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### THE RECENT MEETING OF EXPERTS AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

Last week we published a full report of the recent meeting held in the Board Room at Freemasons' Hall, at the invitation of the Board of General Purposes, and our readers will, no doubt, have remarked from the list we gave of the brethren present in addition to the members, that a gathering more representative of the Craft and more capable of pronouncing judgment on the abstruse subject so ably and, at the same time, so clearly expounded by Bro. KLEIN could hardly have been brought together. The brethren present were all of them of the rank of Installed Master, only those who preside or have presided over our lodges being qualified to receive the enlightenment vouchsafed them by the lecturer, while the fact that among the names of those invited to attend—and the great majority of whom were present—will be found those of Bros. Sir CHARLES WARREN, founder and first Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, Past Dist. G.M. Eastern Archipelago; R. F. GOULD, P.M. No. 2076, P.G.D.; W. H. RYLANDS, P.M. No. 2076, P.A.G.D.C.; Sir WALTER BESANT, Treasurer No. 2076; Dr. W. WYNN WESTCOTT, KUPFERSCHMIDT, I.P.M. No. 2076, Asst. G. Sec. German Correspondence; C. PURDON CLARKE, P.M., S.W. No. 2076; G. W. SPETH, P.A.G.D.C., Sec. No. 2076; HENRY SADLER, G. Tyler and Sub-Librarian G. Lodge; C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D.; and W. M. BYWATER, P.M. No. 2076, Past G.S.B., is a guarantee that the resolution which the meeting unanimously adopted, when the brief remarks that followed the demonstration were closed must have been arrived at only after the most careful consideration and with a becoming sense of the responsibility it entailed. The resolution, which will be found in our report of last week, contained (1) an acknowledgment of the great interest and importance of the subject; (2) an expression of the opinion "that it is one that will amply justify further inquiry;" and (3) a recommendation to the Board of General Purposes that it should institute such further inquiry as in its wisdom and discretion it may consider necessary or expedient. It is impossible to avoid forming a very high opinion of the merits of Bro. KLEIN's demonstration, when a representative meeting of our most enlightened and experienced Masonic experts accepts a resolution expressed in such decided terms.

To furnish any account of the demonstration itself is, of course, out of the question. There can, however, be no objec-

tion to our stating that Bro. KLEIN claims to have discovered the genuine secrets of a M.M., and so far as the opinion goes of the competent judges present at this memorable meeting of the 25th ultimo, he would seem to have succeeded in establishing the justice of this claim. There is, too, one very important consideration which must not be lost sight of in estimating the value of this particular demonstration, namely, that Bro. KLEIN's credentials, more especially in that particular branch of study to which he has given his mind, and the results of which he is now laying before our great literary and scientific lodge—the Quatuor Coronati—are of the very highest order. His paper on "The Great Symbol," his inaugural address as Worshipful Master of that lodge, the series of illustrations of "the Hidden Mysteries of Science and Art"—of which the first was given to the lodge last month—all these must have had the effect of favourably disposing the experts towards the demonstration, while the demonstration itself, seeing that, so far as it went, it elicited their unanimous approval, cannot have been very wide of the mark to have satisfied such capable and exigent critics. We warmly congratulate Bro. KLEIN on the success of the meeting, and trust that when there has been still further and fuller consideration of the subject, the Board of General Purposes may see its way to taking such steps as it deem proper in behalf of the recommendation of this important gathering.

### ENGLISH FREEMASONRY IN THE COLONIES.

We are always glad of the opportunity of making known, through the medium of our columns, the opinions of individual brethren on questions of general Masonic interest, and especially is this the case when, as with the letter we published last week from Bro. EDWARD H. GIBBON, District S.G.D. of Queensland, the opinions are those of a brother who may, we suppose, be looked upon as a typical English Colonial Mason, loyal to the backbone to the Constitution of which he is a member, and, at the same time, desirous above all things to do all in his power to promote the general welfare of the Craft. It has long been known that our Queensland brethren set their faces strongly against the establishment of a local Grand Lodge. There are, of course, individual members who are favourable to such a move, and it is quite on the cards that the number of such has been augmented since the formation of local Grand Lodges in most of the other great Australasian Colonies. But the bulk of them are strongly imbued with the belief that they are better off, and occupy a stronger position in Masonry, as a District under the English Constitution, than they would be if they were amalgamated with their Irish and Scottish brethren, and presided over by a Grand Lodge of their own. They enjoy all the advantages—not improbably more than all the advantages—which could pertain to them as a self-governing Masonic body, while, at the same time, they have a share in the prestige which necessarily attaches to being constituent members of the premier Grand Lodge of the world. As Bro. GIBBON very forcibly puts it, "we as English Masons take particular pride in our Constitution, and feel that to be an English Mason carries with it the same proud relative effect as the 'Romanus sum' of old had amongst the neighbouring States." This is a feeling of which we at home have every reason to be proud, and whatever is done to

strengthen and perpetuate it must obviously be to the advantage of our Grand Lodge.

But while we are proud of these feelings of devoted loyalty on the part of our Queensland brethren towards the English and are thankful to Bro. GIBBON for having placed them so clearly and concisely before our readers, we do not share in his dismal forebodings as to the probable effect some of the additions to, and amendments of, the laws relating to Colonial Masonry which our Grand Lodge saw fit to adopt last year. We expressed ourselves to this effect in our Notes of last September, nor are we aware of anything that has happened since to alter our opinion. We do not allow that by its recent Colonial legislation our Grand Lodge has exposed itself to the charge which Bro. GIBBON brings against it of "granting constitutional means for promoting Masonic schism and fostering envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness." As regards the former of his charges—that of "granting constitutional means for promoting Masonic schism"—what Grand Lodge did last year was to sanction the discussion, regularly, in open lodge, of any question that might arise in a British Colony, presently unprovided with a separate and independent Masonic organisation, as to the necessity or desirability of establishing a local Grand Lodge. Clearly it is not in the power of Grand Lodge to prevent such questions arising, and past experience shows that whenever any such question has arisen, the absence from our Book of Constitutions of any legislative sanction for discussion has proved no obstacle to its being discussed. All that members of lodges had to do, when the question was raised in any Colony of establishing a local Grand Lodge, was to meet together and discuss it as individual Masons informally, at what, as compared with regular lodges, must have been hole-and-corner meetings. Under the new law the matter will be considered formally and reputably, with the sanction of the District Grand Master, or if that should be withheld, with that of the M.W. Grand Master. But it is only by a very long stretch of the imagination that anyone can venture to define this as "granting Constitutional means for promoting Masonic Schism." If the members of a lodge, or lodges, are already in heart schismatics, it is far better they should sever their connection with our Grand Lodge in the open light of day, with the sanction, if not with the approval, of the authorities, than that they should sneak out of it as though they were ashamed either of being known as English Masons or of their newly-formed desire for independence. On the other hand, if they are not already in heart or ever likely to become schismatics the facilities which the law now affords them of resolving for or against separation will not have the effect of converting them into schismatics. Nor in the case of lodges in which opinions on the subject of a local Grand Lodge are supposed to be pretty equally divided is there, as far as we are able to judge, the slightest chance of their being lost to the Grand Lodge of England by a snatch vote or a bare majority of voices, firstly, because the sanction of the authorities must be obtained in order that a special meeting or meetings for resolving on the question of forming a local Grand lodge may be held; secondly, because when the new Grand Lodge has been recognised by us, the timely notice of at least 21 days must be given for a special meeting of every lodge to be held; at which the question of joining the new body shall be considered; and thirdly and principally, because a majority of two-thirds of the members present at such meeting is required in order to give validity to a resolution passed in favour of so joining. Previous to the enactment of the present law, it cannot have been very difficult for the promoters of separation in any lodge to convene an informal meeting of the members hastily, without timely notice, or appoint it for a day on which they felt tolerably certain of being in a majority. Thus the law as it now stands, so far from offering facilities for the promotion of schism, provides the necessary safeguards against the adoption by lodges hastily or by a bare majority of votes of the policy of separation, and in so far as it does this, it is clearly an advantage to our Colonial lodges that such a law should be on the statute book.

As for Article 219, Book of Constitutions, both under the old and under the new law, the rights of minorities are sufficiently protected. Under the old law, a minority of three sufficed to

retain the warrant and carry on the lodge; under the existing law, it must be a minority of five. In the former case, if the minority fell below three, the warrant became extinct; in the latter, if the minority proves less than five, the lodge ceases to exist, and the warrant is returned to the Grand Master, who, however, may grant a dispensation for it to meet under such conditions as he may think proper until such time as he shall have finally made up his mind whether or not the lodge shall be continued. Thus, though the minority under the new law is increased from three to five, there is an equipoise provided in the power reserved to the Grand Master to continue the lodge if he considers there are circumstances which justify him in so doing. But, though the difference in the two minorities is such as to be hardly appreciable—at least, in ordinary circumstances—there is no reason to complain that under both the old and the new law the rights of minorities are not duly safeguarded.

It will be perceived that the general tendency of our remarks is to show that our Queensland brethren are in error in affirming that they are "being forced to give up" their "Masonic birth-right" by any act of the Grand Lodge of England, or that there are any real grounds for the feeling which Bro. GIBBON tells us is prevalent amongst them, that they have "neither the sympathy nor backing" of their "brethren at home." There is, however, strong reason to fear as regards English Masonry that the forecast which will be found in the 10th paragraph of his letter is by no means impossible of verification. That paragraph reads as follows: "At another meeting a Present District Grand Lodge Officer of the Scottish Constitution urged the union of the Scottish and Irish Constitutions, as by so doing it would compel the English Masons to chip in. This same Constitution, with an extraordinary facility for opening new lodges, and admitting all and sundry, boasts that it will shortly obtain a voting power which, in conjunction with the Irish vote, would place the English Masonic Fraternity in a hopeless minority." That this is not a fanciful expression of opinion will be found on consulting our Grand Lodge Calendar, from which we learn that while there are 54 English lodges under a D.G.M., there are some 43 lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of Scotland—of which as many as 26 figure among the 66 most recently warranted—under a Dist. Grand Master; and 19 lodges under the Irish Constitution under a Prov. Grand Master. Thus the Irish and Scottish lodges taken together, even at the present time, outnumber the English by eight. But neither legislation nor the absence of legislation by the Grand Lodge of England will assist to prevent this excessive multiplication of Scottish lodges, and all we can advise our English brethren in Queensland to do, if they desire to remain on the English register, is to stand firm, as a whole in their present allegiance. Let them, however, not run away with the idea that the Grand Lodge of England, in acting as it deems best for the welfare of all English Freemasonry, both home and Colonial, is careless, or ever likely to be careless, about their present and future interests. This can never be the case so long as the English lodges in any Colony elect to remain under our banner.

#### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held on Wednesday evening last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Comp. Earl Amherst, G.H., presided as G.M.E.Z.; Comp. W. W. B. Beach, G.J., as G.H.; and Comp. Col. Robert Townley Caldwell, M.A., G. Supt. Cambridgeshire, as G.J. The other companions present were—

Comps. E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; Thomas Fenn, as G.S.N.; Sir Geo. D. Harris, President Committee of General Purposes; Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, G. Treas.; R. Horton Smith, Q.C., Deputy G. Reg.; J. Strachan, Q.C., as G.P.S.; Sir Bruce M. Seton, as 1st A.G.S.; A. C. Spaul, as 2nd A.G.S.; W. Russell, G.S.B.; George C. Kent, 1st G. Std. Br.; W. J. Ebbetts, 4th G. Std. Br.; F. Richardson, P.A.G.S., G.D.C.; T. F. Pollock, D.G.D.C.; E. C. Mulvey, A.G. D.C.; George F. Smith, G. Org.; T. Ringer, D.G.S.B.; Robert Grey, Past President Committee of General Purposes; R. Clowes; Geo. Cowell, P.A.G.S.; R. Clay Sudlow; Alfred Spencer, P.G.S.B.; Walter Hughes; J. J. Thomas; Charles E. Keyser; Perceval A. Nairne; Edgar Goble; George Graveley, Henry A. Tobias, Hugh M. Gordon, S. V. Abraham, Mihill Slaughter, John Williams, Reginald St. A. Roumieu, E. M. Money, J. Leach Barrett, John W. Martin, John Mason, Major T. C. Walls, George Blake, Belgrave Ninnis, J. C. Parkinson, G. H. Hopkinson, James Stephens, W. F. Smithson, J. E. Le Feuvre, Francis Newman, Thomas Henry Gardiner, Wm. Stiles, P.G.T. C. F. Matier, Surgeon Lieut.-Col. Henry W. Kiallmark, W. A. Scurrah, Henry Sutherland, W. G. Kentish, A. J. R. Trendell, H. J. P. Dumas, Henry Lovegrove, J. M. McLeod, H. Sadler, G. Janitor; Maurice Spiegel, P.Z. 834, 1556, P.P.G.

Std. Br. Surrey; J. Harrison, P.Z. 1556, P.P.G.P.S. Surrey; Alexander C. Chaplin, H. 137, P. Prov. G.D.C. Dorset; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; N. W. Tuck, M.E.Z. 201; Charles J. R. Tijou, H. 1716; Wm. Robert Barr, M.E.Z. 1275; J. E. Garson, M.E.Z. 1691; Thomas Dutton, M.D., M.E.Z. 2310; and H. E. Dehane, P.Z. 276, Past Prov. G. Prin. Soj. Essex.

After the opening of the Grand Chapter, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the convocation of November, 1897, the report of the Committee of General Purposes, was, on the motion of Comp. Sir GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D.C., taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Permission was given to remove the following chapters: The Fidelity Chapter, No. 269, from the Old Bull Hotel, to the head-quarters of the 1st Volunteer Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment, Canterbury-street, Blackburn; the Britannic Chapter, No. 33, from Freemasons' Hall, to the Holborn Restaurant, London; the Lily of Richmond Chapter, No. 826, from the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, to the Holborn Restaurant, London; the Moriah Chapter, No. 34, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Café Royal, Regent-street, London.

The Chapter of Prosperity, No. 293, Huddersfield, was authorised to wear a centenary jewel, the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years.

The following chapters were erased: The Star of Gwalior Chapter, No. 1066, Ihansi, Bengal, and St. Paul's Chapter, No. 1210, Dinapore, Bengal, these chapters having ceased to work for many years, and having lost their charters. The Concord Chapter, No. 608, Fort Beaufort, South Africa, Eastern Division, having ceased to work and returned its charter, it also was erased from the roll.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

#### FORTHCOMING PRESENTATION TO BRO. R. B. REED, PAST D.P.G.M.M.

For some years past the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham has been particularly favoured in having at its head such an enthusiastic and eloquent Provincial Grand Mark Master as Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., whose researches, both literary and archaeological, and whose investigations in the Holy Land have been of such immense interest to the brethren of his province and of value to Mark Masons generally. A few years ago, a magnificent portrait was painted and presented to the Rev. Canon Tristram in recognition of his services to the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge and to Mark Masonry in general. Following upon this, after a period of some years of splendid service given by another devoted North-country Mason, the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. Richard Bagnall Reed, of Newcastle, the well-known manager of the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle*, who, through failing health and infirmity, was last year obliged to relinquish the important office, the duties of which he had discharged with characteristic ability, energy, and common sense, it is not remarkable that the officers and brethren of the Mark in the Province had determined to do honour in recognition of his work, and an excellent painting in oils has just been executed for presentation to Bro. Reed. All who have been brought in contact with Bro. Reed in the course of their Masonic career, have always felt that his interest in Masonry has been of a remarkable, sterling, and enthusiastic character. He was connected with the old Industry Lodge of Gateshead, which was originally a working Masonic lodge at Swalwell, and was afterwards Provincial Grand Treasurer of Durham; while in recent years he has acted as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Mark.

As a permanent memento of his services as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. B. Reed, of Newcastle, is to be presented with his portrait, in oils, at the instance of the Mark Master Masons of the Province of Northumberland and Durham. The commission was entrusted to Mr. C. Kay Robertson, an artist who has greatly enhanced his already high reputation in the last few years by his portraits of the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D.; Professor Philipson, Mr. Fred. W. Wyndham, and others. Though it is not intended to hand over the portrait until the next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, the work has been completed, and was a few days ago privately on exhibition at the fine art galleries of Messrs. Mawson, Swan, and Morgan, Newcastle. Mr. Robertson has in this latest instance of his gift of portraiture fully warranted the responsible trust that was placed in him by the Presentation Committee, of which Bro. John Heppell, P.G. Sec., has acted as Secretary. The artist has treated his subject in a very simple, but exceptionally happy manner. Past Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Richard Bagnall Reed, whose figure is so familiar to Mark Masons and the general public in Newcastle, is portrayed seated in an old high-backed carved oak chair, dressed in a suit of customary black, with turned-down collar, and black tie. Bro. Reed is invested with his apron and chain of office, he appears in an attitude of responsive attention, and is, apparently, just on the point of replying to some remark that has been addressed to him. The pose is natural, and the expression of kindly interest that the artist has imparted to the features renders the portrait one of the most successful that Mr. Kay Robertson has yet produced.

When the gift is made over to Bro. Reed it is proposed that the portrait should have the accompanying inscription: "Presented by the Mark Master Masons of the Province of Northumberland and Durham to Bro. Richard Bagnall Reed, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of that Province, 1888 to 1897, as a mark of their respect and esteem."

The Committee of the Testimonial Fund has for its chairman Bro. the Rev. H. B. Tristram, D.D., Canon of Durham, the Prov. Grand Mark Master; Bro. Thomas Purvis, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Newcastle, deputy vice-chairman; Bro. J. Straker Wilson, P.G. Stwd. Eng., Treas.; and Bro. John Heppell, P.G. Sec., Sec. The Committee includes, in addition to these gentlemen, a number of influential Mark Masons as members.

It is intended to supplement the presentation of the portrait with some other mark of respect, the subscriptions to the Fund having considerably exceeded the sum required for the painting.

Bro. Reed, it may be added, has a long record of association with the Mark Lodge, having joined it in the "sixties," since when he has advanced through all the grades until he attained the office of Deputy Prov. G. Master, in which he succeeded Bro. T. Y. Strachan, when that gentleman left Newcastle to live in London. Bro. Reed last year resigned the Deputy Prov. G. Mastership, and the occasion has been taken by his brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge to give evidence of their appreciation of his worth and services.

### CONSECRATION OF THE UNION ROYAL ARK MARINERS LODGE, No. 124.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., an interesting Masonic ceremony took place at Sunderland, when a new Royal Ark Mariners lodge, to be attached to the Union Mark Lodge, No. 124, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. The Consecrating Officer upon the occasion was Bro. Thos. Purvis, P.S.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M., who acted at the request of Bro. Canon Tristram, Prov. G.M.

The other Prov. G. Officers present were Bros. W. F. Carmon, P.P.J. G.W., P.C.N.; E. Dunford, P.P.G.O., P.C.N.; W. H. Strachan, P.P. G. Stwd., P.C.N.; Rev. J. H. Heywood, M.A., Prov. G. Chap.; Geo. Harland, P.P.G.R. of M.; J. Barker, P.P.G. Org., W.C.N.; J. Heppell, Prov. G. Sec.; J. D. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; F. S. Cowper, P.M. 124, P.P.S.G.D.; T. E. Greenhough, P.M. Old York; T. M. Bradford, P.P. G.I.G.; G. W. Bain, P.G. Treas.; John Deans, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.M.O.; and E. Lautebach, P.G.S.B.

The PRESIDING OFFICER expressed his regret at the absence of the Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, from whom he had received a letter, a portion of which he read, which congratulated the officers and brethren of the Mark lodges in Sunderland and South Shields, through whose enthusiasm the new Royal Ark Mariners lodge was to be formed. The satisfaction to the founders was shown by the fact of such a large number that day having been admitted to the Degree, so that they could be present on that occasion. (Applause.) He was sure they all shared with him the regret he had expressed at the absence of the P.G.M., who could not be with them. He (Canon Tristram) would like much to have been with them on such an interesting occasion; but he wrote expressing the hope that their craft would be satisfactorily launched, and he hoped it would ever continue to be successful in Sunderland. (Applause.)

The warrant for the new lodge was read by the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. JOHN HEPPELL, which named the founders and three principal officers to be Bros. G. W. Bain, as W.C.N.; G. Harland, S.J.; and J. C. Moor, S.S. The ceremony of consecration and dedication was then impressively performed by Bro. T. Purvis, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. the Rev. J. H. Heywood, M.A., P.G. Chap.; W. F. Carmon, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Strachan, P.P.G.S.; E. Dunford, P.P.J.G.O.; J. Barker, P.P.G.O.; T. E. Greenhough, P.P.J.G.W.; and G. W. Bain, P.G. Treas.

The new lodge having been dedicated and constituted, Bro. G. W. Bain was duly installed as W.C.N. by Bro. Purvis, D.P.G.M. Bro. Bain afterwards invested the following officers: Bros. G. Harland, J.; John C. Moor, S.; S. Peacock, Scribe; J. D. Todd, S.D.; John Deans, J.D.; F. S. Cowper, G.; E. Lautebach, T. Robinson, G. Harrison, T. O. Todd, T. R. Sanderson, and F. Coverdale, Stewards; and T. Grieve, Warden.

Afterwards very cordial thanks were expressed to Bro. Purvis, Dep. P. G.M., and the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

In proposing the motion, the W.C.N., Bro. G. W. BAIN, said they must all feel highly pleased and honoured by the impressive way in which the consecration ceremony had been performed, and they had been particularly struck with the beautiful oration which Bro. Purvis had delivered upon Royal Ark Mariners. To Bro. Purvis and the other officers they were all indebted for their self-denying efforts in coming that afternoon to consecrate their new Royal Ark Mariners' lodge. Their hearts were full of Masonic rejoicing for the way in which the work had been accomplished, and it was an augury of satisfaction, amity, and goodwill for the future. (Applause.)

The lodge was afterwards closed.

At the dinner which followed, Bro. G. W. BAIN presided, and proposed "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Purvis; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge," which were enthusiastically received.

Bro. T. PURVIS, D.P.G.M., in responding, expressed his hearty gratification at the enthusiasm of the Sunderland Union Lodge and South Shields Wouldhave Lodge, who had united to bring about the inauguration of the new lodge. He wished them, in common with the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Canon Tristram, every success, and hoped the prosperity of the Mark lodges and the Ark Mariners lodge in their midst would continue unabated and for the good of Masonry in general. (Applause.)

Other toasts followed.

### LADIES' FESTIVAL OF THE MOLESEY LODGE, No. 2473.

The Molesey Lodge during its short career has achieved many successes, principally owing to the fact that its members are all enthusiastic Masons, and that, therefore, success is always assured; but perhaps its greatest triumph is the ladies' night. This annual function is looked forward to as one of genuine enjoyment, and the hope is abundantly realised. The ladies' festival of 1898 took place, as usual, at the Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street, S.W., on Saturday, the 22nd ultimo. The W.M., Bro. Walter Dennis, in conjunction with the energetic I.P.M. and Secretary, Bro. E. L. Berry, the Stewards, Bros. E. L. Campbell, J. Harvey, E. Parsons, and A. Bray, and last, but by no means least, Bro. J. R. Cleave, the courteous host, had made every arrangement for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests, and provided a capital entertainment.

The guests assembled in the reception-room, where they were welcomed by Bro. W. Dennis, W.M., and beguiled a few moments with Edison's Phonograph. An adjournment was then made to the adjoining room, where a *recherche* repast was well served.

After dessert and grace, the toast list—which comprised but three toasts—was proceeded with, the W.M. briefly proposing "The Queen, Prince of Wales, and Royal Family."

Bro. E. L. BERRY, Prov. G.S. of W. Bucks, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that the principal characteristics of a W.M. were that he should be courteous of manner, easy of address, and able to perform all cere-

monies and preside at all meetings—especially a meeting like the present. The sway held by the W.M. was not as in Russia; but was one they all loved and admired him for. He would not speak of their W.M.'s personal appearance—that went without saying—but they had had some good Masters in their lodge, and Bro. Dennis was not behind any of his predecessors. That was their W.M.'s first appearance as President of the ladies' festival, and they would agree that for dignity and grace he was not to be beaten, whilst his genial presence would assist in making them happy. For these reasons they would cordially drink his health.

Bro. W. DENNIS, W.M., thanked them heartily and sincerely for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast of his health. They had all heard the old adage—that example was better than precept—but they would, perhaps, forgive him if he occupied their attention for a few more moments than he did when proposing the first toast. If the I.P.M. had restricted himself to facts, he would have spoken for a considerable less time than he did, but he had, instead, introduced certain statements, and endeavoured to impose them upon those present as facts. It was customary to give the W.M., on these occasions, credit for a great deal more than he deserved. If the I.P.M. ventured to question that statement, there were many present who could readily say that the larger portion of any credit that was deserved was due to the I.P.M., who was also Secretary, and he (the W.M.) took that opportunity of expressing to Bro. Berry his gratitude for yeoman service rendered as Secretary, on behalf of Freemasonry generally, and that lodge in particular. He frankly acknowledged that Bro. Berry had been allowed to take upon himself all the work, which he performed in an able and amiable manner. He wished to thank everyone present for their kindness in attending, and trusted they had enjoyed themselves. He hoped the programme arranged for their entertainment would meet with their approval, and that they would go away with no regrets at having attended the ladies' night of the Molesey Lodge.

Bro. C. G. SHERWOOD, S.W., then gave "The Ladies and Visitors." As far as the ladies were concerned, he could only say, from the little observation he had made, that they appeared to be happy and contented and looked lovely. The brethren welcomed the ladies, and hoped they were pleased with the entertainment. He noticed several visitors present whose faces were familiar and whose names were household words, and he hoped they had all spent a pleasant evening.

Bro. J. H. PRICE, P.P.G. Treas. Surrey, on behalf of the ladies, said they had been delighted to be present with their husbands and those they hoped would be their husbands. The ladies were not accustomed to meet Freemasons at dinner, but from the experience they had had, they felt they should like to do so oftener. They could hardly see why there should not be ladies at all the meetings, but as their husbands told them this could not be, they must, for the present, be satisfied with coming once a year. For the kind and sincere remarks of the S.W. they hardly knew how to thank him. On behalf of the visitors he had also to express thanks. With regard to Bro. Berry, he had never known him to be connected with anything that was not successful, and he therefore thanked him and the officers who had made that evening's banquet such a complete success. There was, perhaps, an unseen hand in the arrangements and that was the worthy host of the hotel, whom the lodge was fortunate in possessing as a Past Master—Bro. Cleave—whom they recognised as having given ample assistance.

A special meed of praise is due to the musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. H. J. Foan, Organist of the lodge. These included musical items by Masters Charlie Potter and Ernie Cullen (of the North London Training College for Choristers), both of whom gave great promise for the future. The other artistes included Miss Marie Hooten, Bros. Stuart Walker and A. H. Botwright and the Charlton Quartette. Recitations were given by Mr. A. Guthrie Liddiard, whilst the humorous element was ably represented by Bros. Herbert Schartau and Wilson James, and Messrs. R. A. Roberts and Gurney Russell.

The company present included Bros. W. Dennis, W.M.; E. L. Berry, I.P.M., Sec.; A. Cogliati; Bro. Mrs. and Miss Hewett; Bro. and Mrs. A. W. Bray; Bro. C. G. Sherwood, S.W.; Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Harvey; Bro. and Mrs. C. Harvey; Miss Clarice Harvey; Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Lewis; Bro. and Mrs. Britton; Mr. A. E. Britton, B.A.; Bro. W. E. Greaves; Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Keen; Bros. H. J. Foan, Org.; N. B. Wastie; J. N. Armstrong; G. Ansell; Miss Power; Miss Pullen; Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Kitter; Bro. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler; Bro. and the Misses Fendick; Bro. and Mrs. Worley; and Bro. and Mrs. W. W. Lee.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMBLEMATIC LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1321.

The Emblematic Lodge of Instruction is one of the most popular and flourishing in London, and its annual festival is probably the most numerously attended, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement alone excepted. The festival held at St. James's Restaurant on the 25th ult. was no exception to the rule, over 200 partaking of the excellent dinner provided, this number including about 30 non-Masons.

The proceedings, which were of a very enjoyable nature, brought into prominence several interesting features connected with this lodge of instruction. First and foremost must be mentioned the fraternal love and regard in which the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. W. F. Bates, P.M., and the Assistant Preceptor, Bro. Welsford, P.M., are held. The staunch support still accorded by some of the original founders, such as Bro. W. B. Fendick and Bro. J. H. Price, was particularly noticeable. It was freely acknowledged by all the speakers that the success which the lodge has achieved and the exceedingly numerous attendance at the annual festivals are due in a very great measure to the popularity and indefatigable exertions of the two Secretaries—Bro. E. L. Berry, and his colleague, Bro. C. E. Gilbert—who are familiarly, but aptly termed "the twins."

The Preceptor, Bro. W. F. Bates, P.M., occupied the chair as President, the vice-chair being filled by Bro. T. Whitford, P.M., the W.M. of the Emblematic Lodge.

After dinner, a short toast list was proceeded with, "The Queen and the Royal Family, and the Craft," being first honoured.

The PRESIDENT then proposed "The Emblematic Lodge of Instruction," and prefaced his remarks by asking that the speeches should be short as there was a large array of musical talent provided by the kind efforts of the Secretary, Bro. Berry. It could not be denied that the foundation stone of the lodge of instruction must have been well and truly laid, otherwise it could not have raised a superstructure so perfect as they found it at the present time. There were not many founders present, but there were some of the earliest members including Bros. W. B. Fendick, J. H. Price, and others, who had been firm supporters and columns of strength and assisted in so good a result as was evidenced by the enormous gathering that night. There was, no doubt, that for many years past the extraordinary success that had attended that lodge of instruction had been due to the abnormal development of the bump of organisation in the Secretaries, Bros. Berry and Gilbert. Bro. Berry had not only ability, but also the will to make everything he

took in hand a thorough success, and this result was always attained. In giving that toast, he felt he must give these few words of praise, for they were honestly deserved.

Bro. E. L. BERRY, in reply, said he thought the President had rather made this the toast of the twin Secretaries of the Lodge of Instruction. It was usual at these meetings to give a short account of what had been done during the past year. There had been 40 new members added to their list, and that, was, perhaps, a record for lodges of instruction in London. The average attendance had been between 25 and 30, and they had given 20 guineas to the Masonic Charities. Those 20 guineas had been made up from the threepences collected weekly to defray expenses. Last year they had two or three special nights, but this year there was none. They had, however, gone on in a happy manner, and that night the attendance was 20 per cent. larger than on any preceding festival. Six years ago they met 15 strong, but there were over 200 in the room on the present occasion, which was very gratifying. The Secretaries had their reward in the large number attending, and so long as the brethren continued to support them they would use their utmost endeavours to do their best for the lodge.

Bro. W. B. FENDICK, P.M., submitted "The President and Vice-President," and said he had an easy task in speaking of their virtues, and those who attended the lodge of instruction knew how deserving they were of the toast. The brethren would drink to their healths because they appreciated them so highly, and those present who were not brethren would drink the toast of those whom they ought to know and whose acquaintance they should make.

The PRESIDENT, who met with a very cordial reception, said: I can assure you that in responding to this toast I hardly know how to express my thanks—in fact I have no words to express the thanks I feel for the kind proposition and reception. I can only say that if ever I have deserved anything at the hands of this lodge of instruction, and whatever I have done in the past, it will be my earnest endeavour in future to carry out my duty in whatever position I fill—for I may not always hold the position of Preceptor. If I should vacate that position I shall be just as strong to support my successor as I have been to perform the duties devolving upon me. I may say—although, perhaps, I ought not—that during the years I have held that prominent position the success of that lodge has been wonderfully maintained—maintained not through my exertions entirely but through the hearty co-operation, the good will and fellowship, *esprit de corps* of the members, and therefore the result could not but be success. It is not given to every individual to command success, but we have striven to do more—deserve it, and if the success of the lodge has resulted through my endeavours I am more than repaid. I look upon our meetings as the Tuesday of my life and every week throughout the year for we have no vacation, all the king's horses and the king's men would not draw me away from the lodge of instruction. I have a willing heart whatever my capabilities, and I am willing to do all I possibly can to not only maintain, but enhance the success of the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. WELSFORD, P.M., Asst. Preceptor, also replied in response to many calls, and said that he was well rewarded for any efforts he made in the lodge of instruction.

Bro. T. WHITFORD, P.M., Vice-President, on behalf of the Emblematic Lodge, of which he was the representative, returned thanks for the toast. He then proceeded to propose "The Visitors," and said it was always enthusiastically received, as a hearty reception was at all times accorded visitors. In the name of the lodge of instruction and of all the members, he said the visitors were especially welcome that evening, and hoped they had had one of the most enjoyable meetings of the season. Those who were Masons he should like to see present at every meeting. When those who were not Masons had the felicity of attending, they would gain the great object in life—the opportunity of spending an hour or two where they could forget all the troubles and worries of business. He knew that personally and spoke feelingly, and advised every one present, when they had the opportunity, to join and attain that object.

Mr. STANDING, in response, said that when he attended he had a horror of the mysteries of the Craft, visions of boiling oil and branding-irons, but since he had been present he had admired the affection displayed, and the artistic element of the music. They had enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and heartily thanked them, and would go away with only one regret—that they were not brethren of this lodge.

The huge programme of music provided added in no small measure to the enjoyment of the evening, and where all were so good and each item so artistically rendered it would be invidious to particularise. The artistes included Miss Edith Yorke, the Charlton Vocal Quartette, Messrs. W. Wynstay, Stuart Walker, C. W. Percy, W. J. Harris, H. McCormack, Ambrose Thorne, Wilfred Edwards, R. A. Roberts, W. Serjeant Lee, M.A., and Clement Harris.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE BRO. MAJOR-GEN. YEATMAN-BIGGS, DIST. G.M. BENGAL.

When the sad news reached Aldershot of Major-General Yeatman-Biggs's demise his many friends in garrison realised that a truly good man had been called to his long rest, and that the world was thereby all the poorer. The gallant officer was not struck down by a bullet from the enemy, but from that fell disease, dysentery. He had, however, before being brought to the rear for rest safely led his brigade through many difficulties in that frontier war, and was able to write a cheerful telegram to his friends at home. Sad, indeed therefore, was the intelligence of his death, but to none sadder than to the members of the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, seeing that never had there been a more popular Past Master than he. It therefore was but little wonder that the lodge, in conjunction with Major-General Marshall and the officers of the Royal Artillery, should have taken steps to hold a solemn memorial service in connection with their brother. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who is the W.M. of the lodge for the year, readily approved of the proposal, and the necessary dispensation was procured to hold the solemn service at All Saints' on Thursday afternoon, the 27th ult. The deceased, who was a connection of Bro. W. E. Foster, and who was Secretary to the Army and Navy Lodge, joined about 11 years ago, when the late Duke of Clarence was a member, and quickly became one of its most popular brethren, at that time the W.M. being the late Bro. General Reilly. His rise as a Mason was most rapid, for with his characteristic energy after serving as Warden under Bro. Deputy-Surgeon-General Prescott he was unanimously elected W.M. of his lodge in 1887, his friend Bro. Foster having retired in his favour. He was appointed Prov. S.G.W. for the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., and when Bro. Foster followed him in the chair, the late General took up the Secretarial duties previously discharged by that brother. When he left Aldershot for



service in India he made rapid strides in Masonry, and he died as Grand Master of the District of Bengal.

The deceased general also assisted in founding several lodges in India, more than one of which is named after him. Moreover it was not in Craft Masonry alone, but also in the higher Degrees that found in him a staunch and active supporter. Still it will be with the former that his memory will remain more intimately associated in Aldershot. He ever attended with regularity at his own lodge, and he was at the same time a constant and ever-welcome visitor to the neighbouring lodges. He took great interest in the Camp Lodge, No. 1321, and wherever he went, one must say he was ever ready of speech and endeared himself to all. We learn with regret that there are very few brethren who were officers of the lodge during his connection with it who are now amongst its members in Aldershot; but there is Bro. Capt. V. Paget, E. Battery, R.H.A., who was then J.W.; Bro. E. Foster, who was then Secretary; Bro. Col. Meade, who was then S.W.; and Bro. Dr. Coleman Barr, who was then Treasurer. Other well-known officers who were in the lodge at the time were Bros. Colonel G. M. Fox, Colonel Onslow, 20th Hussars, and Lundell, R.E.

As regards the memorial service, a Committee was formed to make the necessary arrangements, composed of Bros. Surgeon-Major Grier, Col. Pickance, and W. E. Foster, with Major Jeffries, R.A., and Capt. Pagett, representing the officers of the Artillery. Unfortunately, however, two of the brethren of the Committee, namely, Bros. Colonel Pickance and W. E. Foster were placed *hors de combat*, the former by influenza, and the latter by an old ailment that occasionally lays him by the heels, so that the whole of the work in connection with the arrangements fell upon the shoulders of Bros. Surgeon-Major Grier, Major Jeffries, and Capt. Pagett. One side of the church was kept apart for the Masons, civilian brethren wearing their Masonic clothing, and the other portion of the church for the officers of the Royal Artillery, who were in full dress uniform, but wore no Masonic clothing.

The lodges represented which had accepted the invitations sent by the Army and Navy Lodge were the Panmure, Camp, Ubique, North Camp, and Border Lodges, and many representatives from each were present, including Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Colonel Davis, A.D.C.; Surgeon-General Prescott, Surgeon-Major Grier, Rev. J. Blackbourne, M. H. Chester, Lieut.-Colonels Eustance and Hunt, R.H.A., and R.A., Major Jeffries, Brigade-Major R.A., Major Marshall, R.A., Major Jarvis-White-Jarvis, R.A., Major Prinsep, Capt. Victor Pagett, Capt. Paton, and Lieut. Cunningham.

Around the chancel walls were draped the magnificent banners of the Past Masters of the lodge, these including banners of Bros. Col. Davis, A.D.C., W. E. Foster, Col. Cook, the late Maj. Newcome, and Surgeon-Maj. Harwood, whilst the handsome banner of the lodge, recently presented by Bro. Col. Davis, was also there. Within the chancel rails had been placed a bier, draped with the Union Jack, and by its side was the Past Master's chair of the lodge, with the deceased's banner, draped over it with large bows of crape. The near mourners present were Lady Barbara and Miss Yeatman.

The solemn service began with Chopin's funeral march by the full string band of the Royal Artillery, under Mr. Sims, with the addition of the grand organ, this being played as the procession of R.A. mourners, officers, and Masons filed into their seats. Then the congregation joined in singing the hymn,

"Now the labourer's task is o'er,  
Now the battle day is past,"

and the service was proceeded with. The address was to have been given by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwark, Bro. H. Walcott Yeatman, D.D., but, to the regret of the brethren, he could not fulfil his promise, and the memorial address was given by Bro. the Rev. F. B. N. NORMAN LEE, M.A., P.G. Chaplain Hants and Isle of Wight, &c. He prefaced his address by reading the following feeling lines from the Lord Bishop of Southwark:

"I wish to express, if opportunity favours, my deep regret at not being able to join in the service which has been so touchingly arranged in memory of my beloved brother. The cause for my absence is that one of my closest friends is dying, and has sent for me. I seriously balanced the conflicting duties and judged, I hope rightly, that whereas the service at Aldershot could proceed without my presence, there was only one man who could elsewhere satisfy my dying friend, and I therefore thought that I ought to go to him. Had I made my address, I should have tried to point out that my brother lived and died an honourable man, a Christian, a gentleman, and a soldier. Throughout life I, who have been his close friend from first to last, have known in him magnificent adherence to duty, his powers of work, and his charm of companionship, and the loss is irreparable. But these lives do preach to us Englishmen eloquent sermons, more convincing than words. They tell us high things of manhood and purpose, and when I leave with you his last message, sent to us by telegraph after he had accomplished the march down the Bara Pass, before he sank exhausted to eternal rest; if I leave even that message, 'I have brought my division through,' I hope that it will be more than a memory of one who did his duty to the last. I trust that it may lead us so to live that men, nay, angels, may give testimony that man has not lived in vain."

And then speaking from the 4th Chapter of the Epis. of St. James, part of the 14th v., "For what is your life?" the preacher proceeded to deliver a besetting oration upon the deceased General. His life had been pure and noble; God had given to him a bright jewel that he had kept unblemished and which had now been given back to the Divine Architect of the Universe still polished and bright. His had been a life well spent, and to-day they not only mourned the loss of a personal friend, but also one whose life, for all one knows, had been spent in honour, virtue, and prudence. He was a Christian man in the highest sense of the word, and a gentleman loving, kind, and courteous to all with whom he was connected, and that day they indeed mourned his irreparable loss. He had served in China, South Africa, Egypt, and then again in India. Whilst in China he seemed to have caught some of the godly influence of that saint General Gordon, and it ever influenced his life. His last message to his dear ones at home was quite characteristic of the man so simple, yet so loving. After passing through the Kyber Pass, he sank down exhausted, but before he was taken for the worse he wired home "Thank God, I have got my division through." It reminded one of Nelson's dying words, and of that young naval officer who, when dying, exclaimed "Didn't I lead them straight?" They did not mourn for their brother as though they would see him no more, for they would meet him in that vale beyond, but meanwhile let them emulate his fine courage, his deep devotion, and square their actions by him that had gone, so that one day the Great Architect, seeing their deeds, would give us our reward. Don't let us value our lives more than honour, and while we pray that God will comfort the afflicted ones, let us give thanks to Him that one more Saint has been gathered home, and ask Him to hasten the day when all shall meet around His great white throne." Another hymn "For all the Saints who from their labours rest" having been sung, the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Murphy, and the band and organ played the "Dead March" in "Saul," after which the Masons passed the bier, each depositing a sprig of acacia, saying "Friend of our hearts, there rest in peace. Raised by the Grand Master's word, may'st thou share the blessing of immortal life and unfading glory!" The relatives and visiting brethren were the guests of Bro. W. E. Foster, both before and after the impressive service.

## Craft Masonry.

### St. Mark's College Lodge, No. 2157.

This successful lodge gave convincing proof of its prosperous condition at the installation meeting held in the handsome new Masonic Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, on the 21st ult. At these meetings it is refreshing to notice the resumption of old associations and firm friendships which were first established in the college, and a remarkable feature of the proceedings is the collective glee singing of the members. All the assembled brethren take part in the various glees and madrigals sung and worthily sustain the musical traditions of this eminent college.

Lodge was opened by Bro. Alfred Streeter, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Longhurst, S.W.; W. T. Thompson, B.A., J.W.; G. W. Stevens, P.M.; J. O'Connell, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey; R. H. Catling, P.M.; J. K. Phillips, P.M.; W. R. Carter, P.M.; Rev. C. J. Smith, M.A., Chap.; Rev. J. Henry Smith, B.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Treas.; T. Simpson, Sec.; J. Parry, S.D.; H. R. Elkin, A. G. Flemming, P.P.D.G.D.G.; T. Gunning, Steward; and others. Visitors: Bros. T. L. Wilkinson, P.D.G. Reg. J. R. Cleave, P.P.G.D. Surrey; R. Wright, P.M. 1305; H. A. Howe, I.P.M. 1362; J. King, 2029; J. W. Randall, I.G. 1707; W. J. Green, P.M. 2422; W. Punton, I.G. 1362; E. J. Feild, Sec. 1362; C. P. King, P.M. 2422; R. A. Morrow, 2513; T. K. Pearce, S.W. 1362; W. S. Ogilvie, 51; W. Fowles, P.M. 1348; W. Cox, P.P.G.P. Essex; G. Lewarne, I.G. 865; H. W. Clemow, P.M. 1589; C. H. Kempling, S.D. 1706; A. J. T. Tate, W.M. 201; G. A. Jones, 1927; J. Packham, 3; C. Jerome, 2350; W. B. Cochran, 164; A. Ritchie, C.C., J.P., S.W. 173; J. Campbell, 1507; Rastell Davison, P.P.G.D.; G. Wall, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Clare, P.M. 865; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D., and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted, in which reference was made to a satisfactory first ladies' night recently held. Bro. J. Longhurst was presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed, the following officers being afterwards invested: Bros. A. Streeter, I.P.M.; W. T. Thompson, B.A., S.W.; J. Parry, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Smith, M.A., Chap.; Rev. J. Henry Smith, P.M., Treas.; T. Simpson, Sec.; H. R. Elkin, S.D.; Leo H. Walker, J.D.; R. West, I.G.; J. O'Connell, P.P.G.D., D.C.; A. G. Fleming, P.P.D.G.D.C., Org.; T. Gunning and E. W. H. Cox, M.A., Stewards; and J. Whiteman, Tyler. The anthem "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is," was sung by the brethren, and a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Streeter, I.P.M., in recognition of his services as W.M.

Lodge was closed, and at the conclusion of the banquet which followed, due honour was rendered to the customary loyal and Masonic toasts.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said that his Royal Highness made his first public appearance as an operative Mason at the age of 17, when he laid the foundation-stone in a set of schools on the site of the old Vauxhall Gardens. It would be interesting to the members to know that two St. Mark's men were present at that function. There were to be erected an Upper and Lower School and two men left St. Mark's College to be masters of those two schools. One was Rev. Allen Freeman, at present vicar of Prest, and the other was the humble individual then addressing them. Bro. Clare, P.M., was also present as a choir boy on that interesting occasion.

Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, P.D.G. Reg., replied for "The Grand Officers," and thanked the W.M. for his graceful remarks and the brethren for their cordial reception. To return thanks for those formal toasts was too often a mere perfunctory duty, but it was not so with him because it was a genuine pleasure to meet so many connected with a college to which he felt personally under a great debt of gratitude, as it had given him many of his oldest and most valued friends. The only fault he had ever found with St. Mark's College was that it did not train its members to become Masons, but with the example of that lodge he thought that fault would soon be ended. The skill and accuracy with which the work was done would have reflected credit upon the Emulation Lodge itself, whilst the music—which had evidently entered into their soul—and the entertainment following were worthy of St. Mark's College itself.

Bro. A. Streeter, I.P.M., next submitted "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said he felt quite at home by the side of the W.M., as they were initiated together, and had kept together at all gatherings until separated for a time by the occupancy of the Wardens' chairs. He felt quite sure from what they had seen of the W.M. that they could predict a very successful year of office, that his work would be admirably performed, and that the lodge would increase and prosper under his auspices.

Bro. James Longhurst, W.M., in his response, after returning thanks, said he had done what he could during the short time he had been a Mason, to prepare himself to be Master of his mother lodge. He could not command success, but would do his best to deserve it. He had been told that the post of W.M. was an important trust. He should regard it as such, and frame his conduct accordingly. He had no doubt he should make mistakes, but being amongst friends and brethren, he knew he could rely upon their generosity. He thanked them again most sincerely.

Bro. J. O'Connell, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey, D.C., proposed "The Visitors," to whom he extended a hearty welcome. Amongst the visitors were Bro. J. R. Cleave—the W.M. of the Marcians Lodge who was closely allied to this lodge—and Bro. Ritchie, S.W. Phoenix Lodge, who took an active part in Masonry and in the government of London.

Bro. E. Clare, P.M. 865, expressed his pleasure at seeing the installation of an old friend, from a long acquaintance with whom he could cordially congratulate the lodge on having him as W.M.

Bro. A. Ritchie, C.C., S.W. 173, said he had known the W.M. for 15 years as one of the most earnest workers in the cause of philanthropy in South London. He was gratified that he had been placed with two other Scotchmen. They had all enjoyed the working, which was perfect.

Bro. J. R. Cleave, P.P.G.D. Surrey, said it was a great pleasure to be at their meetings and meet so many with whom he had been associated in former times. As a fairly old Mason he must say the work done in the beautiful temple was everything he could desire.

Bros. Davison, Pearce, and King also replied.

The W.M. next gave "The Installing and I.P.M.," and said they could not have a better testimony of the I.P.M.'s worth than the successful year of office he had had.

Bro. A. Streeter, I.P.M., said he took the chair with some trepidation; but every meeting had been a great treat to him, and the climax was the ladies' night a short time ago. All the ladies had said they had enjoyed themselves, and it therefore looked as though they would have a ladies' night every year.

Bro. Rev. J. Henry Smith, P.M., Treas., responded for "The Past Masters" in eloquent terms.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, the Tyler's toast concluding a successful and enjoyable meeting.

Reference has already been made to the excellent glee singing by all the members, and the following brethren also assisted with solos: Bros. E. J. Sainsbury, F. Handel Thomson, W. G. Mortlock, H. Mangham, and Kimpling.

### Barnet Lodge, No. 2509.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th ultimo, at the Assembly Rooms, New Barnet. Present: Bros. J. Falconer, W.M.; R. Cranston, P.M.; S.W.; W. Baddeley, P.G. Stwd. Herts, J.W.; the Rev. G. E. Gardner, Chap.; F. T. Plowright, Sec.; H. T. Matthews, S.D.; W. Fitch, J.D.; H. Imray, D. of C.; F. Attree, I.G.; H. De C. Matthews, Stwd.; Goddard, sen., Tyler; J. A. Witthaus, I.P.M.; Dr. Roughton Marchand, P.M.; Captain Crane, W. H. Cannon, J. M. Rainsford, W. Wood, J. A. Brown, T. J. Winn, W. Letts, Hamilton, F. W. Harvey, and T. Turnbull. Visitors: Bros. F. G. Mason, P.J.G.W. Herts; W. Pattison, P.P.G. Org. Herts; J. Briscoe, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; J. Moss, Crimp, Burden, and others.

Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Harvey and Turnbull were passed, after which Mr. W. W. Gabell was initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Falconer. It was proposed and seconded that the sum of £1 1s. be sent to the Guy's Hospital Fund.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

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**Masonic Notes.**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1898

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. It will be gathered from the Paper of Agenda, which we published last week, and from the report of the proceedings to be found elsewhere in the present issue, that the meeting was not a protracted one. Indeed, but for the fact that the Chapter of Prosperity, No. 290, Huddersfield, having proved an unbroken existence of 100 years, was granted, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes, a charter authorising the members to wear a centenary jewel, and that two chapters in Bengal and one in South Africa (E.D.) were struck from the roll, having ceased to work, and lost or returned their charters, the meeting would have been void of interest. There were no recommendations for warrants for the formation of new chapters.

If Bro. W. Russell will kindly compare the remarks in our article on "Perpetual and Life Presentations" in our issue of the 22nd ultimo with his speech at the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which appeared the preceding week, we consider he will admit that if we are in error in ascribing to him certain statements he never intended to make, there was at least a reasonable excuse for our erroneous conclusions. As regards error No. 1—that "the insurance policy money (£840)" would come to the Institution "annually" instead of "every 35 or 40 years," we find on reference to his speech at the Quarterly Court that he is reported to have said: "they would see that to perpetuate the name of some beloved brother or to enable some Province to do so by having an old person or a boy or girl on the funds, it could be done in a way that would cost no more and which would benefit the Institution by a recurring donation to its funds every 35 or 40 years according to the life of the person assured." But he is also reported to have said a little later in his speech: "They"—i.e., he and those who agreed with him—"wished instead of giving a single lump sum, which would never recur to make them the recipients of an annually recurring sum until Time should be no more." In our article of the 22nd ultimo, we said: "His (Bro. Russell's) main contention was that our Institutions would benefit more as the recipients of an annually-recurring sum than of a single lump sum which would never recur." Thus the passage in our article contained almost the very words which Bro. Russell used in the later quotation we have made from his speech, but somewhat differently arranged.

Of course, we clearly understood—what he stated in the earlier passage quoted—that "the insurance policy money (£840) would come to the funds of the Institution every 35 or 40 years;" but taking his second remark for our guide, we assumed that it was the opinion of Bro. Russell and those who agreed with him that it was more to the interests of our Institutions that a province, lodge, or brother, should annually make a generous donation of (say) 50 or 100 guineas than that he or it should put down a single lump sum once and for ever. And after all there is a fair show of reason in this view. Even a strong province like Kent cannot put down a lump sum amounting to 1300 or 1400 guineas without making a very strong effort and crippling the resources at its disposal for purposes of benevolence, for at all events a long term of years; but it can keep on making annual grants such as we have mentioned, without any appreciable strain upon those resources. There is this also to be remembered, that the Province has its *quid pro quo* in votes from the Institution, and if the grants are made in the name of the province or to endow a particular Provincial office, that province will receive and use those votes for ever.

While, however, we are inclined to look favourably upon the idea which we assumed—it may be erroneously—that Bro. Russell when he gave the preference in his recent remarks to an "annually-recurring sum until time should be no more" over "the single lump sum, which would never recur," we remain of the same mind as regards the desirability of retaining these Presentations. They are seldom purchased; but when they are purchased it is generally done with the object of commemorating the virtues and services of some beloved or distinguished brother, and such an object is always worthy of attainment, even at the cost of a supreme effort.

As regards error No. 2—that "the proposed investments to be made in 'Trustee' Securities, not Consols, the yield from the latter being insufficient for the purpose"—we must plead guilty to having introduced the word "Consols" without justification, there being nothing in Bro. Russell's speech to indicate the kind of securities in which the £1356 was to be invested. Only the rate of interest per cent. was mentioned, namely, 2½;—and as that happened to be the rate per cent. of Consols—paid, of course, on the Stock, not on its money value—we hastily concluded that Consols were intended. We regret the error, and all the more so, as Bro. Russell told the Girls' School Court that he is looked upon as "an arch fiend" in the matter of figures.

There is, however, while we are on the subject, just one point on which Bro. Russell may be able to give explanations, which only an expert in such matters can furnish. There are high-class insurance offices in which a life can be insured either with or without profits, and if the insurer elects to insure with profits,

he receives his share, at regularly-recurring intervals of three, five, seven, or more years, of the profits of the business done by the office during such intervals in one of three ways. He may take it in cash down; he may have it added to the amount of his policy; or he may have his annual premium reduced; and, if he lives long enough, that annual premium becomes *nil*. Has Bro. Russell taken the mode of insuring "with profits" into account in reckoning up the sum of £1356, which he tells us will be required to provide a life annuity of £40 for 35 or 40 years, which is virtually renewable after each such interval in perpetuity?

If he has not so taken it into account, will he inform us and our readers through us, whether so large a sum as £1356 will be required at starting to produce the "insurance policy money (£840)" every 35 or 40 years, and the premiums payable annually on such "policy money," if the method of life insurance with profits is adopted?

We learn with sincere regret that our "Tiding" of last week as to the continued ill-health of Bro. George Everett, Past G. Treasurer, has caused our respected brother no little pain owing to the interpretation which the word "obligations" is liable to have placed upon it. Our announcement was—"We learn, with great regret, that owing to continued ill-health, Bro. George Everett is compelled to cancel all his Masonic obligations." Of course, the word should have been "engagements." Had Bro. Everett been in his usual health—to which we hope he may be speedily restored—he would have been the first to laugh at such a mistake; but a man lying on a bed of sickness is easily upset by an error of this kind, and we tender him our sincere apologies for its occurrence.

We understand that his Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to grant warrants for the constitution of several new lodges, among them being the following, which will all be located in the London District, namely: the Justinian, No. 2694, which will be connected with the legal profession, have Bro. C. Swinfen Eady, Q.C., Past Pep. G. Registrar, as its first W.M., and meet at the Inns of Court Hotel; the Arcadian, No. 2696, which will hold its meetings at the Hotel Cecil; the St. Michael le Queene Lodge, No. 2697, to meet at the Salutation Hotel, Newgate-street; the Brondesbury Lodge, No. 2698, which will be located in Kilburn; and the Wandle Lodge, No. 2699, to meet at the Town Hall, Wandsworth.

We have been, as in past years, favoured with a copy of the "Transactions of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham in 1897." We shall lose no time in noting at length the proceedings during last year, the strength of the Province in lodges and chapters and membership as compared with the preceding year, and the position of the local Charitable Institutions. Meanwhile we may state that the year 1897 has been a most successful one, and that our Durham brethren must be harder to please than we suppose them to be if they are not satisfied with the results of the year's labours.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado held its 37th annual communication at Denver in the latter half of last September. The G. Master, Bro. George W. Roe, was unfortunately prevented by serious illness from presiding, but his place was ably filled by his Deputy, Bro. Cromwell Tucker, who before the session was ended, was elected and installed G. Master. There are 91 lodges in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and the roll of subscribing members is 7335, or rather more than in the preceding year, Bro. E. C. Parmelee is still the G. Secretary.

We learn from the *Voice of Masonry* for last month that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has sustained a heavy loss by the death, on the 28th November, 1897, of one of its most distinguished members—Bro. John Quincey Adams Fellows. Bro. Fellows was born at Topsham, Vermont, on 3rd April, 1825, and was thus in his 73rd year. In 1850, he migrated to New Orleans, where he resided continuously till the day of his death. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana during the years 1860 to 1865 both inclusive; Past G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter, and Past General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; Past G. Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; Past G. Commander and Past M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A.; in the Order of the Temple; and an Officer of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. He was buried with Masonic honours under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.



## 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.

### BRO. KLEIN'S DEMONSTRATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As one of the audience at Bro. Klein's lecture on the Great Symbol, before the Board of General Purposes last week, may I be permitted to say in your columns how greatly I am interested and instructed by it? There could have been but one opinion as to the skillful manner in which the lecturer treated his subject. The esoteric nature of the address debars me from referring in definite terms to the conclusions arrived at, but that these conclusions were come to by strictly scientific and logical methods there could be little doubt. I would not venture to offer an opinion on the desirability of carrying out and adopting Bro. Klein's views and suggestions—there is much to be said in favour of letting things alone—but that the reasons adduced were sound, and that the gain to the ritual would be great in rendering it more satisfying to those who desire it to be perfect in all its parts is to my mind clear.

Much to my surprise the lecturer's clear exposition of a difficult subject failed to elicit any pronounced opinion on the part of the audience except a wholly irrelevant set of questions from a brother who wanted to know whether the adoption of Bro. Klein's views would bring any material gain to the Order; would it, he said, enlarge its borders, or bring more money to the Charities! But surely the search for truth and the attainment of knowledge count for something, and if the authors of our grand old ritual had approached their work in such a utilitarian—I might even say, sordid—spirit, we should not now be in possession of that legacy of wisdom and learning which is the inheritance of the Order.—Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### 1117] BRO. KLEIN'S DISCOVERY!

I have been very much interested in reading the welcome Report of the "Meeting of Experts," to hear Bro. Klein's explanation of his Discovery, which has so taken the Masonic world by storm. He is the esteemed W.M. of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, that was formed, and is continued, to spread Masonic Light and to encourage investigation. So I presume Bro. Klein, or the Editor of the "Freemason," will kindly enlighten the readers of this paper as to what the discovery really consists of. Many are waiting anxiously to know.

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## Reviews.

"BELL'S CATHEDRAL SERIES" is rapidly becoming a compact little Library on the Cathedral Churches of England, and being published at the uniform price of one shilling and sixpence each (all being in "Crown Octavo" size, with similar style of cloth binding), the set when complete bids fair to be the handiest and most useful manual on this most interesting subject extant. The various volumes are lavishly illustrated and also have plans and maps, so that no expense has been spared by the publishers in making these artistic wee books as perfect, typographically, as the text of each is fairly exhaustive and scrupulously accurate and complete as to all needful details. Already Canterbury, Salisbury, Chester, Rochester, Oxford, and Exeter have appeared, and been duly reviewed in the *Freemason*, and now Winchester and Lichfield are issued, three others also being just ready for publication, viz., Peterborough, Norwich, and Hereford; 15 others are in preparation. "Winchester" is written by Mr. Philip W. Sergeant, and will hold its own with any of this valuable series. "Royal" Winchester has been ably treated by a scholar of note, in love with his theme, the work itself being also remarkable for the variety of the illustrations. Reproductions of photographs by S. B. Bolas and Co. (many "full-page"), are bound in with choice drawings by Mr. H. P. Clifford; other photographs by A. Humphrey can be compared with those by the Photocrom Company, Limited, and there are also charming lace-like sketches by W. B. Robinson, and welcome reproductions of old engravings and small details of interest, that of the "Iron Grillwork from S. Swithin's Shrine," calls for special permission, and is inserted by permission of the Science and Art Department, South Kensington. The Cathedral Church of Lichfield is by Mr. A. B. Clifton, who seems to have exhausted every source of information to do justice to this grand old Fane of the 13th and 14th centuries. It contains a vast amount of facts, rigidly condensed respecting the ancient city and its cathedral, so that it is really a history in miniature, and yet quite sufficient for all practical purposes; quite free, as all the rest of the series, of any ordinary guide book flavour, and valuable for reference because of unvarying accuracy throughout. There are too many curious points treated of to permit of any recapitulation, but it may be taken for granted that it fully holds its place in the set as an equal.

## Craft Masonry.

### Lodge of Emulation, No. 21.

The installation meeting of the Lodge of Emulation—a lodge which is now 175 years old—was held on Monday evening, the 17th instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. H. L. Truman, W.M., presided, and he was supported by his officers—Bro. C. W. Sawbridge, S.W.; T. Evans, J.W.; Wm. Grellier, Treas.; Walter Willis, Sec.; R. S. Charles, S.D.; R. Leslie S. Badham, J.D.; S. Willis, I.G.; and R. Hovenden, P.M.; R. C. Grant, P.M.; T. S. Peacock, P.M.; F. G. Gylls, Org.; H. W. Brooke and W. J. Lancaster, Stwds.; F. Sydney, P. Brown, John Bartlett, R. L. Cock, W. Austin, G. Young, S. G. Atlee, S. Gotto, T. W. Mansfield, T. H. Gylls, G. T. S. Gell, W. Bashall, F. Simon, J. Willis, J. P. Somer, Wm. Stacey, Wm. Hodson, E. Dodd, A. H. Sandilands, J. Crowther, S. Barnby, C. P. Langford, E. Poole, and C. Patrick, P.M., Tyler. The visitors were Bro. H. Thorpe, P.M. 2312; R. Cridland, P.M. 2558; W. C. Cusler; W. H. Greaves, 1872; J. Martin, 63 and 2650; A. E. Leonard, 2530; Wm. Mills, P.M. 403; A. W. Barnard, P.M. 1964; G. W. Goss, 176; Richard Horton Smith, O.C., P.M. 2456; D. G. Reg.; W. Borwick, P.M. 2030; E. Culver, P.M. 63; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. Smart, S.D. 65; D. Winttingham Stables, S.D. 1118; J. Beeby, J.W. 1826; Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M. 279, P.P.G.C.; F. W. Crowther, 21; A. W. Rowden; A. F. Calvert, S.W. 28; A. E. Cumberbatch, P.M. 26, P.G.S.; W. Nicholl, 2190; J. D. Crawford, 1616; Archdeacon of London, P.G.C.; and R. A. Smith, 80.

Bro. Truman, W.M., installed Bro. Charles Walton Sawbridge, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M., and was himself invested as the I.P.M. The other brethren invested with the collars of office were Bro. W. T. Evans, S.W.; R. Stafford Charles, J.W.; W. Grellier, P.M., Treas.; W. Willis, Sec.; Major R. L. S. Badham, S.D.; S. Willis, J.D.; R. C. Grant, P.M., D.C.; C. P. Langford, I.G.; T. J. Gylls, Org.; H. W. Brooke and W. J. Lancaster, Stwds.; and C. Patrick, P.M., Tyler. After Bro.

Truman, I.P.M., had delivered the addresses to the Master, to the Wardens, and to the other officers and the lay brethren, Bro. Willis, Sec., announced that on Christmas Day and subsequently the following members of the lodge had died: Bro. D. Clarke, P.M., who was initiated in 1851; Sir Polydore de Keyser, P.M., who was initiated in 1862; and Zambra, P.G. Stwd., who was initiated in 1864. Bro. T. F. Peacock, P.M., then moved, and Bro. R. C. Grant, P.M., seconded, a vote of condolence and sympathy with the families of the respective deceased. The motion was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the same to the families.

The lodge was immediately closed, and the brethren adjourned to one of the Albion's best banquets.

The usual toasts were proposed in the course of the evening, which was enlivened by some excellent music and singing by Miss Edith Serpell, Bros. Charles Ellison, P.M., and Herbert Schartau, P.M., G. Org. Middx., and some marvellous whistling by Mr. Charles Capper. The music was under the direction of Bro. C. T. Johnson.

Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, P.G.C., responding to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he felt it a high compliment to the office of Grand Chaplain, which he had had the honour of holding, that he should be called upon in many cases to return thanks for this Grand body; it was only in that sense he could accept the responsibility. When outsiders said that Masonry was not particularly consistent with religion, or the Christian religion, he always pointed out that there was no lodge without a Chaplain, and that every year two Grand Chaplains were appointed from the Church of England by the Grand Master in Grand Lodge, and that they were received with every distinction to which their position in Masonry hardly entitled them; at least that was his case, and it was only by the kindness of his friends he occupied it. On an occasion like that he knew those who came to dinner and not to work were looked upon with a very cold eye. He most sincerely apologised for not being at the working that evening, although it was not his fault. He had travelled from Edinburgh and the train ought to have arrived at half-past six but it did not arrive in consequence of the fog and other impediments, notwithstanding the Great Northern was a most punctual line. He left Edinburgh in the most lovely spring weather, and as they approached London his prejudice in favour of his native country was accentuated. There were great advantages of course, in London, but if people wanted a fine winter climate, bright balmy days and everything to conduce to health and happiness he thought they should go north of the Tweed. He passed not very far from the celebrated Chapel of Rosslyn which reminded him that his family had the distinguished honour of being hereditary Grand Masters of Masonry in Scotland. The train passed the magnificent Masonic constructions of Durham, Selby, and Peterborough, and he could not help feeling how magnificent were the ideas of Masons in the old days; but in the present day at any rate he thought we owed it to them, and this thought was constantly present to his mind that we did owe Freemasonry as a society a very high idea of the dignity of life. All their proceedings were conducted with a decorum and a sense of decorum and of dignity which he thought was of very great importance in the present day when so much was done in a slipshod free-and-easy way and without a sense of responsibility. There was another thing which always delighted him in Masonry, its very great breadth. Masonry was, as they all knew, founded strictly on the principles of religion and morality, but within those principles it admitted to its broad bosom all those who could in any way conform to the ideas of its fundamental principles. They met as Masons men of all kinds of views, ecclesiastical, political, and social, and did not enquire what they were outside. As long as they were good Freemasons they welcomed them with perfect harmony, affection, and love. Then again, Masonry had a very general harmonising tendency. People were at the present day too much divided in England both in matters of politics and matters of religion; and he believed Masonry was exercising at the present day a very strong feeling in favour of unity. The strongest Radical and the strongest Tory could meet in the greatest heartiness and friendship, and discuss their affairs without a too strong divergence of opinion and understanding, and there was an atmosphere of peace, and quietness, and harmony which they did not always get outside. He rejoiced in any great influence which did unite every country instead of disuniting them and pointing out their differences. He had been speaking of some great efforts of the Masonic Craft in the past, and he was reminded we had close to our doors in London the greatest effort of Masonry, St. Paul's Cathedral. He trusted there were no Masons present who were disappointed at the recent demonstration in St. Paul's, for some weeks after that event he was afflicted with the idea that men were pointing the finger of scorn at him, and that he was met with indignation and reproach. They all knew there was then a mistake; they invited too many Masons; but the recollection of that event was that it was one of great importance to the Church of England and Masonry, and, although, untoward occurrences did transpire, still they might hope in the future to renew that experience and to do it with a greater knowledge of the enthusiasm, and loyalty, and patriotism of Masons, and if they invited the exact number they could seat it would be all agreeable and that they would all appreciate the dignity and purity of worship in the ancient cathedral. He most cordially thanked all those who helped to raise £1100 towards the scheme of completing and decorating St. Paul's. That was the first opportunity he had had of addressing a body of Masons since that meeting at St. Paul's, and he desired to explain the position in which they stood. He desired also to thank the brethren for all their kindness on that occasion.

Bro. R. Horton Smith, Q.C., Dep. G. Reg., also acknowledged the toast. The Archdeacon had said he was a comparatively young Mason, and having risen to his high position of Grand Chaplain, gave him seniority over the Dep. Grand Registrar. That he (Bro. Horton Smith) did not at all complain of, but it showed that the battle was not always to the strong; he never was Grand Chaplain, but he ran the risk of being so. It was 40 years and more since he was made a Mason, and one lesson that had stuck to him all his Masonic life was that whatever he did he must obey the W.M. The Grand Officers did everything they possibly could for the benefit of the Craft, notwithstanding the remarks of the *Freemason*, in which he had been taken to task. Some people seemed to imagine that Grand Office was an elysium of repose. He did not know what the feelings of the Grand Chaplain were, but as far as the Registrar and Deputy Grand Registrar were concerned, their office was a monstrous hard piece of work; there was much to do, you got mighty little thanks, and you were a target for abuse. However, among the advantages of being a Grand Officer was the being invited out as he had been on that occasion, when they could see such excellent working as Bro. Truman had given that evening. But Bro. Truman had told Bro. Sawbridge that there was scarcely a difficulty that could arise in his lodge that a reference to the Book of Constitutions would not set right. He (Bro. Horton Smith) warned Bro. Sawbridge that that was not true. But for all that, the Book of Constitutions said one of the duties of a Master was to visit lodges and see how they were managed, that there might be uniformity. It had given him the greatest pleasure to be at the Lodge of Emulation and see its working; nothing could be better, and if a brother was not satisfied with the work in lodge and the dinner which followed he must be very hard to please. Lodge of Emulation was rather a defiant title, but as far as he had seen it was not an unjustly-used one.

Bro. Truman, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." If he possessed the exuberant verbosity of many high-falutin brethren he might do justice to the toast. The brethren were accustomed to his speaking in the lodge, and they must pardon his inefficiency as a speaker; but his heart was in the work of the lodge. It was the fashion on these occasions for the I.P.M. to indulge the lodge with a few reminiscences of his Mastership. Well, when the W.M. was an Eton boy in jacket, he (Bro. Truman) was emerging from that state into tails; but he must tell the W.M. and the brethren that he (Bro. Truman) was invited by the W.M.'s father to a banquet of his company in that hall. Bro. Sawbridge's father was a good man, a good friend, a good Mason, and malicious people would say, a good lawyer. Bro. Sawbridge's father on that occasion warned him that punch was a very insidious thing, and he had been reminding the W.M. of that fact. However, he wished the W.M. a very satisfactory and pleasant year of office, and every happiness in his career.

Bro. C. W. Sawbridge, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said, *apropos* of the story Bro. Truman had told the brethren, he reminded him of that fact just before they offered him punch, and the consequence was he did not take it. With regard to Masonry, he had a very considerable amount of misgiving as to the future. He believed it was commonly accepted that the anticipation of most things was rather worse than the realisation. He could only say that if the opposite happened to be the result with regard to that mysterious working which he saw looming in the future, with regard to himself he should be excessively sorry for the lodge and more than sorry for himself.

Bro. the Rev. J. Henry Smith, responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said he thought everyone of the visitors would agree with him in saying that the kind words of the W.M. in proposing the toast, and the genial welcome afforded by the lodge was received by them with every gratitude. They had been allowed to sit together with their friends and so increase that brotherly love, the existence of which tended so much



to the benefit of humanity at large. The visitors had enjoyed the hospitality of the lodge, and he thought he had kept within the limits of becoming mirth; so long as they did that the Fourth Degree would never be wrong. However much they might admire Masonry for the principles it inculcated he thought the fact that they met occasionally and enjoyed each other's society went a great way to uphold Masonry. As he and other visitors had been there before (for more than 20 years he had received invitations to the installation meetings through the kindness of many Past Masters, who, he regretted, were absent now), he was glad to see it prosperous. Additions were being made to the lodge, and the visitors hoped it would go on increasing. He concluded by expressing his pleasure at the excellent work of the outgoing Master and his officers.

Bro. C. W. Sawbridge, W.M., proposed "The P.M.s.," of whom they used to have many present at each meeting, unfortunately, he did not see so many to-night. He would like to mention the honour the lodge felt in having Bro. T. F. Peacock, P.M., and Bro. Howenden, P.M., present, both of whom came at a personal inconvenience. With regard to the I.P.M., Bro. Truman, he admired him immensely. Sitting there in the chair, he (the W.M.) thought ideas expanded towards P.M.s. when a brother got into the chair; in a year's time he would occupy the position of P.M. himself; and it was overwhelming to think what he might have to go through before that time arrived. But they would all feel that Bro. Truman had most admirably maintained the reputation which the Lodge of Emulation held for good working. He had been himself much struck that evening by Bro. Truman's working of the ceremony of installation.

Bro. Truman, I.P.M., in reply, said it had fallen to his lot to be the happy proposer of the W.M. as a brother in that lodge, and it had fallen to his lot to install him—a pleasure which, when he proposed him he did not expect, because there were brethren between them. These, however, had retired. However, he had had the greatest pleasure in installing Bro. Sawbridge, and he had equal pleasure in passing to his left. Last lodge he ventured to make some observations on Freemasonry in general; and on this occasion he would refer to one topic of interest personal to this lodge, and that was with regard to the history of the lodge. The brethren knew the lodge had a history, which was compiled by their late Bro. Brackstone Baker. The edition having been exhausted, it was in the memory of the lodge that they requested Bro. Berridge, P.M., to revise that history and re-write it. At the audit Bro. Berridge gave them some interesting particulars. Bro. Berridge had gone through the minute books for a lengthened period, and had now begun the 41st volume, which would bring him up to 1865; but had four or five more volumes by him, which he requested Bro. Saunders to look through and revise preparatory to being published. If the work extended to those four volumes the brethren would have the pleasure of reading a very interesting account of the lodge from the date of its incorporation. They were the successors of two distinct lodges, which were amalgamated with them—the Mourning Bush Lodge and another, the name of which he forgot. They would possibly have the pleasure and privilege of paying a very handsome sum, when it was completed, out of the revenues of the lodge for its publication. In that case they would have to appeal to the generosity of the Treasurer to relax the purse strings of the lodge, and they might see it in the library of Grand Lodge. They were now convinced they had a very interesting future before them and that they would not go back in their efforts to keep up the lodge in a high state of efficiency. He would ask the Deputy Grand Registrar to use his influence with Grand Lodge that the title of the lodge might not be mutilated. In last Grand Lodge they were described as the Emulation Lodge. He was very sorry to see it; notwithstanding his remonstrance with the Grand Secretary and the Grand Tyler it had been repeated. The Emulation Lodge conveyed no idea; they might call it the Pair of Braces, or the Pot-and-Kettle, and it would convey no more idea of what it was than the Emulate Lodge would. They were a Lodge of Emulation, emulation of their own lodge and also emulating the work done in the lodge. Therefore he hoped they might long be known as the Lodge of Emulation.

Bro. Grellier responded to the toast of "The Treasurer," and Bro. Evans, S.W., to that of "The Officers."

Bro. Patrick gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

#### Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.

On Wednesday, the 19th ult., the installation meeting or 130th anniversary of this well-known and old metropolitan lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, and among those present were Bros. Joseph Bayley, W.M.; W. Harvey, I.P.M.; Jay, P.M., acting S.W.; Griffiths, J.W.; Lacey, P.M.; Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Derby, S.D.; Cocks, I.G.; J. H. Bulmer, D.C.; Newton, P.M., P.G.P.; Bulmer, P.M.; Seddon, P.M.; Butcher, P.M.; Moor, P.M.; Starnes, P.M.; Smith, J. J. Mustart, F. G. Mustart, W. J. Harvey, Laundry, T. Baillie, Cunningham, Keable, Dunningham, Bulleid, Yates, Gray, Frost, W. C. Morris, and Iggledden, all members of the lodge. The visitors were Bros. Derby, 437; Stonham, 1003; Maloney, 2504; Steam, 1185; Endacott, 1047; Barker, 1607; Cunningham, 1607; Dyne, I.P.M. 157; Clayton, 1686; Child, 1563; Richardson, 1457; Rogers, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S. Devon; Dawson, P.M. 1809, 2264, 2272; Gladding, W.M. 2632; Morby, P.M. 1853; Hyde, W.M. 1227; Martin, Asst. G. Purst.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Cheesewright, P.M. 907; Chaffer, 1563; H. J. Rogers, 781; Hilton, 2000; Thorndike, 2091; Brown, 2264; Dalzell, 2000; Langridge, 1298; Gray, 55; and West, 55.

Bro. Newton, P.G.P., having been presented to Bro. Bayley, W.M., to receive from him the benefits of installation, the ceremony was carried out in an impressive manner in a well-attended Board. The newly-elected W.M. afterwards elected his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Griffiths, S.W.; Derby, J.W.; C. W. Webb, Sec.; Lacey, Treas.; Cocks, S.D.; Bulmer, J.D.; and Keable, I.G. The addresses were admirably rendered by Bro. Bayley, I.P.M., after which, the business having been brought to a conclusion, an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where an excellent dinner was well served.

The W.M. briefly but ably submitted the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," both of which were loyally and enthusiastically received.

The next toast "The Pro G.M.; the D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers," having been duly submitted and well received, the names of Bros. Martin and Terry were coupled with the toast.

The latter, in an eloquent address, as a Grand Officer, congratulated the lodge on having, for the first time, a Grand Officer to preside over its destinies. The lodge was honoured in having a W.M., who had been taught by the Grand Master to fulfil the office for the second time. Old Sincerity was a good name in Freemasonry and had a reputation which had always been upheld and maintained by those occupying its chair. Thank God, they could not all be Grand Officers, but in their present W.M. they had one who had proved himself to be an excellent one. Thirty-four years ago, when he (Bro. Terry) was elected to an important office in the Craft he was asked to visit the Sincerity Lodge in an official capacity, and that was the first visit he so made. Now after the lapse of time he felt it a great privilege to be present at the installation of his old and esteemed friend, Bro. J. Newton, as W.M. He wished to associate "The Masonic Institutions" with what he had to say to them that evening. At the present time there was quite a bubble in connection with the Boys' School Festival, and everyone appeared to be supporting it. However laudable that might be, he impressed on all of them that the old people required every bit of help they could give them. Between boys and girls and the old people there was a great deal of difference, for whereas the numbers of the former were limited, there were 127 old people seeking election, all of them being upwards of 60 years of age. Again, there was the incontrovertible fact that while young persons had to be educated by the State, no provision had yet been made by the country towards an old age pension. He felt sure the brethren after reflection would not be so hard-hearted as to think only of the young and leave the old people. The Senior Warden was their Steward, and he was going to ask the members of a lodge, which had never been backward in its contributions, to assist in making Bro. Griffiths' list a substantial one, and they remembered that peculiar moment of their initiation when they were placed in the north-east corner of the lodge. By so doing they would be keeping true to their obligations and fulfilling that admirable precept that those who giveth to the poor were lending to the Lord.

Bro. Martin said, as a humble member of Grand Lodge, he was pleased to be present at the installation of Bro. Newton, who was a dear old neighbour and friend. Their W.M. would do honour to "good old Sincerity," and he congratulated the brethren in having selected such a grand W.M.

Bro. Bayley, in giving the toast of "The W.M.," expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing him again occupying such a proud position, and trusted he might be spared many years to assist the cause of Masonry.

The toast having been cordially received,

The W.M., in his reply, said it was over 30 years since he last occupied the chair of old Sincerity Lodge. He had gained some experience since then, and could not help referring to the tremendous strides which Masonry had made. After reverting to the old system of things in the lodge, the W. Master, while regretting that, through unavoidable circumstances, it fell on the Past Masters to fill the chair, hoped that when his year of office was up the brethren would have no cause of regret for placing him there.

On the toast of "The Immediate Past and Installing Master" being given, Bro. Bayley received quite an ovation, which clearly testified to his popularity when in the chair.

In his reply, Bro. Bayley, in a few words, said if he had given satisfaction he was amply repaid for anything he may have done.

The remaining toasts—"The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast—were also eloquently proposed and responded to, the latter one bringing to a close a very happy evening.

Not the least contribution to the success of the gathering was the appearance of the Dilettanti Quartette (Bros. J. A. Brown, E. Dalzell, R. Hilton, and H. Thorndike), who attended at the instance of the W.M.

#### Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.

The installation meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet, on Friday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. F. G. Mason, Prov. J.G.W., W.M.; J. McLeod Rainsford, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Cranston, J.W.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., P. Prov. G.D., Treas.; Charles Gray, P. Prov. G.S.B., Sec.; W. Lewis, P.M., P. Prov. A.G.D.C., D.C.; H. J. Grimwade, I.G.; J. Billson, A.D.C.; W. Baddeley, Stwd.; Dr. Haskins, P. Prov. G. Org., Organist; John Brittain, P.M., P. Prov. G.W.; G. Blizard Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. E. Goddard, Tyler; Dade, Ellis, Imray, P.M. 3; and others; while among the visitors were Bros. the Rev. Gardner, Chap. 2509; A. F. Smith, W.M. 1479, P. Prov. G. Stwd.; and others.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the November meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Rainsford was presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony throughout being admirably and impressively rendered by Bro. Mason, who was forthwith invested as I.P.M. The W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the year, viz.: Bros. R. Cranston, P.M. 2509, S.W.; H. J. Grimwade, J.W.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., Treas. (elected); C. Gray, P.M., Sec.; Billson, S.D.; F. Attree (unavoidably absent), J.D.; W. Baddeley, W.M. 25, I.G.; W. Lewis, P.M., D.C.; Dade, A.D.C.; H. C. Ellis and Harold Imray, P.M. 3, Stwds; and R. W. Goddard, Tyler.

Bro. R. F. Young having been elected to represent the lodge on the Board of Finance of Prov. Grand Lodge, and Bro. J. Brittain on the Committee of the Hertfordshire Charity Association, and the rest of the business having been disposed of, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very indifferent banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Rainsford, W.M.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were honoured, those of "The W.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," and "The Masonic Charities" being very heartily received.

In proposing "The Health of Bro. Mason, I.P.M. and Installing Master," the W.M. referred in terms of eulogy to the able manner in which he had performed his duties during the year, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to present to Bro. Mason the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted him by the lodge in recognition of those services, and as a mark of the esteem and respect in which he was held by the members of the lodge.

The speeches were brief but to the point, and were interspersed with songs admirably sung by Bros. Grimwade, Dade, and others.

Bro. Mason will represent the lodge at the Benevolent Festival, and Bro. Billson at the Boys' School Centenary.

#### Scots Lodge, No. 2319.

This prosperous lodge of Anglo-Scots held their meeting, as has been their usual custom since the lodge's consecration, on the fourth Thursday of January to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of Bro. Robert Burns (Scotland's National Bard). This year it was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday, the 27th ultimo, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. D. M. Forbes, W.M., supported by Bros. D. R. Duncan, S.W.; E. Johnston Gordon, P.M., P.Z., J.W.; David A. Ross, Sec.; D. F. Gallion, P.M., Trustee; William Craig, S.D.; Ashley O. P. Gordon, J.D.; Thos. Sandilands, I.G.; J. Page, P.M., P.Z., D.C.; J. Duncan Balfour, A.D.C.; Peter Black and J. Macgregor, Stewards; J. Plenderleith and P. G. Mallory, Auditors; Thomas Grant, P.M.; Jos. J. Whitehead, P.M.; John Imray, M.A.; J. Gemmell, W. B. Smith, W. Bain, D. Macmaster, W. S. Beaton, Wm. Laurie, W. MacKenn, J. Nicol, Capt. D. M. Smith, G. Gautalla, T. B. Barrett, H. C. Rendall, J. M. Barclay, H. C. Thwaites, T. Wright, T. McClure, W. W. Arnott, Col. J. S. Young, J. Macgregor, and F. Inman. Visitors: Bros. T. Roe, P.M.; W. Ainge, J. Page, R. J. Nutman, L. Leckie, A. C. Woolsey, D. S. Ross, J. R. Elliott, C. F. Ward, and R. A. Danvas.

The minutes of the previous meeting and an emergency meeting having been read and the coming ball, "The St. Valentine Festival, 1898," having been referred to, the W.M. announced that he intended going up as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The sum of £10 10s. was voted out of the funds of the Charity-box to be added to the W.M.'s list, and Bro. J. Page announcing that he intended becoming a Steward for the forthcoming Festival of the Boys, another £10 10s. was voted to be placed on that brother's list.

The lodge was closed, and the W.M., officers, and brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, headed by J. Latta, Tyler and Piper-Sergeant McLean, playing on the bagpipes the tune of the "Cock of the North."

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and responded to,

Bro. Dr. M. Forbes proposed the toast of "The Immortal Memory of Bro. Robert Burns, Caledonia's Bard," and said: Wardens and Brethren,—As W.M. of the Scots Lodge, I have great pleasure in presenting to your notice this—the toast of the evening. You members and visitors of the Scots Lodge of Freemasons testify, by your presence here to-night, that you are all lovers of Burns, our immortal Bard. Therefore, I speak from heart to heart, as has been the usual custom with all Masters of the Scots Lodge at our January meeting. Robert Burns was born, as you all know, on the 25th January, 1759, on the banks of the Bonnie Doon, near Ayr, in an auld clay biggin.

"He had misfortunes great and sma',  
But aye a heart aboon them a',  
He'll be a credit to us a',  
We'll be a' proud o' Robin."

"His father was a farmer  
Upon the Carrick border, O,  
And carefully he bred him  
In decency and order, O."

His father gave him the best education his means could afford, and his own Heaven-born genius supplied the rest. It has been said that Robert Burns was born before his time. I believe no man is born before his time; when God requires a great work to be done, he sends the man to do that work. As the highest mountains are the first to catch the rays of the morning sun, so the greatest genius of the time is the first to reflect the rising of the spirit of the times. Such a genius was Robert Burns. So also in Scotland, Sir William Wallace, its patriotic Protector, was sent, followed by our patriotic General and King, Robert Bruce, to secure our country's independence for ever and for ever, in remembrance of which Burns sang—

"Scots wha ha'e wi' Wallace bled,  
Scots wham Bruce has often led,  
Welcome to your gory bed,  
Or to glorious victory."

Later on, when Scotland was suffering from the martyrdoms and corruptions of the Church, John Knox, the patriotic reformer, was sent. To him Scotland owes her Parochial Schools and Universities as well as her purity of doctrine. The early part of the 18th century, you know, was a most brutal and corrupt time—offices were bought and sold—drunkenness prevailed on the bench, at the bar, and in the pulpit. There was

one legal circuit called "The Drunken Circuit," where neither judge nor advocates were sober during the whole of that circuit. Men were hung for sheep stealing though they might be starving. The whipping post was a common adjunct of punishment. The press gang was used to fill our navy. And at that time there was no Scottish literature. All was French or a reflection of French literature. The Atheism of Voltaire and Rousseau was reflected by David Hume and other literary men. Into such an age Robert Burns was sent to teach men the dignity of labour, and of manhood, and the Royalty of Man. In "The Vision," he says to all his countrymen.

"And never murmur or repine,  
Strive in their humble sphere to shine,  
Preserve the dignity of man  
With soul erect,  
And trust the universal plan  
Will all protect."

Burns had no classical education.

"Gi' me a spark of Nature's fire  
That's a' the learning I desire  
Through dirt or mire,  
At plench or cart  
My muse though homely in attire  
May touch the heart."

He suffered early from rheumatism and heart disease as a lad. But Great Nature gave this farmer's son such gifts of Genius, that though laden with infirmities, he stepped on the scene of life, a real man, honest, truthful, sincere and independent, a lover of nature, of his country and his kind, touching the hearts of man as none had done before or since. A Heaven born poet. He was early possessed with the ambition to do something for Scotland's sake.

"Even then a wish to mind its power,  
A wish that to my latest hour  
Shall strongly heave my breast;  
That I for poor Old Scotland's sake  
Some useful plan or book would make,  
Or sing a song at least."

At the age of 14 he wrote his first song in praise of "Handsome Nell." Thus says he "Love and poetry began with me."

At the age of 19 he composed "The Winter's Dirge"—the death and dying words of Poor Mailie, his pet ewe and her elegy—the first specimen of that rare and fine humour of Robert Burns; and also that exquisite song—

"It was once upon a Lammas night,  
When cora riggs are bonnie,  
Beneath the moon's unclouded light,  
I held awa' to Annie."

In his autobiography he expressed it that they were but the "blind gropings of the Cyclops round the cavern in Homer's 'Odyssey.'" They were the first sparks of nature's fire that touched men's hearts. His father told his mother—"Whoever may live to see it, something extraordinary will come from that boy"—a prophesy well fulfilled. His father was the prototype of the cotter in the "Cotter's Saturday Night"—the noblest poem genius ever dictated to domestic devotion. His father was a religious man; he took a warm view of religion; his son Robert held the same opinions. The Poet strongly believed in the great love of God towards man. He says a "mathematician without religion is a probable character, but an irreligious poet is a monster." In a poem addressed to a young friend in later years he wrote thus—

"The Great Creator to revere,  
Must sure become the creature,  
But still the preaching cant forbear,  
And e'en the rigid feature.  
Yet ne'er with wits profane to range,  
Be complaisance extended;  
An Atheist's laugh is poor exchange  
For Deity offended."

Religion itself he never ridiculed, but hypocrisy and cant he satirized with scorching sarcasm. On the 4th of July, 1781, he was initiated in the St. David's Freemason Lodge at Tarbolton, and afterwards joined the St. James's Lodge at Tarbolton, becoming Deputy Master and presiding at their monthly meetings. In the minutes of that lodge in 1786, he and his brother Gilbert first signed their names as Burns, instead of Burnes. In this lodge, while presiding, he met Professor Dugald Stewart (who was a member of No. 2 Canongate Kilwinning), who afterwards befriended him in Edinburgh. It was here that Bro. Gavin Hamilton suggested to Burns that he should collect and publish an edition of his poems. Burns took his advice and had them published in Kilmarnock, in 1786—there he became an honorary member of the St. John's Lodge, No. 22, and in the same year wrote "The Sons of the Old Kilie"—

"Within this dear Mansion may wayward contention,  
Or withered envy ne'er enter;  
May Secrecy round be the mystical bound  
And brotherly love be the centre."

It was to the brethren of the St. James's Lodge, Tarbolton, he addressed the words,

"Adieu, a heart-warm fond adieu,  
Dear brothers of the mystic tie,  
Ye favoured—ye enlightened few,  
Companions of my social joy."

In January, 1787, at Edinburgh, in the No. 48, St. Andrew's Lodge of Freemasons, Robert Burns was toasted by the Grand Master, "Caledonia and Caledonia's Bard, Robert Burns," to which the Poet replied. Then in February, 1787, he became a joining member of No. 2 Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, and afterwards was invested Poet Laureate of the lodge, while afterwards he was affiliated an honorary member of St. Abb's Lodge at Eymouth. After his father's death, he took the position of head of the family, and continued to hold, as his father had done, family worship at Mossygal, afterwards at Ellisland, and also at Dumfries. Besides, at Mossygal he taught his sisters and younger brother their education as he afterwards did that of his own children at Dumfries. In St. Michael's Church, Dumfries, there is a tablet placed upon a pillar showing the pew that Burns and his family occupied. It was in Dumfries that he composed some of his finest works, such as "Tam O' Shanter," the most humorous of his poems—it is dramatic, graphic, weird, and witch-like, alternating between the awful, ludicrous, and sublime. No one has approached so near Shakespeare as Burns has done in this poem. Here, also, he composed "Scots wha hae" and that patriotic song—

"Does haughty Gaul invasion threat,  
Then let the loons beware, sir,"

and "The De'il's awa' with the Exciseman," and "Mary in Heaven," besides sending weekly songs to Mr. Thomson and Mr. Johnson of an imperishable nature, beyond all price, yet refusing to accept payment. It is said that the last song he composed was that given to Jessie Lewars, who waited upon the poet when he lay upon his death bed. It begins—

"O wert thou in the cauld blast  
On yonder lea, on yonder lea;  
My plaidie to the angry air  
I'd shelter thee, I'd shelter thee.  
Or did misfortune's bitter storm  
Around thee blaw, around thee blaw;  
Thy bield should be my bosom  
To share it a', to share it a'."  
"Or were I in the wildest waste,  
Sae bleak and bare, sae bleak and bare;  
The desert were a paradise,  
If thou wert there, if thou wert there.  
Or were I monarch of the globe,  
Wi' thee to reign, wi' thee to reign;  
The brightest jewel in my crown  
Wad be my queen, wad be my queen."

Brethren,—I, as a medical man, who has made mental diseases a long life study, can see no symptoms of mental degeneration and decay in the words of that beautiful song.

It was a great favourite of the great Mendelssohn, and is certainly not the composition of a sot, as Burns' enemies would depict him to be. On the 21st of July, 1796, he succumbed to heart disease and pneumonia, from a relapse of his old enemy, rheumatism. I shall not attempt to offer any estimate of Burns as a poet, such work having been done by skilled critics, who each have raised his fame among the poets of the world higher and higher as time rolled on, till now he is acknowledged to be the greatest lyric writer of all times. Above all poets, he is loved as the poet of the people—no literary man is so popular. He sympathized with the people in their sorrows and rejoiced in their happiness. He was bone of their bone, and flesh of their flesh. As a lyric poet he commenced with Nature, as seen in "The Mountain Daisy" and "The Mouse."

"Wee sleekit cowrin' tim'rous beastie  
Oh, what a panic's in thy breastie!  
Thou need na start awa' sae hasty  
Wee bickering brattle!  
I would be laith to rin and chase thee  
Wi' murdering prattle!"

But his strangest love is for his fellow men and women, especially for those in poverty and distress, as exemplified in that poem—"Man was made to mourn;" and that song, that poem of humanity—"A man's a man for a' that." Burns' connection with Freemasonry assisted him very much during his lifetime. In Tarbolton, he met, as I have already said, Professor Dugald Stewart, who assisted him by introducing him into the Society of the Brethren of Edinburgh, who largely subscribed to the Edinburgh edition of Burns' Poems, and introduced him into the upper circles of Edinburgh, meeting with the greatest wits and literary men of the time, where he proved himself to be the greatest British genius of the 18th century; the greatest satirist of his time; the greatest lyric writer the world has ever seen; and has since been installed in the hearts of his countrymen as the National Poet of Scotland, and by the world in general the Poet of Humanity. Let me ask you to be upstanding, and not in silence, but in joy, drink to the immortal memory of Robert Burns, our brother.

Bro. Thomas Grant proposed "The Worshipful Master," "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toasts were proposed and responded to. Bros. Daniel McMaster, James Gemmell, Wm. Laurie, Thomas Grant, and C. Fredrick Ward contributed some capital songs, and Bro. D. F. Gellion, P.M., recited "Burns' address to a youthful friend."

### Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190.

The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 1st inst., and attracted, as usual, a large gathering. The retiring W.M., Bro. Harry Nicholls, although present, was suffering from severe indisposition—having almost entirely lost his voice—and was unable to perform the installation ceremony; but his place was ably filled by Bro. W. J. Ebbetts, P.M., P.G. Stwd. The W.M. elect was Bro. Harold Burke, P.G. Stwd.—a popular member of the Club and lodge.

The brethren present included Bros. H. Nicholls, W.M.; C. L. Carson, I.P.M.; Harold Burke, S.W.; E. Barnett, J.W.; W. J. Field, Sec.; C. Townley, S.D.; W. L. Barrett, J.D.; E. Peacock, D. of C.; W. H. Denny, I.G.; W. J. Ebbetts, P.G. Stwd.; J. Northcott, P.M.; E. Rosenthal, P.M.; E. Lettsworth, G. Sec.; R. Grey, P.G.W.; J. H. Matthews, President Board of Benevolence; and J. Lewis Thomas, Past Asst. G. Director of Ceremonies. The visitors present were Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; F. West, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.W.; J. E. Bowen, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Gibbs, P.P.G.W.; W. A. Gibbs, 232; J. Crook, 2127; J. B. Boyle, 1328; J. Griffin, 539; S. J. Woodham Smith, 948; S. Rideal, J.W. 727; Parrington Salvage, 1706; J. Catling, P.M. 441; H. Neville, W.M. 2127; J. Weaver, P.P.G. Org.; F. J. F. Jackson, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey; W. Nicholl, W. Lestocq, P.M. 1319; H. J. Deane, P.M. 2500; Otto Hehner, P.M. 238; S. James, W.M. 1928; G. Griffiths, S.W. 174; Oliver A. Borthwick, 357; R. Leslie Fisher, 907; P. N. Furber, 907; J. Mulholland, 1434; T. N. Morris, I.P.M. 177; H. Battams, 1777; A. J. Cove, P.M. 1351; Oscar Barrett, P.M. 2127; Reginald Groome, 1929; A. Turner, P.M. 1894; C. F. Frood, 2513; C. Mason, W.M. elect 142; J. Scott Battams, 158; M. J. B. Anderson, 2546; W. Durnford, S.W. 2064; R. O. B. Lane, Q.C., P.M. 1506; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and many others.

Lodge was opened, and, after preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. Harold Burke, P.G. Stwd., was presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed by Bro. W. J. Ebbetts, P.M., P.G. Steward. The following officers were then invested: Bros. Harry Nicholls, P.M. 2127, I.P.M.; Eugene Barnett, S.W.; C. Townley, J.W.; Raymond Tucker, P.M. 1899, Treas.; W. J. Fisher, P.M., Sec.; W. L. Barrett, S.D.; W. H. Denny, J.D.; E. E. Peacock, P.M. 1928, I.G.; H. S. Patterson, Organist; Walter Rowley, D. of C.; H. de Mosenhal, Bowdler Sharpe, LL.D., P.M. 2430, and Edward Michael, Stewards; and G. J. Swan, Tyler. Letters of regret were announced from Bros. Frank Richardson, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Loveland Loveland, Sir J. Monckton, E. Terry, Sir H. Irving, H. S. Wellcome, Holloway, and Col. Marshall.

Lodge was closed, and the banquet which followed was held at Freemasons' Tavern.

After dessert, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. J. Northcott, P.M., proposed "The Grand Officers," and said that their lodge was very much indebted to the Grand Officers, who directed and guided its footsteps when young, and had since watched its progress through succeeding years. Although it could not now be considered a juvenile lodge, the members estimated the services of the Grand Officers even to a greater extent than when it was young. There were many distinguished Grand Officers present that evening whose services, like their names, were famous wherever Freemasonry was known.

Bro. R. Grey, P.G.W., in response, said it was always a very pleasant task to return thanks for such an important toast, with which his name had been coupled. He had been called upon to respond, not by his position, because he was standing in the presence of one who would have done it so much better and who was so much more worthy to receive their praise than he was—he need hardly say he referred to Bro. Fenn, known throughout the length and breadth of the Craft. It was, however, always the duty of the Grand Officers—as it was of every Mason—to respond to the call of the gavel. For his own part, like every Mason, he had his feelings of sympathy and sorrow with their Pro Grand Master in his great trouble. They one and all hoped that time would alleviate that suffering and that in due course they would see the Pro Grand Master—whose presence was so welcome—again performing his duties. The Grand Officers hoped to assist many times again at the birth of lodges, but at the time the Savage Club Lodge was launched the question of class lodges was somewhat problematical as to whether it would be a success, or would be a failure—whether class lodges would increase, and if they did increase, whether they would hold their own for years to come. He thought no better illustration could be given than the present position of the Savage Club Lodge which was one of that class—one which from the first day up to the present, had made its mark both for its working and for its hospitality—a lodge in fact that was exemplary. The Grand Officers were only too pleased to be guests at their kind invitation. Some of them went there almost as a matter of right, being honorary members, but they were only too proud to be associated with it, and the more often they were present the more often they saw Masonry being conducted, as it should be, loyally and thoroughly. In the name of the Grand Officers he thanked the lodge for the kind reception of the toast.

Bro. C. L. Carson, P.M., who proposed "The Health of the W.M.," said he would first claim their indulgence for two reasons. In the first place, he had recovered from a very serious illness—so serious that had it not been for the constant care of his good wife he should not be present that night. And for another good reason—he had to take upon his shoulders the duty of their dear old friend, the I.P.M., Bro. Harry Nicholls. They were all deeply sorry to find him so ill that he had entirely lost his voice. His heart was with them, it his tongue was motionless. It was a difficult thing to follow a favourite like the I.P.M.—a universal favourite. If they remembered last year, the I.P.M. made a fine speech, in which comedy and pathos were prettily blended. They remembered his manner in calling attention to the many hundred banquets which he had attended, and in which he pointed out the same old lines, the same waiters, the same bottles, the same silver, and the same pine apples. That was where the comedy came up. He (Bro. Carson) could not pretend to make a speech like the I.P.M., and could only say what was true about a man—their W.M. It was a great thing to be able to speak the truth about any man in these times. They all knew the W.M.'s private career—a good fellow, a staunch and loyal friend, the grip of whose hand and the tones of

whose voice spoke sincerity. The W.M. could throw open his doors and say—"Here I am, an honourable man; I fear no exposure and fear no reproach." They knew that in his artistic career the W.M. had surmounted every difficulty, and was a portrait painter of high degree, whose works were received with admiration and whose name was held in respect. There was an old saying in the dramatic profession that a man may be good to his mother and still be a very bad actor. That held good in Masonry. The W.M. was as proud as he was of being a child of this lodge, born within its portals and his heart and soul had been in it. He might say to those who had not been regular attendants that the W.M. had been a great help and stood in the unique position of one who, before he accepted office, had filled every office, ever ready in an emergency and was an example of that law of nature the survival of the fittest. They had a harmonium in the lodge. It was a curious instrument, and for four years their W.M. generously presided over it instead of accepting office. He said "No, you want an Organist and I will try and play." It was a wheezy and disagreeable old instrument, but Bro. Burke subdued it and survives. To be W.M. of this lodge was a very great honour and their W.M. felt it that night. The club and the lodge were known all over the world and wherever the members went they were known as "Savages." Before that great discoverer, Nansen, went on his voyage, he left on the wall of the club his name, writ large, and he was very near leaving their names at the North Pole, which, he believed, was the only place where it was not known. He (Bro. Carson) had tried to prove to them that the W.M. was a good man and a good Mason. The combination was one to make a good Master, and therefore, he had no hesitation in asking them to drink to the long life and prosperity of the W.M., Bro. Harold Burke.

Bro. Harold Burke, W.M., P.G. Stwd., said there was no use denying the fact that to a W.M. situated as he was, there could be no greater curse than to have a Past Master like Bro. Carson making such a speech. He had to thank Bro. Carson for all the kind words used, and all the great things said of him, and being a native of the Emerald Isle, and therefore gifted with a superabundance of modesty, he was bound to admit they were every one true. Short as the speech was, Bro. Carson had taken the words out of his mouth, for he was going to say all that brother had said, except what he had borrowed from the I.P.M. Unfortunately, he (the W.M.) was not present last year, and therefore did not hear the speech referred to. The P.M. had told them he was a child of that lodge, and he believed Bro. Northcott claimed to be the first initiate who had occupied the chair. The most he could fairly claim to be was the first W.M. who had attained a rank in Grand Lodge, although humble—a non-commissioned Grand Officer. Although there were a great many members who would surpass him in the excellence of their working, there could be none who would surpass him in Masonic zeal. It was that Masonic zeal that brought him unhurt through those four years at that instrument of which they had heard. They had a right to look for the best work he was capable of, and that he might promise them, but he had an equal right to look for their co-operation and support, which granted, they might fairly anticipate a mutually prosperous year. Before he resumed his seat he had one of the pleasantest duties of a W.M. to perform. From the manner in which the I.P.M. conducted the business of the two first Degrees during the year, they would all regret that Bro. Harry Nicholls was not able to complete the work which he so admirably commenced. Bro. Carson had already told them what he was about to tell them of the I.P.M. He could not add anything, except that it was not through working the ceremonies that the I.P.M. had lost his voice. He had great pleasure in pinning on the I.P.M.'s expansive bosom the jewel unanimously voted by the brethren in open lodge assembled, which they trusted he would wear as a token of their esteem and as a souvenir of a year of office in the Savage Club Lodge. The I.P.M. if he had no voice at his disposal could respond by a nod. He called upon them to drink "long life and prosperity to the I.P.M."

Bro. Harry Nicholls, I.P.M., said that as years went on he was becoming more convinced of the old aphorism that their misfortunes were blessings in disguise, inasmuch as he was able to say now, with more sincerity than before, that he was utterly unable to give expression to what he felt. He thought they all knew that inadequate as the expression might be, it was none the less heartfelt. They knew that with regard to the work he had had it was very slight—another blessing. Another source of congratulation was that as they remembered the initiation and passing, it was just as well that his voice was in its present state, for what would have happened that day he did not know. When he looked at the jewel he was reminded of the little boy whom they all remembered, who got through the alphabet, and said: "Was it worth going through so much to learn so little." Had he done so little to earn so much? He could only say he accepted the jewel in the spirit in which it was offered him, and should wear it, he hoped, for many years to come, and although he had passed through the chair, his work in connection with that lodge was not over.

Bro. W. J. Ebbetts, P.M., P.G. Stwd., proposed "The Visitors" in cordial terms, coupling with it the names of Bro. F. J. Jackson, P.M. 859, P.P.G. Chap. Cambs., a distinguished Mason and theologian, and Bro. S. James, 1928.

Bros. F. J. Jackson and S. James duly responded for the hospitality extended to the visitors.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Past Masters," said it was to them the lodge owed its present prosperity and numerical strength. He knew he could rely upon the I.P.M. to support him should occasion require it. Bro. Sir Somers Vine, the late Treasurer, found it impossible to be present at their meetings, but they had found in Bro. Raymond Tucker an excellent successor. Bro. Fisher had already done duty as Secretary before thoroughly well and his duties were arduous and heavy.

Bro. Fisher, Sec., replied, after which the W.M. gave "The Officers," to which Bros. Barnett, S.W., and Townley, J.W., made suitable response.

The entertainment during the evening was such as few lodges could obtain, the following brethren contributing their services—Bros. Eugene Barnett, W. L. Barrett, F. H. Cheesebright, Franklin Clive, W. H. Denny, Chas. Frood, Reginald Groome, Walter Hedgcock, J. Dalgetty Henderson, W. Nicholl, E. J. Odell, H. Stanley Patterson, H. Pyatt, Templer Saxe, Geoffrey Thorn, Wharton Wells, and the Lyric Vocal Quartette (Bros. Thomas Powell, Charles Strong, Etherington Smith, and Horace Reynolds).

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### Zetland Chapter, No. 236.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday evening, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. In the absence abroad of Comp. C. E. L. Wright, M.A., M.E.Z., Comp. A. Buckle, B.A., P.Z., presided over a numerous assembly of companions. An exaltation took place, which was followed by the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. H. L. Swift, M.E.Z.; C. Tweedy, H.; E. W. Purnell, J.; G. Potter-Kirby, P.Z., Treas.; F. W. Laughton, S.E.; J. B. Sampson, S.N.; A. Procter, P.S.; F. W. Cull, 1st A.S.; A. E. Bartrum, 2nd A.S.; A. G. Rayner, D. of C.; J. H. Wray and T. C. Thompson, Stwds.; and J. Hall, Janitor. Amongst other business, Comps. S. Border, P.Z.; A. H. Furnish, and O. G. Taylor were appointed Auditors.

The companions subsequently dined together.

### Fidelity Chapter, No. 441.

The half-yearly convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., and was well attended. The visitors included Comps. E. M. Money and W. P. Spalding, the Prov. G.H. and J. The first and Second Principals were duly installed by Comp. T. Watts, P.Z., and the other officers were subsequently invested. The following are the officers for the year: Comps. P. H. Young, P.A.G.S., M.E.Z.; S. H. Sharman, P.G.D.C., H.; T. Watts, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., J.; H. E. Greef, P.G.S.N., I.P.Z.; J. Sheldrick, P.Z., P.P.G.R., S.E.; F. W. Potts, P.P.G.D.C., S.N.; J. Vail, P.P.A.G.S., Treas.; J. Royston, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., P.S.; F. R. Leach, 1st A.S.; G. R. Barnes, 2nd A.S.; F. Dewberry, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., D.C.; H. E. Greef, I.P.Z., G. F. Knowles, and E. E. Ing. Stwds.; and A. F. O'C. Hurry, Janitor. There were four candidates for exaltation. The work of the P.S. was ably performed by Comp. J. Royston, P.Z., in conjunction with the M.E.Z., Comp. Young. After the customary lectures from the Principals, the M.E.Z. gave the signs, and the pedestal was described by Comp. B. Chennell, P.Z. SS. The companions spent a very happy evening.

### Zetland Chapter, No. 603.

The second annual installation meeting of this chapter since its resuscitation was held on Monday, the 17th ultimo, at the Masonic Hall, Tofts. Amongst those who attended were Comps. S. H. Stocks, P.Z. 258, P.P.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; Wm. Sharp, H.; J. T. Last, J.; S. Law, S.E.; S. Mortimer, S.N.; H. E. Hodgson, Treas.; A. Woodhead, as P.Z.; Dr. J. L. Parke, A.S.; Dr. C. F. Forshaw, R. J. Bateman, J. E. Helmsley, Wm. Parker, and W. Durrance. Visitors: Comps. H. S. Holdsworth, P.E. 448, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Bell, P.Z. 1283, Prov. G. Reg.; Joseph Wilson, P.Z. 302, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Hodgson, P.Z. 448; W. G. Stansfield, P.Z. 600; W. Dyson, P.Z. 290, M.E.Z. 1645; H. Shaw, S.E. 290; H. Whitwham, 290; Wm. Fielding, 448; R. Sheard, M.E.Z. 1010; J. H. Lee, J. 1010; T. Robertshaw, P.Z. 448; J. Dawson, M.E.Z. 521; J. W. Firth, Org. 600; and S. A. Bailey, P.Z. 302.

The chapter having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Bro. Henry Ellison, jun., 750, was elected a candidate for exaltation at a future meeting. The three Principals were then installed as follows: Comp. W. Sharp, M.E.Z., by Comp. Holdsworth; Comp. Last, H., by Comp. W. Dyson; and Comp. S. Law, J., by Comp. Last, H. The officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows: Comps. S. Mortimer, Treas.; J. W. Clough, S.E. (by proxy); Dr. J. L. Parke, S.N.; A. Woodhead, P.S.; J. E. Helmsley and R. J. Bateman, Asst. Sojs.; and Dr. C. F. Forshaw, Janitor. On the motion of Comp. S. H. Stocks, P.Z., the regular meetings of the chapter were changed from the third Friday to the third Monday in the month. On the motion of Comp. Last, H., in recognition of valuable services rendered to the chapter since its resuscitation, the following were unanimously elected honorary members of the chapter: Comps. H. S. Holdsworth, P.Z. 448, P.P.G.D.C.; T. J. Pickles, P.Z. 258, P.P.G.S.; Walker Dyson, P.Z. 290, M.E.Z. 1645; J. W. Monckman, P.Z. 600, P.P.G.S.; Wm. Allatt, P.Z. 258, Prov. G.D.C.; R. Hodgson, P.Z. 448; Joseph Wilson, P.Z. 302, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and Dr. S. Jacob, P.Z. 837, P.P.G.O. The concluding address was given by Comp. Wilson, P.Z. 302, and the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards sat down and did ample justice to a well-served banquet. The menu card was very tastefully got up, and was much admired as a literary production, the various items being liberally interspersed with apt quotations selected from the works of the late Charles Dickens, by Comp. Dr. S. Jacob.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Chapter" was responded to by Comp. J. C. Bell, Prov. G. Reg., who expressed the pleasure it had given him to visit the chapter, and he would be happy as a present Provincial Officer to report what a very successful meeting they had experienced, and that the chapter appeared to be in a healthy condition.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in very complimentary terms by Comp. Stocks, I.P.Z., and he assured the companions and visitors that the welfare of the chapter was assured in Comp. Sharp's hands.

Comp. Wm. Sharp, M.E.Z., in responding, thanked the companions for the kind manner the toast had been received. He said he was proud of the honour the companions had done him in electing him to preside over the chapter. He referred to the difficulties that had been experienced in the past in keeping the chapter going, but he rejoiced that there now appeared to be a promising future for the chapter, and his best endeavours would be employed during the ensuing year for its continued success.

The toast of "The Honorary Members" was submitted by Comp. S. Mortimer, Treas., who referred to the indebtedness of the chapter to the valuable services so ungrudgingly given at various times by the companions they had sought to honour that evening.

Comp. Holdsworth, P.P.G.D.C., acknowledged the toast, and stated that the humble services he had rendered to the chapter had been a labour of love; they were, indeed, very inadequate to the recognition they had received from the chapter that evening. He esteemed the honour they had done him in electing him an honorary member of the chapter more than any previous honour conferred upon him in Masonry, and stated that his services would at any time be at the disposal of the chapter.

Comps. W. Dyson, M.E.Z. 1645, and J. Wilson, P.P.G. Std. Br., also responded to the toast in similar terms, and esteemed it a privilege to be elected honorary members.

Comp. Stocks, in replying to the toast of "The retiring Z.", which had been warmly received by the companions, stated how gratified he felt at seeing so many visitors present and that they had had such a successful meeting; he had just retired from the chair into which he had been installed in 1887; he referred to the difficulties that the chapter had experienced shortly after its consecration and which caused it to go into abeyance for nine years, during that period he had received several notifications from the Grand Scribe E. and Prov. Grand Scribe E., regarding the warrant or charter, but fortunately it had not been returned, he and the two or three members that were left had lost all interest in the chapter and at his advanced age (over 70) it could not be supposed that he would move in the matter and but for Comp. Last coming to reside in the town the chapter would undoubtedly have been heard no more of. He (Comp. Stocks) was delighted that he had had such a successful year of office and he would continue to do whatever he could for the continued success of the chapter.

"The Visitors," was responded to by Comps. Dawson, M.E.Z. 521; R. Sheard, M.E.Z. 1010; W. G. Stansfield, P.Z. 600; and John Niven, S.N. 302.

"The Officers," and the Janitor's toast concluded a very pleasant meeting.

Comps. Firth, Fielding, Last and Mortimer, contributed songs and recitations to the harmony of the evening.

## Obituary.

### BRO. G. S. WOODWARK, P.M. 107, P.P.S.G.W. NORFOLK.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death, very suddenly, of heart disease, on Friday, the 21st ult., of Bro. G. S. Woodward, of King's Lynn, in the county of Norfolk. He was initiated in Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, King's Lynn, on the 3rd December, 1866, was twice W.M. of the lodge, viz., 1871 and 1875, and was made Prov. G.D. of Norfolk in 1871 and Prov. S.G.W. in 1887. He was a most enthusiastic Mason, and was for years the Charity Steward of the lodge, and, in recognition of his services as such, and of the esteem he was held in by the brethren, he was, on the 2nd February, 1896, presented by Bro. Hamon le Strange, the D.P.G.M. of Norfolk, on their behalf, with a P.P.S.G.W.'s jewel. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Woodward was a P.Z. and P.P.G.J. In the Mark he was a founder and P.M. of the Nene Lodge, No. 427, and P.P.S.G.W. He was a P.M.W.S. of the Rose Croix, and a member of the 31°. He was also Preceptor of the Cabbell Receptory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta. He served as Steward of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls twice, viz., in 1881, and at its Centenary in 1888, as Steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution twice, and as Steward of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys twice viz., in 1880 and 1881, and intended to again serve as Steward at its Centenary this year. Bro. Woodward had also for many years taken a great and active interest in the affairs of the borough of King's Lynn, having served the office of Mayor, and being at the time of his death an Alderman and J.P. thereof. He had also been Chairman of the Board of Guardians for a period of 15 years, and was one of the main promoters of the King's Lynn Conservancy Board. The funeral of Bro. Woodward took place on Monday, the 24th ult., and the esteem and respect in which he was held were evidenced by the attendance of large numbers of the inhabitants, the Mayor and members of the Corporation, and other public bodies, of the W.M., officers, and members of the Philanthropic Lodge and other lodges, and of Bro. Sir W. H. B. Ffolkes, Bart., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., as the representative of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.



### THIRD ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT OF THE LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.

This good old lodge, which completed its centenary some eight years ago, has come well to the front of late years, having taken a new lease of life, steadily increasing in its membership, is well known for its splendid working, and, above all, the brotherly feeling and good fellowship that permeates the whole of its members, which is of such a striking character, that at each meeting the visiting brethren cannot refrain from specially congratulating it on that point, brought itself right up-to-date by again heartily welcoming "our sisters, cousins, and aunts" to a most enjoyable and successful Cinderella on the 26th ultimo, close upon 200 ladies, gentlemen, and brethren putting in an appearance, as against about 120 last year, at their place of meeting—Cannon-street Hotel, where the Great Hall, Pillar Hall, and an extensive suite of rooms had been set aside for the convenience of the brethren and their friends.

The W.M., Bro. Charles Garton (who is strong on commencing punctually), was at his post at the appointed time, 5.30, in the reception room, ably supported by Mrs. Garton, ready to receive the company, and at six o'clock a move was made to the Great Hall, where dancing was commenced and carried on with great spirit up till eight o'clock, by which time, "the labours of the evening" having been somewhat arduous it was deemed desirable to adjourn to the Pillar Hall to supper, which was served up under the personal supervision of the manager, Bro. Feneley, who spared neither expense or trouble to make every one comfortable and feel quite at home.

At the conclusion of supper, three toasts only were given, which received a most loyal and cordial reception, viz., "The Queen and the Craft."

"The Ladies" was given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER in a most humorous speech, in which he initiated the ladies into various secrets, which they were at liberty to consider Masonic or otherwise, as they pleased.

Bro. HIPWELL very ably responded on their behalf.

"The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by Bro. F. HUGHES, P.M., in his peculiarly happy style.

In response, Bro. GARTON expressed the great pleasure it gave him to welcome so many there that night, and hoped the company would enjoy the remainder of the programme as much as they had the first part.

Amongst the numerous company present, in addition to Bro. Charles Garton, W.M., and Mrs. Garton already mentioned, we noticed Miss Garton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Tidman; Madame d'Alise, Miss Chambers, Mrs. Partridge, Miss J. Masey, Bro. F. G. and Mrs. Joy; Bro. William Baker, S.W., Miss Baker, and Mr. G. K. Baker; Mr. A. W. Smith, Bro. the Rev. T. Selby Henrey, J.W.; Bro. Cohu, P.M., Treas., and Mrs. Cohu, and the Misses Lee; Bro. John G. Robeson, S.D.; Bro. Hart, P.M.; Bro. Geo. Harvey, Bro. F. H. Farr, Bro. Miller, Bro. and Miss Sabine; Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Hyde; Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Peach; Bro. and Mrs. E. Windsor and Miss Smith; Bro. and Mrs. W. Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Crook; Mr. W. Hamwald, Mr. F. Smith, Bro. T. Stokes, J.D., and Mrs. Stokes; Bro. and Mrs. C. Comber Welch; Bro. T. J. Crawshaw, A.D.C.; Bro. Fergusson, Stwd., and Miss Fergusson; Bro. Arthur and Mrs. Rippin; Bro. Fredk. and Mrs. Hughes; Bro. J. Speller, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D. Herts, and Mrs. Speller; Miss Florence Ledson; Bro. W. C., Mrs., and Misses Duncan; Bro. W. J. Fishleigh and Miss Bennett; Bro. D. L. and Mrs. Gould; Bro. and Mrs. Creech; Bro. and Mrs. Robinson; Bro. and Mrs. Archer; Bro. W. Ward and lady; Mr. and Mrs. Chiney; Mr. and Mrs. Capes; Bro. H. and Mrs. King; Bro. Serg.-Maj. and Mrs. Cameron; Mr. and Mrs. Diamant; Mr. Rimuz; Bro. W. J. and Mrs. Lockett; Bro. James Collins, Miss Collins, Miss Cissy, and Mr. Ernest Collins; Mr. and Mrs. Marston; Miss Maud Worger; Bro. C. H. and Mrs. Purbrook; Bro. George Wetton, Bro. C. E. Wetton, W.M. 2087, and Mrs. Wetton; Bro. W. C. Hall, 1260, and Miss Coxall; Bro. Henry Williams and Lady; Bro. J. Coppen and Lady; Bro. R. Bell and Lady; Bro. J. Anderson and Lady; Mr. H. Dunn and Lady; Mr. G. Smart and Lady; Mr. F. R. Williams and Lady; Mr. H. Coulton and Lady; Mr. Macqueen and Lady; Mr. Thos. Bamford, Mr. J. Allan, Bro. A. R. Hipwell and Miss Hipwell; Bro. J. and Mrs. Bassett; Bro. J. and Mrs. Shipman; Bro. and Mrs. Ward; and many others.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the M.Cs., Bros. A. J. Rippin and John G. Robeson, for the admirable manner in which they carried out their duties.

Heartly thanks are due to Bro. James Smith, P.M., D.C., who undertook the duties of Treasurer and Secretary again this year, assisted by Bro. T. J. Crawshaw, also to the brethren who kindly assisted as Stewards.

A capital band was in attendance, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Youens.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Saturday last, the 29th ultimo, the Mayor of Croydon, Bro. Sydney G. Edridge, and the Mayoress entertained the residents of the Institution, and afterwards gave a concert, the artistes being mostly members of the Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556, affording the "Old Folks" much gratification; there was also some clever sleight of hand tricks exhibited by a professional gentleman adding to the enjoyment of the evening. They were regaled with cake and wine and waited upon by the friends whom the Mayor had invited. Altogether it was one of the most pleasant evenings the residents have had.

The SECRETARY, on the part of the Institution, tendered his thanks to the host for his fraternal kindness.

The MAYOR, in a feeling manner, responded, assuring the residents that it gave him unbounded pleasure to have the honour of entertaining them during his year of office.

There were a large number of visitors present, who thoroughly appreciated the entertainment and the opportunity afforded of seeing the Institution and the happiness prevailing amongst the residents.

### OLD MASONIANS' CRICKET CLUB.

A most enjoyable evening was spent together with the Old Boys and their friends on Friday, the 28th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the occasion being the second annual Bohemian Concert given in connection with this cricket club. Bro. R. Harold Williams, President, was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. E. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; R. S. Chandler, and R. Barnes.

Mr. C. W. Barber, Hon. Sec., who had the musical arrangements in his

hands, had prepared a long and excellent programme. Mr. J. H. Hewett opened the proceedings with a pianoforte solo, and the following artistes contributed to the evening's entertainment: Miss Clara Judge sang "Carmena" and "Tears" with much success, and received well-deserved encores; while Madame Watkins delighted everyone with her rendering of "The amorous goldfish" and a pretty coon song. Mr. Martin Cave, Mr. G. Lorrimer, Mr. Gilbert Wilkinson, with Bro. Patrick O'Doherty, all scored heavily with their respective songs.

The humorous portion of the programme was headed by Bro. Harry Hall, who appeared a great favourite with the old Masonians, and his humorous contributions were much liked. Mr. Fred Rome sang "Girls," and "Story of a musical box"; Mr. A. S. West, "Our Tyke," and "Serving them all alike"; and Mr. Harry Burton, "Staring me in the face," received a cordial reception. The violin solos of Miss Ada Molteno, and Bro. J. Sarjeant's recitations proved interesting items. Mr. Barber brought an excellent programme to a close with a mandoline selection.

During the evening the chairman presented Messrs. G. Allison and R. McLeod with prizes for batting and bowling, and also spoke in most praiseworthy terms of the club's success during the past season.

At the conclusion of the programme, Bro. CHANDLER passed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. R. Harold Williams for his presiding, and to Mr. C. W. Barber, the Hon. Sec., for the genial manner in which he had carried out such an excellent programme.

We were informed that Messrs. Boyd, of Holborn, kindly lent the piano for the occasion.

### Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

#### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Weavers' Arms, 17, London Wall, when there were present Bros. E. Croft Wise, W.M.; William Baker, S.W. and Treas.; Gernon, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; Meadows, P.M., Sec.; John G. Robeson, S.D.; Newman, J.D.; C. Comber Welsh, I.G.; Harris, P.M.; James Smith, P.M.; Kinipple, Collins, Underwood, Langford, Reed, Wetton, Maitland, Butcher, Jackson, Rugg, Dobles, Hailey, Ruse, Montague, Biss, Evans, W. T. Huckell, J. Huckell, and Fuller.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Jackson acting as candidate. Bro. Hailey then answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, but was not entrusted. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree and Bro. Collins was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Croft Wise closed down the lodge in the Second Degree, and on rising for the first time Bro. Kinipple, W.M. of the mother lodge, proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted from the lodge funds and placed on the list of Bro. Charles Garton, W.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, who is to represent Lodge 192, as its Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, this was seconded by Bro. Butcher, W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge, and carried unanimously. On the second rising Bro. Harlow proposed, and Bro. Gernon seconded, that Bro. William Baker occupy the chair on Wednesday evening next, this was also carried unanimously. The W.M. then rose for the third time, and, "Heartly good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was closed in the usual form, and the meeting adjourned till Wednesday next at seven o'clock.

#### LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. A. Terry, W.M.; E. Homewood, S.W.; J. Cumming, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; J. Goldstein, S.D.; T. Bowden, J.D.; C. Pinnell, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; Mullins, Leather, Beedle, Cox, Cumberland, and Genese.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Paul, and the 2nd Section by Bro. Leather. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mullins being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cumberland being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Homewood, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

#### COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 2663.

This lodge of instruction held its weekly meeting on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial-road, E., when there were present: Bros. Slater, as W.M.; Moffatt, S.W.; Goulston, J.W.; Kinipple, S.D.; Campbell, J.D.; Thornton, I.G.; De Casseres, Preceptor; J. Smith, Sec.; Downes, Palmer, C. M. Holland, Mitchell, Chivers, Macartney, and Peck.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. Palmer, being a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and Bro. Palmer was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Goulston then worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Moffatt was elected to the chair of W.M. at the next meeting.

#### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 28th ultimo. Present: Comps. W. R. Barr, M.E.Z.; H. Hardman, H.; Hy. Cornford, J.; Thos. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor, C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; W. Beecroft, S.N.; J. H. Cureton, P.Z., P.S.; Wills, Lewis, and Bonner.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Bonner personating the candidate. The chapter was placed at the disposal of Comp. Wm. Willr, the M.E.Z. of the Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901, to-day (Friday), and the M.E.Z. of Sterndale Bennett Chapter, No. 2182, on the following Friday. The chapter was closed.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. THE EARL OF WARWICK left Southampton for Madeira on Saturday, on board the *Scot*.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. G. W. RAIFOUR, M.P., will address his constituents at Leeds to-day (Friday).

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, who has been absent in consequence of a cold, resumed his seat in the Appeal Court on Tuesday.

BRO. BURDETT-COUTTS, M.P., has arrived in Rome from Fogliano. The hon. member was received in private audience by the King of Italy on Saturday last.

THE ROYAL LODGE, Windsor Great Park, which the Queen has allotted as a residence to Viscount Bridport, is about to be prepared for his lordship's occupation.

BRO. EDWARD TERRY will re-open his theatre on Saturday, the 26th inst., when a new comedy, in three acts, by Mr. Stuart Ogilvie, entitled, "The White Knights," will be produced.

THE LADY MAYORESS, who was accompanied by the Lord Mayor, Bro. Colonel Davies, M.P., distributed the prizes won during last season to the London Rifle Brigade on Saturday evening last.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, as Hon. Colonel of the Civil Service Rifle Volunteers, will dine with the officers at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, the 14th inst.

THE DUKE OF FIFE, K.T., has consented to preside at the 140th anniversary festival in aid of the Orphan Working School, which will be held at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, the 16th May.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at 4 p.m. The business will include the declaration of vacancies and the settlement of the lists of candidates for the May election.

BRO. PITT LEWIS, Q.C., delivered a highly interesting lecture on "The Temple" before the Lord Chief Justice and a number of the Benchers and their friends, in Middle Temple Hall on Friday last. The lecture is to be printed, and the proceeds of such devoted to the Barristers' Benevolent Association.

THE NOBLE HOUSE of Percy has been again thrown into mourning by the death on Monday, at Alnwick Castle, of the Hon. Joceline Percy, second son of Bro. Earl Percy, grandson of the Duke of Northumberland, and the younger brother of Lord Warkworth, member of Parliament for South Kensington. The lamented gentleman was only 27 years of age.

AMONG the passengers by the P. and O. Steamer, *India*, which left London for Gibraltar, Egypt, and Bombay, on Friday last, were Lady St. Oswald, Viscountess Chelsea, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby, Lady Isold Stanley and the Hon. A. Stanley, Bro. the Earl of Durham, Lady Anne Lambton and the Hon. F. Lambton, and Sir George and Lady Faudel Phillips, and Miss Faudel Phillips.

BRO. JUSTICE MATHEW had been announced to sit on Monday in the Queen's Bench Division, to take a Special Jury action. Among the leading counsel, who attended in considerable numbers, were Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C.; Mr. Jelf, Q.C.; Mr. Lawson Walton, Q.C.; Mr. Joseph Walton, Q.C.; and Mr. Witt, Q.C.; but at half-past 10 the Associate (Mr. Reed) announced that the learned judge was confined to his house by indisposition, and consequently there was no sitting of the Court.

IN ADDITION to the Levee which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will hold in St. James's Palace on behalf of her Majesty on the 21st inst., it is now announced that the Duke of Connaught will also hold one in St. James's Palace, on behalf of her Majesty, on Wednesday, March 2nd, at two o'clock. It is the Queen's pleasure that presentations to their Royal Highnesses at the Levees shall be considered as equivalent to presentations to her Majesty.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, as Mayor of Eastbourne, attended Divine service in the Parish Church on Sunday last. His Grace, who wore his chain of office, was accompanied by the Duchess as Mayoress in his state coach, while the members and officials of the corporation were also present, the procession from the Town Hall to the church also including the 2nd Sussex Artillery Volunteers, the Eastbourne Company of the Sussex Engineers, and the Eastbourne College Cadet Corps, with their respective bands, the fire brigade, and the Borough Police. The Bishop of Chichester, preached the sermon.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND and Countess Cadogan have been entertaining this week, at Dublin Castle, the Marchioness of Headfort and Lady Beatrice Taylor, the Marquis of Londonderry, Lady Helen Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, the Countess of Coventry and Lady Dorothy Coventry, the Countess of Annesley, the Earl and Countess of Dudley, Lady Mary Currie and Miss Taylor, Bro. Lord and Lady Clonbrock and the Hon. Edith Dillon, Bro. the Right Hon. Walter Long, M.P., and Lady Doreen Lorg, Mr. Milbank (10th Hussars), Bro. Hedworth Williamson, Mr. Naper, and Mr. Holden.

THE LORD MAYOR, on the 2nd prox., will give the customary banquet at the Mansion House to the Masters of the Livery Guilds of the City of London, and, on the 23rd prox., a dinner to representatives of the shipping and railway interests of the kingdom. On April 20th the Easter banquet, which the Duke of Cambridge will probably attend, will be held. On Monday, May 16th, his lordship will give a luncheon to meet his Royal Highness the Duke of York (Master) and the Elder Brethren of the Corporation of the Trinity House. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will, if his engagements admit, be present.

ACTIVE PREPARATIONS are on foot for the opening of the fourth session of the 14th Parliament of her Majesty's reign on Tuesday, the 8th inst. Several members of the Cabinet are already in town, among them being Bros. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach and Lord George Hamilton. When the Queen does not attend in person the causes for the summoning of Parliament are declared by Commissioners, who on this occasion will consist of the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Halsbury), Viscount Cross (Lord Privy Seal), the Earl of Pembroke (Lord Steward), and two other peers representing Scotland and Ireland. The address will be moved and seconded in the Lords by the Earl of Hardwicke and the Earl of Albermarle, and by Bros. Col. Lockwood and Viscount Milton in the Commons.

"OLD BLUES" mustered in strong force at a gathering held in the Court Room on Monday, over which Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan presided. According to the Chairman, the meeting was resolved to show that they were not unmindful of the great favours and advantages they had enjoyed in the old school, and the proposal had been made, by way of binding the old to the new, of furnishing and decorating the chapel at Horsham. This intention was embodied in a unanimous resolution, and the Chairman and the Rev. G. C. Bell, Head Master of Marlborough, were appointed Treasurers of the "Old Blues' Thankoffering Fund," the Rev. E. H. Pearce, the vicar of Christ Church, Newgate-street, consenting to act as honorary secretary. A Committee of 14 members was elected, and Mr. Pearce explained that the architects had furnished him with the estimate of the cost of the decoration and furnishing of the chapel: Pulpit and lectern, £500; wall-panelling, £1000; oak seats and masters' stalls, £2000; reredos and decoration of the sanctuary, £1500; and 18 stained-glass windows, £5000. The Committee hoped to raise at the present time between £6000 and £10,000. It was announced that the Treasurer had promised to subscribe 250 guineas and 5 per cent. on all money received, whilst Mr. Septimus Vaughan Morgan also contributed 250 guineas.

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 advice 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.]

THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' COMPANY has granted 10 guineas to the Ham-yard Soup Kitchen and Hospice, Great Windmill-street, W.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR has promised to preside at the annual meeting of the Factory Girls' Country Holiday Fund, to be held at the Mansion House on April 22nd.

IT IS OFFICIALLY stated that Tuesday is the day fixed for the Queen's visit to the wounded troops at Netley Hospital. Her Majesty is expected to travel *via* Southampton, and the visit will be private.

THE LATE BRO. SIR FRANK LOCKWOOD's charming residence near Scarborough, called Cober Hill, has been placed by the trustees of his will into the hands of the Messrs. Lumleys, of St. James's House, for sale by auction.

AT A TOWN'S meeting at Portsmouth to make arrangements for the show to be held there in June of the Royal Counties Agricultural Society, the Mayor announced that the Queen had subscribed £25 towards the necessary fund.

THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF LONDON has consented to preside at the 77th Annual Court of Governors of the Seamen's Hospital Society, to be held at the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, on Friday, the 25th inst.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES is expected to return to Sandringham for Sunday, and to be back again in town for the opening of Parliament. His Royal Highness will probably go down to Sandringham for his shire horse sale on the 11th inst.

THE CARPENTERS' COMPANY hold three courses of lectures in their hall in London Wall during the year, and are issuing the programme of that course which appeals to a larger and more general audience than the highly technical courses given in the early summer and autumn. These lectures begin on the 21st inst.

THE SANITARY INSTITUTE will, on the 21st inst., open a course of lectures at the Parkes Museum on the following subjects: Sanitary Law, Supervision of Food Supply, Trade Nuisances, Infectious Diseases, Water Supply, Ventilation, Building Construction, House Drainage, Sanitary Appliances, Scavenging, and Disposal of House Refuse and Sewerage.

A GREAT NUMBER of the late Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood's sketches and drawings have already reached Mr. Macrory, the Hon. Secretary of the Barristers' Benevolent Association, for the exhibition which is to be opened at the St. James's Gallery about the middle of the month. Contributions should be sent to 7, Figtree-court, Temple, by Wednesday at the latest.

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHAMPTON who has been Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of Winchester for two years, has announced his intention of resigning, in consequence of continued ill-health of a member of his family, which calls him away from the diocese frequently. Dr. Fisher has received an invitation to take up episcopal work in the Diocese of Norwich, and hopes to be able to do so shortly.

A GENEROUS GIFT.—The late Mr. Thomas Porter, yarn agent of Manchester, has left £70,000, the income from which is to be devoted to the benefit of orphan children leaving orphanages and orphan schools to enable them to begin life more comfortably than they otherwise might. During his lifetime, Mr. Porter gave £50,000 to the Crossley Porter Orphanage at Halifax. The trustees of the bequest have appointed a Board of Governors and the new charity is to commence forthwith.

A PRIVY COUNCIL, to obtain the Royal Assent to the form of the Queen's Speech, was held by her Majesty at Osborne early in the afternoon. There were present Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., Lord President; the Right Hon. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Comptroller of the Household; and Bro. the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., First Commissioner of Works. Sir Charles Lennox Peel, K.C.B., was in attendance as Clerk of the Council. Subsequently the Duke of Devonshire had an audience of her Majesty.

THE POULTERERS' COMPANY have decided to grant an additional sum of money annually for silver medals to be presented at county poultry exhibitions for the best class of table fowls. This step has been taken on account of the improvement in live and dead poultry at the Smithfield shows which followed similar encouragement. Of course, a good deal of care and attention must be given to young chickens if they are to become fine table fowl, and farmers are beginning to learn that poultry-rearing may be made very profitable.

A LIFE OF THE late Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood was, of course, expected, the only question being who should undertake it. General satisfaction will be felt at the announcement that the work will be written by Mr. Augustine Birrell, Q.C., M.P., who is admirably fitted for the task both as a particularly able and pleasant writer, and as an intimate friend of the late Solicitor-General. The biography will, it is hardly necessary to add, be copiously illustrated from Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood's own sketches. Messrs. Smith, Elder expect to publish it in the autumn.

BRO. THE EARL OF JERSEY, with Colonel Boughey and Mr. Fitzgerald, Board of Trade Commissioners, held an inquiry on Thursday afternoon respecting the proposed light railway from Saltfleet to Grimsby. Mr. Godden, engineer to the promoters, said the estimated cost would be £55,212, including the cost of a bridge over the Louth Navigation Canal, while the engines would weigh only 20 tons. Bro. the Earl of Jersey said the Commissioners had decided to recommend the order being made, subject to the consideration of various private rights.

THE QUEEN will return from Osborne on Wednesday, the 16th inst., to Windsor Castle, upon the conclusion of her visit to the Isle of Wight. The State apartments at the latter palace, which have been open to the public during her Majesty's absence, will shortly be closed. A telegram from Nice officially announces that the Queen will start for the South of France on March 9th, passing the night at Cherbourg, and reaching her destination on the afternoon of the 11th. All the arrangements for her Majesty's arrival, including details of guards of honour, escorts, and the reception of officials, will be similar to those of last year.

INTEREST is growing in the proposed national commemoration, in 1901, of the 1000th Anniversary of the death of King Alfred the Great. The project will be fully considered next month at a public meeting, over which the Lord Mayor will preside at the Mansion House. The date fixed is Friday, March 18. Among a great number of distinguished men who are lending hearty support to the movement are the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of Westminster, the Bishop of London, Cardinal Vaughan, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Tennyson, Sir E. J. Poynter, P.R.A.; Sir E. Burne-Jones, the Bishop of Winchester, the Poet Laureate, and Sir Walter Besant.

THE METROPOLITAN EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT HOSPITAL.—A most successful ball was given at the Portland Rooms, Baker-street, W., on Tuesday evening, the 1st inst., in aid of the funds of this deserving institution, which is sadly in need of pecuniary assistance in consequence of two new wards for in-patients having recently been opened. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, to the strains of the Royal Horse Guards (Blues) String Band, conducted by Mr. Charles Godfrey, and was kept up in the most spirited manner until three o'clock. Among those present were Bros. Pickett, P.M.; Imroy, Dr. George Brown, P.M.; Dr. Frederick Spicer; Dr. Hemington Pegler, and other distinguished members of the Craft.

PREPARATIONS AT THE Alexandra Palace are going on apace. Spaces for Industrial Exhibits are nearly all let. The necessary repairs are well ahead. Arrangements have been completed to run an electric tramway from the Wood Green entrance up to the top of the hill for the benefit of residents in the Wood Green locality. So great has been the demand for membership of the choral society under the direction of Mr. Henry J. Baker, that hundreds of applicants having first-class voices have had to be refused pending vacancies. The first rehearsal took place last Saturday, at which a few pressmen and others were present. Over 1000 members of the society attended and it was universally acknowledged that the quality of tone was remarkably fine, and the balance of the parts perfect. There is no doubt that this fine body of vocalists will be a very great attraction. Daily variety and promenade concerts, organ recitals, aerial exhibitions in the Central Hall, &c., will be a feature of the season, and Free Seats will be provided for all entertainments except the dramatic performances. Outside will be military and other tournaments, parachute descents, bi-weekly fireworks displays on an enormous scale, alfresco concerts, open air plays, fair, &c. Special features will be made of the Japanese tea garden and the realistic pyrotechnical spectacle. The catering is in the hands of Messrs. Letheby and Christopher, and first-class refreshments only will be supplied at prices considerably lower than those ruling at any other place of amusement in or around London.

# MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, February 12th, 1898.

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

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

### RAFT LODGES.

12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
60, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.  
83, Unity Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.  
144, St. Luke's, Anderson's Hotel.  
250, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
1025, Tredegar, London Tavern.  
1060, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1731, Cholmeley, Cafe Royal.  
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.  
1906, Priory Lodge of Acton, Berrymead Priory.  
2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.  
2098, Harlesden, National Schools.  
2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Club House, Hackney.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.  
2030, Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.  
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.  
2535, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.

### RED CROSS.

1, Original or Premier, Mark Masons' Hall.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial-road, E., at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E. at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.  
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.  
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8 Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30  
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.  
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.  
Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Pantons-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.  
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Supreme Council, 33, Golden-square.

### RAFT LODGES.

96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.  
180, St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.  
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.  
235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel.  
781, Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse.  
834, Ranelagh, Criterion.  
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
933, Doric, Anderson's Hotel.  
1190, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
1209, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.  
1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.  
1608, Samson, Cafe Royal.  
1693, Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant.  
1709, Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern.  
1891, St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant.  
1909, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.  
2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal.  
2427, Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras.  
2546, Bahere, Frascati Restaurant.  
2622, Beach, Horns Assembly Rooms.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
172, Old Concord, Holborn Restaurant.  
185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.  
255, Iris, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.  
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.  
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, The Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.  
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.

Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.  
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30.  
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.  
Supreme Council, 33, Golden-square.

### RAFT LODGES.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
13, United Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.  
130, Good Report, Albion Tavern.  
548, Welington, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1228, Beac ntree, Guildhall Tavern.  
1200, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Holborn Restaurant.  
1709, St. Leonard, Great Eastern Hotel.  
1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.  
1904, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
2347, Grafton, Blanchard's Restaurant.  
2302, Bloomsbury Rifles, Head-quarters, Chenies-street.  
2410, Escapius, Cafe Royal.  
2470, Telegraph Cable, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
2528, Lancaster, Frascati Restaurant.  
2620, Cavendish, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

205, Irael, Cannon-street Hotel.  
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1158, Southern Star, Holborn Restaurant.  
2410, Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.

### ROSE CROIX.

1, Great Metropolitan, Criterion.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, The Woolpack, Moorgate-street, at 7.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.  
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.  
Creston, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.  
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.  
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, at 7.  
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Votton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

### RAFT LODGES.

19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
301, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.  
263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.  
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
800, Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel.  
870, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.  
1070, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.  
1471, Islington, Cock Tavern.  
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1590, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1708, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, North Finchley.  
1791, Creston, Freemasons' Hall.  
1803, Coborn, Bow Vestry Hall.  
1987, Strand, Criterion.  
2047, Beckenham, Public Hall.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1321, Emblematic, Criterion.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.  
1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.  
1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.

### MARK LODGE.

86, Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

### RAFT LODGES.

33, Britannia, Freemasons' Hall.  
134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel.  
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
1359, New Cross, Hotel Cecil.  
1704, Anchor, Cafe Royal.  
1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.  
2309, Ordinance, Freemasons' Hall.  
2552, Stoke Newington, Stoke Newington Assembly Rooms.

### ROSE CROIX.

3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

### RAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.  
1429, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1440, Mount Edgumbe, Holborn Restaurant.  
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.  
1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.  
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.  
1743, Perseverance, Anderson's Hotel.  
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Holborn Restaurant.  
2300, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.  
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.  
2509, Engineer, Criterion.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1207, West Kent, Crystal Palace.  
2182, Stenandale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.

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