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PORT ELIZABETH EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.

We have again the pleasure of calling attention to the annual report of the Port Elizabeth Masonic Education Scheme. The institution was founded in 1884, and, though therefore, it has not been in existence for any length of time, it has been the means of rendering valuable service in educating the children of deceased or indigent brethren in the Eastern Division of South Africa. The report, which treats of the progress of the 14th year, is in nearly every respect satisfactory. The Managing Committee, not without reason, anticipated that as the District Grand Lodge was making a special appeal to the Craft in behalf of the Jubilee Benevolent Fund, there might be a falling off in the amount of subscriptions to this particular Fund. Happily, these anticipations were not realised, and instead of the year 1897-8 proving less productive than usual, the Committee found themselves in a position at the close of the account to show "a record collection," this agreeable fact being due to an unexpected donation. On the other hand, owing to the payment in advance of School fees and expenses, the disbursements under this head are somewhat larger than usual, but as a set off against this, there is a correspondingly diminished liability in this respect. The balance-sheet to the 30th June last shows a total of receipts, including a balance of upwards of £37 brought forward from previous account, amounting to £367, while the expenditure, including a loan of £200 to one of the lodges, was slightly in excess of £312; the sum paid for School Fees being £108, while the only other item of expenditure was £5 for Printing Cheque Book, &c. The balance in hand at the close of the account was a fraction under £54 10s., the assets, including this sum, being nearly £864, of which £550 was on loan to a lodge at 6 per cent., and some £259 10s. at credit in the Post Office Savings Bank; there being, in addition, three Perpetual Scholarships at the Grey Institute. The number of children assisted by the Scheme during the year was 14, of whom one has now left in consequence of having successfully passed the Civil Service Examination, while another had been similarly successful in the Pupil Teachers' Examination. The one unsatisfactory statement in the Report is the complaint of the Committee to the effect "that no improvement is shown in the number of individual subscribers," and the hope is expressed that the claims of the Scheme will in the future meet with a greater amount of individual interest and sympathy. We cordially echo this wish.

But, after all, our Port Elizabeth brethren are to be warmly congratulated as to the extent of the support which the Fund has received from them and the lodges and other Masonic bodies in the District. The Masons can hardly be a very numerous body, seeing that there are only two Craft lodges, Nos. 711 and 863, and one Royal Arch chapter, No. 711; one Rose Croix chapter, No. 81; one Mark lodge, No. 253; and one Knight Templar Preceptory. Doubtless the membership of these several bodies is for the most part restricted to the same persons, yet the amount received in the way of subscriptions and donations during 1897-8 from individuals and the alms box reached upwards of £220, and the contributions from five out of the six Masonic bodies nearly £87. These facts speak well for the benevolence of the Craft in this remote possession of the British Crown, and we trust that for many years to come we may enjoy the privilege of recounting the good deeds in this respect of the brethren in Port Elizabeth. The sums we have had occasion to mention are on a modest scale, and the good effected of necessity restricted, but the record is most honourable to all who have taken part in the work of this "Masonic Education Scheme" during the year ending 30th June last.

UNION LODGE, NORWICH, No. 52.*

The compilers of this History have had very great difficulties to contend with in the prosecution of their task, difficulties such as nearly every one who has essayed to trace the career of any of our earlier lodges has experienced. But they have grappled manfully with those difficulties and if they have not succeeded in overcoming them, it is because they were unable, in the absence of the lodge records and other memorials in contemporary Masonic history, to furnish a continuous narrative of the lodge's progress from the date of its constitution in 1736 till the present time. In familiar parlance they have not been able to make bricks without straw, but they have discovered many particulars hitherto unknown and are to be congratulated on the amount of interest they have found it possible to inspire into their story.

We have said that what is now known as Union Lodge, No. 52—the senior on the roll of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk—was founded in 1736, when it was described as the King's Head Lodge, and ranked as No. 146 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, the first reference to it being made in the minutes of the 27th December, 1736, wherein there appears the following entry: "King's Head, at Norwich, for Constn £2 2 0." At that time it held the third place among the Norfolk lodges; but in 1786 it took the second, and in 1809 the premier place. It continued to meet at the King's Head until the year 1814, when its membership had dwindled down to four brethren. A year or two later steps were taken to revive the lodge, and application was made to Grand Lodge for copy of the warrant, which had become lost. In 1817, as No. 68—which it was renumbered after the Union in 1813—it was amalgamated with No. 236, which was founded in 1765, and originally known as the Blue Boar Lodge, but subsequently was named the Union Lodge, which title was assumed by the revived King's Head Lodge, and has been retained till the present day. All these facts are carefully noted in the earlier pages of the volume, while a facsimile of the warrant of confirmation granted in 1819, as

* "History of Union Lodge, Norwich, No. 52." By two of its Past Masters—Lord Amherst of Hackney, Past Grand Warden; and Hamon Le Strange, Past Grand Deacon, D.P.G.M. Norfolk. Norwich: Agas H. Goose, Rampant Horse-street, 1898.

well as copies of the same and of the Centenary Warrant, are also furnished.

As regards the 1736 or King's Head Lodge, the particulars that have been unearthed are few and consist principally of lists of members, the three earliest of which ranging from 1751 to 1779 were found in a "Breeches" Bible, originally the property of the lodge, which Lord AMHERST purchased at a sale in London and last year restored to the lodge; a fourth list appearing in the "Country Register prior to 1813" in Grand Lodge Library, the earliest dates assigned to any of the names in this belonging to the year 1786, while the latest entries are in 1801. Lists are also given of the members of the 1765 or Blue Boar Lodge, the earliest with dates assigned to them belonging to 1767, and the latest to 1811. There is, likewise, a list of the Union Lodge running consecutively from 1806 to 1897, which has been compiled from the Lodge Minute and Register Books and the Register of Grand Lodge.

As regards the junior or Blue Boar Lodge, there is, fortunately, preserved a minute book, the first four pages of which contain lists of members between 1806 and the commencement of 1808, these being followed by the minutes, the earliest of which relates to the "Conven'd Lodge" or emergency meeting, held on Sunday, the 9th February, 1806. These minutes run on more or less continuously until the time when the amalgamation with the senior or King's Head Lodge took place. The second minute book dates from December, 1818, and thenceforward there is an unbroken record of the proceedings until the present time, the narrative being supplemented by the lists we have already cited and others which are of interest.

There is, of course, no need for us to quote from the story as narrated by the authors; the facts are such as are to be found in all other lodge histories. There is much, however, in the narrative which will interest the reader from the light it throws on the manner in which the duties of the lodge were carried out; from the occasional references in the earlier records or minutes, to the working of other than the Craft Degrees under the lodge warrant; and from the insight it gives into the services rendered to Freemasonry by the more prominent members. In fact, the story is complete as far as it has been possible for the authors to make it, and has the further advantage of being narrated clearly and without excess of elaborate detail. We may add that the work itself is well printed and handsomely bound, and we venture to think that no Norfolk Mason should be without a copy of this excellent history of the senior lodge in the Province.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

At the annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge at Falmouth on the 13th instant, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Deputy Prov. G.M. There was a very large attendance, the following being present: Bros. Gilbert B. Pearce, 450, P.S.G.W.; John W. Higman, 496, P.J.G.W.; Rev. E. F. Nugent, 1785, P.G.C.; Richard L. Randall, 330, P.G. Treas.; E. L. Carlyon, 331, P.G. Reg.; E. D. Anderton, 331, P.G. Sec.; W. A. Bennett, 699, P.S.G.D.; W. S. Cater, 789, and R. Faull, 510, P.J.G.Ds.; J. Newland, 1544, P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Trythall, 589, P.G.D.C.; T. G. Holder, 75, P.A.G.D.C.; Col. G. J. Parkyn, 330 and 1528, P.G.S.B.; E. Benney, 131, and W. T. Nancarrow, 1071, P.G. Std. Brs.; J. B. Williams, 1785, P.G. Org.; W. Lucy, 1954, P.A.G. Sec.; J. P. Lillicrap, 970, P.G. Purst.; J. Fitton, 1026, P.A.G. Purst.; E. R. Brown, 856, H. C. Sara, 967, W. Symons, 557, and W. Coulter, 2166, P.G. Stewards; E. A. Orford, 510, P.G. Tyler; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. C. R. Crewes, P.P.S.G.D.; E. M. Milford, P.P.S.G.W.; and B. F. Edyvean, A.G.D.C. Eng., Charity Steward.

Every one of the 30 lodges in the province were represented.

Bro. R. L. RANDALL, P.G. Treas., reported a balance in hand of £248, against £252 last year, after contributing 180 guineas to the Charities.

The Secretary, Bro. E. D. ANDERTON, reported that there had been 159 initiations, against 147 last year, 34 joining members, against 28, making a total of 1925 members, against 1868 last year. This was the largest number on record. The increase on the year was 57.

Bro. Milford presented the report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The lodge contributions amounted to £329 against £307 last year, an increase of £22. The total 10 years ago was £170. The invested capital and balance at bank amounted to £6364, and produced an income of £247. There were 11 annuitants receiving from £20 to £30 each, and six children being educated from the funds. Bro. Milford added that by the recommendation of the Committee (afterwards confirmed by the voting of the brethren) four additional annuities and two educational grants would be added.

The Provincial Committee of Relief recommended a grant of £20 to a P.M. of 1272, and £5 each to brethren of 131 and 970.—Adopted.—The following votes were passed: 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; 20 guineas to the Girls' Schools (London); and 50 guineas to the C.M.A. and B. Fund.

Bro. G. B. PEARCE, presenting his 13th annual report of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, said that it was rather more cheerful than in previous years, the subscriptions showing an increase of 83 guineas, last year's total being 207 guineas, and this year's 290 guineas. The largest contributions were from the following lodges: Liskeard, 50 guineas; Helston, £29; Hayle, £24; Millbrook, £21; Redruth, £19; St. Ives, £19. In the cases of Helston, Millbrook, and St. Ives the sums named included special donations to the Boys' Centenary Fund, presented through the Association, and had these been separated from the annual subscriptions derivable from membership the aspect of the list would have been changed—Liskeard, 50 guineas; Hayle, 24 guineas; Helston, 19 guineas; and Redruth, 19 guineas. Taking the full list of 290 guineas, the East contributed 139 and the West 151 guineas, but omitting the donations, which was the fairest comparison, the East won by 124 guineas, against West 116 guineas. There had been 31 new members, Redruth taking first place with eight new members, and Liskeard next with six. He wished to urge upon lodges the importance of adopting the membership system by which they could subscribe two or more guineas annually, and when the lodge vote was taken let it fix the contribution yearly for the five years complete. Bro. Pearce offered congratulation to Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the Boys' School, on the wonderful success of the Boys' Centenary Festival, which was one of the greatest feats in Masonic Charity that had ever been accomplished.

The P.G.M. wished to join in congratulations to Bro. McLeod on the success of his great effort.

The report was adopted.

Bro. B. F. EDYVEAN presented his fifth annual report as Charity Representative for the province. During the year he received the following votes: Girls, 1224; Boys, 1097; Benevolent, 2201; total, 4522—an increase of 317 on the previous year. For the province's adopted candidate he polled in May last 6359, which placed the candidate third on the successful list. These figures, though somewhat high, would explain themselves when he stated that there were no less than 60 candidates for only 12 vacancies. It was the most difficult and uncertain election he had yet experienced. So great was the demand for the Benevolent votes, that he was unable to exchange their Boys' and Girls' at an even reasonable rate, and, therefore, he lent them to other provinces repayable on demand. They owed at present 3412 Benevolent votes, and had owing to them 1323 boys and girls, which when exchanged at the usual rate of one for two would reduce their actual debt to 766 only. He hoped this would be considered a satisfactory state of affairs. For the election of a Truro brother, fourth on the successful list with 5310 votes, they had to thank their ever-generous Cornish brethren in London. In conclusion, he desired to again thank the brethren of this province for their support during the past year, and to remind them that success was dependent on that support, which he trusted would ever be increasingly accorded to the grand cause of Charity.

Business was suspended, and the lodge went in procession to the parish church, drizzling rain falling. The town was gaily decorated with flags, and the procession, headed by the Falmouth Artillery Band, was watched by a large number of persons. The volume of the Sacred Law was, as usual, borne by four "Lewises" (sons of Masons) before the Prov. G. Lodge officers.

The Prov. G. Chap., Bro. Rev. E. F. NUGENT, delivered an excellent discourse from Psalm cxviii., 22, "The stone which the builders refused."

On returning to lodge, the Prov. G.M. presented each of the "Lewises" (Tom Sylvester Holder, Samuel Lewis Tressider, Leonard Moody Buckley, and Bruce Jory Gregg) with a Bible. His lordship hoped that the Bibles would not only be a recollection to them of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall meeting at Falmouth, but that they would study the Bible, and so receive happiness for the life that was before them.

The collection at the church amounted to £12 16s. 9d.

The following brethren were invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Sir C. B. Graves Sawle...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" E. W. Carus Wilson, 331 and 1528	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. A. Jenkins, 967	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. F. Nugent, 1785	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. C. F. Mermagen, 131	...	
" J. M. Blamey, 967	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. W. J. Sharp, 75	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. D. Anderton, 331	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. J. M. Gooding, 75	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" R. P. Couch, 121	...	
" J. Willey, 318	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" T. Burge, 1544	...	
" A. Carkeek, 599	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. B. Trevorton, 330	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" R. S. Rundle, 856	...	Prov. D.G.D. of C.
" G. Davis, 1139	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" R. S. Langford, 1785	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Nicholas Pascoe, 699	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" John White, 1164	...	
" J. McTurk, 496	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. Downing, 789	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Coulter, 2166	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John H. Chubb, 967	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" R. T. Peters, 1006	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" N. Bray, 1071	...	
" W. Andrew, 977	...	
" E. A. Broad, 450	...	
" Thomas Cundy, 893	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. F. Clarke, 131	...	
" Martin Richards, 75	...	

The PROV. G.M. asked, as the P.G.S. was not in the good health they would like him to be, that all communications on the business of the province might for the present be sent to Bro. J. C. R. Crewes (Truro), Assistant to Prov. G.S.

The brethren afterwards lunched together.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

On Saturday afternoon, the 10th instant, the annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Ingram-street, South Shields, when there was a numerous attendance. The Grand Superintendent, Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., was unavoidably absent, being confined to his residence at Whitburn, and a letter regretting his inability to be present was read from him by the Prov. G.S.E., Comp. R. Hudson.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by Comps. J. D. Todd, as G. Superintendent; T. Coulson, Prov. G.H.; and J. C. Moor, Prov. G.J.; assisted by Comps. R. Hudson, Prov. G.S.E.; John Holt, Prov. G.S.N.; R. Stewart, Prov. G. Treas.; D. Cameron, Prov. G. Reg.; James Lee, Prov. G.P.S.; J. K. Wilkes and J. Sedcole, Prov. A.G.Ss.; H. Brown, Prov. G.D.C.; W. G. Hetherington, Prov. A.G.D.C.; J. Joel, as Prov. A.G.S.E.; and T. Grieves, Prov. G. Janitor.

Among those present were—

Comps. W. M. Lyon, P.P.G.H.; Thos. Purvis, P.G.S.E. Northumberland; H. J. Turnbull, P.P.G.H.; F. H. Bennett, P.P.G.H.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.J.; J. T. Wilson, P.P.G.J.; W. R. Staveley, P.P.G.J.; F. S. Cowper, W. E. Moffett, R. Todd, R. Whitfield, G. Harland, A. T. Munro, T. Atkinson, T. R. Jobson, E. Sutherst, T. G. Garrick, Joshua Curry, and other P.P.G. Officers; Ald. T. G. Mabane, Wm. Biggam, A. Grundy, C. Cox, John Robinson, Wm. Swales, R. Hauxwell, J. T. Henderson, T. B. Grimes, John Hunter, W. Hodgson, C. T. Johnston, E. Lautebach, James Robinson, R. Madgshon, and J. Rigby.

The roll of lodges was called and responded to by the Principals of the several chapters, after which Comp. R. Hudson and the acting G. Superintendent, Comp. J. D. Todd, briefly addressed the Prov. G. Chapter. The former reported an increase of 60 members in the whole of the chapters for the past year.

A vote of sympathy was expressed by the Prov. Grand Chapter with the G. Superintendent, on the motion of Comp. J. D. Todd, seconded by Comp. GEORGE HARLAND.

The Treasurer's financial statement was read, and sums were voted to the Hudson Benevolent Fund Festival and to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the motion of Comp. F. H. BENNETT.

The acting G. Superintendent afterwards invested the following Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. Harland, 240	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" T. Atkinson, 80	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Robert Hudson, 80 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Biggam, 80	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" John Redhead 240 (absent)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. J. Wilkes, 111	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. J. Jobson, 48	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" R. Hauxwell, 124	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sojs.
" A. Grundy, 97	...	...
" W. Watson, 9 (absent)	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Hodgson, 509	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. Lautebach, 94, 97...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. Madgshon, 1119	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. M. Moore, 1230 (absent)	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. T. Johnson, 509	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" T. Grieve, 943 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was afterwards closed.

JEWS AS FREEMASONS.

The following appeared in the *Jewish Chronicle* of the 16th inst. and will, doubtless, prove highly interesting to our readers:

In the 11th volume of *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum* there is an elaborate article on the Masonic MSS. in the Bodleian Library, by W. J. Chetwode Crawley; and in the Calendar of the Rawlinson MSS., No. 30 [page 30], there is introduced the name of Mr. Daniel Delvalle. In the *Daily Post* of Friday (not Monday), 22nd September, 1732, the following paragraph appeared: "On Sunday about two in the afternoon was held a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Rose Tavern, in Cheapside, where, in the presence of several Brethren of Distinction, as well Jews as Christians, Mr. Edward Rose was admitted of the Fraternity, by Mr. Daniel Delvalle, an eminent Jew snuff merchant, the Master, Captain Wilmot, &c., who were entertained very handsomely; and the evening was spent in a manner not infringing on the Morality of the Christian Sabbath."

In the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1732, ii., 966, the paragraph appears thus: "Sunday, 17th September, 1732. At the Rose Tavern, Cheapside, was held a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, when Mr. Edward Rose, of the said tavern was admitted of the fraternity, by Mr. Daniel Delvalle, an eminent Jew snuff-merchant, Master, in the presence of several brethren of distinction, both Jews and Christians, for whom was a handsome entertainment." The Editor of the *Grub Street Journal* says: "These Jews, I fear, entertained no favourable notion of this manner of keeping the Christian Sabbath." [Thursday, 18th September, 1732.]

In endeavouring to trace the word "Mason" to its origin, "your most affectionate Brother A. H.," writing in the *Grub Street Journal*, No. 163, February 8th, 1732—1733, says that "there are some wicked persons who, I know, would derive this name from the Papish mass which I own is of a very intricate nature, yet must I reject such a malevolent supposition if it was only because so many zealous Protestants, nay, even Jews, the constant enemies of transubstantiation, are accepted brethren."

"It further deserves notice," says the writer of a letter in *The Craftsman*, No. 363, April 16th, 1737, "how artfully they have dispersed themselves in different lodges through all parts of the Kingdom, and particularly in this great metropolis, as it were on purpose to beat up for volunteers, in which they not only admit Turks, Jews, Infidels, but even Jacobites, non-Jurors, &c., &c."

By a co-incidence, designed or undesigned, the very next paragraph in the *Daily Post* states: "Last Monday (18th September, 1732), the Jews observed in a very strict manner their Annual Fast in memory of the destruction of Jerusalem." If these dates are accurate—though the introduction of the "Destruction of Jerusalem" renders it doubtful—Mr. Daniel Delvalle, the Master, initiated Mr. Edward Rose on the Eve of Kippur.

This is said to be the first definite record of the admission of Hebrew brethren: the date being 17th September, 1732. And certainly the affair

produced a little excitement, for in *Fog's Journal*, No. 204, Saturday, 30th September, 1732, there is the usual advertisement that "At the Oratory, the corner of Lincoln's Inn Fields near Clare Market, to-morrow . . . in the evening at six," there will be "another question whether a Jew can be a Mason, or a Mason can be made on a Sunday, caused by a letter on a late Making in Cheapside." In the following number, 205, of *Fog's Journal* for Saturday, 7th October, 1732, it is announced that "At the Oratory, the corner of Lincoln's Inn Fields, near Clare Market, on Wednesday [11th October, 1732] the case of the Jew Masons [will be] fully cleared, and the affair of the Bricklayers' Lodge from Barbican to the Rose in Cheapside discussed." The Oratory was the scene of Orator Henley's performances. In the MSS. Department of the British Museum there are more than 40 volumes of Orator Henley's sermons and lectures, in his own handwriting, extending from 1729 to 1756; but diligent search has hitherto failed to discover the oration about Jew Masons. The Rose Lodge, or the "Lodge at the Rose," held its first meeting on 27th December, 1732, and the name of Daniel Delvalle stands 29th on the list of members; the "Rose" was held previously "at the Bricklayers' Arms at Barbican," it having been originally constituted 26th January, 1730, the Master being a snuff merchant, and Mr. James Carrington, who officiated as Junior Warden, being a tobacco merchant. According to the *Gentleman's Magazine*, xxxviii., 447, James Carrington, Esq., father to the Rev. Mr. Carrington, Chancellor of Exeter, died on 6th September, 1768. Daniel Delvalle appears to have been Master of the Rose Lodge up to 8th July, 1734, when he settled accounts, from which accounts it was shown that the Lodge was in debt to its Master in the sum of £15 19s. 8d. Thus far Daniel Delvalle; it remains yet to be discovered when and in which Lodge he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. "Mr. Delvalle, a Jew merchant, died in Bunhillfields, August 1, 1737." [*Gentleman's Magazine*, vii., 514.]

Some difference of opinion exists as to when Jews first entered the ranks of speculative Masonry. In 1725 the Register contains the names of Israel Segalas, of Solomon's Temple Lodge, Hemming's Row, and Nicholas Abraham, of the Golden Lyon Lodge, Dean Street. In 1730-2 the Register contains names of members of No. 84 at Daniel's Coffee House, Lombard Street, viz., Solomon Mountford, Solomon Mendez, Abraham Ximinez, Jacob Alvares, Isaac Baruch, and Abraham de Medina. Grand Stewards 1738-9, Moses Mendez and Samuel Lowman.

With regard to a Lodge having been founded and "started" by Jews, the earliest instance given (*) is Lebeck's Head Lodge, constituted 24th August, 1759, for which there were 23 petitioners, 13 of whom have "unmistakably Jewish names." And as to nine, these are they: "Founders, Initiates, Officers:—Jacob Moses, Lazars Levy, Edward Morley, Solomon Levy, Jacob Arons, Senur Warden, Joel; Secretary, Henry Lyon; Tresher (Treasurer), Ross; Past-Master, Moses Levy." But reaching 1759 brings the student within a short distance of the date of the foundation of the lodge known as the "Joppa," which still flourishes.

Many years since an ingenious gentleman, anxious to connect Jews with Freemasonry at a remote period, endeavoured to prove that an early lodge, if not the very first lodge, was held by Moses.

MATTHIAS LEVY.

Scotland.

LAYING FOUNDATION-STONE OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AT GOVAN.

The foundation-stone of the new Municipal Buildings for the Burgh of Govan was laid on Saturday afternoon, the 17th inst., by Bro. Provost James Kirkwood (by the courtesy of Bro. John Graham of Broadstone, Provincial Grand Master of the Glasgow City Province). The importance of the occasion was clearly marked by the presence at the ceremony of such a large number of gentlemen who are closely connected with the many and important industries carried on in the burgh. A representative procession of the various trades and crafts paraded through the principal streets under the guidance of Bro. Macgregor Malloch, Chief Marshal, and the Freemasons fell in at the rear of the procession under Bro. William Phillips, Chief Marshal.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the working tools to be used at the ceremony were entrusted to the members of Lodge of Glasgow St. John, No. 3bis, the oldest lodge in the province.

On arrival at the scene of the foundation-stone, Bro. James Kirkwood was presented with a silver trowel and an ebony mallet, and a duplicate of the mallet was presented to Mr. Russell, joint convener of the Buildings Committee.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. KIRKWOOD thanked the Commissioners and his brother Masons for the honour they had done him on this epoch-making period of the burgh's history. He was proud of the progress which the burgh was making. When it was first erected into a burgh in 1864, the population was about 9000, whereas now it stood at about 70,000. In 1867 they erected burgh buildings at a cost of £5000, but these had long since been quite inadequate for the accommodation needed, and now the public had wisely consented to the present venture, which was estimated to cost somewhere between £30,000 and £35,000.

Bro. JAMES TAYLOR, jun., Sub-Provincial Grand Master, spoke on behalf of the Freemasons present. He was certain that he spoke for them all when he said how pleased they had been to assist in the important work of laying the foundation stone of a building which was to confer so many benefits on the people of Govan.

Miss Elsie Frew (daughter of Bailie Frew) presented Mrs. Kirkwood with a handsome bouquet as a gift from the Commissioners.

Mrs. KIRKWOOD thanked the members of the Board for their kindness. She could hardly hope to preserve their gift for long, but recollections of the day would be always with her.

A banquet was given by the Burgh Commissioners in the evening, at which Bro. Kirkwood presided, and the croupiers were Bailies Marr and Hutcheson and ex-Bailie Williamsom; the purveyor being Mr. A. M. Thiem, of the Windsor Hotel.

The platform was graced by the presence of Mrs. Kirkwood, Lord Provost Richmond (of Glasgow) and Mrs. Richmond; Sir Charles Cameron, M.P., and Lady Cameron; Mr. Barns Graham, Convener of the County, and Mr. Graham; Provost Brown (of Renfrew), Major Bode and Captain Wemyss, of the Maryhill Garrison, while amongst the company were most of the large employers of labour in connection with shipbuilding, engineering, and many other industries so successfully carried on in the burgh.

(*) Bro. Henry Sadler, "Masonic Facts and Fictions," London, 1887.

After the usual loyal toasts had been disposed of, Sir CHARLES CAMERON, M.P., had the responsibility of proposing both the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," and that of "The Provost, Magistrates, and Commissioners of Govan."

Major BODE and Bailie MARR respectively replied.

The toast of "The Trade and Commerce of the Clyde" was put into the hands of Mr. BARNES GRAHAM.

The LORD PROVOST OF GLASGOW replied.

The toast of "The Architects and Contractors" was proposed by Mr. RUSSELL.

Mr. KERR responded.

"The Chairman" was proposed by the Rev. Dr. TULLOCH, and "The Croupiers" by Mr. WASHINGTON BROWN.

While the banquet was being served an excellent programme of music was rendered by a section of Mr. Cole's band and a quartette of vocalists.

The representatives of the various trades were entertained to dinner and the Masters and Wardens of the various Craft lodges to cake and wine by the Provost, and later on in the evening the annual display of fireworks, at Mrs. John Elder's cost, took place on a vacant piece of ground in the centre of the burgh.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AT PENGE.

On Thursday evening, the 15th inst., Bro. W. J. Blaker, mine host of the Waterman's Arms, Beckenham-road, Penge, gave a complimentary banquet to a number of local and other members of the Craft. Bro. J. N. Francis presided, and was supported by Bros. Dibble, P.M.; H. Leney, P.M.; and other Past and Present office-holders, the company numbering about 25. The catering was in the hands of Bro. G. J. Ribbens, of Kent House, Beckenham-road, who put on a splendid dinner, the menu of which redounds highly to his credit.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Foun'er of the Feast, Bro. W. J. Blaker," who responded in suitable terms.

Bro. Ribbens also came in for a suitable and similar compliment.

The music was of a high-class description, the organist being Bro. Macadam.

Altogether the occasion was a most enjoyable one, and an evening to be pleasantly remembered by both host and guests, the final scene being a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Francis for presiding.

Mark Masonry.

Whitwell Lodge, No. 151.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Maryport, on Thursday, the 15th inst. Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec., owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Johnson, W.M., P.S.G.D.; one candidate was balloted for and accepted, and he being present was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by Bro. Jos. O. Scott, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and one candidate was proposed. The following signed the attendance book: Bro. Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.G. Sec.; Jos. O. Scott, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Jas. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Jos. Abbot, P.M., P.P.J.G.O.; R. Monkhouse, S.W., P.G.I.G.; M. Iveson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Gilson, P.P.G.I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; and Messenger, Tyler. Bro. J. Mensely, P.M., P.P.J.G.O. 282, was a visitor.

Royal Arch.

Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549.

The installation meeting of this increasing chapter was held on the 13th July, at the Abercorn Hotel, Stanmore, when, after a highly favourable report from the Audit Committee, the following were duly installed as officers for the coming year: Comps. J. P. Taylor, M.E.Z.; W. W. Mansfield, I.P.Z.; C. J. Veal, H.; W. A. Cocks, J.; C. Veal, P.Z., P.P.G.S., S.E.; A. J. Oliver, P.Z., P.P.G.T., S.N.; A. A. Hardy, P.S.; J. Southam, 1st A.S.; W. W. Reed, 2nd A.S.; and J. Percival, Janitor.

Several proposals for exaltation brought forward a very successful meeting on the 14th inst., when the above, from their respective chairs, duly exalted in excellent form the following candidates, viz.: Bros. Frank L. Moir, Frank L. Day, and A. Dufton. The ceremony and addresses were well given, and they were, as usual, well supported by their old P.Z., Comp. C. H. Webb, who may be looked upon as guide to all the young members. Several candidates are proposed for an emergency meeting, and this chapter, which now numbers 45 members, is by far the largest in the Province of Middlesex.

A very enjoyable evening followed their labours. The M.E.Z. was equally well up at the banquet table as in the First Principal's chair, and all passed off highly satisfactory.

Warrant Officers Chapter, No. 2346.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., when there were present: Comps. A. Molony, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; H. A. Howe, H.; C. A. Pugh, P.Z., acting J.; M. A. McInerny, P.Z., S.E.; J. P. Newsham, S.N.; A. Edis, P.S.; W. E. Bailey, 1st A.S.; J. Lackland, Janitor; E. Arnold, A. Copey, J. Duffy, C. W. Bensstead, and J. Dent. Visitors: Comps. C. K. Pearce, A. Wood, and Shepherd, of 907.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last regular convocation were read and confirmed. The balance-sheet having been adopted, Comp. H. A. Howe, the M.E.Z. elect, was duly installed into the chair of M.E.Z. in a most able and impressive manner by Comp. Molony, P.Z., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Dr. Greene. As the H. and J. could not attend, their installation was postponed until the next regular convocation.

Letters of apology having been received from several of the companions regretting their inability to be present, and there being no other business before the chapter, it was closed.

The companions afterwards adjourned to a very enjoyable banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

Obituary.

BRO. P. CHILDS ROGERS, P.M.

It is with regret we announce the death of Bro. P. Childs Rogers, P.M., who had served for close upon 25 years as Sergeant-Major of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery Volunteers, and during that time had won the esteem and respect of the members of that corps. Bro. Rogers was P.M. of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery Lodge, No. 2484, which was founded in 1893, and J.W. of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, in which we are under the impression he was initiated. The interment took place at Manor Park Cemetery, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., and was attended by a number of the relations and friends of our deceased brother.

CANADIAN NOTES.

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, the newly-elected Grand Master of Canada (in Ontario) promises to be an energetic officer.

The Grand Lodge of Canada pays out every year to widows and aged Masons, in sums varying from £5 to 15 each, about £2000 in all. These yearly grants are renewable. A novel and necessary feature of the distribution of this money is that a special officer at the expense of the Grand Lodge visits each new applicant before the grant is paid. A periodical inspection is also made of all renewal cases, the endeavour being to give to those only who are worthy. R.W. Bro. John E. Harding, the Master in Chancery at Stratford in Canada, is the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence. He has the work thoroughly in hand.

The Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada has resigned, and M.E. Comp. Michael Walsh has appointed M.E. Comp. George J. Bennett as G.S.E. until the Grand Chapter elects in January. The appointment of Comp. Bennett is an excellent one. He is an Irishman by birth, and was W.M. in that country. For 20 years past he has been the chief sub and news editor of the *Toronto Evening Telegram*, owned by M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M., Canada. Comp. Bennett possesses literary attainments of a marked character. His contributions as Chairman of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Canada are punctuated by a fulness of Craft knowledge in history and jurisprudence that but few possess. He is a man of high personal reputation and is greatly esteemed by the Craft at large in Canada. The Grand Chapter cannot do better than select this companion as its permanent Grand Scribe E.

A Canadian correspondent who has seen the proofs of M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson's History of Masonry in Canada, pronounces it as complete in every regard, full of the history of Craft work in the Dominion from 1759-1858. The three volumes, each 800 pages, are sprinkled with story and romance, illustrated by about 400 rare engravings all made specially for the work. The half tone reproduction and fac simile of old documents are unique in character and exceed in number any attempt of the kind in connection with Masonic History. It is to be issued early in 1899. Bro. Hughan, of Torquay, who has read the proofs and is to write the preface, speaks in the highest terms of the work of Bro. Robertson.

The Grand Lodge of Canada has issued a complete ritual for all public ceremonies, including the esoteric ceremonies—such as installation of officers in private lodges and Grand Lodges.

Ten of the Toronto lodges have after 40 years' residence in a hall on Toronto street in that City, removed to palatial premises in the Temple Building recently erected. These lodges are partners in what is known as the Masonic Hall Board of Trustees. In point of furniture, fittings, and equipment generally, the new premises which occupy the ninth and tenth floors of the Temple building, are exceptional in beauty, design, and comfort. It was a grand move to make—to get out of rooms that were unsuited to modern requirements and take advantage of an offer that gives the Craft a home it never had before. The members ascend to these high floors in two electric elevators, each of which holds 10 persons. Each elevator takes about 30 seconds to make the journey.

M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson has, at a cost of £500 sterling, presented the Masons of Toronto with a remarkably fine collection of oil paintings of the first eight prominent Grand Masters of the Craft in Upper Canada, who dated from 1792 until 1845. These paintings include William Jarvis, who was appointed P.M. by the Athole Grand Lodge at the Crown and Anchor in 1792—Dr. Kerr, a distinguished Surgeon of Sir John Johnstone's regiment 1785, who, by the way, was an ancestor of Sir Edward Gillespie, of Lombard-street. Another is that of Sir Allan N. Macnab, who was the father-in-law of the late (7th) Earl of Albemarle and another of Thos. G. Ridout, whose family originally came from Sherborne in England. These make the collection of pictures complete, for the Toronto Masons have portraits of 16 Grand Masters after 1845.

After the celebration of the Centenary of Canada (Ontario) in December, 1892, a package giving an account of the event was deposited in the public library Toronto, to be opened at the next centennial in 1992.

Five of the members of the Province of Ontario in Canada are members of the Craft. There are three Past Grand Masters in the House of Commons at Ottawa. Two of the Dominion members are masters and in the House there are about 50 craftsmen.

In Canada Craft warrants are never reissued. There is therefore no confusion in the numbering.

The Schismatic Grand Lodge of Ontario formed about 20 years ago, has passed away and its members in good standing have been healed by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The General Masonic Relief and Protective Association of the United States and Canada by circulating the names of tramps and fraud Masons, save the Craft, it is estimated, £10,000 a year.

Men who have been made Masons in Scotland in first week of a month have been found in New York applying for relief before the end of the same month.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Collin Lodge, No. 151.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst. Lodge was opened in due form, Bro. Jas. Gardiner, P.C.N., presiding. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Geo. Milburn, of Whitwell Mark Lodge, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner. Bro. J. Mensely was elected W.C.N., and Bro. J. Gardiner, Treasurer for the ensuing year. The following brethren were in attendance: Bros. J. Gardiner, P.N.; Jos. G. Scott, P.N., Sec.; T. Atkinson, P.N.; J. Mensely, J.; J. Buch, S.; R. Monkhouse, J. Abbot, P.N.; J. Milburn, J. Smith, and J. Messenger, Tyler.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. H. Matthews, President; Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President; occupying the three presidential chairs. Bro. William Lake, Asst. G. Secretary; Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. G. S. Recknell represented the Grand Secretary's department.

The other brethren who attended were Bros. George B. Chapman, George Graveley, Henry Garrod, W. H. Caton, Charles J. R. Tijou, Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; S. H. Goldschmidt, John H. Rutherglen, Charles Pulman, John Ellinger, W. Kipps, Dr. George Mickley, W. Martin, Lieut.-Col. Surgeon Henry W. Kiallmark, J.G.D.; Charles Henry Stone, A. W. Duret, Henry Tobias, W. Baddeley, H. Massey, J. S. Eidmans, J. W. Burgess, C. H. Webb, John Hills, Samuel W. Vale, G. H. Finch, George R. Langley, and C. Winkley.

The brethren first confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master made at the August meeting, that £230 should be granted in sums of £30, £30, £40, £40, £30, £30, and £30, in seven cases respectively. The list of new cases contained petitions from 16 applicants, who were qualified through lodges in Hull, Fiji, East Stonehouse, Todmorden, Princetown, Plymouth, Coventry, Abingdon, Birmingham, London, Grand Lodge of Cuba, Alexandria, Liverpool, and Chingford. Of these two were adjourned, and one was dismissed. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge of December next for £75, and one for £50. The Grand Master was recommended to approve of two grants of £30, and four grants were made of £20 each, one of £15, three of £10 each, and one of £5. The total granted was £315.

Craft Masonry.

Amity Lodge, No. 137.

At the ordinary meeting of the members of the above lodge held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Market-street, Poole, Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, I.P.M., J.P., C.C., presented to the lodge a large and handsomely-framed photograph of himself in his Mayoral robes and chain of office. The gift was accepted by the W.M., Bro. Herbert Saunders, on behalf of the lodge, and it will probably occupy a conspicuous position in the lodge room. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Whadcoat for the photograph, which is certainly a "speaking likeness" of his worship.

Montagu Lodge, No. 665.

On Monday, the 12th inst., this lodge celebrated its 43rd installation festival in its new hall, Lyme Regis, which was opened about a year and a half ago. It was a beautiful afternoon, and additional *clat* centered in the event from the fact that the Rev. Bro. Rowland Hill, Prov. G. Chap., was to be installed as W.M. There was a good number of distinguished visitors and brethren present, including Bros. R. Case, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; S. R. Baskett, P.G.S.W.; W. James, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. N. Cox, P.G.S.B.; W. Marshall, 707, P.G. Stwd.; W. H. Aplin, P.P.A.G.S. Devon; J. G. Oldridge, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Bailey-Toms, I.P.M. 1953; F. E. Yapp, S.W.; P. Coyte, 1181; R. Southwood, P.M. 494; H. E. Small, S.D. 1953; H. W. Chatterton, P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; F. Kerbey, 11; H. R. Morgan, P.G. Org., Installing Master; the Rev. Rowland Hill, M.A., P.G. Chap., W.M. elect; W. H. Kerbey, P.P.S.G.D. Hereford, and P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Radford, P.P.J.G.D.; R. C. Radford, P.G.S. of W.; E. H. Wallis, P.P.G.S.B.; J. L. Rumsey, P.P.G. Org.; C. E. Smith, S.D.; W. H. Shepherd, J.D.; F. G. Greenham, I.G.; E. Sprackling, Stwd.; J. Spurr, D. T. Chapman, W. Bloye, F. Paul, and G. Legg, Tyler.

Lodge opened, and the usual routine business was transacted. The Auditors' report was presented by Bro. Wallis, who said the lodge had never had a better year's record, and adopted. The pleasing, yet novel item of planting two acacias at the lodge entrance next followed. Prior to the ceremony the brethren arranged themselves along the pathway, and the Installing Master delivered the following address, viz.:

Dear Brothers,—We are assembled here to carry out a work somewhat novel in character to the usual order of Masonic labours, yet none the less appropriate to the fulfilment of the duties of Freemasonry—that is to plant two acacias. We pray that "the rays of heaven may shed their influence" to promote in them steady growth to adorn this entrance, to establish a landmark in the lodge's history, and impress upon those who pass underneath their shadows some of the silent lessons of the Creator. The word *acacia*, I gather, denotes *friendship*—a becoming and an essential trait of Freemasonry. Within the precincts of this lodge let "that love and harmony prevail which should at all times characterise Freemasons." The silent, steady growth of all plant life generally, and the graceful, pinnated foliage of the acacia particularly, may serve to impress the *power*, the *patience*, and the *beauty* of the works of the G.A.O.T.U. in nature, "for His wisdom is infinite, His strength omnipotent, and beauty shines through the whole of creation in symmetry and order." Lastly, the acacia, as you know, is peculiarly associated with the ritual of the Third Degree. On our third tracing board it is ever depicted at the head of the "emblems of mortality." It, therefore, further reminds us that "man is mortal," and that in traversing "the intricate windings of this mortal life," mankind, and *Masons particularly*, are to be preparing themselves "for the closing hours of their existence," by doing their duty to God, to their neighbours, and to themselves, and "by extending consolation and relief to their fellow-creatures in the hour of need." These lessons, my dear brothers, put into practice will mean "labours" well done below and ultimate departure "in harmony and peace." "When this transitory life shall have passed away and the grave receives us into its cold bosom," may the sprig of acacia plucked from the trees we are planting to-day, and dropped in tearful sympathy upon each and all of us, be the token of life well lived and of Masonic "labours begun in order, conducted in peace, and closed in harmony!" (So mote it be.)

Bro. Case, Prov. G. Sec., was then asked to plant the first tree, and Bro. the Rev. Rowland Hill, the W.M. elect, to plant the second. Returning to the lodge room, the installation ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Morgan, according to ancient custom, and the newly-installed Master duly proclaimed and saluted. The Worshipful Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. H. Morgan, P.G. Organist, I.P.M.; E. H. Wallis, P.G. Standard Bearer, S.W.; C. E. Smith, J.W.; J. Radford, P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; R. Chas. Radford, P.G.S. Wks., Sec.; W. H. Shepherd, S.D.; F. G. Greenham, J.D.; S. S. Hasluck, P.S.G.D., D.C.; J. L. Rumsey, P.P.G. Org., Org.; J. Spurr, I.G.; E. Sprackling and D. T. Chapman, Stwds.; G. Legg, Tyler; W. H. Kerbey, P.P.G.S. of W., Charity Steward; and J. Radford, P.P.J.G.D., Precceptor at Rehearsals. The W.M. then presented Bro. Morgan with a Past Master's collar. Bro. James, on behalf of the Bridport brethren, announced that he had procured a copy of the late Bro. Montagu's portrait from Mrs. Montagu (who would be pleased to bear the expense thereof), and in token of a happy visit to Lodge Montagu, he (Bro. James) and his colleagues would be glad to add a suitable frame and hand the same over to the lodge of which the late worthy brother was the founder. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Montagu and to Bro. James for the thoughtful and timely gift. Bro. Kerbey, in giving up office after 15 years' labour, handed the W.M. a D.C.'s wand for the benefit of his successors in maintaining the decorum of the lodge business. Hearty thanks were again proffered. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. Cuthbert Peek, Bart., over the death of his father, Sir Henry Peek. Two candidates were proposed, and the heartiest good wishes and congratulations proffered by the visiting brethren.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Lion (Bro. Host Groves) to a *recherché* banquet.

The usual toast list was honoured and toast, song, and good feeling freely and fraternally prevailed. One of Lodge Montagu's most successful celebrations was brought to a happy close by drinking to the absent brethren (including Bro. Prosser, J.P., P.S.G.D.), and by the Tyler's toast.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.

A meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 12th inst. Among those present were Bros. Flack, W.M.; Crozier, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Egypt, S.W.; Spooner, P.M., as J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B. England, Sec.; Jehu, S.D.; Gaunt, J.D.; H. Bond, P.M., Steward; F. Figg, Org.; R. W. Simpson, I.P.M.; W. T. Peat, P.M., P.P.G.O.; R. W. Rice, P.M.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. S. Meech, P.M. 2163, Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. Buchart, Prov. G. Std. Br. Bucks; G. A. Knight, P.M. 1585; G. Ellis, 144; E. Symonds, 147; H. Parkhurst, 157; V. Dyson, 771; and F. Hucklebridge.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. E. E. Rice and F. Bullard were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. G. E. P. Hertset and T. Foster passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. John Moore, and, he being in attendance, was duly initiated. The W.M. and his officers are to be congratulated on the manner in which the three ceremonies were performed. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. T. Grant, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., on the sad loss of his daughter. A vote of congratulation to Bro. Gen. Sir H. Kitchener, P.G.W. Eng., on his recent victory over the Dervishes at Khartoum, was proposed by Bro. Crozier, P.G.S.B. Egypt, seconded by the Secretary, and carried with acclamation. Two names for initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, a notice of motion was given to substitute some other month for meeting other than September.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. W. T. Peat, P.P.G.O., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in flattering terms by the I.P.M., who congratulated him upon the manner in which he had carried out his duties that afternoon. It was evident, he said, that the W.M. would have a busy year of office. There were three initiates to be introduced in October, and there were rumours that others would follow later on.

The W.M. having replied, then gave in quick succession the remaining toasts of "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers."

During the evening some pleasing songs were contributed by several of the members. Bro. Frank Figg effectively presided at the pianoforte.

Kensington Lodge, No. 1767.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, on Saturday, the 17th inst., when upwards of 80 members and visitors were in attendance. Bro. J. J. Rumbal, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. A. J. Turner, I.P.M.; James W. Facey, S.W.; Frank Norman, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec.; J. W. Barker, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Williams, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Taylor, acting S.D.; J. M. Battersby, acting J.D.; L. Beale, I.G.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; and R. H. Meyer and C. G. Hatt, P.M., Stwds.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Geo. Read, P.M., and Bro. Shepherd was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. James W. Facey, S.W., was then installed in the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom, the Installing Master being Bro. A. J. Turner, I.P.M., who performed his duty in most able and eloquent style, the addresses being given in a way which could hardly be excelled. A strong Board of Installed Masters assisted in the ceremony. The W.M. invested his officers, viz., Bros. J. J. Rumbal, I.P.M.; F. Norman, S.W.; L. Beale, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; J. W. Barker, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Williams, P.M., D.C.; A. Talbot, S.D.; F. Miller, J.D.; J. H. Byrne, I.G.; R. H. Meyer, A.D.C.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; C. G. Hatt, P.M., and R. Bidgood, Stwds.; and J. Lee, Tyler. A sum of 10 guineas was voted by the lodge for the assistance of a distressed brother and the case recommended to Grand Lodge.

At the banquet covers were laid for 80. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with approbation.

Bro. Geo. Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., replied for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed in appropriate terms by Bro. Rumbal, I.P.M.

The W.M., in reply, remarked upon the honour he had felt in being that day privileged to appoint again as Secretary their esteemed Bro. Geo. Read, who, even with advancing years and after a life spent in the service of Freemasonry, during which he had earned the highest distinction as a Grand Officer, and had made his name literally a household word in every assemblage of Masons, and had never allowed his interest in the Kensington Lodge, of which he was founder, to wane in the slightest degree. (Cheers.) It was indeed a valued privilege for any incoming W.M. to have the advice and assistance of such an officer as Bro. Read. He concluded by proposing "The I.P.M.," and, in appropriate terms, presented Bro. Rumbal with the Past Master's jewel, which was, he remarked, the most highly-prized distinction worn by any Mason. Whatever the number of his decorations (every one earned by earnest labour in various Masonic works), that Master's jewel gained in his mother lodge was the most valuable of all in the eyes of its privileged wearer. (Cheers.)

Bro. Rumbal, I.P.M., feelingly responded.

The toast of "The Installing Master and the Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. A. J. Turner, A. Norman, and W. B. Neville.

"The Visitors" having been duly honoured, replies were made by Bros. J. Cox, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Middx.; Geo. White, P.M.; Morley, P.M.; Rev. Greenwood, and several others. Bro. C. G. Hatt, responded for "The Officers."

During the evening songs were given by Bros. S. C. M. Austin, H. O. Goring, and F. Stutfield gave an amusing bassoon solo.

The evening was altogether a success and in every way worthy of the high reputation the Kensington Lodge has attained among the Masons of West London. It was stated during the evening that the Audit had shown a very satisfactory financial balance of three figures in favour of the lodge in the hands of Bro. Barker, the Treasurer.

Hadrian Lodge, No. 2483.

The annual installation meeting was held at the Devonshire Hotel, Bexhill-on-Sea, on the 14th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Wood, W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. Nicholson, S.W.; Rev. F. W. Pawson, J.W.; H. J. Capon, P.M., Sec.; W. N. Oldham, S.D.; A. C. Dynham, J.D.; R. Francis, P.M., D.C.; S. G. R. Coles, Org.; W. Pennington, Tyler; E. F. Bristow, G. H. Carey, E. Cornwell, H. J. Frampton, F. Gildersleeve, W. R. Griffin, P.M.; J. Gore, B. J. Hewett, J. McCann, C. Miles, L. Parker, A. V. Parsons, E. Piper, G. A. R. W. Redman, G. Vale, and C. Wood. Visitors: Bros. A. Allwen, W.M. 1797; W. Beatty, W.M. 2450; P. Ricer, S.W. 2692; H. Boyce, W.M. 40; J. Creighton, P.M. 1110; G. Fowler, 1110, P.P.G.P.; R. Era Feltham, 315; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315, 732, P.G. Sec.; J. H. Haine, W.M. 2434; F. Jarrett, S.W. 341; A. Lloyd, W.M. 1726, P.P.G.W.; W. E. Nash, W.M. 315, 1829; A. A. Oakden, W.M. 1110; J. Oliver, W.M. 1829; G. Powell, W.M. 50, P.M. 142; W. G. Rubie, W.M. 341; T. Southcombe, J.W. 40; L. F. St. John, J.W. 1184; H. Thwaites, 1110; and F. Wilson, 40.

Bro. G. Nicholson having been installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Jas. Wood, I.P.M.; F. W. Pawson, S.W.; W. N. Oldham, J.W.; E. W. Stillwell, P.M., P.G.S., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Richard Francis, P.M., Sec.; A. C. Dynham, S.D.; H. R. Adams, J.D.; Ernest Piper, I.G.; H. J. Capon, P.M., P.G.P., D.C.; S. G. R. Coles, Org.; F. G. Bretton and E. Cornwell, Stwds.; and W. Pennington, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. presented Bro. Wood with a beautiful Past Master's jewel for his services to the lodge during his year of office, and Bro. Wood suitably acknowledged the same.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which was prepared by Mrs. Sewell, of the Devonshire Hotel, the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Nicholson, presiding.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the toast of "The Worshipful Master" was submitted by the I.P.M., Bro. J. Wood, and Bro. G. Nicholson suitably responded.

"The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. Boyce and Oakden.

"The Provincial Grand Officers," proposed by Bro. Nicholson, W.M., was responded to by Bros. Capon and Lloyd.

Under the direction of Bro. J. Baker Guy, an excellent programme of music was sustained by Bro. J. Baker Guy, Messrs. J. Harvey, W. H. Judge, P. T. Brigden, W. J. Ockenden, and Miss Addie Love.

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**Masonic Notes.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1898.

We regret to hear that another accident has befallen our distinguished brother, the Rev. Canon Tristram, Past Grand Chaplain, Dep. Prov. G. Master of Durham. Two years ago, while travelling in the vicinity of Jerusalem, our Rev. brother had the misfortune to break his right leg. Now we learn that a few days since, when on a visit to Edinburgh, he slipped and fell while getting into a carriage and seriously injured his left knee. We sympathise with our brother and trust that it will not be long before he is restored to his usual health.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall on the 13th instant appears to have been a great success, and to judge from the highly favourable reports which were submitted to the brethren, the past year has been in all respects satisfactory. There has been a small, but still an appreciable, increase in the

number of subscribing members from 1868 the previous year to 1925. The Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund Report shows an increase in the contributions received from lodges from £307 to £329, while the invested capital and balance at the bank together amounted to £6364, the income derived from the former being £247. The number of annuitants on this Fund was 11, the yearly amount received by each ranging from £20 to £30, and the number of children being educated six. On the recommendation of the Committee these numbers were increased by four annuitants and two children, so that the numbers now provided for out of the funds of the institution are 15 annuitants and eight children.

Subsequently Bro. G. B. Pearce presented the 13th annual report of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, from which it appeared that the subscriptions during the year had increased by 83 guineas from 207 to 290 guineas. Bro. Edyvean also presented his report as the Charity Representative for the Province, and showed that the votes he had received during the year for the three Central Institutions was 4522, or 317 in excess of the previous year, and that he had succeeded in carrying the election of the candidate adopted by the Province at the Benevolent election in May. Under the circumstances, it is not surprising that the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master, should have so readily and so heartily congratulated the Province on the result of the past year's proceedings.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held, as previously announced in our columns, at the Town Hall, Kidderminster, on Wednesday, the 14th instant. There was a very full attendance on the occasion, it being the first opportunity the brethren had had of meeting their respected Prov. Grand Master—Bro. Sir A. F. Godson, M.P.—since he had received at her Majesty's hands the honour of Knighthood. Among the more prominent brethren present were Bro. Lieut.-Col. Warner Ottley, Deputy Prov. G. Master; the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Asaph, G. Chap of England; Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Bro. Mason, P.G. Std. Br., Collector R.M.B.I.; and Bro. G.W. Grosvenor, P. Prov. S.G.W., Mayor of Kidderminster. The proceedings were of a most interesting character, the chief incident in Prov. Grand Lodge being the resolution of congratulation to Sir A. F. Godson on receiving the honour of Knighthood, which, it is needless to say, was passed by acclamation, the remarks of Bro. Grosvenor, in reference to the Prov. Grand Master's conspicuous public services and his well-deserved popularity throughout the county being warmly applauded.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., Past Grand Warden, whom his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to appoint Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, in succession to the late lamented Duke of Clarence and Avondale, will be installed in office at the Town Hall, Reading, on Friday, the 14th October. Our readers will no doubt remember that Berkshire was constituted as a separate Province in 1890, shortly after the death of Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., who had presided over the Province of Berks and Bucks from 1868 till his demise in 1889; the County of Bucks being placed under the charge of Bro. Lord Carrington, Past Grand Warden, as Provincial Grand Master. The Duke of Clarence died in January, 1892, and since then Berkshire has been ruled, and very ably ruled, by Bro. J. T. Morland, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.

We are informed that the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Davies, M.P., intends giving a special banquet at the Mansion House to the members of the Masonic Craft on Wednesday, the 26th October. Invitations will be issued to meet the Grand Officers of the year, the Provincial Grand Masters, and other distinguished Masons.

We have received copy of Report of the Proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of the District G. Lodge of Bengal held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on the 24th June last, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. Sir H. T. Prinsep, Dist. G.M., who in the course of his address had occasion to refer to several matters of moment. In the first place, he had the pleasure of announcing that the dues from all the lodges in the District had been received; that the funds of Dist. G. Lodge were in a satisfactory condition; and that notwithstanding several heavy payments had been made from the Fund of Benevolence, there was an

ample balance available to meet any calls that were likely to be made upon it. The D.G.M. also referred to the measures which it had been arranged should be taken in respect of the erection of the new Masonic Hall. The land account with the bank, he pointed out, amounted in round figures to 71,205 Rupees, while the Building Fund, consisting of cash and invested securities, was 71,878 Rupees. In an ordinary market the two accounts therefore would balance, but at the present time the money-market was in a very depressed state and to attempt to realise would involve a loss. They had no alternative therefore than to submit to the strain of the interest resulting from an overdrawn account at the Bank.

The District Grand Master further remarked that they were still a long way from closing the accounts for the purchase of land, and that though, since their previous meeting, progress had been made in adding to the cash balance of the Building Fund, the amount realised fell short of their expectations. Thus, unless a fair amount of subscriptions is regularly realised, the general account will as regularly show a larger balance against them owing to the steadily increasing amount of interest accruing. We trust that the District Grand Master's hope that such an untoward result may be averted will be realised.

The next matter of importance referred to had reference to the District Grand Master's motion at the preceding meeting—"not to confirm a portion of the minutes on the ground that they were *ultra vires* in respect of the business properly before the Emergent or Special Meeting." Though the District Grand Master had no misgivings as to the correctness of his opinion, yet as "some of the prominent members of this District Grand Lodge" were in doubt as to its soundness, he had referred the matter home for the opinion of the Grand Registrar, who decided that it was "the plain duty of the Master in the chair" to rule such part or question as being out of order, and "decline to put it to the lodge."

But it will be better, as placing the matter more clearly before our readers, if we reproduce the whole of the Grand Registrar's opinion, which appears as follows in the published proceedings: "In further explanation of paragraph 1 in the letter of the Grand Secretary of the 3rd February, 1898, I may add where any part of the minutes, as brought up for confirmation, is clearly unlawful—e.g., proceedings at a special lodge, or lodge of emergency, which go beyond the notice convening the meeting, or a grant of money which by the by-laws could not be proposed at such meeting, or a resolution of censure where notice to attend had not been given, then the plain duty of the Master in the chair is at once to rule the part or question out of order, and decline to put it to the lodge. A record of his ruling ought to appear on the minutes."

Bro. Sir H. Prinsep likewise announced that with a view to stimulating the brethren to further efforts in behalf of the Bengal Masonic Association, it was his intention, with the approval of District Grand Lodge, to offer facilities to those who acted as Stewards for that Institution "to obtain decorations depending on the amounts collected by them." To this end, therefore, he proposed to appoint a Committee to consider the details necessary to give effect to the suggestion.

He concluded his address by referring to the fact that cases were constantly being brought to his notice of members of lodges being excluded for non-payment of dues, and he expressed his belief that much of this was owing to "the apathy of Masters and officers of lodges whose duty it is to enforce the By-laws which require punctual payment of all dues under certain penalties for default." "If," said he, "the By-laws were strictly enforced I have little doubt dues would be paid. It is no real kindness to a brother in arrears to overlook his remissness. By so doing an arrear is allowed to accumulate which it may be most inconvenient or sometimes impossible to pay without serious injury to domestic demands, whereas proper pressure to realise a smaller sum would have generally resulted in a settlement and thus the lodge funds suffer a loss which might and should have been avoided."

We must apologise for having omitted last week to correct a slight error in our report of the meeting of United Grand Lodge on the 7th instant, to which our attention was called early last week. In that report it was said that Bro. Dr. Egan, Dist. G. Master of South Africa (E.D.), occupied the chair of Past G.M. As a matter of fact it was Bro. George Richards, District Grand Master of the Transvaal, Bro. Egan at the time being in King Williams's Town.

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.

MASONIC REPRINTS AND HISTORICAL REVELATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad to find that Bro. John Lane endorses, so to speak, the note of interrogation which stands appended to the name "Ger. Rorke" in the Introductory Chapter of Bro. Henry Sadler's new volume—a note which, by-the-by, has slipped out of the quotation as printed in your columns. The starting point of the confusion between the names would seem to be that, in an old and indistinct transcript, *Geo. Rorke, Esq.*, was so written as to be indistinguishable from *Ger. Rorke, Esq.* My learned Bro. R. F. Gould, who has been, with his wonted courtesy, in private communication with me on the point, apprises me that the name also appears as *Rorke* in one of the transcripts in his possession. Our good brother, the Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England is on his well-earned holiday, which will not terminate till after his lecture at Leicester on the 26th instant, so that the original MS. list is for the moment inaccessible. Nevertheless, I have little doubt that Bro. John Lane's reading is the correct one; it is of those *qui sautent aux yeux*, as the French have it.

When Bro. Henry Sadler's book reaches a second edition, I shall avail myself—not for the first time—of Bro. John Lane's exact labours, and shall see to it that the sentence is recast.

Meantime, as every reader of Bro. Henry Sadler's volume is sure to be a reader of the *Freemason*, the preferable reading of the name will have received due publicity through Bro. John Lane's praiseworthy promptitude.—Yours fraternally,

W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY.

September 19th, 1898.

THE LODGE CHARTER OR WARRANT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Is the presence of the lodge warrant in the lodge room necessary to a valid communication? Is the work done or business transacted in the lodge in the absence of the Charter or Warrant irregular or illegal? In London lodges which are mainly held in hotels or public buildings, I find the custom prevails for the lodge warrants to be kept bookwise in a portable form and produced at the regular meetings of the lodge; in the provinces, as a rule, the lodge warrants are usually framed and hung upon the walls of the Masonic halls or buildings where the meetings are held. An emergency lodge was recently called for an evening when the regular meeting hall or room where the lodge warrant was hanging was occupied by another Masonic body, and so the emergency lodge had to meet in another room in the same building and it was deemed advisable to have the warrant fetched from its place at a certain amount of inconvenience and placed in the room where the emergency lodge was meeting.

My point is—Was such a removal of the lodge warrant from its position on the wall in the main hall to the temporary meeting room necessary for the purpose of the emergency lodge? and of submitting, through your columns, for the opinion of your readers as a point of practice. For aught I know, the matter may have been settled by Grand Lodge. Such a point appears to have been submitted in 1895 to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Wisconsin, U.S.A., who is reported to have decided as follows: "I am not unmindful of the fact that some writers of Masonic jurisprudence maintain that the literal presence of the charter is indispensable to the valid communication of the lodge. While I would not knowingly depart from either a landmark or any of the principles of ancient Craft Masonry, I am unable to see why under our system such a rule shall be adhered to, when the fact that the lodge is a chartered lodge is well known. In the case in point, the lodge was regularly chartered, and the charter was in its possession and under its control though not within the room when the work was done, it could and would have been produced if called for, such being the case it would be extremely technical to hold that the proceedings were invalid because the charter was not present, I therefore held that while the proper place for the charter was in the lodge room its literal presence is not indispensable to a valid communication; it necessarily follows that work done under such circumstances is not for that reason illegal." In deciding as he did I venture to think that the Grand Master of Wisconsin Freemasonry took a sensible view of the matter. My object in writing is to ascertain if the decision referred to was correct according to Masonic jurisprudence under the English Constitution.—Yours fraternally,

J. T. LAST,
P.M., P.P.G. Reg. West Yorkshire.

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Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge, which enjoys the special permission of her Majesty to use the Royal arms in connection with its official documents, and whose Diamond Jubilee illuminated letter of congratulation to the Queen has a place along with that from the Grand Lodge in Windsor Castle, was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, the chief visitors being Bros. Alderman Houlding (Lord Mayor of Liverpool), S.G.D. of England, and W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. of West Lancashire. There was an attendance of about 70 brethren, many of whom represented the Prov. Grand Lodge, W.Ms. and P.Ms., and others identified with the Craft. The ceremony of installation of Bro. J. R. Bromley, a W.M., was impressively performed by Bro. W. H. Cooke, P.M., D.C., and subjoined is a list of the officers invested: Bros. E. A. Davies, I.P.M.; F. Holgreaves, S.W.; A. J. Mackay, J.W.; James Jack, Treas.; J. W. Worrall, Sec.; W. J. Jones, S.D.; Alfred Shawfield, J.D.; W. H. Cooke, P.M., D.C.; J. B. Jones, P.M., Org.; A. F. Wareham, Asst. Org.; R. W. Pierpoint, I.G.; R. H. Perrin, James Cargil, G. A. Westworth, and James M. Hall, Stwds.; F. Du Chemin, Tyler; and T. P. Bethell, P.M., Charity Representative. The retiring Master, Bro. G. A. Davies, was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services.

An after-banquet musical programme was given by Bros. Bantock Pierpoint, G. Broadbent, P.M.; E. A. Davies, V. Needham, Parkinson, G. Proudman, S. Howard, Jack, Bethell, and Wareham.

Jordan Lodge, No. 1402.

Tuesday, the 13th inst., was a red-letter day with the members of the above lodge. Since the constitution of the lodge in the year 1872 the members have met in the Masonic Hall, Park-street, Torquay, which is the property of the sister Lodge of St. John's, No. 328. Some few months ago, the members of the Jordan Lodge decided to possess a home of their own, and having found a suitable site in Tor Hill-road, the corner stone of their new temple was laid by Bro. G. C. Davie, Dep. Prov. G. Master of Devonshire, on the 4th of May last. The building being sufficiently completed for use, although not for decoration, the inaugural meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., and was largely attended.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. Charles Hill, he briefly welcomed the brethren to their new lodge room, and congratulated them on the success of their undertaking. The lodge Treasurer's account, which showed a balance in hand of £25 6s. 1d., having been received and adopted, Bro. J. Glanville: Turle, S.W., the W.M. elect, was installed in the chair as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. J. Lane, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng. The working tools were presented by Bro. S. Wills, P.M. and Treas., and the Charges delivered by Bro. W. Winget, P.M., D.C.

The Board of Installed Masters included Bros. J. Murray, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Dodge, P.P.G. Treas.; A. T. Blamey, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Lane, P.P.G.R., P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; T. W. Morgan, P.P.G.O.; T. H. Wills, P.G. Stwd.; J. Taylor, P.P.G.R.; S. Wills, W. Hersey, W. Winget, J. W. McKellar, T. J. Crossman, and C. Hill, all of 1402; W. S. Wakeham, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Grant, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Richards, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. R. Beer, Thos. A. Blackler, and G. H. Halls, all of 328; G. S. Bridman, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Emmett, P.A.G.D.C.; R. E. Drew, P.P.G.D.C.; H. P. Rabbich, and W. P. Roberts, all of 1358; W. O. Beazley, 172; S. Knapman, 2374; R. Hambly and H. A. Parker, of 1138; and J. H. J. Child, P.P.G.C., and W. Bidgood, 261, P.P.G.D.C.

The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Hill, I.P.M.; W. T. Gale, S.W.; R. D. Scholes, J.W.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Chap.; S. Wills, P.M., Treas.; J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Sec.; J. Glanville, S.D.; W. Grist, J.D.; W. Winget, P.M., D.C.; W. E. Thomas, I.G.; C. Burrow and H. A. Brock, Stwds.; and J. E. Newton, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. C. Hill, the retiring W.M., whose labour in promoting the erection of the new temple has been most heartily appreciated, and who was thanked for his untiring efforts.

A special feature of this inaugural meeting was the presentation to Bro. John Lane of a large portrait of himself as a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, which had been subscribed for by members of the lodge, of which he has been a member for 20 years, and which bears this inscription on a silver and gilt plate:

"Presented to W. Bro. John Lane, P.M., P.P.G.R. (Devon), P.A.G.D.C. (Eng.), by members of Jordan Lodge, 1402, as a mark of their high appreciation of his many and valuable services to Freemasonry in general, and to the Jordan Lodge in particular. Sept. 13th, 1898."

The presentation was made in felicitous terms by Bro. J. Dodge, the senior P.M. of the lodge present, who expressed, on behalf of the brethren, their cordial and fraternal regards and good wishes for Bro. Lane's health and prosperity, and a desire that he would accede to their unanimous wish by allowing the portrait to be hung in the lodge-room, to which Bro. Lane, in thanking the brethren for their very kind recognition of his Masonic, literary, and other services, readily assented. A beautiful and valuable engraving was also presented by Bro. J. D. Beer, which was thankfully received by the W.M. on behalf of the brethren. Other routine business having been attended to and hearty good wishes for the success and continued prosperity of the lodge having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to their new banqueting hall for their annual banquet, which was presided over by Bro. J. G. Turle, W.M., when a very pleasant evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

The brethren of the Jordan Lodge are to be congratulated upon their success in providing a new home for themselves. Every convenience has been studied in the new building, and the furniture and fittings are all voluntary gifts from the officers and brethren. Especial notice was taken of the very handsome oak pedestals, the gift and work of Bro. H. C. Goss. A number of portraits of Past Masters of the lodge have been presented by Bro. J. C. Dinham, all photographed to one size and framed in unison. The new work does not yet admit of the intended interior decoration of the lodge, which, when completed, is expected to be one of the best in Devonshire.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place at East Grinstead, on the 6th inst. The meeting was held in the new Masonic Hall in St. James's-road, which, though not yet completed, was made to look very pretty with decorative material. Bro. F. J. Budd-Budd, P.M., P.S.G.D., was installed as W.M. for the third time as a compliment to him for being mainly responsible for the erection of the Masonic Hall. Bro. Budd-Budd invested his officers as follows: Bros. Adolphe Brandt, S.W.; James Harrison, P.M., J.W.; the Rev. R. B. Matson, Chap.; E. A. Head, P.M., P.P.S. G.D., Treas.; A. M. Betchley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. E. Lark, I.P.M.; W. H. Hills, S.D.; H. Young, J.D.; W. H. Dixon, D.C.; W. J. S. Mann, I.G.; E. F. Hunt, Org.; W. J. Dunthorne and E. P. Whitley Hughes, Stewards; and C. J. Rowe, Tyler. A banquet was subsequently served at the White Lion Hotel.

Eldon Lodge, No. 1758.

An Saturday afternoon, the 10th inst., there was a large gathering of brethren at the Royal Hotel, Portishead, to witness the ceremony of installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Harris Hall, S.W., which was performed by the D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. Eng. The following officers were invested and appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Turner, I.P.M.; J. H. Stafford, S.W.; E. Tedder, J.W.; A. W. M. Weatherly, P.M., Chap.; James R. Thebridge, Treas.; E. Davey, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Roberts, S.D.; C. J. Tonkin, J.D.; F. G. Moore, P.M., D.C.; T. Cox, I.G.; A. E. Craddy, Org.; W. L. A. Pizzey and J. J. Sheasby, Stwds.; and F. Simpkins, Tyler.

After the ceremony the annual banquet was held at the Royal Hotel. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Else, and Bro. E. Fry Wade, P.G. Sec.; John Gard, P.P.S.G.W. (Bristol); and others.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Whitworth Lodge, No. 1932.

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., the annual meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Spennymoor. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The principal business was the installation of Bro. Thompson Raine, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the appointment and investiture of officers. Bro. Raine was presented by Bro. W. Cowley to the acting W.M., Bro. R. Brown, who performed the ceremony of installation impressively. Bro. Raine afterwards invested the following as his officers: Bros. R. Hogg, S.W.; J. Chisholm, J.W.; Rev. S. M. Thompson, Chap.; W. Sanderson, Treas.; R. G. Fleming, Sec.; R. Brown, D.C.; A. Charlton, S.D.; J. Fleming, J.D.; Sam Millwood, I.G.; G. Farthing, Org.; R. Hedley, J. Bethel, J. Rutter, and J. Sedgwick, Stwds.; and R. Richardson, Tyler.

The annual banquet was afterwards held in the Town Hall, the new W.M., Bro. Raine, presiding, and Bro. R. Hogg occupying the vice-chair.

Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977.

The installation festival in connection with the above lodge was held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, on the 5th inst., when Bro. A. J. Bennett, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. E. E. Eve, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. E. Eve, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; A. H. Brook, S.W.; F. W. Rudrum, J.W.; G. A. Eustace, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Rev. T. Lloyd, P.M., 2342, P.P. G. Chap., Chap.; S. Shawin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Frost, S.D.; F. C. Banyard, J.D.; H. Wright, I.G.; H. A. Genty and A. Jackson, Stwds.; W. Rudrum, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; W. H. Daughtry, Org.; and W. R. Hance, Tyler.

Subsequently the brethren and visitors to the number of 40 sat down to the banquet, served by the hostess, Mrs. E. S. Hickford. The newly-appointed W.M., Bro. A. J. Bennett, presided, and among the visitors were Bros. J. W. Moss, W.M., 2342; John Spencer, W.M., 1437; A. Barritt, P.M., 1024, P.P.A.G. Sec.; W. E. Facey, W.M., 1024, P.P.G.D.; E. Gowers, P.M., 1024, P.P.G.O.; F. Geo. Green, P.M. and Sec., 1024, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. de Caen, P.M., 1024, P.P.G.P.; Joseph Sexton, 1331; T. Anderson Marks, 1681; W. Wilkinson, S.W., 2409; John Wood, 178; R. B. Smith, Smith, J.D., 2342; R. Sargent, S.D.; W. Siggers, Sec., 2342; W. C. Grice, 650; J. Flux, 697; and A. W. Galley, 697.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and songs were given by Bros. A. J. Bennett, G. A. Fustace, and S. Shawyer, F. Rudrum, R. Sargent, J. Sexton, and A. H. Brooks; and recitations by Bros. A. Barritt and W. H. de Caen. Handsome buttonholes were provided by the daughters of the newly-elected W.M.

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

Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. THE HON. C. E. DAVIES, M.L.C.,
GRAND MASTER OF TASMANIA.

The Grand Master of Tasmania (Bro. the Hon. C. E. Davies, M.L.C.), who has occupied this distinguished position since 1896, was initiated in the Tasmanian Union Lodge (E.C.) on 9th September, 1874, and has filled all the leading positions in the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. At the inauguration of the Tasmanian Grand Lodge, at which five Grand Masters were present, including Bros. Earl of Kintore, Lord Carrington, Sir William Clarke, and the Right Hon. S. J. Way, Bro. C. E. Davies was elected Grand Warden, and afterwards filled the positions of Deputy and Pro Grand Masters, till the death of the late Bro. Dr. E. O. Giblin, whom he succeeded. Recently he has been further honoured by being appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M., as District Grand Master for Tasmania; and has also been presented to and very cordially received by his Royal Highness. Bro. C. E. Davies is a native of Australia, and was educated in Tasmania, and from the High School (of which the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was Rector) took his Associate of Arts Degree under the Tasmanian Council of Education. After a brief sojourn in Victoria, he, in conjunction with his brother (Mr. J. G.



Davies), succeeded to the proprietorship of the *Hobart Mercury*, which had been founded by their father. Bro. Davies is not only well and favourably known in connection with Masonic and press matters, but he has been closely identified with agricultural and horticultural pursuits, and as a Steward of the Tasmanian Racing Club, and a cricketer, has encouraged all sorts of healthy outdoor sports and pastimes. Last year he was elected unopposed to a seat in the Legislative Council of the Colony and his unanimous election for the past three years to the position of Grand Master, speaks well also for the estimation and regard entertained towards him by the members of the Craft in Tasmania, which feelings also extend to the mainland of Australia. The Grand Master, who is accompanied by his wife and daughter, has been cordially received in England by all branches of Masonry, and has expressed himself delighted and honoured at the fraternal greetings extended to him from all sides. The trip to England for the benefit of his health has been very beneficial, and he leaves for his home—Hobart, Tasmania—next week, carrying with him the best wishes of the fraternity for himself and the Grand Lodge, over which he presides so happily.

Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, E.C. Present: Bros. S. E. Spencer, W.M. 65, W.M.; Langford, W.M. 1571, S.W.; Read, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M. 65, Preceptor; H. T. Meadows, P.M. 1571, Sec.; William Baker, W.M. 192, S.D.; Dodd, J.D.; Rix, I.G.; Hayes, P.M.; G. T. Kinipple, P.M. 65; Douglas Smith, P.M. 27; C. Butcher, W.M. 912; E. Croft Wise, W.M. 619; Brown, W.M. 1446; Palmer, Gernon, and Mead. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. Croft Wise

answering the usual questions was entrusted. Bro. Spencer then opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and in a most able manner raised Bro. Wise to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of the Preceptor, Bro. D. Harlow, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Spencer acting as candidate. It will be seen by the above list of brethren present that there was a record attendance of Installed Masters and Past Masters, viz., six of the former and five of the latter, and it was therefore not surprising that it was the general feeling of those present that the ceremony of installation should be rehearsed and the W.M. of the evening kindly falling in with this view, called upon the Preceptor to work the same. Ample proof, if proof were needed, that we have the right brother in the right place as Preceptor of this lodge of instruction was given by the fact that our worthy Bro. Harlow had not the slightest idea that he would have any special work to do until the W.M. actually called upon him to do it, and yet he worked the whole of the ceremony in a most masterly and edifying manner, including the inner working as those entitled to remain preponderating over the lay members it was not considered unreasonable to ask them to retire for a few minutes. The W.M. then rose the usual times, when a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Harlow was proposed and carried and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. for next Wednesday, Bro. Gernon, having been elected at the previous meeting, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. S. Woolfers, W.M.; F. Zeppenfeld, S.W.; H. Raphael, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; Howard E. Mullins, Sec.; N. Dukas, S.D.; R. Hatfield, J.D.; C. Glaser, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; J. D. Hood, W.M.; W. Sparkes, T. Wontner Smith, Jno. Cumming, and W. Warner.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sparkes being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Woolfers vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hood, W.M. Bro. T. Wontner Smith being a candidate for raising, was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge resumed to the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Smith being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Woolfers resumed the chair. The W.M. rose for the first time and dues were collected. It was proposed by Bro. T. Wontner Smith and seconded by Bro. W. Sparkes, that Bro. W. Warner, I.G. of Playgoers Lodge, No. 2705, become a joining member of this lodge of instruction. Carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. Zeppenfeld was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time. The lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 16th inst. Present: Comps. Cureton, M.E.Z.; Plant, H.; Turner, J.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; H. Cornford, S.N.; Stanley, P.S.; and Hardman.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stone personating the candidate. Comp. C. Plant was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). Comp. Cornford thanked the companions for their kind expression of sympathy in his illness. "Hearty good wishes" were extended to Comp. H. Hardman, who was about leaving England for a Government appointment in India, with their earnest desire that he would safely return when he so desired. The chapter was then closed.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.M.).

A meeting of this old council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 16th inst., when there were present, among others, Bro. J. J. Pakes, W.M.; Basil Stewart, S.W.; George Powell, P.M., P.G.O., Treas., as J.W.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.O., Sec.; W. H. Toye, Conductor; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., S.D.; and E. Mills, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, apologies for non-attendance were received and read from Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.M., P.D.G.M.; A. McDowall, P.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; and others, after which the council was closed.

The dinner was held at the Holborn Restaurant. During the evening, after the loyal toasts, the healths of "The Grand Master," "The Grand Officers," "The W.M.," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" were duly honoured.

The W.M. proved, as usual, an effective and genial Chairman. The proceedings were not protracted.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

LADY METHUEN has given birth to a son at Corsham Court, Wiltshire.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has arrived at North Berwick on a visit to Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, having returned from leave of absence, has resumed command of the Aldershot District.

BRO. CAPTAIN HOLFORD, Equerry-in-Waiting to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has left York for Inverness.

THE RIGHT HON. G. N. CURZON, the Viceroy-Elect of India, arrived in Aberdeen on Tuesday night from Inverness, and proceeded to Balmoral on a visit to the Queen.

BROCKLESBY HALL, the Lincolnshire seat of the Earl of Yarborough, which was almost completely destroyed by fire last March, is to be rebuilt, and the work is to be commenced at once.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF BUCCLEUCH will leave Langholm Lodge, Dumfriesshire, this week for Drumlanrig Castle, where the Duke and Duchess of York are to visit them on the 29th inst.

PRINCE CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, who represented the Queen at the interment of the Empress of Austria, and the Earl of Denbigh, who also attended the impressive ceremony, returned to London on Tuesday evening.

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT has consented to open an exhibition of works of art by local artists to be held in Victoria Hall, Bracknell, during the month of October. The proceeds, after paying all expenses, will be devoted to the funds of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES having, as Grand Master of Freemasons, appointed Lord Wantage to be Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire, he will be installed at the Town Hall, Reading, on the 14th prox. The Grand Mastership of this province has been vacant since the death of the Duke of Clarence.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has sent a special donation of 100 guineas to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, "as a mark of her Majesty's interest in the general work of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge." The Queen is the Society's Patron, and in 1844 gave a donation of a like amount to its funds.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK and Prince Edward of York arrived at Aberdeen on Monday morning at 7.15 from London, and having breakfasted at the Palace Hotel, left by the 10.10 Deeside train for Ballater. A guard of honour under Major Davidson was in attendance. Balmoral was reached shortly after 11 o'clock.

AFTER SOME WEEKS' interval the Court of Aldermen assembled on Tuesday under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Davies, M.P. At the conclusion of the business his lordship proceeded to hold a Committee of the whole Court of Common Council to give the necessary preliminary consideration to the motion for presenting the Sirdar with the Freedom of the City and a Sword of Honour.

THE 1ST BATTALION Princess of Wales Yorkshire Regiment on Tuesday morning carried out the ceremony of trooping the colours on the Alameda Parade in honour of the anniversary of the Battle of Alma. The Governor, his staff, and a large number of members of the garrison and spectators were present. The five Russian drums captured during the engagement and the colours were decked with evergreens.

RE-OPENING OF THE GUILDHALL LIBRARY.—After being closed for nearly two months for alterations and repairs, the Guildhall Library and Museum was opened this week. No substantial repairs have been done to the building since it was opened in 1872, and it has not been properly cleansed for over 13 years. Some important improvements in connection with the lighting, arrangement, and ventilation of the Library have been carried out.

A COMMITTEE of old students of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland and others has been formed, under the chairmanship of Bro. the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, to arrange a dinner in honour of Sir Anthony P. MacDonnell, Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Provinces. The dinner will take place at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on Saturday, October 15th. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. J. R. Fisher, 6, King's Bench-walk, Temple, E.C.

THE CORPORATION has granted the use of the Guildhall for the usual annual banquet to be given to 1500 poor children of the Ragged School Union. Subscriptions are invited, and it is proposed to send out Christmas hampers to 5000 poor crippled children. Last year H.R.H. the Prince of Wales sent a donation to this Fund, and 4000 hampers were sent out. Subscriptions may be sent to Bro. Alderman Treloar, 69, Ludgate Hill, or to the Earl of Northampton, 37, Norfolk-street, Strand, W.C.

GREAT SUCCESS attended the third annual patriotic dinner, held on the evening of Tuesday—the anniversary of the battle of Alma—at High Wycombe, when General Sir George Higginson, K.C.B., presided, nearly 300 sitting down. Among telegrams and letters of regret read was one from Bro. Lord Roberts, who greatly regretted his inability to attend, while Bro. Viscount Wolseley sent, as last year, £5; an announcement which was received with loud applause. The loyal toasts were drunk with the utmost enthusiasm.

A SPECIAL SERVICE will take place at Westminster Abbey on Monday, the 24th prox., the first day of the Michaelmas Law Sittings, when the Lord Chancellor, Bro. the Earl of Halsbury, her Majesty's Judges, Queen's Counsel, and members of the legal profession will attend. It is understood that the arrangements will be the same as those of last year, when this special service was inaugurated. The service at the Abbey will commence at 11.45, and the Lord Chancellor's reception at the House of Lords will take place afterwards at 12.30; the judges will proceed to the Law Courts about 2 o'clock.

THE HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution will hold a festival in Southampton on Friday, the 21st prox., following the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge to be held there on the same date. The festival was originally fixed for the spring of the year, but was postponed in order to avoid clashing with the Festivals of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys, the desire having always been to prevent the operations of the Provincial Institutions hindering the regular flow of contributions to the great Central Charities of the Craft. The Institution commenced its operations in 1883, and 30 orphan children of deceased brethren have received, or are receiving, its benefits. Every eligible candidate who has been recommended by a subscribing lodge has been placed on the funds without a contest. There are at present 17 children on the books, and there are now 40 lodges and 153 individual subscribers who hold permanent votes in the Institution. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., has promised to preside at the festival.

BRO. THE EARL OF WHARNCLIFFE, who has been paying his annual visit to his Forfarshire estates, has returned to Wortley Hall, near Sheffield.

THE SHRIEVALTY.—The Sheriffs Banners for Mr. Alderman and Sheriff elect, F. P. Alliston, are being manufactured by George Kenning and Son, Little Britain.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES will return to England early next month, accompanied by Princess Carl of Denmark, who will make a stay in England of considerable length.

THE EXECUTORS of the late Bro. Charles Augustus Murton, of the firm of C. A. Murton and Sons, 27, Cornhill, have proved the will, the personal estate being valued at £12,205 17s. 8d.

BRO. THE EARL OF HALSBURY, Lord Chancellor of England, the Countess of Halsbury, and their daughter, Lady Eveleen Giffard, arrived in Fermoy on Saturday evening last by special train from Killarney.

THE ANNUAL communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, has been appointed for Friday, the 7th prox., in the Public Hall, Cockermouth, under the banner of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002.

ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE.—The opening meeting of the 31st Session will be held at the Whitehall Rooms, on Tuesday, November 5th, when a paper on Western Australia will be read by the Hon. E. H. Wittenoom, Agent-General for that Colony.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Duke and Duchess of York and Prince Edward of York, who arrived in London from Copenhagen on Friday, the 16th inst., drove on Sunday evening from York House, St. James's Palace, to Euston Station, in order to travel by the West Coast Express to Scotland, on a visit to the Queen.

On Thursday morning, in the presence of the Grand Ducal family of Mecklenburg and Princess Henry of Prussia, a monument was solemnly unveiled at Kiel to the memory of Duke Frederick William of Mecklenburg, who was drowned with eight of the crew of the torpedo-boat which he commanded, on September 22nd, last year.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ARTHUR ELLIS was present at the funeral of the Empress of Austria, at Vienna, on Saturday last as the representative of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales. Their Royal Highnesses were represented at the funeral service held for her Imperial Majesty at the Roman Catholic Church in Farm-street, by Bro. Lord Suffield.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, will visit Lewes on Friday, the 28th prox., to preside at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. His Royal Highness will be received by the Mayor and Corporation at the railway station, and after the Masonic Museum has been inspected, luncheon will be served at the Town Hall.

GRAND MASTERS MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The lodge will resume its meetings on the first and third Fridays in October, November, December, 1898, and January, February, March, 1899. The meetings are held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., at 6 p.m. sharp. Mark clothing. Bro. Dr. Reynolds Green, P.G. Deacon, Preceptor.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN has graciously intimated her intention of opening the Artists' Guild Tenth Amateur Art Exhibition at the Imperial Institute, on November 7th. It will be open to all amateurs. Particulars may be had from Lieut.-Col. Bacon, Secretary Royal Art School of Art Needlework, Exhibition-road, South Kensington.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, who, with her daughter, Princess Victoria, remain at Arlington Manor during this week as the guests of Sir Francis and Lady Jeune, was present on Saturday last at the Memorial Service, held at the Catholic Church, Farm-street, for her late Imperial Majesty the Empress of Austria. Lady Jeune and Col. the Hon. C. Eliot were in attendance.

LADY ELIZABETH MARY BRUCE, eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Elgin, and Mr. Henry Babington Smith, private secretary to the Viceroy, were married at Christ Church, Simla, on Thursday afternoon. The Bishop of Lahore, assisted by the Rev. M. C. Sanders, Chaplain of Simla, officiated, and the bride was given away by her father. The church, which was crowded, was tastefully decorated. Among the bridesmaids were the Ladies Christian and Veronica Bruce, sisters of the bride, and Capt. S. H. Pollen, aide-de-camp to the Viceroy, was best man. After the ceremony the newly-married couple were escorted to the Viceregal Lodge by a troop of Punjab Light Horse Volunteers, and a largely-attended reception was then held by Lady Elgin.

THE QUEEN, with their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, Princess Henry of Battenberg, Princess Victoria of Wales, her Highness Princess Aribert of Anhalt, and the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Leiningen, were present on Saturday morning last at a memorial service for her deeply-lamented Imperial Majesty the Empress of Austria, in Craithie parish church, conducted by the Rev. S. J. Ramsay Sibbald. The Dowager Lady Churchill and Lieutenant-Colonel Davidson were in attendance. Bro. Major-General Sir Stanley Clarke was in attendance on his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting, Lord James of Hereford (Minister in Attendance) and many residents of Deeside were present. The service commenced with the playing of the Austrian National Anthem and ended with Beethoven's Funeral March.

THE HURRICANE IN THE WEST INDIES.

DONATIONS FROM THE QUEEN AND H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES. Down to Wednesday evening the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the terrible hurricane in the West Indies, amounted to £8000, of which £5000 was on Wednesday remitted by telegram to the distressed Colonies, £2000 being sent to the Governor of Barbados, and £3000 to the Governor of the Windward Islands for the sufferers in St. Vincent and St. Lucia. The Lord Mayor received during the day the following letter from the Keeper of the Privy Purse:

"Balmoral Castle, 20th Sept., 1898.
"Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Fleetwood Edwards presents his compliments to the Lord Mayor, and begs to enclose, by command of the Queen, a cheque for £250, as a donation from her Majesty to the West Indian Hurricane Fund."

His lordship also had the following communication from the Comptroller to the Prince of Wales:

"Sandringham, September 20th.
"My Lord,—I have this day received instructions from the Prince of Wales to send your lordship a cheque for 100 guineas as a donation from his Royal Highness towards the fund which the Prince desires me to say he is very glad to see you are raising at the Mansion House for the relief of the sufferers by the recent hurricane in the West Indies."

"I have the honour to be, my Lord, your lordship's obedient servant,
"D. M. PROBYN, General.
"Comptroller and Treasurer to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
"To the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London."



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