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### A FAIR SUBJECT FOR INQUIRY.

We have no great faith in the employment of severe language in condemning acts which in our opinion are worthy of condemnation. It has been truly said that hard words break no bones, and we shall not succeed in making an act more or less flagrant according as we describe it in terms that are harsh or in terms that for their moderation may be irreproachable. But we must confess to have experienced no small amount of amazement and indignation on reading an account of certain circumstances which have just been brought to our knowledge, and which, in the exercise of our discretion, we feel called upon to lay before our readers—at all events in general terms. We may premise that these circumstances which we are about to describe have occurred in one of the more remote Districts holding under the Grand Lodge of England—the Central Division of South Africa, which has for its Craft ruler Bro. RICHARD MILLS ROBERTS, who was appointed to the office of District Grand Master in October, 1895. In a District so far removed as this is from the Central authority and the majority of whose lodges are of comparatively recent creation—the senior on the roll dates no further back than 1872—it is not surprising that irregularities should every now and then occur. The knowledge of our ritual according to "Emulation" working or any other system which may have found exponents in our lodges of instruction is not likely to be very perfect, nor is the acquaintance with our laws, whether written or unwritten, likely to be very profound. It is within the knowledge of most of us that irregularities take place both in work and in matters which are duly provided for in our Book of Constitutions, in our lodges at home; and *à fortiori* must we expect to hear of them in the lodges which have been established in the more recently-occupied portions of the British Empire. Hence the authorities make a practice of dealing leniently with the offences which are brought to their notice, in the very natural belief that in 99 cases out of every 100 they have been committed through error of judgment, or from ignorance of law or custom, rather than deliberately. It is a mistake to imagine that our Grand Lodge authorities are indifferent to the well-being of Colonial Masonry. But the distance from home of many of our lodges is very great. Time is required—oftentimes a very long interval of time—before the true nature of what has happened in these more distant lodges becomes known, and when this has been ascertained, it is probable that an equal period of time must elapse before they can be properly adjusted. There is

also another difficulty in connection with Colonial Masonry which must not be too lightly estimated, and which arises out of the fact that the three home Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland exercise concurrent jurisdiction in all British Colonies where there are no independent Grand Lodges established. As a rule, the lodges and other bodies which have been set up abroad under these three Constitutions work side by side most harmoniously. They are for the most part strictly loyal to the particular Constitutions under which they exist, but they respect each other's loyalty, and while each is ready enough to help the others in what is just and reasonable and for the general good of Freemasonry, each is, as a rule, true to its own flag. It is inevitable that every now and then a little friction should arise among the bodies holding under the different Constitutions—and in South Africa, there is a Netherlands Constitution as well as the English, Irish, and Scottish—but it seldom happens that there is any difficulty in smoothing matters. Knowing this we are the more amazed at the circumstances of which we have been informed and which briefly stated are as follows:

According to the Grand Lodge Calendar, there are eight lodges in the central division of South Africa under the rule of Bro. R. M. ROBERTS, D.G.M. To some of these are attached Royal Arch chapters, but as yet no District Grand Chapter has been established, and our English brethren there who are Royal Arch Masons are not unnaturally anxious to have one organised for their benefit as soon as the authorities deem it expedient to grant them a District Grand Chapter organisation. Quite recently, we are informed, the members of an English lodge which meets at a place that shall be nameless, being anxious to know how they should proceed in order to obtain a warrant for a Royal Arch chapter, addressed themselves for information to the District Grand Lodge Officer, who, in their opinion we suppose, was the most competent to advise them, and in reply they were recommended to apply to the Grand Chapter of Scotland. The fact of this recommendation having been made very speedily came to the knowledge of the members of the two English Royal Arch chapters at Kimberley, and a letter of remonstrance has been forwarded to the District Grand Master of Central South Africa, to which are appended the signatures of the three Principals and the Past Zs. of each of the chapters. It is possible, of course—though we imagine it will be very difficult—for the English District Grand Lodge Officer, the loyalty of whose conduct is thus impugned, to offer a satisfactory explanation of his conduct. It is difficult to assume that he can be so ignorant of English Masonry as not to have heard of the existence of the Supreme Chapter of England, and if he does know of its existence, it is still more difficult to explain why he, who is an English Mason and a District Grand Lodge Officer into the bargain, should advise the members of an English lodge to apply for a Royal Arch warrant to the Grand Chapter of Scotland. These are the circumstances as they have been described to us, and as they are authenticated by a copy of the letter of remonstrance before mentioned as having been addressed to District Grand Master ROBERTS by the Principals and Past Zs. of the English Royal Arch Chapters at Kimberley. We pass no judgment upon the circumstances, because, though authenticated as we have said, our information is still necessarily *ex parte* and a satisfactory explanation may be forthcoming; but if none such is furnished, we have no hesitation in describing the act of the officer in question as a grave scandal.

### COLE'S CONSTITUTIONS.\*

All lovers of early Masonic literature—and we rejoice to say there are now an ever-increasing body—will be deeply gratified to Bro. WILLIAM JACKSON, of Leeds, for his very admirable reproduction in exact facsimile of this version of our Ancient Constitutions, and to Bro. W. J. HUGHAN for the very able introductory sketch from his pen which serves as preface. BENJAMIN COLE, as our readers are aware, was an engraver of eminence, who flourished during the early half of last century, and in 1730 brought out what Bro. HUGHAN describes as “the third and most artistic reproduction”—in 1728-9—of our Constitutions, the two previous reprints having appeared in 1722 and 1724—dedicated to Lord KINGSTON, the then G.M. of England, the edition consisting of “51 engraved copper plates of the ‘Spencer MS. (with very slight alteration),’ the dedication just mentioned, a title page, and six pages of songs. It is Bro. HUGHAN’S belief that it was only the engraved portion, which was originally circulated, and that shortly afterwards—viz., in 1730—an addition was made to the volume in the shape of the speech delivered by the Junior Grand Warden before the “Grand Lodge of all England” at York in 1726, and another of EDWARD OAKLEY, architect, the two together occupying 36 pages with two other pages devoted to a prologue and epilogue, the whole of the additional matter being printed in ordinary type. In 1731, a second edition of this reprint was published, the dedication being altered and addressed to Lord LOVEL, who in the interim between the two publications had been elected and proclaimed G.M. To this an engraved frontispiece was added exhibiting “a building in progress, the three well-known columns, also three figures in the foreground (the central one wearing an apron of the period), and some Masonic emblems depicted (*B. Cole, sculp.*)” It is this second edition from the “choice copy” belonging to Bro. WILLIAM WATSON, that, by the kind permission of that brother, Bro. JACKSON’S reproduction has been made and we feel sure there is no one who will not appreciate the manner in which the work of facsimile reproduction has been carried out. A brief description of the contents, as furnished by Bro. HUGHAN, will doubtless be of interest to our readers. Firstly, come the engraved plates, 51 in number, preceded by the Frontispiece, Title-page, and Dedication to Lord LOVEL; the Constitutions being followed by the Songs, with a separate Title-page (17 pages), a second collection running to 42 pages, and separately paged; two Epilogues paged in continuation of the second collection of songs, with a page of advertisements. This is followed by the Title-page of the Second Edition, dated 1734, of the Junior G. Warden’s speech—followed by a page of advertisements, and a Dedication to DANIEL DRAPER, Esq.—and EDWARD OAKLEY’S Speech, the two being paged consecutively to 34; the whole concluding with the Prologue and Epilogue already mentioned.

These, then, are the contents of this Reprint, and, as we have before said, the ever-increasing circle of literary Masons cannot fail to appreciate Bro. JACKSON’S labours in its reproduction. Only 200 copies have been issued, so that almost before its publication is known, it will have become a rare book.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 1st prox.:

1. The minutes of the quarterly communication of the 1st September for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
5. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.
6. Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
7. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

\* COLE’S CONSTITUTIONS, reproduced in exact facsimile, together with an introductory sketch by William James Hughan, author of “Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry,” “History of the Apollo Lodge, York,” “Masonic Memorials of the Union,” “Old Charges of British Freemasons,” &c. Leeds: Richard Jackson, Commercial-street, 1897.

A brother of the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, Gloucester	£50 0 0
A brother of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Lechmere Volunteer Lodge, No. 1874, Balsall Heath	200 0 0
A brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 549, London	75 0 0
A brother of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, Camberwell	100 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 943, Norwich	50 0 0
A brother of the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, Great Stanmore	50 0 0

And a resolution of a vote of thanks to the President, V.W. Bro. James H. Matthews, for the courteous manner in which he has, during the past year, presided over the meetings of the Board.

#### 8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

##### To the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks.

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
Centennial Medal of Grand Chapter of Maryland	W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.
The Three Degrees of Freemasonry	Robert Grey, P.G.W.
Old Provincial Grand Master’s Jewel	J. T. Thorp, P.P.S.G.W., &c.
Transactions of the Lodge of Research, No. 2429	T. H. Emmans, P.M., &c., Boston, U.S.A.
Annals of the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279	The Grand Master’s Lodge, No. 1
Souvenir of Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar of the United States	C. H. Webb, P.M. No. 174.
Report of the Triennial Committee, K.T.	J. Fitzroy Tower, P.M. No. 2421.
History of Freemasonry in Maryland, Vol. IV.	H. Kemp, W.M. No. 862.
History, &c., of Grand Master’s Lodge, No. 1	Rowland D. Longworth, W.M. No. 1816.
Map of London and 25 Miles Round, 1787	George Kenning, P.P.G.D., &c.
Old Masonic Watch	C. Kupferschmidt, A.G. Secretary German Correspondence.
Proceedings of Foundation of Grand Lodge of Greece	J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M.
Twelve Medals	The Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
Two Old Masonic Medals	Lord Bolton, P.G.W., &c.
German Masonic Medal	James Terry, P.G.S.B.
A Canadian Half-dollar Note, 1830	C. H. Kohler, P.M. No. 1381.
Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Nebraska, four Volumes	Dr. Joseph Simms, Author.
Two Curious Old Certificates	Emanuel Lazarus, No. 2313.
An Old Mark Master’s Jewel	John Chadwick, P.G.S.B.
An Old Firing Glass	Messrs. W. and D. Downey.
Physiognomy Illustrated	Emulation Lodge, No. 21.
An Old R.A. Jewel, 1808	
An Old Masonic Apron	
Portraits of the Queen and Prince of Wales	
Various Masonic Emblems	

The Board have also to report that after a full consideration of the circumstances under which the present Grand Secretary was appointed nearly six years since, and of the services he has since rendered, the following resolution was passed at the Meeting of the Board on the 16th inst.:

“That it be recommended to Grand Lodge that the salary of the Grand Secretary (Brother Edward Letchworth) be raised to £1250 per annum, with an annual increment after the first year, of £50, up to the maximum salary of £1500 per annum.”

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £7741 12s. 6d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants’ wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND-LOVELAND, President.

Freemasons’ Hall, London, W.C.  
17th November, 1897.

#### 9. NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.M. 962, P.P.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland—

##### Addition to Book of Constitutions:

Canvassing for any elective office, personally, by letter, by circular, or otherwise, is prohibited. Any candidate who shall, on appeal, be proved to the satisfaction of the Board of General Purposes, after due enquiry, to have canvassed for votes, or to have tacitly known of, or sanctioned, canvassing by brethren or other agents on his behalf, shall be held incapable of entering upon the duties of the office to which he may have been elected, and such election shall, in consequence, be void and of no effect. The vacancy so caused shall be filled up in the manner provided by the Book of Constitutions.

#### 10.

##### APPEAL.

By Bro. HORLEY, of the United Lodge, No. 1341, Hong Kong, against a decision of the District Board of General Purposes in reference to the description in the lodge summons of certain candidates for initiation.

11. Names of Brethren nominated to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence: Bros. David Dixon Mercer, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President, and Charles Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President.

12. Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence:

Bros. Henry A. Tobias, P.M. 1502; Samuel Rayson, P.M. 1491; Charles Pulman, P.M. 720; George Graveley, P.M. 898; George B. Chapman, P.M. 27; William Fisher, P.M. 834; James Bunker, P.M. 1158; Simon H. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329; Robert A. Gowan, P.M. 2029; Edward Nightingale, P.M. 87; William Kipps, P.M. 1275; John Ellinger, P.M. 2222; Charles H. Stone, P.M. 507; William Wills, P.M. 1901; William H. Caton, P.M. 1365; and Constantine Doresa, P.M. 749.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

No. 2678, The Monica Lodge, Umtali, Rhodesia, South Africa.  
2679, The Lodge of Hope, Patricroft, Lancashire.  
2680, The Lodge of Swinburne, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
2681, The Queen’s Lodge, Liverpool.  
2682, The Sancta Maria Lodge, London.  
2683, The Addington Lodge, Eton, Buckinghamshire.  
2684, The St. Ivo Lodge, St. Ives, Huntingdonshire.  
2685, The Concordia Lodge, Ermels, Transvaal.

THE QUEEN will hold a Privy Council at Windsor this (Friday) afternoon, when the business to be transacted will include a further formal prorogation of Parliament. A special train will leave Paddington at 12.30 for the conveyance to Windsor of Ministers and others attending.

### MARK GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Tuesday next, the 30th instant:

1. Read and, if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 31st August.
2. Report of the General Board.
3. A motion will be made that the report be taken as read.
4. A motion will be made that the report be received and entered on the minutes.
5. Recommendation arising out of the report—  
That the rate of interest on loans from the Benevolent Fund to the General Fund be reduced to 2½%.
6. A motion will be proposed that the report be adopted.
7. Nomination of the M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year.
7. Nomination of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

At the annual meeting of this Prov. G. Lodge, held at the Subscription Rooms, Newmarket, on the 18th inst., the attendance included:

Bros. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, Prov. G.M.; Rev. J. H. Gray, D.P.G.M.; Rev. G. B. Finch, B. Chennell, H. C. Knott, E. F. Rogers, T. Watts, T. Hunnybun, Oliver Papworth, P. H. Young, F. Dewberry, C. H. French, W. J. Fernie, J. W. Carr, W. Briggs, A. E. Chaplin, W. Pollard, F. W. Potts, Rev. L. R. Tuttielt, A. S. Bell, F. H. Potts, G. F. Cartwright, H. C. Pullin, S. J. Freeman, W. Sindall, H. W. Wheaton, J. G. Chennell, J. Dempster, C. H. Davey, G. Barrow, J. W. Metcalf, W. P. Spalding, G. W. Whitehead, W. J. D. Ward, C. E. Hammond, T. Leader, J. G. Cowell, J. Laxton, H. S. Davison, and H. Waugh. Visitors: Bros. R. D. Cummings, 2168, and W. H. Lomas, 1741.

In the course of the proceedings, the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts were shown to be in a satisfactory condition. There was a balance of £88 17s. 6d. in addition to what was invested.

The Prov. G. Registrar's return of the lodges for the past year showed the total number of subscribing brethren to be 432, as against 423 last November, an increase of nine. There had been 44 initiations, three joining members, three deaths, and 35 withdrawals. The withdrawals included 25 students of the University who had finished their course and "gone down."

Bro. Thos. Watts, P.M. 441, having been re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the year, as stated in last week's *Freemason*.

The annual report of the Cambridge Masonic Association was presented by Bro. Oliver Papworth, its energetic Secretary. It showed that £379 1s. 3d. was subscribed to the Masonic Charities through the Association during the year, making £4613 16s. 3d. paid through the Association since its establishment in 1883.

In this connection votes of thanks were passed to Bros. B. Chennell, T. B. Hope, and W. Briggs, for acting as Stewards.

Bro. Oliver Papworth was again nominated for election on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Prov. G. TREASURER proposed, and it was agreed to vote 10 guineas to the Cambridge Masonic Charity Association for current expenses. A grant was made to the widow of a late brother of No. 88.

Bro. W. P. SPALDING, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., proposed—"That a sum of 100 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on the occasion of the Centenary Festival of the Institution, to be paid through the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association"—and, in doing so, reminded the Provincial Grand Lodge that Charity, being the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, he made no apology for introducing a motion which might require them to sell out some of their invested capital; but, from the balance-sheet just read by the Provincial Grand Treasurer, it was satisfactory to learn that the income of Provincial Grand Lodge regularly exceeded its expenditure, and that there was now so considerable a balance in hand upon the revenue account, that a very small call would have to be made upon their capital. Had it, however, been otherwise, he would not have hesitated to ask Provincial Grand Lodge to give a generous support to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the present occasion. In years gone by, the Province of Cambridgeshire had not been unmindful of the calls of Charity, and had substantially assisted not only the Masonic Charities, but local Charities as well. They had, too, it was to be hoped, proved that the true Masonic spirit existed amongst them by having sent up from time to time their fair share of Stewards to the great Masonic Festivals, but whatever inducements they may have had in the past to support one or other of their noble Institutions, there had never been a stronger claim upon their generosity than was made by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the present time. He would not allude to the special advantages which would be obtained by brethren who acted as Stewards at the Festival in June next—he placed the claim of the Boys' Institution upon far higher grounds. It was a grand and noble work on which it was engaged, viz., that of laying upon a solid basis the educational and moral foundation-stones of the future lives of the sons of brethren who had been less fortunate than themselves in the struggle of life. How well that work had been done was a matter of history, and the Board of Management, the Head Master, and indeed the whole Masonic Fraternity might well be proud of the high position taken by the School in the Cambridge Local Examinations. The results of those examinations placed the School in the very foremost rank for efficiency, and not only had five boys from the Province of Cambridgeshire received great benefit from the Institution, but it was pleasing to know that one boy now at the Institution had for his attention and good behaviour been recommended by the Head Master for a longer stay than usual. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, had marked his appreciation of the work of that Institution by having promised to preside over the festival in June next, and it was with

great confidence that he (the speaker) now asked the Province of Cambridge to make the grant which was proposed in the motion.

Bro. H. C. KNOTT, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., had great pleasure in seconding the motion, and he would remind Prov. G. Lodge that its generous help at the present time would be specially useful to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys as the removal of the School to a new and larger building in the country would involve a heavy expenditure. He could fully endorse the remarks which had been made by Bro. Spalding as to the efficiency of the School work, which was admirable in every way, and a close personal knowledge enabled him to speak very highly of the ability, tact, and method of the Head Master, and of their effect upon the boys under his care.

The motion was adopted.

At the banquet which followed, Bro. O. PAPWORTH responded for "The Masonic Charities," in the unavoidable absence of the Secretaries, and Bro. CUMMINGS for "The Visitors."

### CONSECRATION OF THE CALCARIA LODGE, No. 2677, AT TADCASTER.

An addition to the roll of lodges in the Province of West Yorkshire was made on the 17th inst., when the above lodge was consecrated by Bro. J. C. Malcolm, Dep. Prov. G. Master. For some time past the brethren residing in the Tadcaster district have been actively engaged in trying to form a new lodge, and through their efforts a charter was granted to the following brethren, who are the first officers of the lodge: Bros. W. Sykes, W.M.; W. Callum, S.W.; J. Crow, J.W.; H. H. Riley-Smith, Treas.; F. W. Halliwell, P.M., Sec.; H. Bromet, S.D.; C. N. Goode, J.D.; R. Pickersgill, I.G.; T. Dunlop, Tyler; W. E. Cockerlyne, P.M.; and J. Rickards, P.M. The petition for the charter was supported by the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304; the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611; and the Olicana Lodge, No. 1522. A convenient lodge room has been secured, which has been handsomely decorated under the direction of Bro. W. Watson, P.P.G.S.W., of Leeds.

The ceremony was regarded with considerable interest by the brethren of West and North and East Yorkshire, and there was a large attendance, there being the following among other brethren present:

Bros. J. Best, 302, D.P.G.D. of C.; H. G. E. Green, 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Blackburn, 306, P.S.G.D.; J. H. Hartley, 810, P.A.G.D. of C.; G. Thompson, P.S.G.D.; W. Watson, 458, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Hind, 458, P.G. Reg.; F. E. Egerton, 710; G. Dyson, 306, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Smith, 1211, P.G. Treas.; D. Young, P.P.G.R. N. and E. Yorks; the Rev. H. R. Harrison, P.G. Chaplain; C. Cromack, P.G.P.; W. C. Monkman, 1018, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. R. Fawcett, 1214, P.G.D.C.; H. Smith, 302, P.P.D.G.M.; J. Matthewman, 1019, P.P.A.G. Sec.; T. W. Helliwell, I.P.M. 1611; W. Callum, 304; R. Pickersgill, P.M. 1611; Richard Waide, 1042; W. Whitaker, 1522; C. B. Balfour, P.M. 1522; W. Wilkinson, 566; T. S. Brogden, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Heskett, 1462, P.G.S.; H. Evers, 1522; J. Rennard, 734, P.P.G.S. Std. Br.; C. Nicholson; W. H. Banks, I.P.M. 2230; F. G. Brogden, 1522; G. Woolford, 1991; J. H. Hill, 1991; T. B. Wilson, 1542, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Scott, W.M. 1991; F. H. Vaughan, P.M. 1611; James Bucks, 1611; W. N. Cheeseman, 566, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. A. Johnson, 1522; F. S. Tomlinson, 734; John Tapp, 250; D. Mullins, 904; F. McDonald, 660; B. Kilmington, C. A. Pfluger, W. H. Dawson, J. Horner, A. Humphries, Henry Scott, 236, G. Chilman, M. Monaghan, and T. Welburn, all of 1611; W. S. Child, P.P.G.O.; F. Atkinson, 1531; S. Buxton, 304; and others.

The lodge room not being sufficiently capacious for the large number of visitors, it was resolved that the consecration ceremony should be carried out in the Court House, which was arranged as a Masonic lodge room. The brethren having assembled, the Provincial Grand Officers entered the lodge.

The chair was occupied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. J. C. Malcolm, Bro. W. Watson, P.P.S.G.W., acting as S.W., and Bro. J. Dyson, P.P.G.D.C., as J.W. Bro. J. R. Fawcett, P.G.D.C. 1214, and J. Best, D.P.G.D.C. 302, were the Directors of Ceremonies.

The devotional portions of the ceremony were taken by the Rev. F. R. Harrison, Prov. G. Chap. The anthem "Behold how good and pleasant" was excellent sung by Bro. W. H. Dawson, of York Cathedral.

The Dep. Prov. G.M., in an address to the brethren, remarked that Freemasonry was making satisfactory progress in West Yorkshire so far as the establishment of new lodges was concerned. That was the fifth consecration ceremony which had been performed since the present Provincial Grand Master took charge of the province. So far the new lodges had shown that there was a necessity for their establishment, for they had not interfered with the proper working of the pre-existing lodges, and what was of more concern to them as Freemasons the social position of the brethren had been maintained. With regard to that lodge, the Prov. G. Master was fully satisfied on the point of necessity. In the town of Tadcaster there was a population of 2300, while in the surrounding district the inhabitants numbered 10 000, among whom were many Masons who found it difficult to attend to their Masonic duties at Leeds or York, which were the nearest towns in which lodges were held. There was an impression that there was formerly a lodge at Tadcaster, but no record of it is known to exist. Strange as it might seem, the earliest lodge in the district was held at Harewood in 1762, but that no longer existed. Another was constituted at Knaresborough in 1769, which ceased to exist in 1792, and another lived from 1795 to 1851, while the Alfred Lodge at Wetherby was formed in 1780, and died in 1797. It would be an interesting study for the Masonic historian to discover the reason those lodges had such a brief tenure of life. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master reviewed the historic connection of Tadcaster with various stirring epochs of the country, and concluded by congratulating the brethren on the peculiar and fortunate position in which they were placed.

The ancient ceremony of consecration was most impressively performed by the Dep. Prov. G.M., who at the conclusion proceeded to instal Bro. W. Sykes as the first Worshipful Master of the new lodge.

The solo, "Be thou faithful," was effectively sung by Bro. Monaghan.

The officers as above were then invested with their insignia of office.

A banquet was afterwards held in the Girls' School room, at which the newly-elected W.M. presided.

## OPENING OF A MASONIC HALL AT BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

There was a large gathering of brethren at Braintree, Essex, on Monday, the 15th instant, on the occasion of the opening of a suite of rooms which, from plans of Mr. F. Whitmore, architect, Chelmsford, have been adapted for Masonic purposes, and will in future be known as the Masonic Hall.

By invitation of the W.M. and members of the Lodge of St. Mary, No. 1312, the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Warwick, had kindly undertaken to perform the opening ceremony, and, as far as accommodation would allow, the leading brethren of the province were invited to meet him, but a telegram was received from Lady Warwick to the effect that the Earl was suffering from ulcerated throat, accompanied by feverish symptoms, and that his doctor had ordered him to bed, and positively refused to permit his travelling. This was a great disappointment to all concerned, as special preparations had been made to give the Earl a very hearty reception.

In the absence of Lord Warwick, the ceremony was undertaken by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Ralling, the other brethren present including Bros. the Revs. H. L. Norden and C. C. Naters, Prov. G. Chaplains; W. Gower, Prov. G. Treas.; R. Galpin and J. M. Knight, Prov. G. Deacons; A. Lucking, P.G.P.; Prov. G.D.C.; Wm. Chapman, Prov. G.S.B.; W. H. Ham and W. Rudrum, Prov. G. Std. Brs.; John J. C. Turner, P.P.S.G.W.; F. H. Bright, P.P.S.G.W.; W. E. Dring, P.P.G.D.; R. Woodhouse, W.M. 2651; A. J. Marden, I.P.M. 1817; G. W. Pascall, P.M. 276; E. J. Drake, P.M. 433; with the W.M. of the Lodge of St. Mary, 1312, Bro. F. H. Crittall, Prov. G.D., and the following, amongst other members of the lodge: Bros. T. Malyn, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Fuller, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Johnstone, P.M.; A. Piggin, P.M.; T. E. Pilgrim, Sec.; W. J. Johnstone, S.D.; W. B. Lake, J.D.; J. Newman, Org.; T. H. Bennett and H. W. West, Stewards; N. Orfeur, G. T. Bertram, and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the Masonic hymn "Hail, Eternal!" was sung, and prayer offered by Bro. the Rev. C. C. Naters, Prov. G. Chap.

The W.M., Bro. F. H. CRITTALL, then addressed the brethren. Having first expressed his great regret and the regret of all of them at the absence of their much-loved Prov. Grand Master and wishing his lordship a speedy recovery, he proceeded to give a brief history of Freemasonry in Braintree and Bocking. The first record they could trace of a Masonic lodge at Braintree was in 1737, when a lodge numbered 156 was formed at the Horn Inn. It, however, only lived for 17 years, and was erased in 1754. Masonry appears to have been dormant for 23 years, when, in 1777, the Social Lodge, No. 505, was founded at the Horn. At that time it was noticeable how frequently the numbers of lodges were changed, the Social Lodge being altered in 1780 to 410, in 1781 to 411, and 1797, to 332. Meanwhile (in 1784) the lodge had removed its place of meeting to the White Hart, Bocking; it ceased to make returns in 1791, and finally lapsed about 1798. Before that time, however, it would appear that a second lodge had arisen, for they found that on November 3rd, 1786, the Lodge of Good Will, No. 491, was warranted to meet in private rooms in Braintree. Residents in Braintree would know that on the premises of Bro. Bartram was a room which had been known always as the Masonic Hall, and they had been not a little puzzled to know how that designation had arisen. It appeared to him now clear that it was there that that Lodge of Good Will held its meetings. The number of that lodge was altered twice, viz., 401 and 485. In 1785 the lodge removed to the Bull, but, as most of them could well understand, its stay there was a brief one, and after four years it again returned to the private rooms. The warrant of this lodge was returned in 1823, and nothing more was done till 1848, when the North Essex Lodge, No. 817, was warranted, and was consecrated early in the following year. This lodge also had but a brief tenure and was erased in 1861. The present Lodge, St. Mary, No. 1312, was consecrated at the White Hart, Bocking, October 13th, 1870. He knew that Bro. Ralling was one of those present on the occasion. The lodge had been carried on with varying fortunes, and was now perhaps as prosperous as at any time since it was started. For some time a desire had been felt that provision should be made for their meeting in private rooms, and when the property in which they were now assembled came into the market a private company was formed and the freehold purchased. Under the competent advice of Bro. Whitmore the best had been made of everything, and they felt that they had got a very useful building. In addition to the lodge room in which they were now assembled and adjoining dining-room, they had ample kitchen accommodation and a caretaker's house, whilst there was a nice Committee room, ante-rooms, and the necessary offices. One feature he considered to be a satisfactory one, viz., that the shares in the new hall were all held by Freemasons, all of whom, with the exception of one, were members of the lodge. The W.M. then called on Bro. Ralling to open the hall in the name of the Earl of Warwick.

THE PROV. GRAND SECRETARY said he deeply regretted the chain of adverse circumstances which had placed him in his present position. The telegram he had received from Lady Warwick was to the effect that the Prov. G.M. was suffering from ulcerated throat, with fever, that his doctor had ordered his lordship to bed, and positively refused to allow him to travel. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, had he been present, would have ably filled the gap, but his honour had written regretting much that his official duties prevented his being present. The next officer in rank was the Senior Prov. Grand Warden, but he had been called away by domestic affairs, and the Prov. Junior Grand Warden—saddest of all—was dead. All he could say was that whilst he could not possibly make up to them for the exalted brethren he had named, he would do his best under the circumstances. And first, he should like to congratulate the brethren of the Lodge of St. Mary upon the possession of a home of their own. He had not a word to say against the hotels which had for many years afforded accommodation to Masonic lodges, but the advantages of a hall like this were obvious. The old lodges scattered throughout the country possessed many valuable and interesting documents, &c., which could not be allowed to lie about in a public building, whereas in a Masonic hall provision could be made so that the brethren might have access to these documents, &c. Another advantage which he thought would follow the step they had taken was that they would gain the support of many good men who held aloof because of their objection to attending meetings at hotels. They could also meet more frequently together for instruction, and for other matters connected with Freemasonry. The Prov. Grand Secretary then read one or two extracts from the life of Thomas Dunckerley, at one time Prov. Grand Master of Essex, in reference to Masonic meetings at Braintree in the year 1787, and concluded by declaring the hall opened for Masonic purposes.

The anthem "Behold, how good and joyful" was then sung, prayer being offered by Bro. the Rev. H. L. NORDEN, Prov. G. Chap. The Masonic hymn "Glory to God on high" concluded the opening ceremony.

THE PROV. G. SECRETARY then announced that the Prov. Grand Master had made the following appointments: Bro. C. J. Dale, W.M. 2005, to be Prov. J.G.W. in the place of Bro. Alfred Wallis, deceased.

Past rank in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Accession of her Majesty: Bros. E. W. Dring, P.M. 2318, P.P.S.G.W.; G. W. Pascall, P.M. 276, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. J. Marden, I.P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Jolly, P.M. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and E. J. Drake, I.P.M. 433, P.P.G.S.B.

In the course of the afternoon the following telegram was received from Bro. Lord Warwick: "Much the same—still in bed with bad throat. Please express great regret at absence, and hope brethren will have pleasant meeting."

## Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. SYDNEY T. KLEIN, F.L.S., F.R.A.S., W.M. 2076.

The accompanying portrait is that of Bro. Sydney T. Klein, F.L.S., F.R.A.S., who was installed W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, on Monday, the 8th inst., and as the career of the head of this great lodge will be of interest to many of our readers we now give the speech made by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., when proposing the W.M.'s toast at the banquet after the installation meeting. "Brethren, You will be already aware from the formalities which have just been exchanged between the Wardens and myself, that the toast of the evening is about to be proposed, and I shall now ask our newly-installed Master to submit with what patience he can command, to a short account of his previous career, as a citizen of the world, as a votary of science, and as a Freemason, which it will be my pleasing task to unfold to you. Our brother was born in 1853, and though at a comparatively early age admitted a partner in the extensive business carried on by his late father (and at the present time by his brother and himself), in London, Cork, and Dundee, has been a great traveller in all quarters of the globe. In 1876-7, he was in Spain, where he saw a little of the Carlist War, and a great deal of the mode of life and habits of the Gitanos, or Moorish Gipsies, many particulars of which were given to us last year, in his paper on the Law of Dakheil. In 1877 and 1878, he was in Turkey, where he witnessed the last episode of the war with Russia—the fall of Plevna. He then went to Asia Minor, and studied the customs of the Dervishes, or magic-men, who control the principal caravans coming down from the interior. After this he went to Southern Russia and Roumania, and has been more than once to Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and Hungary. In 1881, and again 10 years later, he paid long visits to the United States of America and Canada, and in both these countries, from the reputation he had acquired as a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of this country, was heartily welcomed at the principal observatories. On the last occasion he was in America, viz., in 1891, he



travelled right across to the Pacific slope, visiting on his way several of the Indian Reservations, and studying the customs of the Aborigines of North America. After this, he gladly accepted an invitation to Mount Hamilton, where, by the courtesy of Professor Holden, he enjoyed the privilege of using the great Lick telescope for more than one night. Before leaving Mount Hamilton, our brother was elected an honorary member of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. He has always been greatly interested in the Physical Sciences, and is a Fellow of the Linnean, the Astronomical, and a large number of other Societies. It was at his private house the Natural History and Science Society for the County of Middlesex was formed, the Committee of which comprised such eminent men as the late Sir Richard Owen and Professor Huxley, Sir John Lubbock, and others. The two Honorary Secretaries were Bros. S. T. Klein and W. Mattieu Williams, and among the names of members of the Council is to be found that of Bro. William Simpson, one of the most honoured Past Masters of this lodge. As might naturally be expected, Bro. Klein, who was initiated in the Watford Lodge, No. 404, in 1888, soon heard of the Quatuor Coronati from Bros. Williams and Simpson, and in the following year he was admitted a member of the Inner Circle, together with our late lamented Bro. Sir Benjamin Richardson. In 1893 he was appointed Steward, and has since filled all the other progressive offices in the lodge, except that of Senior Warden, which he has not done, simply because the pressure of public duties prevented our Bro. Purdon Clarke from moving up as we had hoped and expected; though as the S.W. promised to accept the Master's gavel should it be proffered him in 1898, we were all highly gratified that the Junior Warden consented to undertake the responsibilities of the chair a year sooner than they would have devolved upon him in his regular turn. But I must here stop to explain that, even before his appointment to office in 1893, our present W.M. had established a strong claim on our regard. In the summer of 1890 we had our usual excursion, and beginning with Edgware and Canon's Park, concluded the day by enjoying the agreeable hospitality of Bro. and Mrs. Klein at Stanmore, where indeed a number of us remained the night, and so anxious was Bro. Klein to keep the brethren of the lodge as his guests for a day or two, that the whole sleeping accommodation of the hotel at Stanmore was especially bespoken, in order to supplement the resources of his own establishment. Our brother has read a great many papers before the learned Societies, and two of particular interest—"The Law of Dakheil and other curious customs of the Bedouins," and "The Great Symbol," before this lodge. We have also had a very recent specimen of his literary dexterity,



in the inaugural address this evening. Of the hidden mysteries of nature and science, he has given us a glimpse, and in an instructive manner, after commending that each of us in the Quatuor Coronati Lodge should apply himself to speak or write on the subject with which he is most familiar, has reduced theory to practice, by descending on some of the wonders revealed by the science of astronomy. There is perhaps no other branch of natural science in which our W.M. has attained greater distinction, and it is from the methods he has acquired, it may be insensibly, as an Astronomer, that I shall venture to hope we may derive great benefit during his presidency over our association. It is unfortunately a common habit to prefer the pretty story to the true story, and the custom of historians, by no means omitting those of Freemasonry, has been remarkably uniform in this respect. With the Astronomers, however, it is different. It is a prettier story (to borrow the words of the late Professor Freeman), to believe that the sun dances for joy on Easter Day than to believe that it obeys the laws of gravitation on all days. But he who should set forth the pretty story now would hardly win the reputation of a scientific astronomer. Yet a man may even now put forth things or history, particularly Masonic history, quite as far from the world of fact as the sun dancing on Easter Day, and he will, nevertheless, get a following, who will deem it sacrilege to call his statements in question. I therefore hope that if in this lodge we have neglected the more critical methods, which are followed with so much success by the Astronomers, we may regain them under Bro. Klein. Brethren, the reign of our W.M. has begun very auspiciously, and it will be the general hope, as indeed, it is the general hope, that when, a twelvemonth hence, he lays down the sceptre with which he has this evening been invested, he will be conscious of having performed the duties of his high office, with satisfaction to himself, and advantage to the lodge, and be able to say with a contented mind and a clear conscience:

"Be fair or foul, or rain, or shine,  
The joys I have possessed, in spite of Fate are mine,  
Not heaven itself upon the past has power,  
But what has been, has been, and I have had my hour."

## The Craft Abroad.

### SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Masonry, under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland appears to be in a most flourishing condition, for there are no less than 12 Royal Arch chapters working in the Colony, three in Sydney, not to omit three Mark lodges. The M.E. Grand Superintendent of the District is Comp. Nicholson Hopton. The appended Degrees are also worked, for at the annual meeting of the conclave attached to the Kilwinning Chapter, No. 135, Sydney, in September, the grades of Royal Ark Mariners and Red Cross Knight were conferred on seven candidates by M.E. Comp. B. G. Campbell, P.Z., an old army Craftsman, who takes a great interest in Scottish Capital Masonry. And it would seem that no particular desire exists for leaving the Scottish Constitution, for at the meeting in question, the speeches were entirely in a contrary direction, whilst a point was made of the intentions to "permit no innovations and recognise no irregular or illegal chapters." There is also an Irish Royal Arch Chapter, No. 266, in Sydney, the members of which are on the most amicable terms with their Scottish companions.

## Craft Masonry.

### Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329.

The installation meeting of this well-known and distinguished South London lodge took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. Robert Elgar, W.M.; C. J. Allen, I.P.M.; W. T. Andrews, S.W., and W.M. elect; W. T. Snell, acting J.W.; W. Andrews, Treas.; R. J. Voisey, P.M., Sec.; B. T. Whitehead, S.D.; G. Coote, J.D.; C. E. Jones, acting I.G.; R. J. Pitt, Org.; H. W. Phillips, Stwd.; G. Harrison, Tyler; J. A. Thornhill, P.M.; Geo. Bickerton, P.M.; Charles Wilson, P.M.; Perceval A. Nairne, P.G.D., D.C.; J. C. Reynolds, P.M.; J. Hernaman, P.M.; Thomas Ed. Webb, P.M.; D. D. Mercer, P.G.P.; W. H. Webb, H. Skelton, M. Tooley, R. J. Falkner, F. Ellis, J. Shuttle, W. G. Vaughan, F. Andrews, H. M. Reid, A. E. Stove, S. Bullock, H. Falkner, J. W. Bell, W. L. Williams, W. E. Allard, W. H. Bathurst, F. S. Sutton, F. G. Flux, Wm. Bath, C. Wheeler, W. Allard, jun., and Ernest Young. The visitors were Bros. Thomas Roe, P.M. 1641; C. B. Hughes, I.G. 1818; J. A. Anderson, J.W. 1818; W. H. Cloake, 1986; S. P. Fisher, Treas. 217; Valentine Hill, 1641; J. Cooper, 1815; J. Foley, 2263; C. W. Bird, late 1641; E. Jeffery, P.M. 1227; J. T. Kidman, 2345; J. C. Jordan, 2444; G. E. King, P.M. and Sec. 1641; S. C. Phillips, 2579; R. B. Cheverton, P.M. 151; S. C. Rhodes, B. B. Joy, P.M. 73; D. Rose, P.M. 73; J. Loader, P.M. 1622; Wm. Dawson, P.M. 788; J. T. Galloway, 1598; R. C. Klyne, I.P.M. 2266; Alf Andrews, S.D. 534; W. Woolf, 766; Aub. M. Ohren, P.M. 452; R. J. Vincent, P.M. 1641; E. A. Rice, W.M. 1320; V. T. Murché, P.M. 2513; J. Nowakowski, P.M. 834; F. C. Finch, 1901; E. Hollands, P.M. 1708; Wm. Briant, W.M. 1641; G. Ryan, J.D. 2006; R. W. Benns, P.M. 749; George R. Langley, 2381, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Arthur Blenkarn, 2381, P.P.G. Treas.; W. H. Wilson, 1572; J. J. Ball, 2182; G. W. Townsend, 700; W. W. Richardson, 857; B. Morgan, P.M. late 1901; S. Cronen, late 1686; J. W. Jopson, 2182; L. C. Roberts, 1460; F. Tebbutt, 2030; G. T. Grener, 1381; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, S.D. 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, which showed the lodge to be in a sound financial position. Bro. J. C. Reynolds, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer in place of Bro. Wm. Andrews, Treas. elect, who had been appointed S.W. of the lodge. Bros. Stove and Valentine Hill were passed in an impressive manner by the W.M. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Francis G. Flux and Wm. Hy. Isaacs Bathurst which proving unanimous, they were initiated in a perfect manner by Bro. Robert Elgar, W.M. Bro. T. W. Andrews, S.W. and W.M. elect, was next presented by Bro. Perceval A. Nairne, P.G.D. D.C., to Bro. Robert Elgar, W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was carried out in a highly commendable manner in a Board of 35 Installed Masters. The new W.M. invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Robt. Elgar, I.P.M., Sec.; W. Andrews, S.W.; B. T. Whitehead, J.W.; J. C. Reynolds, P.M., Treas.; G. Coote, S.D.; W. D. Edwards, J.D.; P. A. Nairne, P.G.D., D.C.; W. T. Snell, I.G.; H. W. Phillips and B. C. Jones, Stwds.; B. H. Young, P.M., A.D.C.; R. J. Pitt, L.R.A.M., Org.; and Geo. Harrison, Tyler. The three addresses were most ably rendered by the Installing Master. Bro. W. T. Andrew, W.M., rose and said a very pleasant duty devolved upon him in presenting the Past Master's jewel to Bro. Robert Elgar, I.P.M., which had been unanimously voted him from the lodge; no Master could have served the lodge better and none deserved the jewel better than he. It was the earnest wish that he might wear it for many years and honour the lodge with his presence. In reply, Bro. R. Elgar thanked the brethren most heartily and sincerely for such a handsome jewel, also for the kind and flattering remarks of the W.M. He should with pride hope to wear the same for many years as a token of their appreciation for his humble services

rendered the lodge for the past year. Notice was given for an initiate at the next meeting. Also the W.M. announced that he hoped to represent the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School. Bro. Wm. Briant, W.M. 1641, thanked the W.M. for his kindness and courtesy in passing Bro. Valentine Hill, 1641, to him a matter of urgency. Bro. Robt. Elgar, I.P.M., gave notice of motion "To present the outgoing Treasurer, Bro. William Andrews, and Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.M., Sec., each with a jewel in appreciation of their services." Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., stated he had nominated 12 brethren for the Board of Benevolence but there would be an election and these brethren would be pleased to receive votes. Several letters for inability to attend through various reasons were read, which expressed hearty good wishes to the W.M.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, the tables being nicely decorated by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, who provided a banquet, which was highly appreciated.

This completed, the W.M. gave the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft," and remarked that it was always received with enthusiasm, especially in Masonic circles.

In giving the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said he was most firmly attached to Freemasonry and those who were privileged to be there saw how royally he presided at the Albert Hall at the Diamond Jubilee Festival. He was always ready to associate himself with the cause of Charity, and especially those connected with the Craft.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said their duties were most faithfully discharged. The lodge was fortunate in having two Grand Officers among its members who were brethren of distinction. He would couple with the toast Bros. P. A. Nairne, P.G.D., and David D. Mercer, P.G.P.

Bro. P. A. Nairne replied. Once more he thanked the brethren for so kind and cordial a reception. He was not surprised, as the ruling officers were brethren of a high class, and therefore had the confidence of the whole Craft. The present year had been most eventful, and the Craft had recognised the valuable services rendered by our brethren in our various colonies. Many were such able pioneers of Freemasonry that the M.W.G.M. had bestowed about one-third of the honours in Grand Lodge upon them, which were not in the slightest degree begrudged them. A most eventful ceremony was about to take place—the bi-centenary of the opening of St. Paul's—to show the force that Freemasonry has in the world, and its close connection with religion. Sir Chris. Wren was the one architect during its building, in striking contrast with St. Peter's at Rome, which was built during the lives of 11 Popes and very many architects. The noble edifice of St. Paul's was second only in size to the great pyramids of Egypt, and in stability equal, but in beauty superior. He had no doubt the occasion on December 2nd would be a most striking spectacle. The 20th November was of special interest to himself, for on that date 35 years ago he first knew the right word and sign of a Free and Accepted Mason. He had always taken the greatest interest in Masonry, and had derived much benefit from it. For 27 years out of the 35 he had been associated with the Sphinx Lodge—from its birth, through its youth, and now it had reached its manhood and was still doing excellent work. It would certainly outlive him, and he was thankful to the brethren through the whole of that time for their kindness and cordiality, which had always been extended to him.

Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., also most heartily thanked the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers.

Bro. R. Elgar, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which was a great honour and privilege. To the I.P.M. it was the toast of the evening, not because it fell to his lot to place it before the brethren, but because of the W.M. himself. Bro. Andrews, jun., 12 years ago was initiated, and had during the whole of that time taken a deep interest in the concerns of the lodge, and had now attained the highest position. He was the worthy son of the highly-respected S.W.—one of the oldest members in the lodge—had been most regular in his attendance, and also had taken the liveliest interest in its welfare, yet had never aspired to the chair; but now he was in a fair way to become the W.M. In the W.M. they had a brother who would uphold the dignity and prestige of the lodge, and he (the I.P.M.) would offer the four congratulations—first, to the W.M. on attaining the honourable position; secondly, the lodge on having such a Master; thirdly, the W.M. on having such a father; and, lastly, the father on having such a son.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for so hearty and cordial a reception. He could assure the brethren it was the proudest moment of his life. From the time of his initiation, 12 years ago, to that night he had done his duty, and had now reached the summit of his ambition, which should be every Mason's aim. During the coming year he would do everything for the welfare and uphold the dignity and prestige of the lodge.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. R. Elgar, I.P.M." He said he knew it would be received with acclamation, for Bro. Elgar had done great things for the lodge. He had known him for many years outside Freemasonry, and had found him a most valued friend.

The toast was cordially drunk.

Bro. Elgar (who received quite an ovation), in reply, said the brethren had heard so much of him during the past year that he should not occupy much of their time, but he heartily and sincerely thanked them for such an enthusiastic reception. He could assure them he was particularly proud at being a Past Master of the lodge. He had had a most pleasant and happy year of office, and had been enabled, by the help of the G.A.O.T.U., to perform his duties to their satisfaction. His best thanks were due to the brethren, who had so kindly assisted him, and specially to Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.M., who had acted as Secretary for some years, and had also helped for many years with his counsel and advice.

The toast of "The Initiates" was proposed by the W.M., who remarked they had two worthy sponsors, and were highly recommended. One had been obliged to leave, as he had a long way to return home. They were heartily welcome to the lodge, and from the attention they had paid to the ceremony, the W.M. was sure the same would be given in the succeeding Degrees, and they would become true and faithful brethren.

The toast was duly responded to, and

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Visitors," numbering 35, which was always most cordially received by the members of the Sphinx Lodge. He coupled the names of Bros. E. A. Rice, W.M. 1320; Wm. Dawson, W.M. 1622; Wm. Briant, W.M. 1641; and Maj. Vincent, 1641.

Bro. Rice responded in eloquent terms, and said he was honoured as being about the youngest W.M. present, but eulogised the excellent work performed by the brethren, and specially Bro. Elgar, Installing Master, who was a Master of many Degrees, the unique position of the W.M. investing his esteemed father and brother as S.W., and to the kind and generous hospitality always evinced by the Sphinx Lodge.

Bros. Dawson, Briant, and Maj. Vincent also ably replied.

The toast of "The Past Masters" received at the hands of the W.M. the measure of praise it deserved, for they were all such excellent workers, and ever ready to perform any duty they were called upon to perform. There was a goodly array, and it gave the W.M. great pleasure to see so many. He coupled with the toast Bros. G. Bickerton, P.M., and R. J. Voisey, P.M.

In reply, Bro. Geo. Bickerton said he and the S.W. were initiated in the lodge 27 years ago by Bro. Nairne, P.G.D., but through ill-health was obliged to absent himself sometimes. However, on hearing of the exceptional circumstances of the W.M. investing his father with the collar of S.W., and considering their long attachment, he had attended to offer his congratulations, and he heartily thanked the brethren.

Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.M., also very ably replied.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Secretary, Treasurer, and the other Officers," and remarked they were all most competent.

This was most eloquently replied to by the S.W., J.W., Treasurer, Steward, and Organist.

The Tyler's toast closed a happy and very successful meeting.

A capital programme of music was arranged by Bro. R. J. Pitt, Org., the artistes being Miss Gommersall, Miss Alice Reed, Mrs. T. Parr, Bros. Frank Tebbutt, Edw. J. Hollands, and G. T. Miles (solo harp). Bro. R. J. Pitt ably presided at the piano.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1897.

**Masonic Notes.**

The 200th Anniversary of the Opening of St. Paul's Cathedral for Divine worship will be commemorated on the afternoon of Thursday, the 2nd prox., by a special service, which will be attended only by the Masons of this country, of whom upwards of 13,000 have already applied for tickets of admission, and the number which it will be possible to accommodate is estimated at not greatly in excess of 5000. The privilege of introducing ladies, who will be seated near the choir, has been granted to the Grand Officers, but otherwise none but Masons will be admitted, for the very best of all reasons, that there will be no room for them. We have already stated that the meeting will be held out of respect for the tradition that Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of the Cathedral, and the Masons employed to carry out his plans, were members of our Society, and that Sir Christopher himself was Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, and, accordingly, his Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Master, will be properly represented on the occasion.

The regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 1st prox., when, as usual, nominations for the offices of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer will take place, and other business of a somewhat similar character transacted. The Report of the

Board of General Purposes contains only one item of interest—the recommendation to Grand Lodge that the salary of Grand Secretary be raised to £1250 a year, rising by annual increments of £50 to £1500. The recommendation is a very proper one to make, as the duties and responsibilities of the office have been very greatly increased since Bro. Letchworth's appointment now nearly six years ago, and we feel sure that Grand Lodge will recognise the justice of making the stipend commensurate with those duties and responsibilities.

There is also a renewed notice by Bro. W. F. Lamony of the motion which that brother would have submitted to Grand Lodge at an earlier communication during the present year but for his inability to attend the meeting. His proposal is that an addition should be made to the Book of Constitutions prohibiting canvassing, whether personal or by any other way, for all elective offices and imposing a just penalty on all who may hereafter be proved to have violated the law. When the notice of this motion first appeared we expressed our cordial approval of it and nothing has happened since in any way calculated to alter or even modify that approval.

It seems that his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to issue warrants for the constitution of eight new lodges since the September communication. Of these one—the Sancta Maria—is for London; five for the Provinces of Buckinghamshire (1), West Lancashire (2), Northants and Hunts (1), and Northumberland (1); and two for Abroad, both of them being for South Africa, No. 2678, being located at Umtali in Rhodesia, and No. 2685, at Ermels, in the Transvaal.

Mark Grand Lodge will hold its regular Quarterly Communication at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, the 30th instant, when the usual nominations will be made for the offices of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The report of the General Board will likewise be submitted.

From this report we gather that warrants for three Mark lodges (one for the Argentine Republic, and two for South Africa) have been granted since the last Quarterly Communication, the number of Mark certificates issued being 269, raising the total of registered Mark Masons to 37,363. Warrants for two Royal Ark Mariner lodges have also been granted, one to be attached to Mark Lodge No. 422, Sierra Leone, and the other to Lodge No. 307, Bengal, while the number of Royal Ark Mariner certificates issued is 70, raising the total number registered to 5325.

Sundry changes are also mentioned in the report as having been made by his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master among the rulers of Districts, and a new District has been created. Thus Bro. Colonel C. F. Massy has been appointed District Grand Master of the Punjab, vice Bro. E. Woodall Parker, resigned, and Bro. Major-General A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, C.B., has succeeded Bro. Sir John Edge, Q.C., as Dist. G. Master of Bengal, while Bro. H. C. Luck, J.P., has been appointed Grand Master of the newly-established District Grand Lodge of Queensland. Bros. Colonel G. Singleton Tudor and C. Roper Martin have been re-appointed for a further term of three years, the former as Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, and the latter as District Grand Master of Victoria.

The winter half-yearly meeting of the Priory of the Order of the Temple for England and Wales, &c., will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, the 10th prox., at 4.45 p.m., for 5 p.m. prompt. The report of the Council will be presented, and from this we gather, among other information, that the Grand Master has been pleased to appoint V.E. Knight Lieut.-Col. Thomas Daly to be Provincial Prior for British Guiana and the Windward Islands and to grant warrants for the formation of two new Preceptories, one at Fremantle, Western Australia, to be called the Preceptory of Westralia, and the other to be held at Cape Town to be named the Preceptory of Mount Zion. On the conclusion of the business Great Priory will be closed and a Priory of the Order of Malta will be held, when those Knights Templar who have signified their desire will be admitted to the Order. A banquet will subsequently be held at Freemasons' Tavern; tickets, one guinea each.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., has very

kindly consented to preside as Chairman at the 110th Anniversary Festival which will be held in May, 1898, in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson is a Past G. Warden of England and Treasurer of the Institution, and has always exhibited the greatest interest in our Charities. We trust the Secretary will have the good fortune to enlist the support of a strong Board of Stewards for the occasion, and that those who give their services in this capacity will be successful in obtaining good lists of donations and subscriptions.

Very general and very sincere will be the sympathy of the English Craft in the terrible bereavement which Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G. Master, Prov. G.M. W. Lancashire, his son, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Past G. Warden of England, and the other members of his family have sustained, through the fatal accident which occurred to the Countess of Lathom on Tuesday when driving home from a shooting party. Lord and Lady Lathom always exhibited a great interest in our Masonic Charitable Institutions, and on the occasions on which her husband presided as Chairman at one or other of our School Festivals, her ladyship charged herself with the gracious task of distributing the prizes to the successful pupils. She was thus in full sympathy with her husband in his love of Masonry and its Institutions, and English Masons will feel that in losing her they lose one of their best friends and well-wishers. We tender our respectful sympathy to the M.W. Pro Grand Master and his family.

The sixth annual festival of the Kirby—late Clarence Lodge of Instruction, No. 263, will be held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, the 30th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Charles E. Keyser, J.P., P.G.D. The work in lodge, which will meet under Bro. Charles Lewis, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. Essex, Preceptor, as W.M., will consist of the Second Lecture, and subsequently dinner will be served, tickets, 5s. each, inclusive of lodge dues. A strong Committee and Board of Stewards has been formed, and we have every reason to hope that the anniversary, as in former years, will prove a great success. Morning dress and Craft clothing to be worn.

An emergent meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on the 15th July, under the presidency of Bro. Major-General A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, C.B., D.G.M., to transact the business which had been set down for the regular quarterly meeting in June, the District Grand Master having been compelled to cancel the order for that communication because he and his Deputy had been detained at Darjeeling by a break in the railway communication. The chief business had reference to the purchase of a site for the erection of a new hall, and this was referred to a Committee for immediate report. A sum of 500 rupees was unanimously voted to the "Prinsep Testimonial Fund," which was announced to have reached 5000 rupees.

It is with very sincere regret that we announce the death of Bro. C. J. Shoppee, F.R.I.B.A., a Mason of close on 50 years' standing, and one who in his day had done good service to the Craft. The funeral took place at Uxbridge Cemetery on Monday, the 22nd instant, the early portion of the service being held in Gray's Inn Chapel. We purpose giving particulars of our deceased brother's career next week, but in the meantime we tender our respectful condolence to our respected Bro. C. H. Shoppee, the son, and other members of our deceased brother's family.

The Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Hertfordshire, and later in the afternoon the Prov. G. Chapter were held at Bishop's Stortford, on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, the presiding officer being in the former case Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G. Mark Master, and in the latter M.E. Comp. T. F. Halsey, M.P., G. Superintendent. Brief particulars will appear next week.

THE QUEEN, who was accompanied by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, Princess Henry of Battenberg, and Princess of Victoria of Wales, on Saturday last conferred, at Windsor Castle, the Distinguished Service Order upon the following officers: Capt. Edward Charles D'Heillemer Fairtlough, 4th Battalion the Royal Dublin Fusiliers employed with the Sierra Leone Frontier Police, for operations between Sierra Leone and Liberia, 1896, and Lieutenant Clement Lawrence Seton Seton-Browne, Indian Staff Corps, for conspicuous service during the attack on the Political Officers' Escort at Maizar in the Tochi Valley, June 10th, 1897, in which affair he was severely wounded. The officers were introduced by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Arthur Bigge and Lord Lawrence.



## Correspondence.

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

### THE QUESTION OF DEGREES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of "M.M." has whetted our Masonic appetite. By all means, let us have the lecture of Bro. Dr. Churchward, with the "undoubted proof that there were several Degrees in Freemasonry many thousands of years ago."

If this is really the case, it is evident that, although many of us have been studying the antiquity of Freemasonry more than 10 or 12 years twice told, we don't know where we are. Oh! let us have the light without delay. The terrible darkness of our long-continued ignorance is becoming appalling.—Yours fraternally,

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### VAGRANT MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Please warn your readers against a man who states he was a member of No. 3 Lodge "Scone and Perth" (S.C.), and has lately been discharged from the Brighton Hospital where he underwent an operation. He has no Grand Lodge certificate, but shows a certificate of his having been an in-patient of the Royal Sussex Hospital from June to August, 1897, purporting to be signed by Edward F. Maynard, House Surgeon. Dr. Maynard has no recollection of the man, and during the period mentioned had no in-patients. The Secretary of "Scone and Perth" wires me that the name given is not on the roll of his lodge. I declined to help this man until I had obtained confirmation of his story, but requested him to call the following evening which he promised to do. Needless to say he has not since been near me.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. G. BLACK,  
P.M. and Sec. 1564.

Woking,  
November 22nd.

## Craft Masonry.

### Whittington Lodge, No. 862.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Jarvis, W.M. The lodge was consecrated in 1861, and its origin, as explained by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., was the old Whittington Club, then in the Strand, of which he and several other of the original members of the lodge were a constituent part. The brother first asked to be W.M. was Bro. Louis Alexander, P.M. 188, whose place of business was where part of the Law Courts Branch of the Bank of England now stands. Bro. Alexander declined. The Mastership was then offered to him (Bro. Terry), but he also declined. It was next offered to the late Bro. D. Thompson, a solicitor, of Gray's Inn-square. He accepted it, and became the first W.M. of the lodge. If he (Bro. Terry) had consented he would now have been the first senior Past Master. Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, who was in the Grand Secretary's office, and afterwards was Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was for many years Secretary of the lodge, but since his death that office has been held until the present time by Bro. James Weaver. The lodge has been a strong supporter of the Masonic Charities, but, as was mentioned by Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., in responding for the Boys' School to the toast of "The Masonic Charities" on Monday, it has not given so much encouragement to that Institution as it has to the other two Charities. However, the new W.M., Bro. Henry Kemp, is taking the Stewardship for the Boys' School Centenary, and will thus roll away the reproach implied in the information afforded.

The brethren who attended Monday's meeting were Bros. Jarvis, W.M.; H. Kemp, S.W.; Walter Tyler, J.W.; Sampson Godden, P.M., Treas.; J. Weaver, P.M., Sec.; A. Clarkson, S.D.; F. J. Hester, J.D.; Frank Heywood, I.G.; James T. Southgate, D.C.; W. H. Godden, Stwd.; James Irvine, P.M.; Henry Brockhurst, P.M.; G. H. Wavell, P.M.; T. J. Collis, P.M.; C. E. Packer, P.M.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M.; Jabez Williams, J. McClelland, T. C. Bond, R. W. C. Palmer, A. T. Chamberlain, P. Greenwood Hartley, R. Spencer, Percy J. Driver, W. G. Butler, A. J. Hollebome, G. W. Rawson, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Reynolds, S. H. Bradford, T. W. Lowe, W. G. West, A. J. Curtiss, H. Williamson, George Geen, George Palmer, F. Guanziroli, Percy Day, A. J. Taylor, and N. T. Rosenberg. The visitors were Bros. John Pocket, 180; C. Herbert Wood, P.M. 1149, P.P.G.D. Surrey; W. F. Coates, J.D. 103; George Proctor, J.D. 1531; P. Dodd, J.W. 1420; J. H. Kirby, 2579; W. Marston Clark, late 255; J. Harrison, 62; Walter Lawley, P.M. 2348; George J. Tagg, P.M. 1512; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; John K. Gwyn, P.M. 1426; Frederick W. Berry, J.W. 211; T. J. Debbley, P.M. 180; Robert Gregory, J.W. 2168; John Nash, S.W. 2168; Albert Rischenheim, 2579; James W. Hawkins, 2488; Joseph Curtis, P.M. 228; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M. 1827, P.G. Stwd.; W. H. Hooper, P.M. 1670; J. W. Robinson, P.M. 1500; J. C. Ostenstock, P.M. 1185; J. Wesley Ward, 766; Major T. C. Wallis, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Whitney, P.M. 861; J. Hill, 975; E. A. Rice, W.M. 1320; S. N. C. Rumball, P.M. 1623; Percy Switchin, 1658; H. Salter, P.M. 861; W. A. Weeks, 1585; W. Bowen, 1744; Oscar Barrett, W.M. 2127; Allen Groom, 1691; W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Ronald Marshall, 2493; George Harvey, 2361; A. Marshall, J.D. 2499; and A. Burnell Burnell.

After the lodge had been opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted, Bro. Bradford was elected Trustee of the Benevolent Fund, and the W.M. initiated Mr. Dee. Afterwards he installed in splendid style, Bro. Kemp, as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, Bro. A. V. H. Pauncefort, acting as D.C. during the ceremonies. Bro. Jarvis was invested as I.P.M. The other brethren invested as officers for the year were Bros. W. C. Tyler, S.W.; A. Clarkson, J.W.; James Weaver, P.M., &c., Sec.; S. Godden, P.M., Treas. L.F.; J. Irvine, P.M., Treas. B.F.; T. J. Hester, S.D.; F. Heywood, J.D.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., Org.; J. T. Southgate, I.G.; W. H. Godden, D.C.; A. J. Curtis, A.D.C.; F. W. Lowe, Stwd.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. When the addresses had been delivered by Bro. Jarvis, I.P.M., Bro. H. Kemp, W.M., as the Secretary, announced that he had received a circular from the Benevolent Institution in which Bro. Terry asked for a Steward for his next festival, enquired whether any brother would represent the lodge on that occasion, he (the W.M.) going up for the Boys' Centenary. Bro. A. J. Curtis, A.D.C., said he should be happy to be Steward for the festival.

After some other business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet.

The customary toasts followed, and a good musical entertainment was given between the speeches.

The performers, who were under the direction of Bro. A. H. V. Pauncefort, P.M., were Mrs. R. Rapkin (*nee* Kemp), who took the pianoforte, Miss Kemp, Miss Harris, Miss Clarkson, and Bros. Pauncefort, Bond, McClelland, S. H. Bradford, Percy Day, A. T. Chamberlain, John Porter, West, Hartley, and R. Marshall.

Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., and Major T. C. Wallis, P.G. Std. Br., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Jarvis, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said those brethren who were members of the Whittington Lodge knew how Bro. Kemp had for the last six or seven years filled all the different offices of the lodge. He might say that Bro. Kemp had done that with great credit to himself and satisfaction to all the brethren. When he said that it would be clear that no additional words of his were needed to recommend to the brethren the hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. Henry Kemp, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he had to thank the brethren for the cordial reception they had given to the words of the I.P.M., and to him as Master of the lodge. He had also to thank the Grand Officers for their kind allusions to him, and also Bro. Jarvis for the remarks he had made to his (Bro. Kemp's) years of office in the Whittington Lodge. He could assure the brethren that he should do the best he could in the chair to give satisfaction to the brethren and bring credit to himself.

Bro. Henry Kemp, W.M., in giving the toast of "The I.P.M.," which was heartily received, said he was quite sure the way Bro. Jarvis did his work endeared him to every member of the lodge. His style of work reflected the greatest possible credit on himself. It showed the stuff the Past Masters of the Whittington Lodge were made of. The brethren were deeply indebted to Bro. Jarvis also for the way in which he had that evening performed the ceremony of installation; it had conferred glory on the Whittington Lodge. He now presented Bro. Jarvis, in the name of the brethren, with a very handsome Past Master's jewel as a compliment for the services he had rendered during the past year to the Whittington Lodge. He trusted that for many years Bro. Jarvis would live to wear it as a landmark of Freemasonry, and that he would remember that night as a glorious night he had had in the Whittington Lodge.

Bro. Jarvis, I.P.M., responded. He thanked the W.M. for the very kind and flattering manner in which he had proposed that toast. The reception by the brethren also called for his thanks. He had told the brethren before that the ceremonies of Freemasonry were no trouble to him; they were a labour of love; and if during his year of office he had given the brethren satisfaction, as well as that evening by his rendering of the installation ceremony, he was more than repaid. But allow him to thank them for the jewel, this very handsome mark of their approval. Believe him that night was the proudest moment of his life—to think that he had the good wishes of so many real and earnest Masons. He trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would grant him many years of health and strength to be among the brethren. He told those who were coming forward to the chair as well as the W.M. that if he could at any time be of service to them no matter in what office he might be he should be ready with the greatest pleasure to perform any work.

Bro. Dee responded to the toast of "The Initiate" in a dozen words.

Bro. Henry Kemp, W.M., in giving the toast of "The Masonic Charities," said he was going up for the Boys, and Bro. Curtis for the Benevolent Institution. Next year probably another brother would go up for the Girls. All three Charities had been well supported by the Whittington Lodge.

Bros. Terry and McLeod responded.

Bros. Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.G.S., Oscar Barrett, and others responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and the other toasts followed before the meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

### Dobie Lodge, No. 889.

There was a good attendance of members at the meeting of this lodge, which was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at Kingston Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, under the presidency of Bro. George R. Scott, W.M. The lodge having been opened, Bros. Gillum and Wetton were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Mr. W. Sudlow Herrick was initiated. Bro. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec., was present during the working period, and before leaving the lodge expressed the pleasure it had given him to see the excellent working of the W.M. and his officers. The death of Bro. Sydney Hope, one of the junior members of the lodge, was reported by the Secretary. An arrangement of white blooms and violets in Masonic form had been sent to be laid on the coffin, and the lodge was well represented at the first part of the funeral service, which was read in Kingston Parish Church before the body was taken to Reading for interment. A vote of condolence to Bro. William Hope and the widow and mother of the deceased was passed, and several of the brethren expressed regret at losing one before whom there was such a bright prospect in every way.

The lodge was then closed.

### Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

A regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Cock Tavern, High-bury, which was attended by Bros. J. A. Blount, W.M.; E. J. Harrison, S.W.; C. Isler, J.W.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; C. Horst, S.D.; W. Taylor, J.D.; F. W. White, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, D.C.; J. Amand, Steward; E. H. Bury, Org.; G. Couchman, Tyler; H. Cox, I.P.M.; P.P.S.G.W. Herts; D. C. Ritchie, I.P.M.; A. Cox, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; A. Henning, W. F. Roberts, L. Daniellson, J. Jauncey, J. Johnson, E. J. Bury, T. E. Newman, C. Weber, A. Kische, D. C. Attwater, R. Blunden, F. Simmonds, W. J. Barnes, G. Fullbrook, W. Goring, E. H. Vexley, J. R. White, G. A. Hopkins, E. A. Wagstaff, T. Spotswood, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Caton, P.M. 1365, and T. L. Dennett, Org. 45.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. E. J. Bury was passed to the Degree of F.C. A favourable ballot having been taken on behalf of Messrs. C. G. Spencer, John F. Wahlers, and A. Buckland, they were duly initiated, the ceremony in this case being performed by Bro. A. Cox, P.M. The lodge was then closed.

After dinner the usual entertainment was given, Bros. Roberts, Henning, Attwater, Isler, Bury, Fullbrook, and Dennett assisting, and a pleasant evening was spent.

### Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624.

There was a good attendance of members and visitors at the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on the 17th inst. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. William Smith, has been a member of the lodge for the past 13 years, has worked industriously through the various offices, and has won the esteem and regard of all the members. The members in attendance were Bros. T. Salter, W.M.; William Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Lane, J.W.; W. Lane, S.D.; W. Hellyar, P.M., I.G.; E. Badderly, J. Whalen, J. Craigen, J. Leigh, Org.; A. Deacon, E. Nice, W. B. Pugh, I.P.M.; C. Taylor, P.M.; R. Bottle, P.M.; T. Coulthard, P.M.; A. W. Bignold, P.M.; G. Weston, P.M.; J. C. Flatteley, P.M.; F. Arnold, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Wade, W.M. 860; G. W. Perry, P.M. 1446; T. Prior, P.M. 765; J. Biggs, 1474; G. W. Evans, I.G. 2444; G. M. E. Hamilton, P.M. 1446; W. H. Butler, D.C. 1637; R. S. Cooke, 2550; H. G. Holland, W.M. 2593; J. W. Simeons, S.D. 193; R. S. Gillespie, 1685; J. Lawson, 1507; C. Woodrow, P.M. 1708; G. Samuel, P.M. 1708; G. W. Froer, P.M. 720; C. Burningham, 2202; George Scarman, 1287; G. E. White, 860; F. Leonard, 997; R. Hassell, 1624; W. Weeden, 2030; J. A. Battersley, 1767; H. Tull, 742; A. W. Jones, S.D. 2661; J. Sparton, 2030; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. F. Arnold, P.M., assumed the chair and installed Bro. William Smith as W.M. in an able and impressive manner. The W.M. then invested the following officers in excellent style: Bros. T. Salter, I.P.M.; G. Lane, S.W.; W. Lane, J.W.; T. Coulthard, P.M., Treas.; R. Bottle, P.M., Sec.; E. Badderly, S.D.; W. Hellyar, J.D.; J. Whalen, I.G.; A. Bignold, P.M., D.C.; J. Craigen, A.D.C.; J. Leigh, Org.; A. Deacon and E. Nice, Stwds.; and Shepherd, Tyler. Messrs. A. C. Hayward and Chas. Longworth were next initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., whose fluent rendering of the ritual was much appreciated. It was suggested that a headstone should be erected on the grave of the late Secretary of the lodge—Bro. Beckham—and during the evening about £9 was subscribed for this purpose. The death of another member of the lodge—Bro. H. Norman—was reported, and a wreath ordered to be sent. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was followed by the usual toasts.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. T. Salter, I.P.M., who said the toast was one that would go home to their hearts, and would be received in the way it deserved. They knew the many duties of the W.M. during the coming year would be somewhat arduous; but Bro. Smith was a brother capable of performing those duties in a manner satisfactory to the lodge, with efficiency, and would serve as an excellent example to the members. They had had a good opportunity of knowing of what the W.M. was capable by his work as Warden. He (the I.P.M.) had to thank Bro. Smith for the manner in which the lodge had been conducted in his absence, which had proved him to be a worthy brother and one who would do justice to the lodge.



Bro. Wm. Smith, W.M., sincerely thanked the I.P.M. and brethren. Thirteen years ago, when he was initiated in the Eccleston Lodge he did not think he should occupy the chair as he had done that evening. It was owing to their kindness that he had done so, and he would endeavour to carry out the duties of his office to their satisfaction. He might add that there would be as usual a ladies' banquet and ball in January, and he asked them to assist him in making that a success and in carrying out the arrangements. It had always been one of the great features in that lodge, and he asked those who had previously served as Stewards to again send in their names to the Secretary. This event had always been a success but without their assistance he could not carry it out. He begged to thank them very much for their kindness in drinking his health and in according him such a flattering reception, and this would be an incentive to him to endeavour to carry out his duties to their satisfaction and to maintain the reputation established by his predecessors in past years.

The W.M. briefly proposed "The Initiates," giving them a cordial welcome to the lodge.

Bro. Chas. Longworth, in response, said he naturally felt a little nervous in addressing them for the first time, although he had been amongst them on many previous occasions when acting as M.C. at their annual balls. He was indebted to them for the kind reception given them as initiates that night. That ought to make them feel at home, and he hoped to be found a good working member of that important lodge. He had not as much spare time at his disposal as he could wish, but would do his utmost for Freemasonry generally, and especially for their lodge.

Bro. A. C. Hayward also replied.

The W.M. next gave "The Immediate Past Master, Installing Master, and Past Masters," and presented Bro. Salter, I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, expressing the hope that he might be spared for many years to wear it.

Bro. T. Salter, I.P.M., returned sincere thanks for the honour done him. He could only say that he regretted that ill-health had prevented him performing all his duties during his year as W.M., but he had had excellent colleagues who had taken his place. He thanked them for the beautiful jewel conferred upon him. During the short time that was left him, he should wear it with pride and affection, for he prized it very much. He could not say as some of his predecessors had, that he would hand it down as a heirloom, because he had no heir in the direct line.

Bro. Coulthard, P.M., Treas., replied, congratulating the lodge on possessing a Master, who had commenced well and who would continue popular. Having introduced the present W.M. he looked upon him as one of his children and hoped he would receive the indulgence accorded his predecessors. He was pleased to see their late Treasurer present, Bro. Isaacs, who had done his share of the work.

Bro. F. Arnold, P.M., expressed his willingness to assist in the future as in the past, and this sentiment was likewise indulged in by Bro. Bignold, P.M., D.C.

Bro. H. G. Holland, W.M., 2593, replying for "The Visitors," said it was a curious experience for him that evening, because that was his mother lodge and had he retained his membership he would probably have been installed as W.M. on that occasion. He had, however, been ambitious to get into the chair more quickly and became a founder and joining member of other lodges.

Bro. J. Wade, W.M. 860, said he had been a visitor for 20 years to that lodge, and was now the Treasurer of the Eccleston Chapter.

Bro. G. Scarman, 1287, in response, said the W.M. had been a brother to him in life, and a greater brother to him in Masonry. He was very pleased at the way in which the W.M. had done his part that evening, and hoped to be present again to see him work the Second and Third Degrees, which he had no doubt would be done with the same efficiency.

Bros. Woodrow, P.M.; Butler, and Weeden also replied, the latter asking the members to support the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction more strongly.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were also honoured before a pleasant evening terminated.

Bro. J. Leigh, Org., was assisted in the arrangements by Bro. Kinkeas and Messrs. Ambrose Thorne, B. Pearce, W. H. Dyson, and R. Bagnall.

### Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.

The first regular meeting of the above lodge, succeeding the installation meeting, was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Saturday, the 13th inst., when there was a good muster of the brethren. Bro. W. L. Barker, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. Lawson, I.P.M.; G. Cunningham, S.W.; Jameson, J.W.; R. S. Cushing, P.M., Treas.; Webb, P.M., Sec.; R. C. Halford, S.D.; McLachlan, J.D.; Cole, I.G.; Hetherington, D.C.; Godfrey, Org.; Hattersley, P.M.; and W. S. Loveday, Stewards; Ellis, Tyler; and others, also several visitors.

Following the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Mr. Albert C. Hands and Mr. James Mumford, and proving unanimous, those gentlemen were duly initiated into Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master, ably assisted by his officers, in a manner which elicited the highest praise from all present, the impressiveness of the ceremony being enhanced by the musical adjunct introduced into the lodge by the present W.M. After the transaction of other business, and the proposition of three gentlemen for membership, one being the son of the Worshipful Master, the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to the banqueting table.

The loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, "The Worshipful Master" was given by the I.P.M., Bro. Lawson, in feeling terms.

Bro. Barker received a hearty welcome on rising to respond. Sincerely thanking the brethren for their kindness, he promised that nothing should be wanting on his part to merit their continued esteem and good will.

"The Initiates" found able responses from Bros. Hands and Mumford, both creating an excellent impression and promising to prove themselves worthy members of the Lodge of Loyalty into which they had just been received.

For "The Visitors" Bros. E. J. Morgan, P.M., Sec. 1571; Seymour Smith, Org. 742; L. J. Powter, P.M. 1228; Crabtree, and others replied, all bearing testimony and congratulating the W.M. and his officers on the perfect rendering of the initiation ceremony.

Bros. R. S. Cushing, Treas., Arthur J. Clark, C. H. Halford, and F. W. Rose returned thanks on behalf of "The Past Masters," who always muster in good numbers at this lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close. The programme of music by Miss Phyllis Hope, Bros. Seymour Smith, Oswald Sharpley L. Williams, L. J. Powter, and Miss Dunn, pianist, was much appreciated. Bro. Crabtree also favoured the company with a couple of recitations in his usual masterly style.

### Penge Lodge, No. 1815.

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Clarence Hall, Anerley, when there were present Bros. A. E. Pridmore, W.M.; H. Budd, I.P.M.; T. West, P.M.; H. Leney, P.M.; W. Baker, P.M.; G. T. Crockford, S.W.; W. Peskett, J.W.; J. B. Crowe, Sec.; W. Atkinson, S.D.; C. G. Jones, J.D.; F. Betts, P.M., D.C.; B. W. Edge, I.G.; P. K. Clarke and T. Dunwoody, Stwds.; E. L. Partridge, P.M.; Tyler; E. L. Hall, C. R. Hall, J. Johnson, H. Aldridge, W. Salmon, D. Parsons, P. H. Horley, P.M. 1139; J. T. Hamp, A. Mackadam, A. Hall, and J. Marchant. Visitors: Bros. S. J. Burton, P.M. 1672; C. W. Pines, P.M. 207; and D. E. Watson, 973.

The lodge business was got through in a highly creditable manner, after which the brethren adjourned to banquet, the serving of which reflected credit upon those in charge. The usual toasts were honoured in true Masonic fashion, and the miscellaneous entertainment provided made the evening a most enjoyable one.

This lodge is in a very flourishing condition, the membership being high, and the initiates and joining members for next meeting numbering six.

### Alliance Lodge, No. 1827.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. William Bruce Clarke, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S., W.M., presided. The other brethren present were Bros. John William Carlyon-Hughes, S.W., W.M. elect; Baron de Bush, J.W.; the Rev. J. Henry Smith, Chap.; Henry Clarke, P.M., Treas.; Col. F. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; Ernest Clarke, S.D.; Col. W. T. Roberts, J.D.; Maj. Henry Wright, P.M., D.C.; H. Percy Monckton, I.G.; Frederick A. Jewson, Org.; H. C. Morris and Frederick Hobbs, Stwds.; Edwin F. Fitch, P.M.; Frank S. Jackson, P.M.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.M., P.G.W.; Henry Squire, P.M.; Vickers Dunfee, P.M.; Sidney P. Potter

F. G. Gullick, H. F. Oscar Timme, Alfd. Wm. Read, George Land, Stanley F. Fitch, E. Garnet Man, P.M., P.D.S.G.W. British Burma; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Henry H. Thompson, W. Westcott, H. J. Waring, Alban G. H. Gibbs, M.P., P.M.; J. Easterbrooke, and J. E. Turner. The visitors were Bros. Frederick Bevan, P.M. 1706; William Simpson, P.M. 2524; Robert Berridge, P.G.D.; Ernest A. Walker, 14; H. Kemp, S.W. 862; James Stephens, D.G.D.C.; Arthur Monckton, S.W. 1673; Col. L. G. Dundas, C.B., P.G.D.; J. S. Tamburini, P.M.; Sheriff Dewar, H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928; Clarence R. Hales, 181; Dr. Clement Gidson, P.G.D.; T. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C.; Thurler Fletcher, W. R. Carter, P.M. 404; H. T. Brickwell, W.M. 2455; Percy Furnivall, 2546; Charles Monckton, 1150; John Woodhouse, S.D. 95; George A. Timme, 1743; Arthur Stirling, P.M. 788; Matthew Webb, P.M. 1657; and R. M. Beachcroft, W.M. 631.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., performed the ceremony of installation, placing Bro. John Wm. Carlyon-Hughes, S.W., W.M. elect, in the chair of the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. Wm. Bruce Clarke was invested as I.P.M., and afterwards presented with a Past Master's jewel. The other brethren invested as officers were Bros. Ernest Clarke, S.W.; Baron de Bush, J.W.; the Rev. J. Henry Smith, P.M., P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, Chap.; Henry Clarke, P.M., Treas.; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., Sec.; E. W. Roberts, S.D.; Percy Monckton, J.D.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; H. C. Morris, I.G.; F. Hobbs and G. Hand, Stewards; and T. Lovell, Tyler. Bro. Col. Sewell, P.M., Sec., undertook the Stewardship of the lodge for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and 10 guineas were voted to his list.

A charming banquet followed the working of the lodge, and the toasts which were afterwards proposed were interspersed with some excellent singing by Bros. F. Bevan, E. Branscombe, and J. A. Brown. The speeches were very brief.

Bro. Carlyon-Hughes, W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that in that eventful year the eyes of all countries were turned to that magnet hand, and from the farthest portion of the Arctic north, where they were finding riches beyond the desires of avarice, to the equatorial regions of Africa, where they were trying to give freedom to the slave, the hearts of Masons were directed to the mother of Masons. The Alliance Lodge was accustomed to take every opportunity in joining in that chorus of love and loyalty, and the brethren would now again seize the opportunity and say "God preserve the Queen and the Craft."

Bro. Carlyon-Hughes, W.M., next proposed "The Health of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, the Installing Master," for whom, he said, the lodge had an affectionate regard, on account of his many years of acts of unselfishness. It was not for him (the W.M.) to paint the lily, and he would merely say that in doing him the honour of installing him, Sir John Monckton had put himself to a great deal of personal inconvenience. There was an additional pride in that particular instance, for it was a great chance if Sir John would install another Master of that lodge.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.M., P.G.W., replying, said he had been called a good many things in his life, but he had never before been called a lily. There were many lilies; there was the tiger lily; but he did not know whether there was anything about him could justify his being called a tiger. He had acted perhaps as valet to the Master, and perhaps on that account he might be called a lily of the valley. (Laughter.) Possibly, as the W.M. said, this might be the last time he would instal a Master of the Alliance Lodge. He was not going to leave the country. He considered it a bad thing for one brother always to do the installation. He had installed Masters for 150 times. Emergencies excepted (he was ever ready to help a lame dog over a stile), he should not go on installing; it kept aspiring young Masons out. This Alliance Lodge had in it much Masonic talent, and it would be used, utilised and fructified. He had a great pleasure in installing Bro. Carlyon-Hughes, because he had been an absolute colleague of his own, one of "The Guildhall Gang" of hard-worked and poorly-paid people. (Laughter.) He was in the presence of many of his visitors, and he said the gang of whom he spoke found their reward in the kindly, affectionate regard they had for the gang at quarter day. (Laughter.) They went to the Chamberlain and had their pay—with a little taken off. (Renewed laughter.) However, he was always glad to find the members of the Court attend this lodge; it was an alliance between man and man, emanating from the Guildhall. He put a test that evening by asking the P.M.s to drink with him, and some 14 stood up. He again thanked the brethren, and proceeded to propose "The W.M." The I.P.M. had been obliged to leave and could not propose it. Bro. Carlyon-Hughes was an excellent worker in every respect; he was a young man, not only good-looking physically, but mentally, promising in every respect; and he (Sir John Monckton) would be exceedingly disappointed and surprised beyond measure if the brethren did not say that the last baby he had put in the chair was not as good as any that had been there before.

Bro. Carlyon-Hughes, W.M., replying, said he had a good Masonic precedent for calling Sir John Monckton a lily, because there was a connection with King Solomon, who, in all his glory, was not arrayed like Sir John Monckton. (Laughter.) However, he had to thank all the brethren for many kindnesses since he had been in the lodge. His year ought to be a happy one, because he could not call to mind a single variance he had had with any brother of the lodge. In his case it was plain sailing, ruling over a united family and governing them by affection, and not by coercion. He next proposed "The I.P.M.," who had won his spurs; he was a good man, and now he took his place among the Past Masters.

Bro. Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G.S., Sec., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters." Sir John Monckton was the father of the lodge and a founder of it. He hoped Sir John was not ashamed of his family. The lodge was very prosperous. He ventured to say there were not many lodges which had money invested in Consols. Standing on the money bags was a roughish test; but it was a test of their respectability. The balance-sheet showed a good balance, so that the W.M. need not be afraid that during his year there would be any starvation in the Alliance Lodge.

Bro. Beachcroft, Vice-Chairman of the London County Council, replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and informed the brethren that the London County Council had a lodge of its own. He had hoped it would bring about a better feeling towards the Council by the Corporation of London. However, he hoped that that might yet come.

Bro. Baron de Bush, J.W., replied to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

### Kennington Lodge, No. 1381.

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Horns, Kennington Park. Among those present were Bros. James Barry, W.M.; Chisholm, S.W.; Davies, J.W.; R. La Feuillade, P.M., Treas.; J. N. Hearn, P.M., Sec.; Wolsey, S.D.; Pohl, I.G.; Hopkins, Org.; Higgins, P.M.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.; P.G. Std. Br.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; Dennis, P.M.; A. Lundie, P.M.; and Dr. Millson, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. W. H. Robinson and C. J. Mold were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. W. E. Crichton and A. J. Hawkins, and it being unanimous, they were duly initiated. The W.M. performed the ceremonies in a satisfactory manner. The question of electing a brother to represent the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys stood over till next meeting. The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the W.M. feelingly alluded to the absence, through illness, of Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas. He said that that distinguished brother took a lively interest in everything in connection with the Kennington Lodge, and was very rarely absent from its meetings. He had heard that day that Bro. Everett was progressing satisfactorily, and he trusted that at their next meeting he would be in their midst as genial and full of life as of yore.

This toast having been warmly received, the toast of "The Initiates" followed. Bros. Robinson and Mold, in their respective replies, expressed their acknowledgments to their proposers and seconders, and to the lodge generally for having received them so cordially.

The proposer of the toast of "The Worshipful Master" congratulated him upon the manner in which he had discharged his duties as Master that afternoon, and the speaker trusted that at the end of his year of office he would receive the hearty congratulations of the brethren, and hand to his successor a larger balance of funds than when he took possession of the chair.

The W.M. having briefly replied, gave "The Health of The Past Masters," coupled with the names of Bros. Köhler and Dennis, who duly acknowledged the toast. The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Bros. Hopkins, T. Davies, A. Lundie, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren, and Bro. Clay gave a dramatic selection.

## Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168.

The installation meeting of this successful Metropolitan lodge—which worthily maintains the name of the distinguished Mason who was its first W.M.—was held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the 11th inst., when there was a goodly gathering. The retiring Master, Bro. R. D. Cummings, P.M., who at this meeting handed over the reins of office to his successor, Bro. Smerdon, is well-known as a hard working Mason in connection with various lodges, but more particularly on the management of our Masonic Institutions, where his excellent services are appreciated and testified to by the executive officers. The members of the lodge present included Bros. R. D. Cummings, P.M., W.M.; W. Lawrence, P.M.; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M.; J. Corbett, P.M.; R. J. Smerdon, S.W.; J. Nash, J.W.; W. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dixon, P.M., Sec.; R. Gregory, J.D.; Nathan Robinson, P.M., L.C.C.; I.G.; Samuel Garcia, P.M., D.C.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, P.G. Org. Herts, Org.; Dr. Wholey, Stwd.; and others. Visitors: Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; J. J. Thomas, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; H. C. Kimell, W.M. 1663; J. Chumley, W.M. 538; G. Arnold, P.M. 2335; J. Romer, 2308; T. J. Mercer, W.M. 27; H. P. Edwards, 197; T. Moss, J.W. 1427; W. Burch, 148; W. J. H. Dixon, 27; J. Thomson, I.P.M. 2309; T. D. Myers, W.M. 2020; W. J. Gregory, W.M. 3; T. H. Jarvis, W.M. 862; F. Bolton, I.P.M. 1687; W. A. Brown, 73; T. Wholey, P.M. 172; W. Kipps, P.M. 1275; C. D. Richards, S.D. 834; J. H. Milton, 2511; J. Kift, 1791; C. Chillely, 2005; W. Dawson, 788; J. D. Hood, 1668; W. F. Hughes, Treas. 179; S. Cronen, 1686; H. J. Sanlick, 72; J. Sandbrook, 1929; R. Stebbing, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; C. F. Quicke, P.M. 1531; T. Sandiland, P.M.; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D.; and others.

The opening of the lodge was followed by the confirmation of the minutes. Bro. R. J. Smerdon was next presented as W.M. elect and Bro. Cummings, P.M., proceeded to perform the ceremony of installation. Immediately after the obligation as Master elect, the solo, "Be thou faithful unto death," was sung by Bro. Charles Chillely. Bro. Smerdon was then duly installed as W.M. of the lodge, the ceremony being rendered throughout by Bro. Cummings with an impressiveness and fervour borne of a perfect knowledge of the ritual and the sincerity of an enthusiastic Mason. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. Nash, P.M., S.W.; R. Gregory, J.W.; W. Thomas, P.M., Treas. (whose son has the distinction of being the youngest Vice-President of the Boys' School); J. W. Dixon, P.M., Sec.; Nathan Robinson, P.M., S.D.; Dr. Wholey, P.M., J.D.; F. Patterson, I.G.; S. Garcia, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Haskins, P.P.G. Org., Org.; J. H. Mitchell and A. Ingram, Stwds.; and R. H. Goddard, Tyler. The I.P.M. was elected as Steward for the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School, and notice of motion was given to place a sum of money on his list. On the proposition of the Treasurer a sum of 10 guineas was voted to a very deserving case and the lodge was closed, the W.M., Grand Officers, Past Masters, and officers retiring from the lodge room in procession, under the direction of the D.C., the usual custom in this lodge.

A *recherche* banquet followed, and the usual toasts were afterwards given by the W.M. with commendable brevity.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Grand Officers," who said the toast required no words from the W.M. in proposing it, yet received an enthusiastic reception. So long as that feeling predominated, so long would the Grand Officers uphold the dignity and power of Grand Lodge on all occasions. Meeting in that lodge they were under the banner of a most esteemed Grand Treasurer, who was beloved and admired, and it was therefore a pleasure to witness the installation of another W.M. That was a strong lodge, but they embodied in themselves the principles that guided the late Bro. Derby Allcroft, who did his utmost for the Charities. The installation ceremony was wonderfully well worked not only in the exact ritual, but it was so perfectly delivered. So long as they had Past Masters of that order, it would be impossible for the lodge to do anything but rise superior to lodges generally. He had known Bro. Cummings for many years, and knew no brother who could so well perform his duties.

Bro. R. D. Cummings, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said he was not very entertaining as a rule when on his legs, but he would venture to say that the toast he submitted was one dear to them all, and although they had many Grand Officers and visitors present, still it would appeal to the members who all appreciated Bro. Smerdon. It had been a great delight to him to have had the opportunity of installing a brother who would do credit to himself and reflect credit on the lodge. Bro. Smerdon had been elected unanimously by them to this position, and could be relied upon to do everything they expected of him in upholding the traditions of the lodge in every conceivable way. The W.M. had worked steadily in every office, and would faithfully perform his duties in the chair. He did not think he need say anything more to recommend this toast to their notice, but ask them to join heartily in wishing the W.M. a successful year of office, and in drinking to his good health.

Bro. R. J. Smerdon, W.M., returned thanks for the kind things said of him by the I.P.M. He would try to merit them all, but those who knew him best knew him to be a man of few words. He was a little diffident in what he said that night, and would only hope that the prestige of the lodge would not suffer in his hands. He would do his best to extend the hand of hospitality to any visitor, and he hoped that when his year of office was ended, they would not regret the votes they recorded for his election.

In response to "The Masonic Charities," Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., briefly replied, expressing the hope that when the lodge had supported the Boys' School they would not forget the Old People's Institution and the Girls' School.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., congratulated the W.M. on reaching the chair, feeling sure he was a man of deeds, and that the lodge would gain by his accession to office. It seemed that the real duty of replying had fallen upon him, and he welcomed the opportunity in order to commend the Institutions, if necessary, to their further support. The three grand Institutions did not comprise all the Masonic charity dispensed yearly, for the brethren were always helping and doing good Masonic work whenever cases came before them. It might be true that their attention had been diverted to one particular Institution during the last few years, but he had a lively recollection of the jubilee of the Benevolent Institution, which assumed great proportions. He knew that as opportunities arose, no matter whether it were for the Girls' School or the Old People, they would never be backward in that lodge. It was to their credit that such a comparatively young lodge—that could not have any claim upon the Benevolent Institution, although it had some claim upon the Educational Institutions—should support them so well. He had had to thank them for the liberal support given them. In the Boys' School they claimed they were doing good work, and he could not enlarge upon it. They had knocking at their doors a larger number than ever before. After full consideration, it had been determined to celebrate its Centenary by erecting on a new site sufficient Schools to give the boys room to develop their bodies as they had developed their minds. They were going to sacrifice something by their removal, but what was of far greater importance—they would give greater accommodation to those in the Institution and those coming in. No words were necessary to impress that upon them. They had proved the work to be good in the past, and were determined to make it better in the future. The lodge was sending up as Steward one who had rendered most excellent service in the lodge and in the management of the Boys' School. That being so, he had only to rely upon the generosity of the lodge, and was sure it would maintain its reputation. On behalf of the Steward, on behalf of the 279 boys, which number they hoped would be increased to relieve the number of candidates—he asked them not to consider what they had given, but to consider the needs of the Institution and the importance of the work. It was true that in 1898 the Boys' Institution might take more than was required for immediate wants—it might be to the detriment of other Institutions for that year—but before the next centenary all that would come round in the true, generous spirit which was manifested in all lodges. He asked them to give of their riches as far as they could without detriment to any claims that any other Institution might have upon them, and to remember that they had a Steward representing them who had a claim for the services he had rendered to them and the Boys' Institution, and to try and beat all other records, which possibly would be beaten on some future date for one or other of the Institutions.

On behalf of "The Visitors," Bros. W. J. Gregory, W.M. 3 (Mayor of Tenby); Moss, S.W.; Davies, and Passmore Edwards, replied.

The W.M. proposed "The Immediate Past Master," and presented Bro. Cummings, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel.

Bro. R. D. Cummings, I.P.M., said he was extremely obliged for the reception given the toast, which was very much beyond his deserts, although he was grateful for it. He had had a most delightful year of office, and he told them frankly he left the chair reluctantly, although he was followed by a bigger and better man. Whatever he had done had been done with the best of intentions, and to the best of his ability. They

might not know that that night the lodge was taking a new departure. The fact remained that he happened to be the last of the founders who was likely to pass the chair. There were two whom he was pleased to see in the lodge—Bros. Wettenhall and Muir Smith—who, for reasons of their own, had not thought fit to pass the chair. Those who had gone before him in that distinguished lodge, and himself as the last, had cherished the trust, and he hoped this would continue, and that when the lodge attained its majority—it was getting on in its teens—it would have a reputation unbeaten in London or elsewhere. He was happy in the knowledge that the reputation they were handing over would be still maintained. The jewel given to him was the crowning joy of his Mastership. He should like to say how much he was indebted to the officers for their kindly support, and especially to Bros. Thomas, P.M., Treas., and Dixon, P.M., Sec. In conclusion, he would only hope that the words used by the W.M. would be prophetic, and that he would wear the jewel for many years to come.

Bros. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M.; Corbett, P.M.; and Lawrence, P.M., answered for "The Past Masters," and other toasts were given before a successful meeting terminated.

The musical programme included items by Bros. J. F. Haskins, Org.; J. Kift, C. Chillely, J. Sandbrook, and Fred Russell.

## Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259.

The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., the proceedings being opened by Bro. J. W. Westmoreland, W.M., who was supported by his officers and an exceptionally large number of members and visitors to the number of about 90.

Lodge having been opened, and the preliminary business disposed of, Bro. J. Coote was very impressively installed in office as W.M., this being the second chair into which he was inducted within the brief period of four weeks, the necessary dispensation having, of course, been granted for the purpose. Having been proclaimed and saluted, the new W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year, namely: Bros. J. W. Westmoreland, I.P.M.; H. Warner, S.W.; R. S. Hinderwell, J.W.; C. W. Wakefield, P.M., Treas. (elected); Geo. Parrett, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Chandler, S.D.; J. H. Wilson, J.D.; T. Sweeting, I.G.; D. Gower, D.C.; and G. D. Lusty, Stwd. In the course of the proceedings a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Westmoreland, I.P.M., in recognition of his services in the chair during the past year, while among the toasts which were received with especial favour were those of the W.M. and I.P.M.

An excellent programme of music, admirably carried out, was the great feature of the evening.

## PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF SUSSEX.

The meeting of the above Provincial Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital was held at the Pavilion, Brighton, on the 12th instant, and was very largely attended.

The Priory was opened by the Provincial Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Richard Clowes, and after the preliminary and routine business had been transacted, it was announced that the Provincial Prior, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., G.C.T., desired admission.

A procession of Great Officers was formed, and his Royal Highness was received under the arch of steel and conducted to the Throne.

The M.E. and E. Grand Master of England and Wales, the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., was announced and was received and conducted to his stall, and saluted in customary form.

His Royal Highness, the Provincial Prior, then appointed and invested the officers for the province:

Sir Knight	Vincent Paine Freeman	...	Prov. Prelate
"	Major John Richard Pearson, P.G. Aide-de-Camp	...	Prov. Chancellor.
"	J. H. Campion Coles	...	Prov. Constables.
"	John Henry Ewart	...	
"	Seymour Burrows	...	Prov. Treas.
"	William Wright	...	Prov. Registrar.
"	Alfred King, Mus. Doc.	...	Prov. Vice-Chancellor.
"	Lieut. Claude de Montmorency Franklyn	...	Prov. Marshal.
"	Rev. Wm. Wakeford	...	Prov. Almoner.
"	Richard Percy Clowes	...	Prov. Warden of Regalia.
"	Henry Langton	...	Prov. Herald.
"	John Wood	...	Prov. Std. Brs.
"	Horton Ledger	...	
"	Lawson Lewis	...	Prov. Banner Bearer.
"	Col. A. Mordaunt Egerton	...	Prov. Sword Bearer.
"	William Carless	...	Prov. Aide-de-Camps
"	Major E. W. Stillwell	...	
"	Frederick Duke	...	Prov. Chamberlain.
"	Henry Pearce	...	Prov. Captain of Guards.
"	Walter Hughes	...	
"	Henry Robert Rose	...	Prov. Organist.

H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT then addressed the sir knights assembled as follows: Excellent Knights,—After an interval of four years, I am once more able to come amongst you, and am glad to find that with two preceptories in the province, so many members have been able to attend, notwithstanding the early hour at which the meeting has been called, and am also proud to have the presence of the Great Prior and so many Great Officers of the Order, as well as visitors from other provinces. I am not unmindful of the claims of the East Sussex Preceptory, and I believe they will find in the selection of my officers I have borne in mind the extraordinary resuscitation which has taken place in the numbers of that preceptory, and, although, from my manifold engagements, I was obliged to embrace the opportunity of my attendance at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, to hold the meeting again at Brighton, I shall hope on a future occasion to have the pleasure of visiting Eastbourne, and hold a Provincial Priory there. I feel certain that in my absence my energetic Sub-Prior looks after you well, and I assure you it has not been his fault that I have not held a meeting before, but really my military duties occupy so much of my time that combined with the requirements of my Sovereign and Grand Master as well as my public, private, and social engagements, it is difficult for me to fix any date a long time in advance. I hear that both preceptories are flourishing and that the members who have been introduced are those who will reflect credit upon and take an interest in our Order; there has been recently, as no doubt you are all aware, a revision of the statutes and it is necessary that the alterations in the names and ranks of the officers should be duly attended to. I am sorry I cannot stay to attend the De Warren Preceptory, more especially as E. Knight Richard Percy Clowes, son of my respected Sub-Prior, is at present the Eminent Preceptor; but I must return to London immediately after the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge. I am glad to know that the Order is prospering. I feel I may depend upon you all to unite in endeavouring to make this Order as successful as the other Masonic functions in the province; and in bidding you farewell, sincerely trust that I may be able to attend your meetings more frequently, and hope in future that if I am unable to be present, my Sub-Prior will hold a meeting of the Prov. Priory in each year.

The Prov. Priory was closed, and his Royal Highness and the visitors were entertained at luncheon.

## Royal Arch.

### All Saints Chapter, No. 422.

The annual convocation was held in the Masonic Rooms, Gainsborough, on Monday, the 15th inst., when there were present Comps. Sowby, M.E.Z.; Farmer, I.P.Z.; Constable, H.; Caldecott, S.E.; Liversedge, P.S.; Middleton, 1st A.S.; Baines, P.Z., P.G.H.; Adlard, S.N. and Org.; and others. Visitors: Comps. S. Pegler, P.P.G.R. Notts, and H. A. Fenton, P.S. 262.

The chapter having been opened, Comp. Constable was installed as M.E.Z., and Comp. Adlard as J. Comp. Mason, H. elect, was absent from illness. The work was admirably gone through by Comp. Pegler. The M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. Caldecott, S.E.; Harrison, S.N.; Liversedge, P.S., Treas.; Middleton, 1st A.S.; and Scott, Janitor. Bros. Eyre and Cooper were exalted by the newly-installed M.E.Z.

The companions adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where Comp. Milman had provided an excellent banquet.

### Æsculapius Chapter, No. 2410.

A convocation was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 10th instant. Among those present were Comps. Thomas Dutton, M.D., M.R.C.P. Ed., M.E.Z.; J. Pickett, M.D., H.; G. Crawford Thomson, M.D., J.; E. H. Ezard, M.D., D. Sc. Ed., S.E.; C. M. Simpson, S.N., acting P.S.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D., Treas.; H. J. Sharpe, 1st A.S.; R. T. H. Bodilly, 2nd A.S.; and a number of members.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then exalted Bros. Blackmore, L.D.S.; Thomson, L.D.S.; and Lunn, M.A., M.D., to the Supreme Degree in a very impressive manner. The lectures were afterwards given by the Principals.

The chapter was closed, and a dinner followed.

This chapter is not confined to members of the medical profession, but admits brethren of all the learned professions.

## Obituary.

### BRO. J. HEATLEY, No. 1167.

On Saturday morning, the 20th instant, Bro. James Heatley, one of the oldest tradesmen of Alnwick, died at his residence in Belvedere-terrace, Alnwick. The deceased brother was one of the public men in the town, having a public career of over 30 years. He was Secretary of the Mechanic' Institute from 1868 to 1878, then being made Vice-President of that society. He was elected member of the Alnwick Local Board of Health in 1868, in 1885 was appointed Chairman, and was a member of the Urban Council at the time of his death; he was a member of the Alnwick Board of Guardians for a number of years, being twice elected Chairman of that body, and a member of the Alnwick Burial Board nearly from its formation. He was manager of the Ragged School when it was in existence, member and Chairman of the Alnwick Gas Company, a Governor of the Infirmary; and was also a prominent member of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club. He was the oldest member of the Alnwick Lodge, No. 1167, being one of three who originally formed the lodge. He also held provincial honours in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, and was an enthusiastic Mason. As

a business man, he was well known from the Humber to the Forth as being the manufacturer of the celebrated Alnwick tobacco, the business at one time in this respect being one of the largest in the North of England. To this business he succeeded on the death of his father. On the formation of the Volunteer Force he at once enrolled himself, and ultimately became lieutenant in the Alnwick Rifle Company, but left the corps in 1870. He was an elder and prominent member of St. James's Presbyterian Church. A like office he also held in Lisburn-street Presbyterian Church previous to its being merged into St. James's. In politics he was a staunch Liberal, taking a most active part in every election since the early 50's, and was practically the politician who introduced Sir Edward Grey on his successful campaign in 1884. The deceased brother was 68 years of age, and leaves a widow and grown up family.

### BRO. W. WATKINS, P.M., P.P.G.W. MONMOUTHSHIRE.

It is with great regret we have to announce the death, on Saturday, the 13th inst., of Bro. W. Watkins, of Newport, Monmouthshire, who in his day had done good service to Masonry and its Institutions. He was initiated on the 19th October, 1864, in the Grove Lodge, No. 410, Ewell, but two years later, having in the meantime migrated to Newport, he joined the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, and remained a subscribing member for upwards of 18 years. In April, 1872, he became a founder and first Junior Warden of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1429, and the following year was elected and installed W.M.; while in 1886 he was honoured with the appointment of Prov. S.G.W. of Monmouthshire. In Royal Arch Masonry he was P.Z. of the St. Woolos Chapter, No. 683, Newport, and Past Prov. G. Treasurer, and in Mark Masonry a P.M. Keystone Lodge, No. 109, Newport—having occupied the chair of A. in 1876—and P.P.S.G. Warden. He was a Vice-President of both our Schools, a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and had in all served as Festival Steward for one or other of them on eight different occasions, and it will be in the recollection of many that his little boy, Master Willie Watkins, filled the same office at the Girls' School Centenary in 1888, and was a Vice-President of that Institution and of the Boys' School, while his other children were also Life Governors.

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# EGYPT AND THE HOLY LAND.

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The cost of the Cruise will be 25 Guineas, including second-class return Ticket—London-Marseilles, via Dover and Calais—and a 25 days' cruise. Land-excursions extra. The party will leave London on Jan. 21st, returning on Feb. 16th.

Other cruises leave London, Dec. 22nd, Feb. 18th, and April 12th.

The Lecturers are Sir Arthur Arnold, the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, the Head Master of Wellington College, the Head Master of Cheltenham College, Sir Lambert Playfair, Rev. Canon Moore (LL.D.), Dean Forrest, Canon Tristram, Professor Sayce, Professor Ramsay, and the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford (Chaplain of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem).

Full particulars with a plan of the steamer from the SECRETARY, 5 ENDOSLEIGH GARDENS, LONDON, N.W.



## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE DUCHESS OF ST. ALBANS and Lady Alexandra Beauclerk have left Canford for Bestwood Lodge.

LORD AND LADY IVEAGH have left London for Elveden, where they will entertain a large shooting party.

BRO. SIR WILLIAM HART DYKE, M.P., has left town for Egypt, and will return in time for the re-assembling of Parliament.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has signified his intention of being present at the Richmond mayoral banquet at the Star and Garter Hotel on the 13th prox.

A MARRIAGE HAS been arranged, and will take place shortly, between Prince Victor Dhuleep Singh and Lady Anne Coventry, youngest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Coventry.

BRO. LORD AND LADY PIRBRIGHT are entertaining a large party at Henley Park for covert shooting. They intend spending Christmas and part of the winter at Pirbright instead of going abroad this year.

THE TOTAL result of the sale of the late Bro. Montagu's collection of coins, which was concluded on Saturday last at Sotheby's, is the large sum of £54,623. The Greek series realised £11,786, and the English series £22,603.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, with the Princesses Margaret and Victoria, visited the Queen on Saturday last, and in addition to the Royal guests, the Bishop of Chichester had the honour of being included in her Majesty's dinner party.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark returned to Marlborough House on Tuesday on the conclusion of their visit to the Queen. They will make a very short stay in town before proceeding to Sandringham.

THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY, K.G., has accepted the presidency of the London Society of East Anglians for the ensuing year, and will take the chair at the annual banquet, which is to be held in the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, on March 19th next.

HIS EXCELLENCY COUNT DEYM, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador in London, who has been on the Continent since the last week in July, has returned to town, and was among the visitors to the Foreign Office on Tuesday. Countess Deym and her daughters remain abroad for the present.

SO THAT THE production of the two great London pantomimes, "Cinderella" at the Garrick and "The Babes in the Wood" at Drury Lane, shall not be produced simultaneously on Boxing Night, it has been decided to give the first performance of "Cinderella" at the Garrick Theatre on the morning of Boxing Day.

MASONIC BALL.—The second annual ball in connection with the Egerton Lodge, New Brighton, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Victoria-road, New Brighton, on the 14th January. It is expected there will be a great demand for tickets, and as there will be a limited number, the Secretaries advise early application.

BRO. THOMAS DUTTON, M.D., M.R.C.P. Ed., W.M. 2410 and M.E.Z. 2410, and Bro. J. Pickett, M.D., P.M., Sec., and H. of the same lodge and chapter, were unanimously elected honorary members of the Zenon Lodge, No. 18, Cyprus (Greece Constitution), which election has been approved by the Grand Lodge of Greece.

THE EMPRESS FREDERIC's birthday was celebrated at Windsor on Sunday, the 21st instant, by the ringing of the church bells. In London, flags were hoisted at the Houses of Parliament and at the public offices, and there were the usual Royal birthday military formalities. The firing of the Royal salute was deferred till Monday.

BRO. E. MACRORY, Q.C., has been elected Treasurer of the Middle Temple, in succession to Mr. Murphy, Q.C. Bro. Macrory is the Secretary of the Barristers' Benevolent Association. Some years ago he voluntarily relinquished the excellent prospects of advancement which lay open before him in his profession in order to devote himself to barristers whom fortune had not favoured and those they had left unprovided for.

A CABINET COUNCIL was held on Saturday last at the Foreign Office, when there were present among other members Bros. the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. Hicks Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, and Sir M. White Ridley.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, accompanied by Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, and attended by Major-General Sir Arthur Ellis and Bro. Col. and the Hon. Mrs. Egerton, left Marlborough House on Saturday last on a visit to the Queen at Windsor Castle, where H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria had arrived on the previous day. His Royal Highness returned to town on Sunday, and left the following day for Lambton Castle, as the guest of Bro. the Earl of Durham.

THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT has promised to preside at a meeting of the members of the Llangibby Hunt, to be held at Newport (Mon.), to-day (Friday), when Mr. John Lawrence, the popular master, who will on that day complete his 50th year, is to be presented with his portrait, painted in oils by Mr. Charlton, in commemoration of the occasion. Mr. Lawrence has been more or less intimately concerned with hunting for the past 70 years. He was master of the Llangibby and Chepstow Foxhounds before the two countries were divided.

THE QUEEN was visited at Windsor on Monday by the Duke of Teck, the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince and Princess Adolphus of Teck, and Prince Alexander of Teck, who remained to luncheon at the Castle, and subsequently returned to White Lodge. The Duke of York was attended by Sir Charles Cust, and the Duke of Teck by the Hon. Arthur Walsh. Later in the day, Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar arrived, and were included in her Majesty's dinner party. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught having terminated their stay left for Aldershot and Bagshot respectively.

IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Knightsbridge, on Saturday afternoon last, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. George Lopes, only surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ludlow Lopes, of Sandridge Park, Melksham, with the Hon. Ernestine Frances Lopes, fourth daughter of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Ludlow, of Heywood, Westbury, Wilts. The church was filled with guests, chiefly legal celebrities and their families, those present including the Lord Chancellor and Lady Halsbury, the Earl and Countess of Bessborough, Viscount Doneraile, Viscount and Viscountess Esher, Lord and Lady Henry Nevill, Lord and Lady Duncannon, Lord and Lady Raglan, Bro. Lord and Lady Llangattock, Lord and Lady Cottesloe, Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, Lady Ellenborough, and many others.

AN INFLUENTIAL DEPUTATION from the Committee appointed to decorate the Ward of Bishopsgate for Lord Mayor's Day waited at the Mansion House upon Bro. the Lord Mayor on Monday, and presented him with a silver shield engraved with an address from the inhabitants of that Ward, which his lordship represents in the Court of Aldermen. The presentation was made in graceful terms by Mr. Henry Clarke, and the Lord Mayor, in reply, assured the deputation that he gratefully appreciated the kindness exhibited towards him since his election as Alderman, and especially in connection with his installation to office; and he hoped that during his Mayoralty he might be enabled to do all he could for the benefit of the community, and especially those who might look to the Mansion House for relief and assistance in any calamity which might arise.

EVERY MASON should read "Volo, or the Will," what it is, how to strengthen and how to use it. By Arthur Lovell, author of "Ars Vivendi." Crown 8vo., cloth, 3s. 6d. net; by post, 3s. 9d. Many curious and interesting facts are given about ancient and modern initiations. Catalogue post free. Nichols and Co., Publishers, 23, Oxford-street, W. Light, Sept., 1897—"The Author's theories seem to us reasonable and valuable." The Glasgow Herald, Sept., 1897—"Mr. LOVELL has much that is valuable to say on the subject of the Will. The advices which he gives as to the training and disciplining of the Will and its practical cultivation are excellent, while the central principle of his philosophy is beyond question."—[ADVT.]

BRO. GENERAL SIR HERBERT KITCHENER, the Sirdar, and Lieutenant-Colonel Parsons, Governor of Suakin, left Cairo for Suakin on Tuesday, en route to Massowah.

BY COMMAND, Jolly's Cinématographe and Taffary's wonderful dogs, from the Empire Theatre, appeared at Windsor Castle on Tuesday evening, and performed before her Majesty. The Empire orchestra, conducted by Mons. Wenzel, was in attendance and gave selections during the entertainment.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, Princess Victoria, and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, who have been staying for a few days with the Queen, left Windsor Castle on Tuesday, accompanied by Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar. Their Royal Highnesses proceeded from Marlborough House to Sandringham the following day.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION is authorised to state that there is no foundation for the announcement that Mr. Cecil Rhodes has had a serious relapse, and that his condition gives cause for anxiety. Upon the publication of the alarmist rumour on Tuesday morning a cablegram was forwarded to Mr. Rhodes, and an answer has been received to the effect that he is in very good health.

UNDER the patronage of Princess Christian and Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, the Stage Needlework Guild (a branch of the Theatrical Ladies' Guild), held its Annual Exhibition of Clothing, at 3, Grosvenor-place, on Tuesday, by kind permission of the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., and Lady Esther Smith. Among those present were Mrs. C. Carson, Miss Fanny Brough, Miss Gertrude Kingston, Miss Lily Hanbury, Miss Vane Featherstone, and Miss Sybil Carlisle.

ROYALTY ENTERED into the competitions at the West Herts Fanciers' Show, held at Watford. The Duke of York secured fourth prize in the class for working homers (old birds). H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was highly commended in young working homers; the Duke of York securing the fourth award in a keen competition. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, out of six birds entered in the bantam classes, gained a second and a fourth prize and a very highly commended. The total number of entries for the show was nearly 1600.

BRO. SIR SQUIRE BANCROFT, having last year found the few readings of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" so profitable to the charities for which he gave them, is this year extending his good offices. On Monday evening he gave his reading in the Portman Rooms, Baker-street, in aid of the Clarence Memorial Wing of St. Mary's Hospital, and the financial result should be of service to so good an institution. Those who spent their money in the good cause of charity had no reason to think they did not get a good return for it, for Sir Squire's rendering of Dickens's version of "peace and good will to men" is one which all should hear who have the opportunity. And what better sermon on charity could be preached than the Carol with the conquest and overthrow of selfishness and greed, and the conversion of Scrooge to genial ways and charitable mood.

IN RESPONSE to the general desire of the trade interested in the event, voiced by an influential and representative deputation, Mr. John Pattison, of the well-known house of Pattisons, Ltd., Highland Distillers, of Leith, Ballindalloch, and London, has consented to preside at the next annual festival of the South London Licensed Victuallers' and Beersellers' Trade Protection Association. The Society embraces a very extensive area, covering the district lying between London Bridge and Vauxhall Bridge, and extending from the river in a southerly direction as far as the Crystal Palace. It has been in existence for over 20 years, and it is one of the most flourishing associations of the kind in the capital. With Mr. Pattison in the chair it is confidently anticipated that the festival will be one of the most successful the Society has ever held.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT presided at a lecture on "The Defence of a Flank," given by Lieut.-Col. M. H. G. Goldie, Royal Engineers, before the members of the Aldershot Military Society in the Prince Consort's library at Aldershot, on Tuesday. The lecturer's chief point was that efficient flank defence against strong attack implied bold and heavy counter-attack, and that in view of the power of modern artillery there was danger in using field defences on a flank except in certain cases. His Royal Highness, in thanking Colonel Goldie for his address, which evinced a deep study of military history, said it had been illustrated how in one case redoubts and field works had been of the greatest use in enabling a small force to detain a great army, and on the other hand how a force could receive protection for some time before launching upon a counter-attack. He thought most present would agree that to sit down in a temporary fortified position without being ready with a strong force in hand to make a counter-attack would be faulty tactics.

THE COURT CIRCULAR of Tuesday announces that during the visit of Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar to the Queen at Windsor on Monday her Majesty presented to his Highness the bâton of a Field-Marshal. This is the crowning step in the Prince's brilliant career as a soldier. His Highness, who is Colonel of the 1st Life Guards, went through the Crimean War with the Grenadier Guards, being present at the battles of the Alma, Balaclava, and Inkerman, and at the siege of Sebastopol, where he was wounded in the trenches. His name was mentioned in dispatches, and he was the recipient of many medals and decorations. His Highness preceded Bro. Viscount Wolsley as Commander of her Majesty's Forces in Ireland. Prince Edward's new honour brings up the number of soldiers entitled to carry the bâton of Field-Marshal to eight, the other seven in the order of their creation being the Duke of Cambridge, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Sir John Lintorn Simmons, Sir Frederick Haines, Sir Donald Stewart, Bro. Viscount Wolsley, and Bro. Lord Roberts.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, who was attended by Major Martin (Equerry) and Miss Loch (Lady-in-Waiting), on Monday presented medallions and certificates, in the Concert Hall at the Crystal Palace, to the pupils and members of the Norwood Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association. Her Royal Highness was received by Mr. C. E. Tritton, M.P., Chairman of the Centre, the executive, and by the members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, a guard of honour being furnished by the 4th Volunteer Battalion East Surrey Regiment, under Lieutenant-Colonel Bowen. Others present included Sir Vincent and Lady Kennett-Barrington, Sir Edward L. O'Malley, Sir James Dick, Bro. Major-General Sir C. Warren, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Herbert C. Perrott, Canon Duckworth, Surgeon-Major-General Jameson, Major-General Asley Terry, and Major Wyndham Malet. As her Royal Highness was leaving the Palace she was greeted by 200 orphans from the Norwood Convent, one of whom presented her with a bouquet and an address.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Major-General Sir Arthur Ellis, left Marlborough House on Monday for Lambton Castle, on a visit to Bro. the Earl of Durham, travelling by special train from King's Cross, on the Great Northern line. At the station his Royal Highness was received by Sir Henry Oakley, general manager of the railway, and conducted to his saloon. Amongst other guests invited to Lambton Castle to meet the Prince of Wales who travelled in the Royal train were the Duchess of Manchester, Lady Sarah Wilson, Lady Randolph Churchill, his Excellency the Portuguese Minister, Bro. Christopher Sykes, and Mr. Reuben Sassoon. Arriving at Chester-le-Street at 6.25, his Royal Highness was met by his noble host, and at once entered an open carriage drawn by four horses, preceded by two outriders. The town was gaily decorated in honour of the event, and a large crowd of people who lined the route from the station to Lambton Castle accorded the Royal visitor an enthusiastic welcome. This is the second occasion on which the Prince has been a guest at Lambton Castle. In the year 1857 his Royal Highness was entertained at luncheon by the present Earl's father, after he had, in company with his noble host, descended one of the Lambton coal pits.

PLUMBERS and their trade were influentially represented on Tuesday evening at the Sadlers' Hall, Cheapside, when the Master of the Plumbers' Company, Alderman Richard Hind, presided over a banquet at which Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were the principal guests. Others present included Sir George Kekewich, Sir Courtenay Boyle, the Lord Provost of Glasgow, the Lord Provost of Perth, Sir Henry Craik, Mr. L. R. Kent, President of the United Operative Plumbers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland; Bro. John Aird, M.P., Mr. Joseph Walton, M.P., Mr. C. G. Smithers, Master of the Saddlers' Company; and Mr. Charles Hudson and Mr. Frederick Machin, Wardens of the Plumbers' Company. Bro. the Lord Mayor, in responding to the toast of himself, the Sheriffs, and the Corporation of the City of London, given by the Chairman, dwelt on the grave responsibility which rested in the hands of the plumber. Human life often depended on good or bad workmanship, and, though the measure for the registration of plumbers had not been accepted by Parliament, he hoped it would come to pass in the near future. On Mr. Robert Crawford devolved the task of proposing the toast of the evening, which bore on the relationship between the municipal and county authorities and the public health work of the plumber. Both were striving hard for the public good.