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THE NEW ORDER OF THINGS IN NEW ZEALAND.

It is a matter of common knowledge that for some years past there have been very serious dissensions in the ranks of the Fraternity in the Colony of New Zealand. Freemasonry has been in the unfortunate position of the house that is divided against, and though it has happily escaped the more serious consequences of that division, there can be no doubt that within itself it has suffered a diminution of prosperity, while externally, it has lost some of its prestige in the eyes of the general public. All this we rejoice to say is now at an end. The bitterness of feeling that is begotten of internecine strife is fast disappearing, the old sense of brotherly love which existed formerly is regaining its influence, and no long time hence the members of the different Constitutions will be meeting each other and exchanging courtesies, and at the same time wondering how they can ever have been so silly as to allow the Spirit of Discord to be stalking abroad amongst them and setting them all at loggerheads one with the other. This happy transformation from bitter strife to mutual respect and kindly feeling has been effected by a few strokes of the pen. Some time ago our Grand Lodge decided, on the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master, to leave it to his Royal Highness to take such steps as he might consider necessary, consistently with the rights and privileges of the English lodges and brethren in the Colony, to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. There appears to have been a widespread influential feeling among the Craft of the two Constitutions that the time had at length arrived when the schism in the ranks of the Fraternity might be determined, and that, too, in a manner honourable to all the parties interested. The result of his Royal Highness's deliberations was made apparent a few months ago, when it was publicly announced that the formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, on the usual conditions, had been decided on; that the fact had been made known to the authorities of that body; and that the terms of recognition had been heartily and fraternally accepted.

Since the announcement of this much wished for termination of the differences which had too long existed in New Zealand, a further step has been taken in the same direction. On the 28th April the Grand Lodge of New Zealand held its eighth annual communication at Lyttelton, under the presidency of Bro. WILLIAM BARRON, M.W. Grand Master, when Bro. the Right Hon. RICHARD JOHN SEDDON, P.C., LL.D., was formally installed in office as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and the

new Grand Officers were appointed and invested with the insignia of their respective offices. There was, as may well be imagined on so momentous an occasion, a far larger attendance of Grand Officers and the representatives of private lodges than usual, and what is of still greater importance, there were also present many members of the sister Constitutions in New Zealand, the most prominent of these being Bro. R. DUNN THOMAS, Dist. G. Master, Canterbury, under the English Constitution. At the banquet which followed the proceedings in Grand Lodge, the newly-installed M.W.G.M. occupied the chair, and among the toasts that were proposed and received with the utmost enthusiasm was that of the "Sister Grand Lodges." It was submitted by Bro. J. J. M. HAMILTON, the Grand Superintendent for the Canterbury District, who, in the course of a brief but excellent speech, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet so many brethren of other Constitutions and remarked that they were "one in heart, one in loyalty, and would, he was persuaded, work amicably in the future." In responding on behalf of the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. R. DUNN THOMAS is reported to have said that "one of the greatest pleasures that he had experienced during the past eight years was in being enabled that night to once more fraternise as of old, and convey truly fraternal greetings," and he expressed his belief that "the time would come when the Grand Lodge of New Zealand would be able to emulate the great philanthropic example set in the Mother Land." In returning thanks for the toast of his health the Grand Master also referred specially to "the momentous and pleasing changes marked that day" and trusted they would prove "the beginning of a new era." Here then in this exchange of reciprocal courtesies we note the first act towards confirming the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as an independent and supreme body in its own territory, that is to say, within the territorial limits of the Colony of New Zealand, and we sincerely hope that the future of the Craft in this part of the British Empire may be one of complete and uninterrupted prosperity among the members of all the Constitutions.

HUNGARIAN FREEMASONRY.

Apropos of the "Communicated" article on "The Grand Lodge of Hungary," which appeared in our issue of the 25th June, we have been favoured with a long and elaborate communication from the brother on whose statements as to the character of Hungarian Freemasonry we based our previous article on the subject. Our correspondent accepts with gratitude the statement in last month's article to the effect that the M.W.G.M. of Hungary and his brethren all look upon the invocation to the G.A.O.T.U., not as a meaningless formula, but in the light of "as solemn a prayer as if used in a place of worship," and that he "will strongly work" that the Volume of the Sacred Law "may be replaced" on the altars upon which it now no longer finds a place. At the same time, he strongly maintains that the Craft in Hungary is of the character he has ascribed to it—partly from his own experience and partly on the authority of ear and eye-witnesses. He rejects with disdain the suggestion of the M.W. Grand Master—that when we wrote our article of the 9th April last we "were misinformed." He reiterates his former statements. He cheerfully concedes that the Grand Master himself is "a religious man," and is convinced that "he expressed his own personal feelings when declaring that he held the invo-

cation of the Great Architect of the Universe as a solemn prayer." Similarly, he allows that there are many other Hungarian Masons who may justly be placed in the same category in this respect as their G. Master. On the other hand, he fearlessly asserts it "as a matter of fact which cannot be denied," that "there are Hungarian Masons, even holding high dignities in Grand Lodge, who profess themselves to be Atheists even in open Lodge and even to Candidates at receptions." Thus, though the invocation is a solemn prayer in the minds of the G. Master and those who are of his way of thinking, it can be nothing else than "a mere formula" with those who are thus publicly declaring themselves to be Atheists. He reasserts that "there were instances that brethren were deprived of the word in open lodge for maintaining the belief in a Supreme Being to be a Landmark of the Order," and declares in addition that "recently a number of brethren who confessed themselves to be Spiritualists were vehemently attacked in a Budapest Lodge for their believing in the immortality of the soul, so that they determined entirely to withdraw from this lodge." As for the Grand Master's question, "If Gr. Lodge did not believe in the G.A. where would be the sense of invoking him?" our correspondent answers it in the good old orthodox fashion by preposing another question—"If it be true that ALL Hungarian Masons believe in God, why was the belief in God and the immortality of the soul expunged from the Book of Constitutions," in 1886 (just as in France in 1877)." Again, as regards the invocation, he remarks "that He is invoked but only occasionally, as the Rituals of opening and closing do not contain an invocation to God, as those in England do." In other words, "If a W.M. or the Gr. M. thinks it fit to invoke the G.A., he may do so; another one may omit it, if he pleases. No objection is made either to the one or to the other."

Our correspondent, after remarking that "the standpoint of the Gr. Lodge of Hungary seems to be that of *perfect liberty of conscience*" as in France. "Individual brethren as well as lodges are at liberty to believe or not to believe, and consequently to invoke or not to invoke T.G.A.O.T.U., or to understand by this expression what they please." In other words belief in God and a future state is not a *conditio sine qua non* of acceptance into Hungarian Freemasonry, and as our correspondent forcibly puts it—"just there is the rub." He closes his communication by pointing out that in the communicated article of the 25th June (1) the Grand Master confessed that the Volume of the Sacred Law is at the present time absent from the Altars in the lodges of Hungary; and (2) that he does not deny that the belief in God and the immortality of the soul was really expunged from the Book of Constitutions in 1886, and has not been re-inserted since. We should like to know what there is to be said in reply to these statements, as we have framed them out of the communication with which our respected correspondent has favoured us. What has the Grand Master to say to this?

GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND.

The Great Priory of England and Wales has been exceptionally provided for since the issue, annually, of the *Liber Ordinis Templi*, of which Part 3 of the Vol. I. has just been published and circulated. It is by far the most remarkable and valuable of the Series, and is a real boon for the fratres of this live Organisation, which is manifesting vigorous signs of activity, and has taken its place, as of yore, as one of the best and oldest of the chivalric Degrees.

Minutes of the two assemblies held (10th December, 1897, and 13th May, 1898), since the last Report, are duly recorded, and an *Abstract of Accounts* appended, duly audited, and vouched for. Then follow the Registers of the Knights Grand Cross, of whom there are 17 (Five Princes heading the list), and the Knights Commander, 29 in number. After these is the distinctive feature of the present issue, one involving no little labour, but of considerable interest and utility, for reference especially, viz., the Roll of Great Officers from 1873 to 1898, each class being in a separate column, with the year of appointment at the side.

The list of Provinces is as complete as ever, and to date of issue, so also is the Roll of Preceptories, arranged in alphabetical order, with their numbers (or letters), where held, dates of warrants (and also the few centenary warrants).

The Preceptories removed from the Roll occupy some five pages, but as the list runs from the earliest period to 1898, that is not to be wondered at.

The alphabetical list of all the members, with the numbers of the Preceptories in which they were installed, and those they still belong to, covers

25 pages, and an Obituary follows immediately after—48 names, including Lieut.-Col. Geo. Aug. Vernon and Brigadier-Gen. A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, C.B., much lamented.

The Roll of Preceptories is complete, and arranged according to date of joining, as respects the membership, the names of the Preceptors and Registrars, with the addresses of the latter, being added. The Preceptories are placed in their numerical order, so that there are really two lists, one being alphabetical and the other numerical.

The compilation reflects the greatest credit on Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, K.C.T., the respected Great Vice-Chancellor, and all concerned.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

BRO. LORD SUFFIELD RESIGNS.

On Thursday, the 14th inst., the annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the rooms of the Masonic Association in St. Giles', Norwich, when there were present about a hundred brethren of the Craft to meet the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord Suffield. The usual routine business was transacted, and Bro. A. N. Mann, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., was invested as Prov. G.T. on the nomination of Bro. W. P. Eversley, P.M., P.P.J.G.W..

The following brethren were appointed officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, viz.:

Bro. H. Chamberlin, I.P.M. 313	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. W. Smith, I.P.M. 107	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. L. G. Pollard, 313 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. J. Alpe, 52	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Warne, W.M. 1500	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. W. G. Barnard, P.M. 943	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. T. Spurrell, I.P.M. 102 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Green, I.P.M. 996	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. E. Todd, I.P.M. 807	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. N. Tyrell, I.P.M. 100	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. Harrison, I.P.M. 1114	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. A. Bond, I.P.M. 85	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" S. Cole, P.M. 213	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. J. Burrage, I.P.M. 1741	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" G. Hare, I.P.M. 1193	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Olliver, J.D. 943 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" F. Gregory, P.M. 1808	...	...	Prov. G.Ts.
" W. Buckenham, S.W. 213	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. E. Hollidge	...	...
" T. Wyatt (re-appointed)	...	...
" F. W. Lewis, S.D. 100	...	...
" J. Gaymer, S.W. 102	...	...
" W. R. Smith, 107	...	...
" G. Hammant, 313	...	...
" J. H. Colman, J.W. 213	...	...
" G. S. Barnard, 807	...	...

The following were elected members of the Board of General Purposes: Bros. Sir C. H. Gilman, P.M. 52, P.P.G.W.; J. B. Bridgman, P.M. 93 and 943, P.P.G.W.; T. J. Mackley, P.M. 1500, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Martins, P.M. 100 and 313, P.P.G. Reg.; G. W. Page, P.M. 107, P.P.G. Reg.; and H. J. Sparks, P.M., P.P.G.W., Past Deputy District G.M. Bengal.

Before Provincial Grand Lodge was closed,

Bro. Lord SUFFIELD announced his intention of resigning his office as Provincial Grand Master, which he had held for the past 22 years. He explained that he had to take that step not only on account of indifferent health, but because he felt he could no longer discharge the important duties attaching to his office as thoroughly as he could desire in consequence of other pressing engagements. It would, therefore, be to the best interests of Provincial Grand Lodge that he should resign, and he was indeed gratified to add that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M. of England, had graciously signified his intention of appointing as his successor Bro. Hamon le Strange, who had so worthily carried out the duties of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. His lordship assured the brethren that he resigned his position with much regret, but at the same time he reminded them that he should often be with them.

Wymondham and Cromer put in claims with regard to the place for holding next year's Prov. Grand Lodge. The subject remains in abeyance, Lord Suffield rather favouring the former town.

Subsequently the brethren assembled in the schoolroom in the Cathedral Cloisters, where, having donned their Masonic clothing, they were met by the Cathedral choir and clergy—Canon Robinson, Canon Hervey, and Minor Canon Bressi. Preceded by these, and to the strains of the organ voluntary, they marched to the choir, where Masons below Provincial Grand Lodge rank and officers of Provincial Grand Lodge rank formed two lines, through which the Prov. Grand Master, who was accompanied by Bros. Hamon le Strange, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Sir F. Bolleau, Rev. G. Sharley, and G. W. G. Barnard, and other notable Masons of the province, proceeded to the Corporation seats. Minor Canon Bressi and Canon Robinson intoned the service; the Lessons were read by Canon Hervey and Bro. the Rev. A. J. Alpe, P.G. Chap. The anthem was the unaccompanied trio, "Lift thine eyes" (Mendelssohn), and the hymn before the sermon that beginning, "With glory clad, with strength renewed."

The preacher was Bro. the Rev. L. G. POLLARD, Vicar of St. Peter-per-Mountgate, P.G. Chap., who prefaced a discourse appropriate to the occasion by a touching tribute to the great loss which the city and the province had sustained in the death of Bro. H. G. Barwell.

The concluding hymn was "O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see," during the singing of which a collection was made on behalf of the Cathedral Reparation Fund.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Masonic Rooms under the presidency of Bro. Lord Suffield.

Bro. HAMON LE STRANGE proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," and referred in feeling terms to the way in which his lordship had discharged his duties during the 22 years he had held office. The regret they would feel at his retirement was, however, tempered in consequence of his lordship not wishing to leave the province or in any way to consider himself in the future as a stranger to the various lodges.

Bro. Lord SUFFIELD, in responding with deep emotion, referred to the kind reception given him by the brethren of the province, and he assured them that when he did resign he should do so with very great regret; but he was perfectly satisfied in his own mind that if the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, elected Bro. Hamon le Strange to the position he was about to vacate, the province would be exceedingly grateful and lucky in having so able a brother to preside over them. He further assured them that, although relinquishing his official position, it would give him the greatest possible pleasure to come as often as he could amongst them in an unofficial capacity. He hoped that they would never regret the welcome they had given to him that night, and would continue to give him as long as his health enabled him to attend the meetings of the various lodges in the province.

His lordship left shortly afterwards to catch his train for Cromer, and upon quitting the room he was cheered again and again, and it was fully apparent that a strong feeling of affection existed between the Prov. Grand Master and the various brethren of his province.

Amongst other toasts was that of "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province."

Bros. STACKARD, TEESDALE, WARNE, PALMER, and E. W. PAGE responded.

Bro. Sir C. GILMAN proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. W. P. EVERSLEY responded.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and its enjoyment was in no little measure assured by the excellent repast, which Bro. Priddy served in his usual appetising style.

During the evening some excellent music was provided by Bros. Holden, Brookes, Brockbank, Warne, and Stackard, the accompaniments being played by Bros. H. J. Brookes and A. S. Wilde.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NEW DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the banner of the Buckingham Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, on the 21st inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the province, including Bros. Lord Addington, P.G.M.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M.; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; and J. E. Bowen, P.G. Sec.

The Prov. G.M., attended by his Deputy and other Prov. G. Officers, entered the lodge room in procession, and Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, Bro. Jas. Stephens, Past Dep. G.D.C. England, acting as Director of Ceremonies.

The report of the Charity Committee was presented by the Secretary, Bro. STEPHENS moved its adoption. It was found to be a very satisfactory one, a balance of 853 votes now standing to the credit of the province.

The D.P.G.M., who seconded the adoption of the report, congratulated Bro. Stephens on the indefatigable care and trouble he had taken with regard to the matter.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's statement was then presented and adopted. It showed a balance in favour of the Prov. Grand Lodge of £137 10s. 7d.

The Prov. GRAND MASTER then formally announced the resignation of Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg as D.P.G.M., and invested in his place Bro. J. E. Bowen, who, he said, had not only done good work for the province as Prov. Grand Secretary for many years, but, like the first king of Israel, was head and shoulders over the rest of his brethren. (Laughter and applause.)

Bro. Bowen was then led to the pedestal by the retiring D.P.G.M., and was duly invested and saluted.

The next business was the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Bro. BURGESS proposed Bro. J. J. Simcox, I.P.M. of the Wycombe Lodge, for the office.

Bro. MACKRILL seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. SIMCOX, in acknowledging the compliment, said he was deeply sensible of the high honour they had just conferred upon him. He promised to perform the duties of the high post to the best of his ability. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested by the Prov. G.M. as follows:

Bro. L. Cooper, 2244	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Charles Bennett, 1787	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Savory, 631	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" J. H. Light, 1639	...	...
" J. J. Simcox, 1501	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. S. Clutton, 631	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Woollett, 1894	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. A. Callon, 591	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. Batting, 1501	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. H. Sherwin, 2420	...	...	Prov. G. S. of Wks.
" T. W. Allsopp, 2492	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. F. Marsh, 1787	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Pottinger, 2683	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. G. Clarke, 2421	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Pritchett	...	...
" W. G. Hemmings, 1639	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" R. S. Keymer, 1591	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. J. Clewett, 840	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. Fry, 2430	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Fry, 948	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Lloyd, 2262	...	...
" Carson, 2430	...	...
" Hedges, 2425	...	...
" Taylor, 2420	...	...
" Shillingford, 1787	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" F. Payne	...	...

The Audit Committee were re-elected with the addition of Bro. Hattersley.

Charity jewels were presented to Bros. Allsop, Fruin, James Williams, and E. Gibbs; and bars to Bros. J. Thomas, Bridgman, H. Martin, Mackrill, Bliss, B. R. Wright (tri-coloured ribbon), Batting, Simcox (2), Taylor, Cannon, Fenwick, Hipwell, and Surfleet.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF then asked the acceptance of Provincial Grand Lodge of two very handsome banners, the gift of Bro. Alfred Bevan, to whom he moved a vote of thanks, which was heartily accorded.

The sum of 20 guineas was voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Benevolent Institution, and it was decided to put the sum upon the Prov. Grand Treasurer's (Bro. Simcox's) list, he offering to represent Provincial Grand Lodge as Steward at the festival next year.

The Prov. GRAND MASTER then proceeded, in sympathetic terms, to make a presentation to Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, on the occasion of his retirement as D.P.G.M., a position he had occupied for 25 years. As the result of combined action on the part of the lodges throughout Buckinghamshire, it had been decided to present to Bro. Brownrigg an illuminated address, together with a silver cigar case, and to his daughter, Miss Katherine Brownrigg, a very handsome and valuable pearl and diamond pendant, together with a gold and jewelled bracelet. The address took the form of a handsome album bound in red morocco, richly ornamented, and bearing a suitable inscription in gold on the outside. The album contained 21 leaves of vellum, of which the first is occupied by the address. It was an artistic piece of workmanship, the border surrounding the address forming a well-executed design in which the various colours employed had been tastefully blended. At the top of the page was the monogram of the recipient, while at the other appeared the arms of the shire (Buckingham) and those of the Masonic Association. Each of the succeeding pages was occupied by a list of the subscribers of the various lodges. These pages had been handsomely illuminated in keeping with the first page, and the volume was finished in a highly creditable manner.

Bro. BROWNRIFF, who was much moved on rising to acknowledge the handsome presentation, said it was now, almost to the very day, 28 years since he first came among them. He had never received anything but kindness from them, and he should value their gifts as long as he lived. He should take the presentation to mean the personal friendship and the personal affection which his work in Masonry had brought him from everyone present there that day. He was not saying good bye to them, for he hoped to continue to come amongst them, and in conclusion he asked them to extend to his successor the same loyalty and good feeling they had to himself. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where they sat down to a sumptuous banquet served in excellent style by Bro. L. N. Simms, P.M., of the Bull's Head Hotel, Aylesbury.

The usual Masonic toasts were afterwards given and responded to, and the pleasure of the evening was enhanced by a programme of music excellently rendered by Bros. Percy Coward, W. Kearton, M. Boyle, and B. Mills (of St. George's Chapel Royal, Windsor), Bro. M. Clapshaw, P.P.G. Org., efficiently officiating as accompanist.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT TO THE ANNUITANTS.

On Thursday, the 14th inst., the annual entertainment was given to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons in residence at the buildings of the Institution at Croydon. The company who took part in the festivities of the evening left London by South Eastern Railway in mid-afternoon, and on arriving at the Institution proceeded to visit the residents.

Amongst the members of the party were Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Treas.; Bro. James Terry and Mrs. Terry; Bros. T. Hastings Miller, H. Owen Bell, C. H. Webb, Samuel Morley, G. A. W. Griffiths, Henry William Clarke, and A. Start, Miss May L. Raiker, Mrs. Catharine Curtis, Miss Kate Terry, Bro. H. Massey and Miss Ellen Massey; Bro. George Tarran, I.P.M. 1928, and Mrs. Tarran; Bro. Charles Kempton and Mrs. Kempton; Bro. John Newton and Mrs. Newton; Miss Ella W. Herbert, Helensburgh, N.B., Bro. Anning, Mrs. and Miss Louie Anning; Bro. Arthur Barnard, Bro. W. G. White and Mrs. White; Dr. H. J. Strong, Bro. Hugh Cotter, Bro. J. Waite (Hon. Surgeon to the Institution), and Walter Pelham Taunton.

The visit was not empty-handed, as the Supreme Council, with their customary generosity, forwarded to every resident a pound of tea and two pounds of sugar, and to every male annuitant in addition half a pound of tobacco. Further, Bro. Hugh Cotter, P.M. and Treas. 554, and Mrs. Nye, his daughter, contributed to the gifts of the day by sending a two pound jar of jam to each resident. The visits were extremely enjoyable, and seemed to be highly appreciated by the old people, as they were also by the brethren and ladies who made the calls. When the visits were concluded, and a pleasant inspection of the pretty grounds had been completed, the visitors sat down to tea, which was very tastefully laid out in the hall, and a most enjoyable three quarters of an hour was then passed. The room was then cleared for the evening's entertainment. This commenced about half past six, by which time the residents had taken their places with their hosts. The entertainment consisted of two parts, of which the following is the programme:

Part 1.—trio, "O memory" (Leslie); song, "Fame, the fiddler" (Molloy), Mr. John Josey; song, "The old and the young Marie" (Cowen), Miss Kate Cherry; humorous sketch, Mr. Walter Pelham; ballad, "Who'll buy my lavender" (German), Miss Jeanie Allister; duet, "Nocturne" (Denza), Miss Kate Cherry and Miss Jeanie Allister; humorous song, "The glorious days to come" (MS.), Mr. Herbert Schartau; part song, "Ave Maria" (Smart). Part 2.—Glee, "Where art thou beam of light" (Bishop); recit. and air, "Let me love thee" (Arditi), Mr. John Josey; old English ballad, "Come sweet morning" (A.L.), Miss Kate Cherry; humorous sketch, Mr. Walter Pelham; plantation melody, "Piccaninny mine, good night" (Trotter), Miss Jeanie Allister; a few imitations, Mr. Hudson; waltz song, "Poor wandering one," *Patience* (Sullivan), Miss Kate Cherry; humorous song (MS.), Mr. Herbert Schartau; part song, "Come to me gentle sleep," (Schartau).

Bro. FARNFIELD, at the close of the performance, which occurred shortly before nine o'clock, expressed the thanks of the residents and the visitors to the entertainers, and said that where all had done so well it would be invidious to particularise any one of them. The evening had been a most successful one, and favoured by lovely weather, left nothing to be desired.

Bro. SCHARTAU, in acknowledging the compliment, said the pleasure had been quite as great to himself and the other performers as it could have been to those who witnessed their endeavours to make a happy evening.

The visitors immediately afterwards returned to town.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1898.

Our readers must have heard with sincere regret and sympathy of the accident which occurred to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on Monday, when he was on the eve of returning to town from his visit to Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., at Waddesdon. The accident is likely to confine his Royal Highness to the house for some little time, but the bulletins that have been issued by his medical attendants are of an encouraging character, and we are all delighted to hear that the Prince is progressing favourably under the circumstances. The greatest sympathy has been expressed with his Royal Highness and each day there is a continuous stream of enquirers after his condition. As a matter of course, he is unable to fulfil the engagements he has made, and already there have been several instances in which there has been reason to regret his Royal Highness's absence from meetings he had arranged to attend.

Thursday, the 21st inst., promised to be an extremely busy day at Sutton, in the county of Surrey, it having been arranged that the Prov. G. Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter should hold their annual meetings at the Masonic Hall in that town on that day. The Prov. G. Chapter was appointed for three p.m., and that of the Prov. G. Lodge at 4.45 p.m., while the banquet which is customarily held on these important occasions was fixed for 6.30 p.m. at the Cock Hotel.

The business to be transacted at the two meetings is for the most part of the ordinary description, but we notice that in the paper of Agenda at Prov. G. Lodge it was proposed "to consider the advisability of appointing resident Almoners in the various towns in the Province for the purpose of dealing with Masonic Vagrants." It is admittedly a move in the right direction and we trust it will be in our power to report that the proposal was adopted and that no time will be lost in appointing brethren who will be able to deal successfully with that perennial nuisance "the Masonic Vagrant."

There is no reason why a proper scheme should not be adopted throughout the Provinces, which will have the effect of protecting the benevolent from these impostors; but we do not see that any scheme will succeed which is not generally supported. This or that Province may be able to cope with the evil by appointing Almoners or others to look after these fellows, but if there is no general scheme, all the vagrants will feel called upon to do is to give the well-protected Provinces a particularly wide berth, and look out for themselves localities where they are not likely, or but little likely, to be molested by the too inquisitive Almoner. We have more than once suggested a plan which has found favour elsewhere, and which, at the cost of very little trouble, might be at once adopted, but "what is everybody's business is nobody's." The brethren all desire to be protected, but they do not care to take the necessary trouble.

We have much pleasure in calling attention to the success achieved by pupils of our Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the recent examination in Musical Knowledge, Junior Division, of Trinity College, London. W. D. Coales, aged 12½ years, gained 93 per cent. of the marks in the "Honours" Section. Rogers, Niven, Pink, Dallas, and Holland have also passed, gaining respectively 88, 88, 86, 78, and 75 per cent. of the marks. We are also in a position to add that four boys have gained Pitman's third class certificates for shorthand.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held at Brentwood on Tuesday, the 26th inst., and we have no doubt that the proceedings will be of a most satisfactory nature. Never before in the whole course of its history as a Province has Essex been in such a prosperous condition, while as regards its record as a supporter of our Institutions it will need a tremendous effort to surpass the total it has this year raised on their behalf. At the Boys' Centenary Festival last month, the Province, represented by 82 Stewards, returned the magnificent sum of £3926, and as it does not comprise more than 38 lodges, the amount thus raised in donations and subscriptions averages upwards of £100, and that in a county which depends largely on agriculture for its well-being. The minor contributions to the Benevolent Institution in February and the Girls' School in May carry the year's total beyond £4000.

Less than 20 years ago, such an amount would have been looked upon as enormous even from a Province of more than twice the strength of Essex. But the greater requirements of our Institutions have necessitated greater and more urgent demands for ways and means, and the ever-increasingly bigger contributions that have resulted from these demands have reduced our ability to be astonished at anything in the way of "bigness" almost to vanishing point. But so it is. About 14 years ago Essex was thought to have done something unusually great when it raised £1000 for the Girls' Festival at which its then and present Prov. Grand Master occupied the chair; to-day it raises nearly four times as much and the brethren smile as if nothing uncommon had been accomplished.

There is, however, one matter that will be brought prominently before the Provincial Grand Lodge which will cause a deep feeling of regret among the brethren. We referred to it in our Notes of last week; but the matter is one that cannot be dismissed with a mere

casual reference. At the consecration of the Weald Lodge, No. 2707, on the 2nd instant, Bro. the Earl of Warwick, Prov. Grand Master, mentioned that Bro. Philbrick had ceased to act as his Deputy, and that Bro. Colonel Lockwood, M.P., had been offered and accepted the vacant post. Thus next week will disappear from the ranks of Masonry in Essex a brother who has achieved distinction not only as the legal adviser of Grand Lodge, but also as one of the main supports of the Craft in this particular Province, and the severance of a tie which has lasted for so many years must indeed be the subject of deep regret.

It must be quite 17 years since Bro. Philbrick was appointed D.P.G.M. of Essex by the late Lord Tenterden, Prov. G. Master. In 1882, Lord Brooke—now Earl of Warwick—was chosen to succeed Lord Tenterden, deceased, and Bro. Philbrick was re-appointed to and has ever since retained the office of Deputy. At the time of his appointment Bro. Philbrick was a Past G. Deacon of some years' standing in Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Asst. Sojourner in Supreme Grand Chapter. Early in 1883, he was appointed G. Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry, and the year following was selected to succeed Bro. McIntyre as G. Registrar of England both in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. Thus Bro. Philbrick has held uninterruptedly for a long period of time three of the most important offices in Masonry which it is in the power of any one to attain to and those who are conversant with the records of the Craft during this period know well how capably and at the same time how genially he has discharged the important duties pertaining to those offices. Our readers, therefore, will have no difficulty in imagining how deeply our Essex brethren must regret the retirement of one to whose presence in their midst at all important Masonic gatherings they had grown to be so accustomed.

We also referred last week to the retirement from active service of another distinguished Mason—Bro. Lord Suffield, who has presided over the fortunes of the Craft in the Province of Norfolk for upwards of 20 years. His lordship was appointed to office in April, 1876, in succession to Bro. the Hon. Frederick Walpole, deceased, and had the honour of being installed and invested by his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master in person. In 1877, he was appointed Grand Superintendent, and under his auspices both Craft and Royal Arch Masonry in Norfolk have fared prosperously. A successor has already been found in the person of Bro. Hamon le Strange, P.G.D., who for some time has acted as Deputy of the Province, and who moreover has done excellent service by his able and interesting "History of Masonry in Norfolk." At the meeting at which Lord Suffield announced his resignation and the selection of Bro. le Strange as his successor, it was resolved—as mentioned in the report we publish elsewhere—to take steps to formally recognise his lordship's services; but some time will elapse ere it will be settled what form the recognition shall assume.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire was held at the Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead, on Wednesday, the 20th instant. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported, as usual, by his Deputy, Bro. George E. Lake, P.G.D.; Bros. F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.D., Prov. S.G.W.; Charles Bullock, Prov. G. Sec.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.D.C.; and a fairly good muster of the brethren. In the course of the proceedings a sum of 100 guineas was voted, on the proposition of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, seconded by the Prov. S.G.W., to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in connection with its recent Centenary Festival. The annual banquet followed; but not a very large number of those who attended Provincial Grand Lodge remained to partake of it.

We have been favoured with certain correspondence relating to the case of a certain candidate for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls who had the good fortune to be elected into the School at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers in April. We fail to see what good purpose will be served by publishing this correspondence, and thereby formally reopening a case which has been considered and reconsidered by a competent Committee, and ultimately sanctioned and approved by the governing body. We are, therefore, under the necessity of declining to insert the communication.

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.

HONORARY PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your remarks on a decision of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, bring to mind similar incidents that have occurred on the Australian Continent, that is to say, the conferring the rank of Past Master "at sight."

Three of such incidents, at least, belong to quite recent years. The first was in 1883, in an Irish lodge in Melbourne, when the late Sir William Clarke received the appointment of Provincial Grand Master of Victoria, under the Irish Constitution. The second was two years later, in Adelaide, when His Honour Chief Justice Way, the first Grand Master of the South Australian Constitution, was made a Past Master under the ægis of the new Grand Lodge. And the third was in 1888, when Lord Carrington, the then uninstalled District Grand Master of New South Wales, English Constitution, was, prior to installation as Grand Master of the New South Wales Constitution, made a Past Master.

Going back to the year 1861, we have a case which occurred under the English Constitution. It is on record that the late Captain Standish, as a preliminary to his installation as District Grand Master of Victoria, was given the rank of Past Master.

In connection with the Mark Degree, so far as memory serves me, I think I am correct in saying that H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany, in the year 1881, previous to installation as an honorary Past Grand Master, was also confirmed in the rank of Past Master.

The foregoing incidents tend to show that in some jurisdictions of Freemasonry it is considered essential that great dignitaries should in the first place pass the chair of a private lodge "at sight," if not qualified by actual service, even though such a procedure be not in accord with constitutional enactment.

In English Craft Masonry, however, the Constitutions are strictly adhered to. For instance, the Grand Master and the Grand Wardens, and District or Provincial Grand Masters, need not be Installed Masters of private lodges, but Provincial or District Grand Wardens must have regularly passed the chair. That there is a glaring inconsistency in our Constitutions, in this respect, goes without saying.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

July 16th.

MARK BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me to correct a slight error in the "Analysis of Returns" which forms part of your report of the Mark Benevolent Festival held on the 13th inst.

Commenting on West Yorkshire, your paper says that it "takes the lead with £170." This is quite correct, but you add "the number of lodges that were represented was six." This is a mistake. Six lodges in West Yorkshire sent up Stewards, but twelve lodges contributed to make up the total of £170.

Kindly publish this letter, and oblige—Yours truly and fraternally,

JOSEPH MATTHEWMAN,

36, Spencer-place, Leeds,
20th July.

Provincial Grand Secretary.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The usual monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. It was not numerously attended, owing to the summer weather, and so many brethren being out of town on holiday. Bro. J. H. Matthews, President, was in the chair, Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupying their respective positions. The Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Letchworth, Bro. W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec., Bro. W. Dodd, Bro. G. S. Recknell, and Bro. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department. The other brethren present were Bros. George B. Chapman, W. Fisher, A. Lucking, Henry Garrod, S. H. Goldschmidt, George Graveley, Charles J. R. Tijou, E. W. Nightingale, Charles Henry Stone, W. H. Caton, W. Wills, Walter Martin, W. Kipps, C. H. Webb, J. T. Packer, Charles Smith, George R. Langley, A. W. Duret, S. Young, W. H. Fendick, Henry A. Tobias, R. W. Ker, Arthur Williams, R. W. Dobing, H. Massey, C. Sweeting, J. S. Eidmans, John French, J. Caney, J. Austin, Samuel H. Parkhouse, Charles F. Quicke, Edward H. Quicke, T. Compton Stanley, John J. Pakes, and G. Smith, W.M. 186.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the June meeting to the extent of £260. There were 23 cases on the new list, which were recommended through lodges in the London District, and at Winchester, Chichester, Meltham, Altrincham, Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Lymington, Rochford (Essex), New Brompton, Wallsend, Preston, Wigan, Plymouth, Liverpool, Maidstone, East Stonehouse, Honiton, and Melbourne. One of these cases were declared to be ineligible. Two cases were deferred and one case was dismissed. The total sum voted to the remainder was £555. One grant was recommended for confirmation by Grand Lodge of £60 and two for £50 each. The Grand Master was recommended to approve of a grant of £40 in one case, and grants of £30 each in eight cases. Five grants were made of £20 each, and two of £10 and £5 respectively.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE, No. 1437.

The summer outing of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 8th instant, when the party proceeded to Harwich, a saloon having been specially provided by the G.E.R. for the accommodation of the 55 ladies and brethren who comprised the party.

Arriving at Harwich at 12.32, lunch was partaken of at the G.E.R. Hotel, and afterwards the party proceeded by boat up the river Orwell to Ipswich, and on

returning at 6.0, a banquet was provided at the hotel, the party returning to London by the 8.20 train.

An exceedingly enjoyable day was spent. Bro. John Spencer, W.M., presided, supported by a very distinguished company of brethren and ladies. Bro. H. R. Heasman, P.M., Sec., had charge of the arrangements.

Craft Masonry.

Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13.

The above grand old lodge—the mother lodge of the whole of the lodges in the Woolwich and Plumstead district—celebrated its annual installation meeting on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, and it was on every side acknowledged to be one of the most pleasant and enjoyable meetings of the Masonic season. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Turton, who proceeded to raise a candidate and then to install his successor, Bro. A. McQueen, S.W. and W.M. elect. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Turton, I.P.M.; H. Jacobs, S.W.; J. Quick, J.W.; the Rev. R. Jamblin, Chap.; H. S. Syer, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Dickson, Sec.; J. Horne, S.D.; G. Dennison, J.D.; W. H. Crowder, I.G.; G. B. Davies, P.M., D.C.; T. J. Wren, A.D.C.; J. Matthey, P.M., J. Hodge, J. Bailey, F. G. Dickson, T. A. Fergusson, and H. K. Weathers, Stewards; and T. H. Griffiths and T. W. Chambers, Organists. Bro. Turton concluded a splendid work by giving the addresses most impressively, and that which is of more importance, accurately. He was heartily congratulated on the excellence of his work, and was awarded a hearty vote of thanks, and was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel to commemorate his successful and pleasant year of office.

After other lodge duties, among which that of Charity was not forgotten, had been negotiated, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Holborn Restaurant to partake of a banquet, excellent of its kind; but hot weather, hot rooms, and hot banquets are not too pleasant, especially with the thermometer at something like 90 in the shade.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. H. Russell, P.M., W. A. Anson, P.M., W. J. Barnes, P.M., T. Hutton, P.M., J. Matthey, P.M., C. B. Rogers, T. J. Beisley, C. Goodrick, J. Blackburn, W. Brown, T. Cheshire, R. Tucker, J. Attenborough, J. Ireland, W. Lambert, J. Hodder, W. Lynch, A. Butteriss, C. King, R. Hulford, T. Hackney, W. James, G. Harris, J. Garden, A. Peaker, H. Weathers, J. Gaston, E. Jager, H. Fry, F. Dalby, A. Vincent, A. Thompson, W. Warren, H. Eason, G. Roberts, T. Greenaway, E. Oates, W. White, E. Bates, C. Duse, R. Saunders, G. Gaber, S. Shirley, J. Knight, C. Robinson, H. Woodcock, S. Butler, Jos. Taylor, J. Dunn, W. Lowson, J. Templeman, H. Parlington, B. Hudson, J. Morran, T. Green, W. Jones, H. Press, W. Abbey, C. Pilcher, W. Clothier, H. Cornish, H. Staples, T. Sandford, F. Budd, W. Sanford, J. Hall, T. Enever, F. Emery, C. Hosgood, J. Berry, E. Eastcott, W. Dobbins, F. Thomas, W. Lister, H. Crowdy, J. Kenyon, H. Reeve, H. Grant, W. Trance, A. Durant, J. Jones, J. A. Warnock, L. Wagg, W. Hill, F. Wagg, T. James, F. Moore, F. Bell, R. Stead, and T. Witts, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. G. H. Porter, P.M., H. Tufnell, P.M., W. Long, J.W., and J. Dhonon, of 700; Jas. Palmer, W.M., T. Lait, S.W., W. Turvey, P.M., W. Turvey, jun., Stwd., J. Franklin, and C. A. West, of 1472; A. Hill, S.W., T. Brooks, and A. Bullpit, of 1536; G. Dyer, W.M., H. Gomes, and G. Reynolds, J.D., of 2399; J. Thresher, W.M. 1816; Y. Avery, W.M. 174; G. Stevens, S.D. 19; W. Brown, 1685; J. Wood, 1973; F. Mayall and R. West, 1306; T. Brown, 1685; A. McLean, 2397; A. Mitchell, 2147; T. Coombs, 829; and B. Hubbard, 2399.

The banquet having been discussed, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft." He said it was one that needed no preface from him and he knew they would drink it with enthusiasm.

The National Anthem having been sung, the W.M. gave them the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order," which was drunk most enthusiastically.

"God bless the Prince of Wales" was then sung by Bro. J. H. Ireland.

The W.M. again requested the attention of the brethren and proposed the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The brethren were then permitted to smoke.

"A soldier's song" by Mr. T. Wicks was well rendered, also "Robin Adair" by Miss Edith Bushell, for which she received an encore.

Bro. W. H. Turton, I.P.M., then rose, and in a capital speech reminded the brethren that the time of his authority was at an end, and he wished to take that opportunity of thanking the officers and brethren for the help they had rendered him during his year of office, and he also called on the brethren to charge their glasses and drink to the toast he had to propose to them, which was that of their "Worshipful Master, Bro. A. McQueen."

A song, "Carmena," by Miss Nellie Beare was much appreciated by the brethren. The W.M. on rising to respond was enthusiastically received. He informed the brethren that it was not his intention to trouble them with a long speech, but he wished to thank them for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and he trusted they would give him every support during his year of office, which he hoped would be a happy one.

A humorous sketch by Bro. G. Robins was well rendered.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" was then given and heartily received.

Bro. W. H. Turton, I.P.M., in responding, said that some years ago the Masters of lodges were not in the habit of installing their successors, but he believed that now it was the ambition of every W.M. to do so, and it was very gratifying to him to find that he had given them satisfaction; at the same time he reminded them that it was in a large measure due to the lodge being in possession of such an able Preceptor as Bro. G. B. Davies, P.M.—(applause)—that the outgoing Master was able to carry out the ceremony. Again thanking the brethren he wished the W.M. a very prosperous year of office.

Song—"Off in the still night" was well sung by Bro. J. H. Ireland.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was well received and responded to by several of them—Bros. Hedley, P.M.; Butter, P.M. 913; Cleall, P.M.; Grice, P.M.; and the Rev. R. Jamblin, P.M. 1837, Chap.; who, after having thanked the W.M. and brethren for electing him an honorary member, made a rather amusing allusion to the arrangement of the songs after the Past Masters' toast, and said nothing, to his mind, could have been more appropriate.

The rest of the songs were well rendered, and the toasts ably responded to. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "God save the Queen."

Bloomsbury Lodge, No. 2698.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn, on Monday evening, the 11th inst., Bro. R. J. Campbell, P.M., P.Z., W.M., presiding, supported by the following brethren and visitors: Bros. A. F. Hardyment, S.W.; E. George, P.M., Sec., acting J.W.; Geo. Coxen, Treas.; Stocker, S.D.; A. H. Oldrey, J.D.; Pair, I.G.; Arthur E. Horstead, 1837, acting as Org.; Goodwin, Battrum, Symonds, Lines, Crook, W. G. Coxen, Pearce, J. Greaves, A. R. Greaves, J. G. Palmer, and others. Visitors: Bros. James Gawthrop, W.M. elect 1906; Clemens, W.M. 183; Liddall, P.M. 40; W. Frazier, 2310; H. Saunders, 1437; M. Spiegel, P.M. 59; A. Wyatt, 1567; S. A. Pardoe, 1585; Harry Willsmer, 1567; J. Wynam, 188; and others.

The lodge was opened, and Bros. J. H. Crook, W. H. Pearce, E. G. Lines, and A. R. Greaves, were raised to the Third Degree. The W.M. delivered the traditional history in the same masterly manner in which he carries out all the duties connected with his office. Bros. Greaves, Palmer, and Bennett were afterwards passed to the Degree of Fellow Crafts.

The lodge of instruction have suspended their meetings until 14th September, but the Charities Association will meet the last Wednesday in each month.

BRO. EARL CARRINGTON arrived at Gwydyr Castle, Llanrwst, North Wales, on Tuesday evening, from London.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

A meeting was held of the above chapter on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Comps. W. Hayes Dunn, M.E.Z.; T. Cohu, P.Z., as H.; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., S.E., as J.; William Baker, 1st Asst. S.; G. Couchman, Janitor; Robeson, Ringrose, Durrant, Hamlett, Bhagat, and Wetton. Comp. Clark was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The by-laws were then read and motions for the alterations of Nos. 9 and 18 with respect to payments, moved by Comp. F. D. Rees Copestick, seconded by Comp. Walter Fisher, were unanimously adopted, and notice of motion by Comp. Hamlett for the further alteration of by-law 18, given, there being no other business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

Whittington Chapter, No. 862.

This year being the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the above chapter, the companions commemorated the event by having an outing in the Royal Sovereign from London to Ramsgate and back, spending a most enjoyable day, the weather proving fine, with a smooth sea and just breeze enough to make every one happy. Spiers and Pond did the catering (Bro. J. K. Taylor, manager), which was everything that could be desired.

Among the companions present were Comps. H. Brocklehurst, M.E.Z.; A. J. Cove, H.; James Weaver, P.Z. (Founder); James Irvine, P.Z., Treasurer; Henry Higgins, P.Z.; T. H. T. Jarvis, P.S.; W. C. Tyler, Wm. Bradford, T. Coote, F. W. Quandt, E. Daout, J. Gilbert, and others.

Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Comps. Shotter, M.E.Z.; A. B. Hudson, P.Z., H.; C. Garton, J.; W. S. Whitaker, P.Z., S.E.; H. N. Bennett, P.S.; R. Smyth, 1st. A.S.; T. Briggs, 2nd A.S.; Couchman, Janitor; A. Rawlinson, P.Z.; and M. M. Marsden. Visitors: Comps. T. Withers, 1572; J. Bergman, H. 1572; S. White; E. Tidman, 2030; and J. Cowan, P.Z. 1572.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and Comp. C. Rawlinson having been elected M.E.Z. the second time, was inducted into the chair by Comp. Whitaker, P.Z. 1471, 1572, and 2147, P.P.G.R. Kent, who afterwards installed Comp. Garton as H., and Comp. Bennett, J.

The remaining officers having been invested, and the chapter closed, the companions adjourned to a banquet presided over by the M.E.Z.

The usual toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a selection of music performed by students from the Guildhall School of Music.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.

A meeting of this chapter was held by dispensation at 33, Golden-square, on the 22nd ult. This old chapter was re-constituted June 6th, 1848, but it formerly was connected with the Mount Calvary Encampment (D), which claims to be a time immemorial institution, but unfortunately the minute books and records of the latter were lost prior to 1840 or thereabouts. It was the opinion of the late E. Sir Knight Colonel Shadwell Clerke, G.S.P., 33°, &c., that the Mount Calvary or original Grand Encampment of England was one of, if not the oldest body of its kind in England. One proof of its undoubted status was afforded by the fact that the first meeting of the Great Priory of England was held under its banner. Among many distinguished Masons who were on its muster roll may be mentioned Lord Lonsdale, his Honour Judge Philbrick, O.C., and the late Colonel Sir Francis Burdett. The members of the Rose Croix thought it desirable to celebrate the 50th year of its severance from the encampment, and the Supreme Council gave permission for it to meet on the 22nd instead of the 10th ult., its regular meeting. Among those present were Ill. Bros. Frank Richardson, 33°; Rev. J. Brownrigg, M.A., 33°; and Captain P. Dadson, 33°. The members were Ex. Bros. Dr. Victor Jagielski, M.W.S.; J. Speller, Prelate; Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Ex. Bro. Major T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Ill. Bro. H. J. Adams, 30° R.; Ex. Bros. Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., D.C.; F. E. Roberts, Asst. Org.; F. F. Benner, Capt. G. Carpenter, Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, P.M.W.S.; G. Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S.; and Ex. Bro. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. G. Pigache, P.M.W.S. A sum of money was voted to that deserving object "Our Brother's Bed." Ex. Bro. J. Speller was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M.W.S., Treasurer. A Past Sovereign's jewel was voted to the M.W.S. A vote of thanks was passed to those members of the Supreme Council who attended and Ill. Bro. F. Richardson replied. The name of a candidate for perfection having been handed in, apologies for non-attendance were read from Ill. Bros. the Right Hon. the Earls of Lathom and Euston, Capt. N. Phillips, Col. Starkie, R. L. Loveland, O.C., J. H. Matthews, E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Major Baldwin, Dr. Lott, H. Hills, J.P., L. Steele, and Ex. Bros. A. W. Humphreys, T. E. Biddlecombe, C. Slater, W. Maple, W. Fisher, W. Biggs, W. L. Carrick, Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., and A. Troughton. The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street. The M.W.S. presided most ably, and the usual toasts received full justice.

An excellent programme of music was furnished by Ex. Bro. Egbert Roberts, and greatly appreciated. Ex. Bro. Dr. Hinton kindly officiated at the pianoforte.

During the evening Ex. Bro. F. W. Driver, M.A., recited a poem of his own composition entitled "The Jubilee of the Mount Calvary Rose Croix Chapter."

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE entertained the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz at dinner on Tuesday evening at Gloucester House, to celebrate the birthday of his sister, the Grand Duchess. His Royal Highness left town the following day for Gwydyr Castle, Llanrwst, as the guest of Bro. Earl Carrington.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.M.).

The installation meeting of this council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. E. Shepherd, W.M.; J. J. Pakes, J.W., W.M. elect; G. Powell, P.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; G. Graveley, P.M.; and W. H. Toye.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. J. Pakes was duly installed W.M. by Bro. E. Shepherd. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. G. Powell, P.M., Treas.; Major Walls, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Humphreys, the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., W. H. Toye, Dr. Henry Frye, and E. Mills. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Treasurer for his services.

Among those who sent apologies for non-attendance were W. Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; R. L. Loveland, O.C., J.P., P.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., and A. W. Humphreys.

The council was then closed, and adjourned till the third Friday in November next, when the Degree of the H.P. will be conferred upon duly qualified candidates.

The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the only toasts proposed were "The Queen," "The Grand Master," and "The W.M."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY GEORGE BARWELL.

Bro. Henry George Barwell, who died at Norwich on the 9th instant of a painful malady, borne with unflinching cheerfulness and resignation, deserves more than a passing recognition from the Craft which he loved so well. He came of good Masonic stock, his father, Bro. John Barwell, having been Prov. Grand Secretary from 1822 to 1829, and Prov. Grand Treasurer from 1856 until his death, in 1876; and it is a curious coincidence that both father and son were each of them at the time of their respective deaths the oldest subscribing members of Union Lodge, No. 52, Norwich, in which Bro. H. G. Barwell was initiated on the 4th February, 1862, and served as its W.M. in 1869. In contrast to the practice of some of his predecessors in the chair, Bro. Barwell worked all the ceremonies himself during his year of office, and he initiated a brother on the night of his own installation. On several subsequent occasions he acted as Installing Master, and took the chair on two occasions—as recently as 1895—for the purpose of himself initiating two of his own nephews, who will carry on the Masonic traditions of this respected family for the third generation. In 1883 he was elected Treasurer of the lodge—an office which he has held uninterruptedly ever since. He first attained the honours of the provincial purple in 1869, being appointed Senior Grand Deacon of Norfolk in that year. At the installation of the Hon. Frederick Walpole, as Prov. Grand Master, on the 20th November, 1875, Bro. Barwell received the appointment of Prov. Grand Secretary, and discharged the responsible duties of that office with great assiduity and courtesy; in 1882 he expressed a desire to retire therefrom, as he found that the duties were too onerous for him to combine with his private and business engagements, he consented however to act for another year until a fitting successor could be found. At the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Lynn on the 26th January, 1885, on which occasion H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was present, Bro. Barwell received the collar of Prov. S.G.W., and at the subsequent meeting held on the 25th June of the same year at Yarmouth, the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord Suffield, presented to him a handsome silver ewer, purchased by the subscription of his Masonic brethren in recognition of the good work which he had done for the province as Prov. Grand Secretary during eight years, and was still doing as Secretary of the Charities Committee. It is by his work on this Committee that Bro. Barwell would, no doubt, himself have wished to be remembered. He discharged the duties of its Secretary from the time when the Committee was first established in 1877 up to last year, when he was compelled by failing health to resign the office; during these 20 years he worked energetically and indefatigably on behalf of the Charities, and to his exertions it is mainly due that every candidate adopted by the province, sooner or later, secured his or her election to one of the three great Masonic Charities. In Royal Arch Masonry, Bro. Barwell showed equal ardour. He went through the several chairs of Royal George Chapter, No. 52, and served as First Principal of Perseverance Chapter, No. 213, at Norwich. In recognition of these services he received the office of Prov. G.J. in 1881, and again in 1882. Ten years later, in 1892, he filled the first chair of the Harry Sparks Chapter, at Dereham, of which he had been one of the founders two years previously. In Mark Masonry also Bro. Barwell did useful work; he helped to resuscitate the Walpole Mark Lodge in 1883, and served the office of its W.M. for that year. Bro. Barwell's last appearance in Masonry was at the March meeting of Union Lodge in the present year when he already knew that he was a doomed man, but insisted on attending in order to second a vote of 100 guineas from his mother lodge to the Centenary of the Boys' School—a fitting termination to a long and useful Masonic career.

COL. H. KINGSCOTE, of the 43 (Oxford) Regimental District, officially inspected the Eton College Rifle Volunteers on Saturday afternoon last. The battalion, which was commanded by Major Lorry, with whom were Major Somerville, Captains Tuck, Whyte, Thompson, De Havilland, and Bowlby, Lieutenants Byrne, Kindersley, Churchill, Astor Guinness, Hirst, Benyon, and Elphinstone, Quartermaster Durnford, and Surgeon-Captain Norris, paraded.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE NEXT regular meeting of the Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys falls on the Friday before Bank Holiday, and is, therefore, postponed to Friday, the 5th prox., at 4 o'clock p.m.

THE PARISH CHURCH of St. Mary, Aldermaston, Reading, has just been restored at the cost of Bro. C. E. Keyser.

THE QUEEN has sent, through Sir Fleetwood Edwards, her annual subscription of £25 to the Gordon Boys' Home, West End, Woking, of which her Majesty is the Patron.

A NEW MASONIC HALL in Carrickfergus, near Belfast, has just been dedicated. The new hall is two stories high, 30 feet by 48 feet in dimensions. Mr. S. P. Close was the architect, and Mr. Ezekiel Caters the builder.

BRO. ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF-ELECT ALLISTON and Colonel and Sheriff-Elect Probyn, L.C.C., attended at the bar of the Court of Alderman to give the usual bond which is required of every sheriff before taking office.

BRO. SAMUEL POPE, Q.C., who is not only a leader of the Parliamentary Bar and Recorder of Bolton, but honorary Secretary of the United Kingdom Alliance as well, appeared recently as a witness before Viscount Peel's Commission on the Licensing Laws.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—Speech Day has been fixed for Wednesday, the 27th inst. The proceedings will commence at half-past two p.m. After the speeches the prizes will be distributed by the Lord Mayor, who will attend in State. Applications for tickets should be addressed to the head-master.

MIDLAND RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR BANK HOLIDAY.—On Bank Holiday, the 1st prox., and on the previous Saturday, certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations. For the convenience of the public the Midland Railway Company have arranged that the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations shall be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, the 29th and 30th inst. Tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be obtainable beforehand at their City and suburban offices. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London on Friday night, the 29th inst., to Stirling, Perth, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c., for four or ten days, and to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumfries, Castle Douglas, Ayr, &c., for four and ten days, by which trains third class return tickets will be issued at a single fare for the double journey, available for 16 days. Cheap excursion tickets will be issued from London (St. Pancras) to Dublin, Belfast, Londonderry, &c., and excursion tour tickets to the North of Ireland on Friday, the 29th inst. (See bills for times, fares, routes, &c.). Friday midnight, the 29th inst., a cheap excursion train will be run to Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, &c., for three and seven days, and on Saturday, the 30th inst., to Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Rochdale, Oldham, Bury, the Furness District, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Barnsley, Keighley, York, Hull, Scarborough, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, Carlisle, &c., for three or six days. On Monday, the 1st prox., day trips will be run from London (St. Pancras) to Southend-on-Sea, St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Kettering, and Leicester; a one or four days trip to Birmingham, and a two days' excursion to Manchester. Tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the above-named offices. Cheap Week-end Tickets are issued every Friday and Saturday from London (St. Pancras) and other principal Midland Stations to the chief holiday and pleasure resorts, including the "Peak" District of Derbyshire, Yorkshire, the North-east Coast, Morecambe, Dumfries, Ayr, Kilmarnock, Glasgow, Greenock, Melrose, Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, &c. The tickets are available for return on the following Sunday (where train service permits), Monday or Tuesday, and those issued on the 29th and 30th instant will be available for return up to Wednesday, the 3rd prox. A cheap excursion train will be run to London on Friday, the 29th instant, from Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, &c., for four, five, or eight days; on Saturday, the 30th instant, from Carlisle, Keighley, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Rochdale, Burton, Derby, Lincoln, Nottingham, Leicester, &c., for six days; and from Liverpool, Southport, Warrington, &c., for three days. Passengers will be booked by the six days' excursion trains at cheap fares to Brighton and other South Coast stations for five, eight, ten, or fifteen days; and to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning within 16 days. On Monday, the 1st prox., cheap day excursion trains to London will be run from Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Bedford, Luton, St. Albans, &c., a two and four days' trip from Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, Chesterfield, Blackburn, Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Stockport, &c., and a one, two, and five days' trip from Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, &c.

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OWING to the lamented death, on Thursday morning, of a daughter of the W.M. designate, Bro. Edward Terry, the consecration of the Edward Terry Lodge, at Barnes, on the 28th inst., is postponed.

WE REGRET to announce the death, at 24, Grosvenor-square, of Mrs. Brassey, widow of the late Mr. Henry Brassey, brother of Bro. Lord Brassey.

THE MANY friends of General J. C. Smith, of Chicago, U.S.A., will be glad to hear that Bro. W. J. Hughan received a letter from him on the 21st inst., saying that he and his daughter arrived safely and well at New York on the 10th inst. Miss Smith is all the better for her trip to England and Scotland, and it is hoped is now in a fair way of recovery.

THE DIRECTORS of Harrod's Stores have declared an interim dividend on the ordinary shares in respect of the half-year ending 30th June last, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum. Dividend warrants will be posted on Tuesday, July 26th, to all shareholders whose names were on the company's register on the 16th inst.

FREEMASONS' PICNIC.—On Wednesday, the 14th inst., the members of the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 191, Bury, along with their friends, numbering in all about 40, went for a picnic to Chester, Eaton Hall, and Hawarden. The party arrived in Chester about 10 o'clock, and breakfasted at the Grosvenor Hotel. They sailed up the river to Eaton Hall, where they viewed the grounds, &c., and then drove to Hawarden, and subsequently left for Chester, dinner being served at the hotel. After dinner some time was spent in viewing the city and park, and the return journey was made shortly before nine o'clock.

IN THE PRESENCE of a large number of London County Councillors and their friends, the annual inspection of the Feltham Industrial School took place on Saturday last. The institution accommodates some 570 boys who have got into some trouble, and being too young to expiate their offences in gaol have been consigned by the magistrates to the regular and systematic training of reformatory régime, which, substituting discipline for punishment, teaches them the errors of their ways. The afternoon was occupied with various displays, and the steadiness with which the drills were performed reflected considerable credit on the instructors. For the benefit of those of a nautical turn of mind, and those who have chosen to follow a sailor's career, an excellent representation of a full-sized and fully-rigged frigate has been constructed in the grounds, and the ship's drill was one of the most interesting features in the programme.

MASONIC TRIP TO STRATFORD-ON-AVON FROM DERBY.—On the 14th inst. an enjoyable trip took place to Stratford-on-Avon under the auspices of the Lodge of Repose, Derby. The party numbered 100 ladies and gentlemen, and they left Derby by the London and North-Western special train, at 8.45. On arriving at Milverton Station, Warwick, carriages were in waiting to convey them to Warwick Castle. The various places of interest were inspected, and from Cusar's Tower a fine view was obtained of the surrounding scenery. Afterwards some of the party visited St. Mary's Church, where the great Earl of Leicester is buried, and inspected its magnificent monuments, whilst others went to Leicester Hospital, which was founded by Lord Leicester in commemoration of Queen Elizabeth's historic visit to that portion of the country. Lunch was partaken of in the Woolpack Hotel, and the party then drove to Stratford-on-Avon through Charlecote Parke. The birthplace of Shakespeare, the museum of Shakespearean relics, the parish church which has just been opened after restoration, the Memorial Theatre, and other interesting sites were visited, and then the return journey was made to Warwick, the charming forest scenery en route being much admired.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their principal City and West-end offices, and this arrangement is probably never so much appreciated as during the week preceding the Bank Holiday, when large numbers of people avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for obtaining tickets at their own time and without the crowding and worry inseparable from a large railway station at holiday seasons. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria (L.C. & D. Railway); Kensington (Addison Road); Uxbridge Road; Hammersmith, and other stations. The booking offices at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th, and the tickets issued (except those for specified excursion trains) will be available for use on any of those days. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, July 30th, the Company will run in duplicate the 11.45 a.m. and 3.0, 6.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains to the West of England, the 4.45 and 6.50 p.m. trains to the North, and the 12.0 noon trains to South Wales. The first portion of the 11.45 a.m., 3.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 11.38 a.m., 2.55 p.m. and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first portions of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distant passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. Fast excursion trains leave Paddington every Wednesday for Swindon, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, Weston-super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Aberystwith, Dolgelly, Barmouth, Llandudnow, &c.; and at midnight every Wednesday for Cardiff, Swansea, Tenby, New Milford, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c.; every Thursday for Newbury, Marlborough, Devizes, &c.; every Thursday, Friday night, and Saturday, for Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, and other resorts in the West of England; every Thursday and Saturday, for Minehead, Lynton, Lynmouth, Ilfracombe, Torquay, &c.; every Friday, for Bath, Bristol, Yeovil, Weymouth, Portland, &c.; every Friday night, for Weston-super-Mare; every Friday midnight and Saturday, for Douglas (Isle of Man). Passengers are also booked every Saturday to Guernsey and Jersey, via Weymouth, and the short sea passage to the Islands by the trains leaving Paddington at 8.50 a.m. and 9.45 p.m. Third-class return tickets, available for a fortnight or less, are issued at a fare of 2.4s. 6d. There is now a daily daylight service from Weymouth to Guernsey and Jersey in addition to the night boats. On Wednesday, the 27th instant, an excursion will run to Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, &c.; on Thursday, the 28th instant, to Cork and Kilarney; on Friday, the 29th instant, to Stratford-on-Avon, Crewe, Manchester, Waterford, Kilarney, Belfast, Giant's Causeway, &c.; and at midnight to Cardiff, Swansea, Tenby, New Milford, Oxford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Hereford, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c.; on Sunday, the 31st instant, to Gloucester, Cheltenham, Weston-super-Mare, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Plymouth, &c.; and at midnight to Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. On the Bank Holiday excursions will run to Reading, Goring, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. Excursions will be run to London from most of the principal stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged. Cheap tickets are issued daily from London and many suburban stations to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Burnham Beeches, Henley, Goring, Wallingford, and other riverside resorts. These tickets can be obtained during the whole of the summer months. The train service to and from the riverside stations has also been considerably improved.

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