday the Duke again went out in the hope of further sport, and the Duchess drove out with Lady Tweedmouth and visited Glen Affric, one of the finest glens in Scotland. The house party includes the Earl of Crewe, Viscount and Viscountess Curzon, Lord Lovat, and Sir Charles Cust, Equerry to the Duke of York.

AFTER THE anniversary service at Weybridge in memory of the late Comte de Paris, head of the House of Orleans, a family gathering took place in London, when Bro. Major Henry Wright, a P.M. of the Alliance Lodge, had the honour of being received, and the young Duchesse d'Orleans signed in his book of autographs. The others present (who had already signed in 1895) were the Comtesse de Paris, Duc d'Orleans, Duchesse d'Aosta, Princesses Isabelle and Louise d'Orleans, and the Duc de Montpensier. By a curious coincidence, Prince Henri d'Orleans and his fellow duellist, the Count of Turin, have both signed on one page.

THE LORD MAYOR and Sheriffs, with several of the Aldermen, wearing all of them their scarlet robes, with the Town Clerk (Bro. Sir John B. Monckton), the Sword and Mace Bearers, and other City officials, attended Divine service at Christ Church, Newgate-street, on Tuesday (St. Matthew's Day), when the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. R. Shortt. The Civic dignitaries afterwards adjourned to the Court Room of Christ's Hospital, when the lists of the Governors of the several Royal Hospitals were formally handed to the Lord Mayor, by whom they were entrusted to the Town Clerk for safe custody among the Corporation archives during the year. The occasion dates in all probability from 1553, but certainly from 1557, there being an old black letter document of the latter date, decreeing that the election of Governors should take place on St. Matthew's Day.

BRO. SHERIFF-ELECT DEWAR has commissioned Bros. George Kenning and Son, of Little Britain, to execute his heraldic banner.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. Lord Halsbury) and Lady and the Hon. Miss Giffard have arrived at Inverary Castle.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE have been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sassoon at Tulchan Lodge.

THE ROYAL ARTILLERY annual sports came off at Aldershot on Tuesday, when a full programme was successfully carried out.

THE KING OF SIAM will be entertained by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House on Thursday, the 30th inst., when an address will be presented to his Majesty.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS HERMANN OF Saxe-Weimar, with the Princess Olga, dined with the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House on Tuesday evening.

VERY GENEROUS support being given to the proposal initiated some time since by the Ladies' Kennel Club to hold a Jubilee Dog Show at Earl's Court, in December, in aid of the Prince of Wales's Fund for the Hospitals in London.

THE ANNUAL oyster feast at Colchester has been fixed for Wednesday, the 20th prox., and the Lord Mayor of London has accepted the invitation of the Mayor and Corporation of the ancient borough to preside on the occasion.

FROM the report recently issued by the Railway Department of the Board of Trade as regards railway travelling in 1896, it appears that only one passenger was killed in 10,541,287 passenger journeys, and only one injured in 618,121.

A NIGHT ATTACK was made by a large force under the Hadda Mullah on Sir Bindon Blood's camp at Lakerai, on Monday, but though General Wodehouse was badly wounded in the knee, the loss inflicted by the enemy was very trifling.

PRINCE RANJITSINHJI took his departure from Cambridge on Wednesday. On Monday and Tuesday he entertained his friends at farewell dinners, and on Wednesday was present at a smoking concert, when the company drank his health most enthusiastically.

THE DEATH of General Bourbaki is announced as having taken place at his villa near Bayonne, on Wednesday morning. The deceased was born at Pau in 1816, and had greatly distinguished himself in Algeria, the Crimea, in the Italian Campaign in 1859, and the Franco-German War of 1870-1.

THE GERMAN torpedo boat S. 25 capsized and sank off Cuxhaven, on Wednesday morning, seven seamen being drowned in addition to the lieutenant commanding Duke Frederick William of Mecklenburgh-Schwerin, half-brother of the late Grand Duke, whose death occurred at Cannes in April last.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR arrived on a visit to the Emperor-King Francis Joseph at Buda-Pesth, on Monday, and met with a very cordial reception. On Tuesday, a State banquet was held in honour of the illustrious visitor, at which his health was proposed by the Emperor Francis Joseph, and gracefully acknowledged.

THE DEATH RATE in London showed a further slight fall last week. There was, however, an unfortunate increase in the number of fatal cases arising from measles, scarlet fever, and diphtheria, but this was more than counterbalanced by the smaller return of deaths arising from gastric maladies.

WHILE H.M.S. Galatea was engaged in target practice off the Lincolnshire Coast, on Wednesday afternoon, one of the guns, which was fully charged, burst with terrific force, inflicting what it is feared will prove fatal injuries on an able seaman named Halvey, who was removed at once to the hospital at Grimsby in a dying condition.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING'S week's engagement at the Métropole Theatre, Cambridge, was brought to a conclusion on Saturday evening last. When the performances were over, the audience remained in the theatre cheering, and though the curtain was twice raised, Bro. Sir H. Irving was at length obliged to respond to the call made upon him for a speech, and expressed his thanks for the kindness and heartiness of the reception.

AN ADDRESS of congratulation on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee was presented to her Majesty on Wednesday by the tenants and servants on the Balmoral, Abergeldie, and Birkhall estates. The presentation was made by a deputation, while the address was read by the Rev. S. J. Ramsay Sibbald, minister of Crathie. Princess Henry of Battenberg was present with the Queen, who was pleased to reply briefly, but very graciously.

A CHOICE SELECTION of cows, heifers, and bulls from the extensive herds at Waddesdon Manor and Walton Grange, the property respectively of Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., and Mr. Henry Wyatt, J.P., were disposed of by auction at Walton Grange on Tuesday, and fetched good prices. Purchases were made by Mr. Tait for her Majesty, by Mr. Beck for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and by Mr. McCowan for the Marquis of Salisbury.

THE BATCH of additional magistrates just appointed by the Lord Chancellor for the borough of Newbury includes Bro. Harman Skinner Hanington, P.M. of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, and S.E. of the Hope Chapter. Bro. Hanington has for years been one of the most energetic men in Newbury, and has filled the civic chair. Among the offices he holds is that of second officer of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, Hon. Sec. to the Horticultural Society, and Hon. Sec. to the Literary and Scientific Institution.

THE MARRIAGE of Mr. Alexander Augustus Dalglish, eldest son of the late Mr. J. Campsie Dalglish, of Wandara, Goulburn, New South Wales, with Miss Mary Josephine Maxwell-Scott, daughter of the Hon. J. and Mrs. Maxwell-Scott, of Abbot'sford, Melrose, and great-great-granddaughter of the great poet and novelist—Bro. Sir Walter Scott—was solemnised at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, on Tuesday. In the course of the afternoon the bride and bridegroom left to spend the honeymoon at Arundel Castle, which had been placed at their disposal by the Duke of Norfolk.

A DISASTROUS collision occurred on Wednesday between the Ika and the Cunard Liner steamer Tyria, Captain Bacon, just when the former vessel was entering and the latter leaving Fiume Harbour. The result was that the Ika was cut in two, and sunk in two or three minutes. The Tyria rendered all the assistance in her power, and 23 persons were rescued, but it is believed that about 50 are lost. A strong bora was raging at the time, and rain was descending heavily. It is not known with whom the blame for the disaster rests.

BRIGHTON REGATTA, which had already been put off three times, came off on Saturday last, thus bringing the South Coast Regatta season to a close for the present year. The Mayor and Mayoress and Corporation witnessed the proceedings from the head of the West Pier, while the Corporation band played on it during the whole of the afternoon. There was also a large gathering of spectators along the beach, and wherever a good view was obtainable. There were 16 events on the card, which were most of them well contested, and in the evening there was an illuminated water fête arranged by the Naval Volunteer Cruising Club.

THE MANAGEMENT of the Garrick Theatre are to be congratulated on possessing so capable an understudy as Miss Maud Boyd, who, owing to the sudden indisposition of Miss Florence St. John on Saturday afternoon last, at very short notice, played "La Perichole," and with such success that she was not only heartily applauded by the audience for the rendering of the part, but at the final fall of the curtain received loud applause and congratulations from the members of the company assembled on the stage. Miss St. John's indisposition was fortunately only of a temporary nature and she was able to resume her part the same evening.

A VERY UNUSUAL mishap occurred at Drury Lane Theatre on Saturday evening last. The house was packed in every part and the orchestra were playing the overture to "The White Heather," the new drama which has proved so great a success, when it was found that the huge hydraulic lift, which was put up about a year ago by the late Bro. Sir A. Harris, would not work properly, and there was no alternative but for the management to cause it to be announced that the piece could not be performed that evening, and that all money would be returned. As soon as the audience realised the situation they rose and filed out quietly. The only inconvenience experienced was the absence of cabs, &c., at such an hour, carriages having been ordered for 11 o'clock. However, this was soon remedied.