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FREEMASONRY IN TASMANIA.

Though the muster-roll of lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania is by no means a formidable one, there appears to be a praiseworthy degree of activity among the brethren. The duties of the lodge are declared by the Grand Officers at their periodical visitations to be carried out in a manner creditable to all concerned. The monetary condition is sound, and steps have recently been taken to render the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence better capable of meeting present and prospective demands upon its resources. In a word, the brethren from the highest to the lowest appear to be actuated by one harmonious desire to enlarge the prestige of the Craft and make it more and more worthy of the respect of the whole Colony. Hence the pleasure we derive from the occasional glimpses we obtain into the proceedings of the Craft, either through the published records of Grand Lodge or the accounts which appear from time to time in the Tasmanian press. It is indeed to one of these latter—which appeared in the *Tasmanian Mail* of the 6th August—that we are indebted for an exceedingly interesting report of the half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge, which had been held two days previously in Freemasons' Hall, Hobart, under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. G. DAVIES, his brother the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. C. E. DAVIES, being absent on a visit to England for the purpose of recruiting his health. The M.W. Pro Grand Master was also present and was received with the honours due to his rank, but at his particular request the Deputy Grand Master occupied the chair of Presiding Officer and conducted the business of the meeting. The reports of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence were of a very gratifying character, but the chief interest centred in the address delivered by the Dep. G. Master, who took occasion to refer to the very cordial reception which their M.W.G. Master had experienced during his sojourn in England, his introduction by Bro. Earl AMHERST, Deputy G. Master, to H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, and the honour conferred upon him by his Royal Highness in appointing him District Grand Master of Tasmania for the Mark Degree. But these remarks, though most gratifying to all who heard them, formed only a part of the

District Grand Master's address. Both he and the Pro Grand Master had officially visited a number of the lodges, and in every case they had not only met with a most cordial welcome, but they had likewise the satisfaction of reporting that, without a single exception, the lodges visited had fulfilled their duties most admirably. In addition, the Deputy had the pleasure of announcing that in February last the Hobart brethren had held a conversazione in order to do honour to Bro. LES SUSMAN, Past D.G.M., and present to that brother an illuminated address in recognition of his long and valuable services to the cause of benevolence as Chairman of the Committee of the Tasmanian Masonic Benevolent Fund, the occasion having been selected in order that it might coincide with the formal transfer of the said Fund from the Committee which till then had managed it to the Grand Officers, who would in future act as Trustees, invest the capital, and pay over the interest, annually accruing, to the Board of Benevolence of Grand Lodge. The remainder of the proceedings consisted for the most part of an interchange of courtesies and congratulations among the principal Grand Officers, in which the general body most heartily joined.

We understand that Bro. the Hon. C. E. DAVIES, M.W.G. Master, will shortly conclude his visit to this country, and we feel sure that on his return home he will find the affairs of his Grand Lodge have been most ably and successfully conducted in his absence, and will at the same time be the recipient of a most cordial welcome.

THE LODGE OF SCOON AND PERTH.*

Scotland has been more fortunate than England in the preservation of early Masonic records. Beyond the casual references which are to be met with in the works of ASHMOLE, Dr. PLOT, AUBREY, and it may be in other writings of the 17th century, there are few, if any, authentic evidences concerning the work of Masonry in England still extant. We have our "Old Charges," or "Constitutional Rolls," which Bro. W. J. HUGHAN has made his special study and of which he has written so fully and so ably in his "Old Charges of the British Freemason," but there are no minutes of lodge proceedings that go beyond the early years of the 18th century, nor have there been preserved to us any charters or similar documents pointing to the existence of any established lodges of Masons in any part of England, while in Scotland there are many such records or documents, sundry of which, as in the case of the minutes of the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1 (Mary's Chapel), date from the closing years of the 16th century. Hence the difficulty which an English brother has to contend with when he essays the task of compiling the history of one of our senior lodges is to find the straw with which to make his bricks, while the Scottish brother who undertakes a similar task in respect of an early Scottish lodge has generally a few wisps ready to his hand in the shape of a charter, statutes, or minutes wherewith to commence his brick-making. This contrast is pointedly referred to by Bro. HUGHAN in the "Introduction" he has written to this History of the "Scoon and Perth" Lodge, nor has the able historian, Bro. D. CRAWFORD SMITH, who is Secretary of the lodge, been slow to avail himself of the greater

* "History of the Ancient Masonic Lodge of Scoon and Perth, No. 3 (The Lodge of Stone)." By D. Crawford Smith, F.S.A. (Scot.), Secretary of the Lodge, Member of the Correspondence Circle of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, E.C. With an Introduction by William James Hughan, P.M. No. 70, 131, 2076, &c.; Past Senior Grand Deacon of England; Past Senior Grand Warden of Egypt, Iowa, &c.; Author of "The Old Charges of the British Freemason," &c. Perth: Cowan and Co., Limited, 1898.

wealth of material at his command than in all probability he would have had had he been an English brother writing of an English lodge. He has accordingly succeeded in compiling a history which, though in its early stages traditional, may be described as fairly continuous, while there can be no question as to the amount of interest which he has been able to infuse into his narrative. Thus his third Chapter is devoted to a "Sketch of the MYLNEs, Master Masons of the King," sundry members of this family having been members of this ancient lodge. In Chapter V. we are introduced to the earliest of the lodge records, to wit, the "Mutual Agreement"—bearing date the 14th December, 1658—the importance of which it is impossible to exaggerate. This document is reproduced in facsimile, and also forms part of the letterpress, so that those who are not skilled in deciphering old documents may be able to read, mark, learn, and digest its contents. According to this Agreement or Contract, the lodge at the date of its being drawn up had been in existence 465 years "or thereby," and as the Abbey of Scoon or Scone was founded in 1114, the foundation of the lodge would date from about the same period. This as it may be; but the document records also that "to our record and knowledge of our predecessoris ther cam one from the North countrie, named Johne Mylne, anc Measone, a man weill experted in his calling, Who entered himself both frieman and burges of this brugh, Who, in proces off tyme (by reasone of his skill and airt) was preferred to be the Kings Maties Mr. Measone, and Master of the said Lodge at Scone." This John Mylne was succeeded by his son John, who became both Master of the Lodge and Master Mason to King James the sixth "of blessed memorie, Who by the said second John Mylne, was (be the King's own desire) entered frieman, measone, and fellow Craft. And during all his lyfytyme he mantayned the same as ane member of the Lodge off Scone: So that this lodge is the most famous Lodge (iff weell ordored) within this Kingdome." We are further told that this second JOHN MYLNE was succeeded as King's Master Mason and Master of the Lodge by other MYLNEs, the last of whom who held the two offices concurrently died in 1657. Thus, though many may scruple to assign so early a date as 465 years "or thereby" before 1658 for the foundation of the lodge, we have specific statements as to certain members of the MYLNE family having presided successively as Masters *ad vitam* of this lodge during a term of years that carry us well back into the 16th century. Moreover, mention is made in this document of the Lodge of Kilwinning, and Bro. SMITH points out that when the question of precedence between Mother Kilwinning and Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, had to be considered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the reference to the former in this Contract or Agreement, was not without its influence in determining the arrangement that was made by which Mother Kilwinning was assigned the place at the head of the Register of Lodges, but without a number, while its rival retained its position as No. 1 on the list. The contract is further, and in respect of the lodge itself especially, valuable, from the fact that it has always been regarded as the lodge's charter, and when it threw in its lot with the Grand Lodge of Scotland a few years after that body had been constituted, it was accepted as such by the Grand Lodge, and its place on the register of lodges determined thereby. Unfortunately, the minutes onwards from the year 1658 are not forthcoming and it is not till the year 1725 that Bro. SMITH finds himself in a position to furnish from the lodge records themselves chapter and verse for the particulars he has vouchsafed us during the period between 1725 and 1777, when a further gap occurs in the lodge records and continues till 1815. But this portion of the volume must be treated in a further article.

FREE AND FREEMASONRY.

I am very pleased that *the Masonic Historian* (Bro. Gould) has written and published a thoughtful article on the prefix *free* in relation to *Masonry* ("Freemasonry," September 10th and 17th, 1898), for the subject is one of considerable interest as well as difficulty, and is yet not finally settled. His remarks about the compliment paid our esteemed Secretary of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge," will be shared by all the members, for Bro. Speth is a

very earnest and intelligent Craftsman, and any honour paid to him is looked upon as rendered to the lodge likewise.

His ingenious theory, however, as to the prefix *free* will require something more than its preference by the Editors of the great "English Dictionary" to secure its acceptance generally by Masonic Students, as there are several other theories on this important point, one of which appears to have more evidence in its favour on *philological* grounds, and another apparently obtains most support from existing records from the 17th Century as respects actual Masonic usage. These two views, based upon Mr. Papworth's Paper (*Second Edition*), on the "Superintendents of English Buildings in the Middle Ages," and excerpts from existing Minute Books of lodges are, to my mind, more likely to be the final verdict when the whole subject has been dealt with exhaustively; *that time, however, is not yet come.*

Dr. Chetwode Crawley, as a scholar of research and repute, naturally looks at the question from a philological standpoint, but some of us in the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, while grateful for all such powerful aid, are diligently seeking to discover more entries as to the prefix *free* being used by various trades. There may be no difference, but I submit that each body of investigators is entitled to consideration, and until the enquiry has been as thoroughly made, as it deserves to be, it will be well to suspend a final decision, notwithstanding the high authority of Dr. Murray and Mr. Bradley. Bro. Speth has described his theory as *tentative only*, and as such, I am ready to admit that among a number of students, it *holds the field* especially by those who take a philological view and ignore the minutes of old lodges.

I wrote Bro. Gould for his opinion on the subject, in relation to the latest discoveries and theories. He has kindly replied with a quotation from his "Concise History of Freemasonry" (Chap. II.) in MS., now preparing for publication.

"It will be seen that the word *free-stone*, or its equivalent in French or Latin, was employed from the beginning of the thirteenth century (1212) and the conclusion has been drawn that the term *freemason* itself is clearly derived from the Mason who worked freestone, in contradistinction to the Mason who was occupied on rough work. But it has been shown that the earliest use of the English word *freemason* (at present known to us) is associated with the freedom of a London Company (1376) and it is from a similar (or in part identical) class of persons, and not the Masons who worked freestone, that I imagine the existing term *freemason* to have been inherited."

Personally it seems to me that the prefix under consideration *Masonically* meant *free of* or *to*, rather than *from* something; and so likewise in regard to other trades. *Free of* the lodge, or *free to* act as Masons, rather than *free from* any disabilities, would appear to be the idea of the Craftsmen of the 17th century and later; just as with other companies and bodies. *Free* to be a carpenter, sewer, dredger, &c., within a certain district covered by and including the liberties and privileges of the particular society. In this view, a man who had served his time and been regularly *past*, was free to follow his occupation and obtained the countenance and support of his fellow freemen belonging to the *free lodge*, or other organisation as may be. I do not, however, discuss the point now, but only ask for time before a decision is arrived at.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH WALES.

On the 20th ult., the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Portmadoc. Special interest was attached to the proceedings by reason of the installation as Grand Superintendent of Comp. John Ernest Greaves (Lord Lieutenant of Carnarvonshire), in succession to Comp. Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, who, upon ceasing to reside in North Wales, resigned all the offices which he filled in the province.

Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G.J., was the Installing Officer, to whom at the close of the ceremony a cordial vote of thanks was tendered on the motion of Comp. W. JONES-MORRIS, seconded by Comp. CORNELIUS DAVIS.

The Grand Superintendent invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers:

Comp. Col. C. H. Rees	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Samuel Griffith	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. G. Tuxford	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Edward Roberts	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. Owen	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. G. Benbow	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" A. Bromwich	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Caradoc Rowland	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" James Porter	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. H. Ellis	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. W. Kirkby	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Lloyd Griffith	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Jones Morris	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. H. Carey	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" J. W. Fendick	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Prov. Grand Officers present were: Comps. J. Danby, P.G.J.; James G. Tuxford, 1509, P.G.S.E.; H. Jones Roberts, 606, P.A.G. Soj.; W. Hole, 998, P.G. Std. Br.; Llewelyn R. Hughes, 1509, P.A.G.D.C.; James Porter, 384, P.A.G.S.E.; and John W. Fardick, 384, P.G. Janitor. The attendance of P.P. Grand Officers included Comps. Thomas Edwards, 606 and 1509, P.P.G.J.; Charles H. Rees, 606, P.P.G.J.; G. Pritchard, 1509, P.P.G.A.S.; Samuel Griffith, 1509, P.P.G.S.N.; W. Charles Logan, 1509, P.P.G.S.N.; Edward Kirby, 1509, P.P.G. Scribe E.; Jas. Tomlins, 998, P.P.G.D.C.; T. W. Best, 1509, P.P.G.A.S.; R. M. Greaves, 1509, P.P.G.S.; Edward Roberts, P.P.A.G. Reg.; J. Jones, P.P.G.P. Soj.; C. K. Benson; J. S. Hughes, 1509; and J. Jones Morris, 1509, P.P.G.J. Among the visitors were Comps. W. W. J. Jones Morris, John Davis, P.G.S.; and J. O. Morris, P.P.G.S.N.

It was resolved to hold the next annual Provincial Grand Chapter at Newtown.

The banquet was held in the evening at the Commercial Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The following is a list of the brethren who were appointed to office in the above Provincial Grand Lodge at the annual meeting of that body, which was held in the Town Hall, Kidderminster, on Wednesday, the 14th ult., and to which we had occasion to refer in our "Notes" of last week :

Bro. F. G. Russell, 1204	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. Cotton, 377	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. M. McKean, 2385	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. E. E. Lea, 377	...	...	Prov. A.G. Chap.
" S. G. Mason, 2034	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. B. Rowe, 280	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. T. Page, 529	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. Wilcox, 564	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. Hill Lowe, 1097	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. W. King, 280	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" E. Bennett, 377	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. F. Williams, 529	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. H. Kendrick, 2385	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. E. Jones, 252	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" D. Bryce, 573	...	...
" G. W. Bates, 564	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. G. Page, 560	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. J. King, 498	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. J. King, 498	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" C. F. Aolder, 377	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. A. Weston, 377	...	...
" E. Parry, 377	...	...
" H. Smith, 377	...	...
" B. L. Griffiths, 377	...	...
" W. A. Capron, 377	...	...	} Prov. G. Tylers.
" F. W. Knott, 529	...	...
" J. Dugard, 377	...	...

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES (E.D.).

A special meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Thursday, the 22nd ult. Bro. Lord Llangattock, P.G.M., presided, and there were also present—

Bros. Marmaduke Tennant, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., D.P.G.M.; J. H. Taylor, P.S.G.W.; J. Radley, P.J.G.W.; Rev. Joseph Baker, P.G. Chap.; Owen Owen, P.G.T.; Arthur Lewis, P.G. Reg.; W. Whittington, P.G. Sec.; H. G. Lewis, P.J.G.D.; C. A. Young, P.S.G.W.; E. S. Johnson, P.A.G.D.C.; Thomas Wake, P.G.S.B.; W. L. Baker, P.G.S.B.; Charles Jones, P.G.P.; J. T. Gibbon, F. J. Harries, P.G. Stwd.; G. Bullerwell, P.G. Tyler; E. N. Gardner, P.P.A.G.P. Shropshire; W. G. Davies, P.P.S.G.W.; Henry Symon, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Williams, P.P.G.S.; W. Richards, P.P.G.S.; S. Cooper, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Munday, P.P.J.G.W.; W. C. Pearce, P.P.S.G.W.; R. S. Fisher, P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Owen, P.P.A.G.C. Cheshire; G. Clarry, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. Precenator W. Lewis, P.P.G. Chap.; T. Martin, P.P.S.G.W.; P. L. Thomas, P.P.G.S.; W. Ll. Edwards, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Shaw, P.P.S.G.W.; D. Macdonald, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Thorney, P.P.G.P.; C. F. Hanson, P.P.G.S.; C. H. Priestley, P.P.J.G.D.; Dr. Ensor, P.P.G.R.; D. S. Varsopolo, P.P.G.T.; C. A. J. Ward, W.M. 36; Joseph Thomas, S.W. 960; A. J. Solomon, A. C. Macintosh, Dr. Irving, Dr. Treasure, Dr. C. H. Griffiths, R. Crossling, W. A. Beer, John Hogg, F. Nathan, S. Phillips, Eugene Berg, J. Samuel, C. A. Stephenson, W. T. Morgan, Lewis Morgan, J. D. Lewis, P. Thomas, W. H. Keye, and many others.

The lodge was one of the most fully attended that has been registered for several years.

Bro. Lord LLANGATTOCK opened the proceedings with a sympathetic speech, and, after referring to the business of the gathering, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. He then called upon the D.P.G.M. to proceed with the customary business.

The Prov. Grand Officers were installed as follows :

Bro. Dr. T. Wallace, P.M. 36	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Thomas Phillips, P.M. 364	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. Lewis, P.M. 1578	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. T. Baker, P.M. 36	...	...
" Sam Jones, W.M. 2547	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. D. Phillips, W.M. 679	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Whittington, P.M. 364	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. M'Donnell, W.M. 237	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" T. F. P. Jones Lloyd, W.M. 2357	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. T. Gilling, W.M. 960	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. H. Jones, W.M. 1573	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. Mumford, W.M. 1992	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. W. Baldock Fry, W.M. 1807	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. S. K. Hincks, P.M. 2382	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" T. M. Berry, W.M. 110	...	...
" D. Roberts, W.M. 2606	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Crossling, W.M. 1754	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Francis, P.M. 1552	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. R. Littledale, P.M. 651	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. T. Davies, S.W. 237	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" James Alexander Orr, I.G. 2453	...	...
" A. Russell Thomas, S.W. 364	...	...
" Frank Rimell, 36	...	...
" A. C. Macintosh, Sec. 2570	...	...
" George Bullerwell, P.M. 237	...	...	Prov. G. Tylers.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

The event of the day was the consecration of a new lodge to be known as the Loyal Commercial Lodge, No. 2720, the object of which is to meet the convenience of ambassadors of commerce and their friends. The preparations for the ceremony had been carried out with considerable energy by Bros. John Jones and Llewellyn Jones.

Bro. W. James Jenkins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Gloucester, was installed as W.M., and he invested the following as officers of the lodge: Bros. Thomas Evans, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Charles Jones, P.M., P.P.G.P., S.W.; Albert Gardner, J.W.; Daniel James Sproule, Chap.; John Jones, Treas.; Llewellyn Jones, Sec.; Tom Douthwaite, Asst. Sec.; H. Parry, S.D.; William Hill, J.D.; John Shaw, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; Geo. Bull, Org.; Ernest W. Hill, I.G.; J. Vevers, Steward; and A. Jenkins, Tyler.

The banquet was held in the Park Hotel in the evening, when a goodly muster sat down, under the chairmanship of Bro. Lord Llangattock, Prov. Grand Master.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

The above Prov. G. Mark Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Slough, under the auspices of the Herschel Lodge, No. 376, when there were present Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M.; T. Taylor, D.P.G.M.; Bowen, P.M. 376, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; Turner, Major James Bliss, Batting, Barrett, Simcox, Johncock, Birch, Coppock, Williams, Fulmer, Weston, and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of the last communication read and confirmed, letters of apology were read from several brethren of their inability to attend. The roll of lodges was then called, all the lodges being fairly represented. The Prov. G. Treasurer's balance sheet was read, which showed an increased balance in favour of the province of £55 5s. 11d.; the account was approved and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The election of Prov. G. Treasurer proved unanimous in favour of Bro. John Williams.

The Prov. G.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows :

Bro. T. Taylor	...	...	...	Dep. P.G.M.
" A. Turner, P.M. 376	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. T. James, P.M. 480	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" C. Batting, W.M. 480	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. J. Simcox, S.W. 480	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" C. E. Roberts, Chap. 480	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" John Williams, P.M. 97	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Knapp, S.W. 97	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Wilmer, P.M. 163	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Simpson, 163	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Legros, P.M. 376	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. C. Coppock, S.O. 480	...	...	...	Prov. G. I. of W.
" Cooper, 97	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Weston, 163	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" M. Clapshaw, 376	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Jas. Williams, S.D. 480	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. Birch, J.D. 480	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" J. N. Hodgkinson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Royal Hotel, the usual Masonic toasts being honoured.

MASONRY—OPERATIVE, SPECULATIVE, AND PRACTICAL.

Every man, in the instruction he has received during the ceremonies of his reception into our Institution, has been informed that Masonry is to be considered under two denominations—Operative and Speculative. These two have been so elaborated upon, the meaning of each, and what they do or should teach, so fully explained, that the impression is too often left upon the mind of the candidate that the two comprehend the whole of Masonry; that only under them can it be considered. When we take into consideration the meaning of the term "denomination," this may be, and perhaps is, in a general sense, a correct statement; but, to our mind, there might, with propriety, be added at least a third—the practical one—which, though in the strict sense of the term, it may not be classed under the head of "denomination," is yet intimately connected with the two, and which should be most strongly impressed upon the minds of every candidate as the one of all others the most important and upon which alone depends the welfare and the utility of the Institution. In its incipiency Freemasonry was largely of an Operative character and its members to a great extent were workmen; but that it was ever a purely operative institution we seriously doubt. Its members were banded together not for the mere purpose of improving themselves in any particular art, trade or profession, or as a mutual protection against the wiles of the unscrupulous and unskilled, but for the more important purpose of elevating themselves in the scale of true manhood. There was combined with the operative such moral and intellectual instruction as would come within the comprehension of, and prove beneficial to the most humble of its votaries, while at the same time in the types and symbols it adopted, and, in its esoteric teachings, there were veiled lessons of the highest importance, mysteries a knowledge of which required the most careful study. This attracted to the institution those of more advanced thought and learning, and it became alike beneficial to all. In the course of time and by a natural process the moral and intellectual gained the ascendancy to such an extent that as an Operative Institution it no longer had an existence. Although the Freemasons of to-day no longer labour as did our ancient brethren, yet they are ever loyal to the old Institution in its duality. Remembering from whence they came they still retain not only its working tools as object lessons in all their teachings, but have adopted some of their distinguishing features, while many of their laws and regulations have become for them landmarks, immovable.

The second denomination, under which we are told that Masonry is to be considered, is the Speculative, an outgrowth as we have seen from the old, with its duality of expression, to that taught and practised at the present

time, and which is denominated as Speculative Masonry. Why thus classed is to us somewhat of an enigma. The word Speculative as generally used, and especially when applied to any particular question, carries the idea that the subject under consideration is something of an ideal, a theoretical nature, nothing positive, or that is substantiated. The explanation given in the ritual is entirely different and one which is foreign to, and has no connection with, that which it attempts to explain. By Speculative Masonry, it says, we learn to subdue the passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy and practice Charity. In this there is nothing of an ideal nature except as it foreshadows a degree of excellence which should be attained by every Freemason. By it we "learn" certain duties, a knowledge of which is essential in the development of Masonic life and character.

The mere learning of duties—an increase in knowledge in regard to those things which are essential to Masonic life and progress—is of no importance, except that when so learned and understood, they are applied to, and practised in everyday life.

A thorough knowledge of the great underlying principles of Freemasonry is most essential. They should be carefully and thoroughly studied, learned, and the lesson derived therefrom should have a practical application in our intercourse with each other and in all the varied relations of life. To be of utility to its votaries or any benefit to the world, Masonry must be by all regarded as something more than a mere theory, admitted though it may be to be both sound and good. It is something which is intended to, and should, touch the hearts of all, and so influence every action that in all things their life may conform to its precepts. It must be in truth practical. Some there are who by having passed through the solemn ceremonies of our Order lay claim to the title of Mason, yet do not conform to the spirit of Masonry or follow its teachings. They are mere speculative Masons, professing that which they fail to practise. A man is not regarded for his professions, his actions are the true, and only criterion by which he should be judged. Not so with an institution. Unlike that of an individual it should be judged by the character of the principles it inculcates; the platform it lays down; yet to a great extent the daily life and character of its professed followers will bias the judgment of very many. The church, and even religion itself, has had to suffer for the sins of omission and commission of its members. If this is true of the church with all the sanctity attached to it, how much more of Freemasonry, an institution of human origin though inculcating a system of morality the highest and requiring of its votaries a life in full accord therewith. If we would preserve and perpetuate the good name of Masonry, if we would help to extend its powers for good, how important is it that the third denomination to which we have alluded should be more generally regarded as the one of all others the most essential, teaching as it does the necessity of a proper application of those high and exalted duties and wise regulations which we are supposed to learn, and which are taught in Speculative Masonry—that the subduing of the passions, acting upon the square, keeping a tongue of good report, maintaining secrecy, and practising Charity, are duties incumbent upon every Mason, that only by the practice of these virtues can we justly claim that proud title.

The precepts of Masonry inure to a great extent to this life, teaching its votaries how best on this earthly plane to live. By following its precepts, and living a life in accord with its requirements we are by so much being prepared for that immortality which Masonry teaches. We are more and more being inspired with the perfections of the Divine Creator and led to pay to Him that rational homage which is due from the creature to the Creator. That there are many who, if we may judge by their actions, fail even to approximate to its high standard cannot be denied. The cause for this may, on the part of some, no doubt, be traced to a spirit of indifference. They fail to appreciate the high importance of Masonry, or the binding force of its obligations. Others there are who live in wilful violation of many of its most important requirements.

Some have united themselves with the Fraternity from selfish and unworthy motives, seeking the personal benefits to be derived from a membership in the Institution, without doing anything for the advancement of others or to promote the interests of the Fraternity. That this sad condition can be wholly eradicated is problematical. But that it may be greatly circumscribed there can be no doubt. To accomplish this result there must not only be more care used in the acceptance of material, admitting none whose previous life and conduct does not afford a sure guaranty of the honesty and unselfish character of their purpose; but when admitted they must be thoroughly instructed in the practical part of Masonry. This education must commence with the Entered Apprentice, continued as advancement is made to the Degree of Fellow Craft; nor should this education cease when the brother is raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It should be continued through life. If less stress was paid to the ideal—the Speculative in Masonry—and more to the practical, we should find fewer among us who are unworthy. The good name of Masonry would be better protected, and its power for good greatly enhanced.—*Masonic Tidings.*

BRO. THOMAS M. REED, G. SEC. GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON, U.S.A.

With a Masonic history of over half a century, Bro. Thomas M. Reed, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington, presents to-day an unique record of a busy life well spent, such as needs no better eulogy than a statement of bare facts in order to impress the average mind with the stern solidity of the man as a patriotic citizen and as an earnest worker in the cause and growth of Masonry. His many good qualities of mind and heart have secured for him positions of trust and honour that have never been misplaced, and he stands to-day a rock of integrity, ripe in years and knowledge, and a man whom every Freemason in the State of Washington is proud to hail as brother.

Thomas Milburne Reed was born in Shrapshurg, Kentucky, December 8th, 1825, and went to California in 1849. In December, 1857, he came to Olympia, Washington, where he has since resided, except two years in Idaho.

At the age of 12 he was thrown on his own resources, and, with the sturdy disposition that governed his after life, he worked for eight dollars per month, paid for his schooling during the winter months, began teaching

school at the age of 18, at 20 became a clerk in a country store, then two years later the chief accountant. Then, at the age of 24, he started for California, via New Orleans and the Isthmus. So. Bro. Reed is a forty-niner—a synonym for pluck and energy. His first two years in California were devoted to mining, with varied success. Then he went into the mercantile business, in which he continued until his removal to Olympia. While in California he filled the office of county treasurer, and was one of the board of supervisors of Eldorado County. Bro. Reed's patriotism has displayed itself on several occasions. In 1847 he enlisted in a Kentucky company for the Mexican war, but the company's services were not needed and it was disbanded. Then, as now, it required but few intelligent Yankees to contend against the bigoted Spanish race. On the breaking out of the Civil War, in 1861, in response to the first call for Union Volunteers, a company was organized, of which Bro. Reed was elected captain. The general Government, however, declined to accept the services of the company, owing to the cost of transportation. In the spring of 1862 and at intervals up to 1865 he made several visits to the Florence gold mines in Idaho. During part of this time he was deputy collector of United States internal revenues, both in the eastern and western portions of this district. While in Idaho, Bro. Reed was elected to the legislature for Idaho county (then a part of the Washington Territory), and served as speaker of the house for the session of 1862-3. After Idaho was set off from Washington and organized into a separate territory, Bro. Reed was elected in 1864 to the Idaho Legislature, representing Nez Pearce County. Having been admitted to practice law in the courts of Washington Territory, he was appointed prosecuting attorney for the Idaho District, serving one term during his temporary residence in that district. In 1865 he entered the office of U. S. Surveyor General at Olympia as chief clerk, which position he held seven years. Then he became U. S. Deputy Surveyor, continuing in that station, with occasional off intervals, for eight years.

In 1877 he was elected to the Legislative Council of Washington, representing Thurston and Lewis counties, and was honoured with the station of President of the Council, session 1877. During the closing hours of that session he was nominated and confirmed as Territorial Auditor, serving in that position until 1888—over 10 years.

In 1889 he was chosen as a delegate and served in the Constitutional Convention to frame a constitution for the State of Washington. At the first State election in 1889 Bro. Reed was elected State Auditor, receiving the highest number of votes of any of the Republican nominees. He held this position until January, 1893, the close of the term. This shows a long and honourable career of our beloved brother in public service. The lustre of his career, however, is brightened by that of his Masonic record.

When he was a little past the age of 21, before leaving "Old Kentucky," he was initiated into Holloway Lodge, No. 153, Fleming County, on March 30th, 1847. He was raised June 7th, 1847, since which time he has always been an active Freemason.

In 1858 he affiliated with Olympia Lodge, No. 1, in which lodge he still holds his membership. He has filled with the highest honour every important office known to Masonry. He served as Worshipful Master five years in California and three years in Olympia. Every degree known to Masonry has been conferred upon Bro. Reed, from the first to the 33rd in the Scottish Rite and to that of Knight Templar of the York Rite.

He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington three terms, and has been Grand Secretary for the exceeding long term of 36 years—conclusive evidence that he is the right man for the place. This long and valuable service has endeared him to all. Bro. Reed's literary ability is of a high standard, and he possesses a most thorough knowledge of Masonry in all its parts; its laws, its philosophy, its jurisdiction, its work and tenets are all as familiar to our illustrious Grand Secretary as "a b c." His name is a recognised authority throughout the Masonic world upon every question pertaining to Freemasonry. Long may he live to continue his high and noble career.—*Pacific Mason.*

Scotland.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of this body was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 21st ult., Comp. Black, Falkirk, one of the Grand Principals, presiding. The Grand Scribe, Comp. R. S. BROWN reported that the income for last quarter had amounted to £226, being £125 in excess of the expenditure, and £35 over that of the corresponding quarter of last year. Charters were ordered to be issued to the new chapters, Mills, Croydon, Queensland, No. 273, and Lee Bryce, Perth, Western Australia, No. 274. Comp. Z. C. Rennie, Sydney, N.S.W., was appointed Grand Superintendent in succession to the late Comp. Nicholas Hobson. Comp. John Macdonald, 207, Queensland, was introduced to the Supreme Chapter, and was welcomed from the chair. The other business was routine.

The Craft Abroad.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, SOUTH AMERICA.

The annual meeting of the above District Grand Lodge was held on the 25th July, in the lodge-room, Prince George's Hall, No. 1230, Calle Auyo, Buenos Ayres, the chair being occupied by the District Grand Master, Bro. Charles Trevor Mold, 53 members of the district being present.

After the District Grand Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the various correspondence dealt with.

The report of the acting D.G. Treasurer, Bro. F. Rider Hancock, D.S.

G.W., was read and unanimously adopted; and this brother was also unanimously elected as D.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER gave the brethren a synopsis of the Masonic work of the district during the past year, showing the state of the lodges, all of which he had visited, and finally cordially thanked the officers of the District Grand Lodge, as well as the late Worshipful Masters of the private lodges for the very efficient support they had given him. He then, assisted by the D.D.G.M., Bro. Henry S. Chappell, appointed and invested his officers for the coming year as follows :

Bro. J. B. Baker, 1740	...	...	...	Dist. S.G.W.
G. Nelson, 1025	...	...	...	Dist. J.G.W.
H. Joseph, 617, P.D.S.G.W.	...	...	...	Dist. G. Chap.
J. R. Hancock, 617, P.D.S.G.W.	...	...	...	Dist. G. Treas.
F. Coulor, 617, 2517	...	...	...	Dist. G. Reg.
C. M. Stetson, 1553	...	...	...	Pres. Dist. B.G.P.
J. C. Clark, 2329	...	...	...	Dist. G. Sec.
A. R. Leighton, 1025	...	...	...	Dist. S.G.D.
A. E. Rugeroni, 1025	...	...	...	Dist. J.G.D.
J. A. M. Barnes, 1553	...	...	...	Dist. G.S. of W.
C. W. S. Hopson, 2329...	...	...	...	Dist. G.D.C.
W. Olliver, 1553	...	...	...	Dist. A.G.D.C.
John Miller, 2459	...	...	...	Dist. G.S.B.
W. Fleury, 1025	...	...	...	} Dist. G. Std. Brs.
C. A. Lowe, 2329	...	...	...
A. Cozens, 876, 2329	...	...	...	Dist. G. Org.
J. M. Hoening, 1553	...	...	...	Dist. A.G. Sec.
E. M. Simpson, 1025	...	...	...	Dist. G. Purst.
F. W. Salmon, 1553	...	...	...	Dist. A.G. Purst.
J. M. Drysdale, 617	...	...	...	} Dist. G. Stwds.
G. Millichamp, 1025	...	...	...
F. C. Marty, 1553	...	...	...
J. C. Bowden, 1740	...	...	...
A. G. D. Thornton, 2329	...	...	...	} Dist. G. Tyler.
W. Cairns, 2527	...	...	...
E. S. S. Conturier, 1025	...	...	...

After welcoming visitors, the District Grand Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE PUNJAB.

A special communication was holden under the banner of Lodge Stewart, No. 1960 (E.C.), at Freemasons' Hall, Murree, on Saturday, the 9th of July, at which there were present :

Bros. Lieut.-General Sir George B. Wolseley, K.C.B., D.G.M.; Colonel H. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.D.D.G.M., as D.D.G.M.; Lieut.-Col. H. F. Lyons-Montgomery, P.D.S.G.W., as D.S.G.W.; C. Brown, P.D.J.G.W., as D.J.G.W.; P. C. Mukerji, P.D.J.G.W., as D.G. Treas.; D. F. Camadore, K.B., P.D.D.G.M., as D.G. Reg.; Lieut. A. E. Turner, W.M. 1960 (E.C.), as D.G. Sec.; Lieut. S. M. Mercer, P.D.J.G.D., as D.S.G.D.; A. R. Cook, W.M. 1413 (E.C.), as D.J.G.D.; T. Duthie, P.D.G.D.C., as D.G.D.C.; D. Carey, P.D.G.S.B., as D.A.G.D.C.; J. Robertson, W.M. 1448 (E.C.), as D.G.S.B.; J. W. Hale, P.M. 1448 (E.C.), as D.G. Std. Br.; Lieut. R. G. Macpherson, W.M. 1307 (E.C.), D.A.G. Sec.; G. H. Pulleyn, I.P.M. 1448 (E.C.), D.G. Purst.; T. C. Sharpe and H. Farmer, as D.G. Stwds.; and Fazl Din, D.G. Tyler.

There were representatives of nine lodges present and some visitors.

The District Grand Master, with his officers, was received by the W.M. of Lodge Stewart, No. 1960 (E.C.), and opened the District Grand Lodge in due form, and summons convening the meeting was read by the acting DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY.

The report of the District Board of General Purposes, dated the 4th July, 1898, having been read by the acting District Grand Secretary, was accepted and confirmed, and the recommendations therein made, approved.

Bro. Lieut.-General Sir GEORGE B. WOLSELEY, K.C.B., District Grand Master Punjab, then brought before the District Grand Lodge the question of granting a loan of Rs. 2500 to Lodge Mooltan, No. 1307, E.C., Mooltan, from District Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, at the interest of Rs. 4 per cent. per annum.

The proposition of Bro. C. P. MUKERJI, P.D.J.G.W., seconded by Bro. J. ROBERTSON, W.M. Lodge Light of the Himalayas, No. 1448, E.C., was put on the vote and carried unanimously.

Bro. Sir GEORGE B. WOLSELEY also briefly addressed District Grand Lodge, and stated that he was highly satisfied with the Masonic work of the District.

Apologies were received and ordered to be recorded from a number of brethren for unavoidable absence.

The Hiram was then made over to the W.M. Lodge Stewart, No. 1960, E.C.

There being no further business before the District Grand Lodge, it was closed in due form.—*Indian Freemason.*

Craft Masonry.

Industry Lodge, No. 48.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, evening, the 25th ult., at Gateshead, when there was an excellent muster of members and visitors, and also a good programme of work. Amongst those present were Bros. W. C. A. Holzapfel, W.M.; A. Simpson, I.P.M.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; M. Corbett, P.M. and W.M. 2674; Rob. Whitfield, P.M.; M. R. Wright, P.M.; A. Dodds, P.M.; T. W. Stokoe, P.M. and W.M. 2462; J. Armstrong, S.W.; J. T. Pragnell, J.W.; T. R. Jobson, P.M., as Sec.; G. T. Bootes, as S.D.; W. E. Peacock, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; H. Bartlett, S.D. 466, as I.G.; Robt. Laverick, Stwd.; J. Curry, Tyler; W. Blythe, G. Kindred, J. Smith, W. Walton, R. Forsyth, W. Watson, C. H. L. Peimear, R. D. Young, W. Sheriff, E. Dobson, John Carr, H. Coulson, J. Varty, J. H. Archer, W. Campbell, E. E. Elliott, J. Wardle, James Lightbown, J. H. Lightbown, G. O. Whitfield, Anthony Dodds, W. Laws, Samuel Brown, G. Gillespy, J. Clapperton, W. Turnbull, and Joe Moffat. The visitors included Bros. T. M. Falconer, W.M. 541; R. Renwick, S.W. 541; J. G. Holdsworth, J.D. 541; J. Johnson and J. T. Brown, Stwds. 541; R. H. Russell, 541; W. D. Hick, 2674; J. Burrell, I.P.M. 424; R. Stewart, P.M. 424; W. J. Heppell, P.M. 424; T. M. Warden, I.G. 424; W. J. Howe, J.W. 424; N. Knox, 424; William Smith, 424; H. A. Wand, 54; S. Mace, 1676; E. Scorfild, 2674; T. Coxon, 541; J. Bell, P.M. 991; E. M. Tupp, 541; and others.

The usual preliminary business being finished, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. G. O. Whitfield, Geo. Kindred, John H. Archer, John Smith, Isaac

Varty, Thos. Lattimer, and Wm. Sinclair, after examination, were duly raised as Master Masons, and the ceremony, done by the W.M., was very effective. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and after receiving the felicitations of the visitors, the proceedings closed and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room.

Western District Service Lodge, No. 2258.

At the Freemasons' Club, Princess-square, Plymouth, the annual banquet of the above lodge was held on the 22nd ult. Bro. Bartram, W.M., presided, and there was a large attendance.

After "The Queen," Bro. Davidson gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master."

Bro. Best gave "Sir Stafford Northcote, P.G.M. of Devon, and the Prov. Grand Lodge."

Bro. Major Tracey responded, and mentioned that he assisted as a Provincial Grand Officer at the consecration of that lodge, and was afterwards installed as its first Master.

Bro. T. G. Green, S.W., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was heartily received. Bro. Green said they were highly delighted to see so experienced a Mason in the chair, and felt sure that under his guidance the lodge would prosper. (Applause.)

Bro. Bartram, in reply, congratulated himself on that being a record attendance at a banquet in connection with that lodge.

Bro. G. H. Clarke proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Capt. Thomas Reynolds, Devon Regiment."

Bro. Reynolds afterwards gave "The Treasurer (Bro. H. S. Best) and the Secretary (Bro. C. Taylor, R.N.)," who both suitably responded.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters and Founders of the Lodge," with the names of Bros. Tracey, Powell, S. Jew, Brebner, and Davidson, who responded to the toast.

Bro. Brebner proposed "The Wardens and Assistant Officers," Bros. Green, S.W.; Clarke, J.W.; and F. Mortimer, S.D., responding.

Bro. Jew gave "The Visitors," for whom Bro. Sach, P.M. 189, was called upon to respond.

Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet. Present: Bros. E. J. Gittins, P.P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; J. W. Hunt, S.W.; T. J. Phillips, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.G.P., Treas.; J. Heilbrun, S.D.; T. J. Patrick, J.D.; H. G. Holland, P.M., D.C.; G. Birchner, A.D.C.; R. H. Nicholls, acting I.G.; H. Ramsbottom and H. Saunton, Stwds.; H. Evenden, Tyler; H. G. Holland, P.M.; H. Monson, P.M.; H. Passenger, W. J. Hall, E. Ratcliffe, H. Essien, M. Vroon, H. de Maid, D. S. Aston, F. Elvin, Ridgway, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Briscoe, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; E. Spinks, H. Faul, E. Loder, S.W. 179; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Ratcliffe, De Maid, and Aston were passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. W. W. Archer and A. H. Standbrook, which proving unanimous, those gentlemen were initiated by the W.M. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation, and the routine business being finished, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards repaired to the dinner table, where a substantial repast had been provided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Some excellent singing was given by Bros. E. Loder, H. G. Holland, P.M.; H. Monson, P.M.; W. Hall, and others. Bro. A. Briscoe, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, very ably presided at the pianoforte.

Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

Mozart Chapter, No. 1929.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on the 19th ult. Among those present were Comps. Maj. T. W. Richardson, V.D., P.Z., P.P.G. S.B., as M.E.Z. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Dr. Russell Beardmore, P.P.G. S.B.); F. Cain, J.; and Maj. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C. Eng., S.E. Comp. Selby was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. Selby as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Dr. Beardmore, M.E.Z.; J. Boulton, P.Z., P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Dow-White, and others.

The chapter was then closed. A banquet followed.

The acting M.E.Z. gave a few toasts. In proposing "The Health of the Joining Members," he expressed a hope that the advent of Comp. Selby would lead to great results. The Mozart Chapter for many years had endeavoured to make headway, but in vain. Its existence as a Masonic body would have terminated long since had it not been for the perseverance of a few. With one or two exceptions, those who had called the chapter into being had left it. However, he believed that brighter days were in store.

Comp. Selby, in reply, thanked his proposer and seconder, for giving him an opportunity of joining No. 1929. He thanked the First Principal in the chair for his flattering remarks, and said that he would endeavour to introduce a few members at the earliest possible opportunity. He liked the Royal Arch Degree, and had long desired to join a country chapter. He hoped that the chapter would ere long be in a perfectly satisfactory condition.

The proceedings then terminated.

Mark Masonry.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181.

A meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 21st ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. James Hill, W.M.; Ubsdell, S.W.; Frankenberg, J.W.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; H. Higgins, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; C. H. Kohler, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; George Everett, P.M., P.S.G.D. Eng.; and R. W. Forge, I.P.M., P.J.G.D. Mjddx.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a vote of congratulation to Bro. G. Everett, P.M., P.S.G.D., was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously. The recipient having replied, apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. W. Davis, P.M., P.P.G.O.; F. F. Bonney, P.M., P.P.G.O.; and others. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

After the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The Grand Officers." He said that the officers of the Grand Mark Degree were an important body, No. 181 had several Grand Officers among its members and he (the W.M.) was pleased to see that evening Bro. George Everett, P.S.G.D., who had been seriously ill for nearly a year, but whose thorough restoration to health would, he hoped, be a matter of time.

Bro. Everett, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. He had already thanked the brethren in the lodge for their vote of congratulation, which had been so hearty and spontaneous. His state of health would not permit him to stand and speak at length, but he thanked them all from the bottom of his heart for their kind reception that day, and the members might depend upon one thing that he would never sever his connection from the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge.

Bro. Forge responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," in a neat speech.

Bros. Higgins and Kohler for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Fisher, P.M., Ubsdell, and Frankenberg, for "The Officers."

The members then separated.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1898.

It is with deep regret we announce the death, after a somewhat protracted illness, of the Queen of Denmark, mother of our Princess of Wales, to whom, as to her illustrious consort H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, we tender the expression of our most respectful sympathy in their severe bereavement. Her Majesty was taken seriously ill about the time the Prince of Wales was removed, after his accident, to Cowes and placed on board the Royal Yacht Osborne; and the Princess, it will be remembered, was suddenly summoned to Copenhagen. The venerable Queen, who was upwards of 80 years of age, rallied somewhat, but her strength gradually failed her and she passed away peacefully on Thursday morning, among those who were nearest and dearest to her. May the G.A.O.T.U. sustain our Princess under this heavy affliction!

We have very great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Lord Llangatock, Prov. Grand Master of South Wales (E.D.), has kindly consented to preside as Chair-

man at the Festival next ensuing in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The event will be celebrated on Wednesday, the 22nd February, 1899, and we trust that his lordship will receive that generous measure of support which his kindness so richly merits and the pressing needs of the Institution so seriously demand.

The Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, will hold a solemn convocation at their Grand East, 33, Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, the 11th instant, at 6 p.m., when a Grand Chapter of the 30° will be opened and several candidates will have the Degree of G.E.K.H. conferred upon them. Dinner will be served at the Café Royal at 7.30 p.m.

The first meeting after the usual mid-summer holiday of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 7th instant, at 5 p.m. The business will include the balloting for Bro. Edward Armitage, P.P.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, and P.P.G.J. Cambridgeshire, as a joining member, and the election of several members of the Correspondence Circle; as well as the election of a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. W. H. Rylands, P.A.G.D.C., will read a paper, and Bro. Sydney T. Klein, W.M., will bring his series of demonstrations of the "Hidden Mysteries of Nature and Science" to a close with a discourse on "Beauty." When the meeting is over, the brethren will adjourn to the Gordon Room in the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

We have received Volume XI, Part 2, of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," being the Transactions of Lodge, No. 2076, for a part of the current year, to which we shall take the earliest available opportunity of referring at length in our columns. The meetings to which the Transactions belong were held on the 6th May and 24th June, and there is a brief account of the summer outing to York from 30th June to 3rd July together with the usual "Notes and Queries," "Reviews," "Chronicle," &c., &c. The contents include a brief sketch of "Freemasonry in Greece," by Bro. Nicholas Philon, G. Secretary General; a paper by Bro. E. Armitage on "Robert Samber," which was read at the May meeting. This is followed by a series of written comments by Bros. R. F. Gould, Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, W. H. Rylands, and others, which greatly enhance the pleasure one must derive from a study of this important paper.

The other paper was read by Bro. Edward Conder, jun., at the June meeting, and is entitled "King Charles II. at the Royal Exchange, London, in 1667." This was followed by a discussion, in which Bros. Dr. Chetwode Crawley, Dr. Wynn Westcott, and G. W. Speth took part. In addition, there are the two "Hidden Mysteries" by Bro. Klein, W.M., which have already appeared in this journal, together with a short contribution by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., entitled "Batty Langley on Geometry." These, or most of these, papers will be the subject of further and fuller mention in some later issue; but this need not deter us from pronouncing the Part as being in every way as interesting and instructive as the Parts which have gone before.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont held its 81st annual convocation at Burlington in the latter half of June. Comp. E. S. Weston, G.H.P., presided, and 26 out of 27 chapters on the roll were represented. The presiding officer, in his address, passed in review the chief events of the year, and was in a position to state that R.A. Masonry in the jurisdiction was in a highly prosperous condition. He enumerated the visits he had paid, the dispensations he had granted, and the decisions he had made. There are, it seems, 2863 subscribing members of chapters, while the executive officers are Comp. O. W. Sherwin, who was elected to succeed Comp. Weston as G.H.P., and Comp. Warren G. Reynolds, who retains his post as G. Secretary. The Report on Correspondence was the work of Comp. Marsh O. Perkins.

From the "Masonic Gleanings" of our contemporary the *Voice of Masonry*, we learn that there are said to be 180 lodges in the Philippines and the effective force of members including what are described as "the sleeping brethren" is about 20,000. But what kind of Masons are these? We gravely doubt if they have anything of genuine Masonry about them beyond the name.

In the course of his address at the recent annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario) Bro. Gibson, M.W.G.M., referred with satisfaction to the effect of the recommendation which he had made the year previous and Grand Lodge had so cordially endorsed, to the effect that the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Benevolence should, with the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, be authorised to make grants for the purposes of temporary relief (such grants not to exceed 40 dollars to any one applicant.) He said that it had been found to work exceedingly well, and that in consequence, he had approved of 12 grants being made by way of temporary relief, amounting in all to 495 dollars, the persons thus relieved being "six aged and sorely distressed brethren" and "six equally distressed and deserving widows."

The Grand Master further noted that the sums paid by Grand Lodge during the year on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Benevolence amounted to 8200 dollars, the special grants being 575 dollars, while 2000 dollars were voted as a donation to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto. Thus the total disbursed during the year under the head of Benevolence reached 10,775 dollars, while the total since the formation of the Board of Benevolence in 1865 is 256,500 dollars (£51,300). Such statistics speak well for the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario).

At a regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, which was held some months ago at Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, Bro. J. W. Smith, Past G. Master, who presided as M.W.G.M. in the unavoidable absence of H.E. Lord Sandhurst, was in a position to give some very satisfactory information as to the condition of the Craft under the Scottish Constitution. During the last year as many as 21 lodges had been visited—in some cases by His Excellency the M.W. Grand Master—and everywhere the visiting Grand Officer had the same report to make of the cordial reception he had experienced and the able and harmonious manner in which the work was being carried out. The funds, too, were generally in a flourishing state, though here and there the outstanding dues were somewhat heavy. On the whole, however, the lodges, to which visitations had been paid, were able to show a fair amount of progress, while the up-country lodges had frankly and courteously notified their appreciation of the visits.

In the matter of statistics, the Acting Grand Master was likewise able to give a good report. The number of subscribing members on the 31st December, 1897, was 1311, as compared with 1238 at the corresponding date in 1896. As for the funds, there was a balance in hand on the General Fund on the 30th November last amounting to 5080 rupees, and this had been augmented by the date of the Communication to about 5571 rupees, the balance in hand on the Fund of Benevolence being 2254 rupees.

We gather from one of our exchanges that the President of the United States is a Mason of many years' standing, having been made as far back as 1st May, 1865, that is, towards the close of the great Civil War, under circumstances which are well worth repeating. A young major of infantry in the Federal Army having petitioned for a Lodge at Winchester, Virginia, his petition was acceded to, and a lodge-room temporarily rigged up in a store, where, as the records disclose, a meeting was held on the aforesaid 1st May, and four candidates, of whom "William McKinley" was one, were balloted for, elected, and initiated into the mysteries of the 1st Degree. The records further disclose that "Bro. McKinley" was passed and raised, and has ever since taken a keen interest in the proceedings of the Craft.

Our exchange informs us that President McKinley, as he now is, "was influenced to seek admission to the the Masonic body by seeing how tenderly Federal and Confederate sick and wounded were cared for by the surgeons when they found they were Freemasons, and how there were friendly handshakes and the giving of money."

At the Convocation of the District Grand Chapter of Burma, which was held in Rangoon on the 23rd June last, under the presidency of Comp. Dr. N. N. Paraka, as G. Superintendent, occasion was taken of its being the first meeting since the lamented death of the late G. Superintendent, Comp. D. G. McLeod, to place on record in the minutes of District Grand Chapter their sense of the deep regret which the officers and members of District Grand Chapter felt at "the loss of such an able, zealous, and painstaking" Grand Superintendent as the late Comp. McLeod, who had endeared himself to everyone in Freemasonry, and was looked upon as, indeed, a friend in whom they knew they could place reliance.

Correspondence.

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

THE LODGE CHARTER OR WARRANT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If Bro. Last will refer to Rule 125 of the Book of Constitutions he will find that "No lodge . . . can meet without a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Master, which is to be specially intrusted to the Master for the time being at his installation, who is responsible for its safe custody, and shall produce it at every meeting of the lodge."

In compliance with this Rule, it was absolutely essential that the warrant of the lodge, in the case he cites, should have been taken from the walls of the room in which the lodge meetings were regularly held, and conveyed to another room in the same building where an emergency meeting of the same lodge was to be held.

Bro. Last has doubtless often heard in our lectures that a Lodge of Freemasons must be "just, perfect, and regular," and as it is "the Charter or Warrant of Constitution," which makes the lodge "regular," so its absence would imply and involve an exactly opposite condition of things—an "irregularity" not to be seriously contemplated.

It is of the essence of "regularity" that the warrant be present at every meeting of the lodge.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, September 24th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Article 125, "Book of Constitutions," I think should remove any doubt from Bro. Last's mind, as exemplified in your issue of the 24th ult. The following is an extract:

"No Lodge . . . can meet without a warrant of constitution from the Grand Master, which is to be specially intrusted to the Master for the time being at his installation, who is responsible for its safe custody, and shall produce it at every meeting of the Lodge."

I may add, that in all the provinces with which I am acquainted, as well as in Australia, it would be considered unconstitutional to hold a meeting—regular or emergent—without the warrant being in full view of the brethren.

In London, however, it is different; indeed, the irregularity, only last year, placed a lodge in a very peculiar predicament. The facts were brought under the notice of the Board of General Purposes. At the installation a folded parchment was presented to the Master as the lodge charter, and for a whole year was never opened. On the installation of a new Master it was for the first time discovered that the parchment was not the lodge warrant, which actually had gone astray. Practically, therefore, the lodge had been working all that time without a warrant. I ventured at the time to point out Article 125, as italicised above, and was informed by a member of the Board and a Past Grand Officer, that in London lodges it was merely considered necessary to produce the warrant on the occasion of an initiation only.—Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY.

September 26th.

RORKE OR ROOKE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Following up my note of September 7th I find "Geo. Rooke" also appears as a member of the lodge meeting in 1723 at "The Swan Tavern, Fish Street Hill."—Yours fraternally,

Torquay, September 24th.

JNO. LANE.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE SHERIFFS-ELECT.

MR. ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF-ELECT ALLISTON.

The leading inhabitants of the ward of Bread-street assembled on Monday at Cordwainers' Hall, Cannon-street, for the purpose of presenting Mr. Alderman and Sheriff-Elect Alliston with a handsome Shrieval chain and badge of office, a gift which had been readily subscribed to by business men in the ward. Mr. JOHN MACKRELL, a past master of the Cordwainers' Company, and one of the best known men in the ward, presided, the master (Dr. Marsden) being unavoidably absent. There was a large attendance of the Alderman's friends, whose name is legion. Among those present were: Mr. Deputy Walford (the hon. treasurer), Sir E. Durning-Lawrence, Bart., M.P., Mr. W. Hawtrey, C.C., Mr. R. N. Perrin, C.C., Mr. S. D. Coates, C.C., Mr. C. J. C. Venning, C.C., Mr. J. A. Scott, C.C., Mr. E. D. Ellis, C.C., Mr. G. H. Steinberg, C.C., Mr. A. Ritchie, C.C., J.P., Mr. W. Mann Cross, C.C., Mr. W. R. Horncastle, C.C., Mr. C. A. Body, Mr. W. Boyd, Mr. W. M. Candy, Mr. J. Crocker, Mr. W. Evans, Mr. T. Hall, Mr. W. Lindsay, Mr. L. J. Maton, Mr. G. Rowlinson, sen., Mr. J. Scott, Mr. S. White, and Mr. H. Garrard Clarke (the hon. secretary and the ward clerk).

The Shrieval chain and badge, of which a sketch is given, occupied a conspicuous place on the table in front of the chairman. The chain is delightfully simple in design, consisting as it does of four ropes of gold. The initials, in enamel, of the Alderman are on the left-hand side of the chain, in the centre of which is a medallion, showing an illustration of Cordwainers' Hall. Below is a handsomely designed pendant, the centre being filled in with the arms of the recipient. Above are the arms of the City, and below the arms of the Cordwainers' Company, the whole forming a very elegant ornament. It is the work of Messrs. G. Kenning and Son, of Little Britain.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the meeting, said he assumed he had been placed in the chair from the fact that, as the late Master of the company, he presided at the preliminary meeting. He thought they would all agree with him when he said there was no greater pleasure in life than doing honour to one who had won the esteem and regard of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Alderman and Sheriff-Elect Alliston, he reminded those present, entered business in 1858. He was prudent and industrious, and deserved success followed 20 years afterwards, when he found himself in a position to take upon himself the duties of public life. In 1878 he became a Common Councilman, filling the vacancy then created by the death of Mr. Deputy Hawtrey. Mr. Alderman Alliston was the chairman for three years of the Markets Committee; he had taken a leading part in the management of the estates of the Bridge House and the City Lands; and in 1887 he was elected to the honourable position of Deputy-Governor of the Irish Society. There was little doubt that while occupying that position Mr. Alderman Alliston, by his geniality and *bonhomie*, strengthened the relations between the Irish Society and its tenants in Londonderry, Coleraine and elsewhere in Ireland. When their late esteemed Alderman (Sir William Lawrence) resigned, Mr. Alliston was with

the utmost unanimity, elected to the vacant gown. (Hear, hear.) The Chairman then alluded to the fact that the Alderman had on two occasions taken a voyage round the world, thereby gaining much information which had proved of great value to him in his business as well as in his corporate life. In the thirteenth century, the speaker continued, two members of the Cordwainers' Company were Sheriffs of the City. Mr. Alderman Alliston would be the third member of that guild who had served the office during the present century, the other two being Mr. Cotterell in 1851 and Mr. Wheelton in 1839. The Alderman had been for several years a trustee of the company's schools at Shooter's Hill, where 40 children were carefully educated. He only wished the London School Board would content itself with giving London children the education the Cordwainers' Company did. (Applause.) No sooner did the children leave the company's schools than they were caught up. The Chairman next alluded to the fact that the Alderman also filled the position of a trustee of the John Carpenter Charity, and then went on to remark that if it should happen that a dignity was conferred upon the Alderman during his shrieval year they would all, he felt sure, be highly pleased. (Hear, hear.) He could not help remembering that when he was the Under-Sheriff three persons were condemned at Newgate. One of these was a woman, who, strange to say, escaped on a conviction for manslaughter, but was afterwards tried for murder, it being believed that she poisoned 12 persons whom she had nursed. He trusted that the unpleasant side of the duties of Sheriff would not be too manifest during the coming year. At the same time, he hoped the Sheriff-Elect would use his influence to get the "cat" inflicted in all cases of violent and unprovoked assault, and in cases where burglars were found in the possession of loaded revolvers. (Applause.) They knew that the "cat" had killed garrotting, and he believed it would kill "Hooliganism." (Applause.) Mr. Mackrell then asked the Alderman to accept the chain and badge as tokens of the high regard and esteem in which he was held by the inhabitants of the ward, and as an expression of their grateful thanks for the important services he had rendered to the ward as its representative in the Court of Common Council from 1878 to 1895, and subsequently as its Alderman. (Applause.)

Mr. Alderman and Sheriff-Elect ALLISTON, who, on rising to acknowledge the gift was loudly applauded, said he felt that he would be ungrateful indeed if in thanking his kind friends for their beautiful present he detained them too long. At the same time, he did not wish to treat the occasion as one of great solemnity, or as if it was some State function. (Hear, hear.) The Chairman had, in his very kind speech, struck the very note which went straight to his (the speaker's) heart. The presentation had been arranged with much neighbourly friendliness, and it was not his desire to depart from that tone, while he would not address to those present anything like a formal acknowledgment. Three years ago when their old and lamented friend, Sir William Lawrence, whose name would always be remembered in the ward—(hear, hear)—accepted the gown of the ward of Bridge Without, the inhabitants of Bread-street ward did him (the speaker) the honour of electing him to fill the vacant place. He had always felt that a very great honour, and it had been his endeavour to discharge the duties of that high position to the best of his ability, and to uphold those traditions which his predecessors had so successfully established. As a matter of fact, the office of Sheriff had come to him that year through the illness of Mr. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, and as he knew that the office had not been in the ward for forty years, he determined in his mind to accept it. (Applause.) The office of Sheriff was an old one, but it was not so old as the custom of presenting a gold chain as a mark of honour, as that obtained in ancient Egypt, where Pharaoh placed a golden chain round the neck of Joseph. Daniel also received a golden chain from King Belchazzar. He could not say whether in all of the instances mentioned in the Bible golden chains were presented to Sheriffs, but in accepting and wearing that chain he (the speaker) would give a pledge that, however onerous the duties of the office might prove, he was prepared to carry them through with unflinching firmness and decision. (Applause.) At the same time he thought occasion might arise when he would not be unmindful of that beautiful injunction given by that wise man King Solomon, who said:—

"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee,
Bind them as a chain about thy neck."

(Applause.) The Sheriff-Elect assured all present that he was deeply grateful to them, and he would never forget their kindness. The chain and badge reflected, in his opinion, credit upon the designer, and the firm that had produced it. (Hear, hear.) It was very pleasing to him to find that so excellent a specimen of the goldsmith's art was produced in the City, and by an English firm. (Applause.) Mr. Alderman and Sheriff-Elect Alliston, in conclusion, returned his thanks to Mr. Garrard Clarke for the admirable manner in which he, as hon. secretary, had carried out the arrangements in connection with the presentation. (Hear, hear.) He trusted that every link of that chain might always be regarded in the light of an old friend, and that one would never be found ready to give place to an enemy. (Applause.)

Mr. Deputy WALFORD proposed a vote of thanks to the Cordwainers' Company for the use of the hall, adding that he did not know what the ward would do without it. (Hear, hear.) Mr. PERRIN having seconded the vote, it was carried. A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. LINDSAY, and seconded by the ALDERMAN, was carried unanimously. The proceedings terminated with the CHAIRMAN'S acknowledgment of the compliment.

COLONEL AND SHERIFF-ELECT PROBYN.

The old Council Chamber at the Guildhall yesterday was the scene of an enthusiastic gathering of the friends of Colonel and Sheriff-Elect Probyn, who was asked to accept at their hands a shrieval chain and badge, to be worn during his year of office. Colonel Probyn possesses a host of civic friends, and, in addition, enjoys a large social connection beyond the "one square mile." So spontaneous and generous was the response made to the appeal issued that a large sum of money was immediately forthcoming, the result being that his friends, in their enthusiasm on his behalf, subscribed far more than was needful for the purchase of the shrieval chain and badge. It was, therefore, resolved to devote the balance to an equally useful purpose, and the committee commissioned Mr. Seymour Lucas, R.A., to paint a portrait of the new Sheriff, and this gift will form the subject of another presentation in the near future.

Mr. Harry S. Foster, M.P., the Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, presided, and was supported, among others, by Mr. W. H. Pannell, C.C. (the Hon. Secretary), Mr. G. A. Berkeley (the Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Deputy Pearce Morrison, Mr. M. Wallace, C.C., J.P., Mr. A. Ritchie, C.C., J.P., Mr. J. Lobb, C.C., the Rev. Dr. Ker Grey, Mr. G. Berridge, C.C., Sir Albert Altman, C.C., Mr. H. H. Bartlett (Renter Warden of the Pattenmakers' Company), Mr. W. A. Cumby, Mr. Barrow Emmanuel, J.P., Mr. W. Emden, J.P., L.C.C., Mr. J. Pritchard, Mr. J. Welford, Mr. W. Winnett, J.P., Mr. W. Woodward, Mr. G. Blake, and Mr. J. Stephens.

The presentation badge and chain are singularly handsome. In the centre shield of the former appear the enamelled arms of the recipient surmounted with his crest and surrounded by badges of the Pattenmakers', Spectaclemakers', and Loriners' Companies. Upon the reverse side is the following inscription: "Presented to Lieut.-Colonel Probyn, J.P., L.C.C., V.D., as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by his friends, upon his election to the ancient office of Sheriff of the City of London. September 27th, 1898." The chain is embellished in heraldic colours with the arms of the above-mentioned livery guilds, and of



Gold Badge and Chain of Office

VALUE 250 GUINEAS.

PRESENTED TO

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff FREDERICK PRAT ALLISTON,
BY THE BREAD STREET WARD CITY OF LONDON,

26th SEPTEMBER, 1898.

DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED BY

GEORGE KENNING AND SON,

1, 2, 3, 3a, 3b, 4 LITTLE BRITAIN, 195, 196, and 197 ALDERSGATE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

Westminster, St. Martin's parish (Colonel Probyn being the chairman of the vesty of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields), the London County Council, the School Board for London, &c. The initials of the Sheriff-Elect form connecting links. The whole is the work of Messrs. Lambert and Sons, of Coventry-street.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the friends of Colonel and Sheriff-Elect Probyn had gathered together that afternoon to take part in a very pleasant and happy function, and he (the speaker) had been requested, as master of the Pattenmakers' Company for the time being, to preside. (Hear, hear.) The Pattenmakers' Company had inaugurated the movement, and he, as its master, would endeavour to voice the expressions of good-will which went out from all present to their highly esteemed friend, Colonel Probyn. (Applause.) They had assembled to ask his acceptance of a chain and badge, which, he trusted, would be valued as much by the members of his family who survived him as by himself. He thought the presentation was particularly appropriate at a time when the merits of the recipient had met with considerable recognition at the hands of large bodies of men. He did not think there was a more distinguished body of electors than the Livery of London. (Hear, hear.) If there was a body more distinguished it was the body of Freemasons—(hear, hear)—of England, who had placed round their friend's shoulders the chain of office of Grand Treasurer. (Applause.) He thought that office was fittingly associated with the office of Sheriff, inasmuch as both offices were identified with great traditions of liberality and charity. (Applause.) The Chairman went on to remark that many years ago he sat with the Sheriff-Elect as a member of the London School Board, and later as one of the first members of the London County Council, while he had had the pleasure of being associated with him as a member of the Pattenmakers' Company, of which the Colonel was a past master. Indeed, he could say that he had known the Sheriff-Elect as a responsible citizen since he (the speaker) was a small boy. The gift that he had the honour of presenting to his old friend that afternoon was given as a token of the high appreciation, esteem, and good-will of his many friends—(applause)—and as an expression of their hope that he would enjoy a successful year of office. (Renewed applause.)

Colonel and Sheriff-Elect PROBYN, who was very warmly received on rising to express his thanks, said such kindness as he had received that afternoon was almost overwhelming, and from various motives it was with feelings of the greatest pride that he acknowledged that kindness. He was proud of the fact that they were good enough to hold him in their high appreciation, and present him with so handsome a gift. Their appreciation, he would add, gave him confidence on the eve of entering upon his new position. (Hear, hear.) He need hardly say that it was his intention to do all that he could to merit that high estimation, and he could assure them that he would never depart in the slightest degree from the high traditions of the ancient office to which he had been elected. (Applause.) In everything he did he would be impelled by a keen sense of duty, and he would always have a lively recollection of the occasion upon which his shrieval chain and badge was presented to him. It was perfectly true that for the last 25 years he had tried to do his duty in the various public positions he had been called upon to fill, and the recognition he had received that day gave him the greatest pleasure. There was, however, one incident in his career to which the Chairman had not alluded, and it was the fact that he was identified with the Chairman's father 25 years ago as a member of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, with which corps he (the speaker) was associated for nearly a quarter of a century. (Hear, hear.) In connection with what had taken place that afternoon, he felt that he must return his thanks to Mr. Pannell for the active part he had had as an old Pattenmaker in organising the presentation. (Hear, hear.) He thanked with equal sincerity Mr. Bartlett and his colleagues for what they had done, and trusted that he (the speaker) might live for many years to have a kindly recollection of them all. (Applause.)

Mr. EMDEN moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and expressed his appreciation of the grace with which Mr. Foster had made the presentation.

Mr. PANNELL seconded the motion, which was adopted with unanimity.

The CHAIRMAN'S response brought an interesting gathering to a close.—*City Press*, Wednesday, Sept. 28th.

Craft Masonry.

Clapton Lodge, No. 1365.

The installation meeting of this very popular and flourishing lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on the 15th ult., when there were present Bros. F. C. Lintott, W.M.; A. H. Church, I.P.M.; Walter Banks, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Gething, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; F. Orfeur, S.D.; F. J. Thayne, J.D.; G. Schilling, I.G.; C. R. Campbell, D.C.; F. G. Minter, R. B. Chessum, and H. J. Dyer, Stewards; E. S. White, Org.; D. Campbell, P.M.; W. Finch, P.M.; W. H. Caton, P.M.; J. D. Geddes, P.M.; J. E. Zoers, E. Sienesi, F. Moore, E. J. H. Livett, H. G. Zoers, W. G. Zoers, H. S. Prior, C. Sienesi, W. R. O. Cathrow, E. J. Horley, H. B. Sparrow, W. D. Seaton, J. Dolman, C. G. Diamond, J. H. Shipman, Dr. J. N. Bredin, T. W. Vaughan, A. W. Diamond, E. Wildash, H. Greene, E. M. Edwards, H. C. Amendt, and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. D. Harlow, P.M. 65; W. Gilbee Scott, P.M. 1579; B. Sweet, 1632; T. H. Spiller, P.M. 49; H. Grimsdall, W.M. 2549; B. A. Verdan, 1892; J. Bean, 30; S. W. Ward, 1227; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; W. E. Knight, 65; H. Saunton, 143; Herbert Wright, P.M. 1928; E. J. Biggs, 820; C. W. Steadman, 1288; J. Wilson, P.M. 1328; J. Aitken, 2005; W. M. Campbell, 2078; E. H. Nicholas, 1278; S. Pocock, 1818; J. E. Hill, W.M. 1460; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings having been read, and the Auditors' report received and adopted, Bro. Walter Banks, the W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed into the chair by the out-going Master, Bro. F. C. Lintott. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers and addressed suitable and appropriate words to each, making special reference, in eloquent terms, to the past services of the Treasurer and Secretary. They were Bros. F. C. Lintott, I.P.M.; T. Gething, S.W.; F. Orfeur, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Thayne, S.D.; G. Schilling, J. J.; E. R. Campbell, I.G.; F. J. Minter, D.C.; E. Scullamore White, Org.; R. B. Chessum, H. J. Dyer, and W. R. O. Cathrow, Stwds.; and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. Bro. F. C. Lintott delivered the three addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren with great ability. The W.M. then rose and stated that he had a most important and pleasant duty to perform, and addressing Bro. F. C. Lintott, he presented him with a Past Master's jewel, remarking that if he received the token with half the pleasure it afforded him (the W.M.) and the brethren to present it, they would be gratified indeed, and he earnestly hoped that he would live for many years to wear what he had so worthily earned. In acknowledging the jewel, Bro. F. C. Lintott, I.P.M., in brief but feeling terms, tendered his hearty thanks for the kind appreciation of his services as W.M. Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the W.M., Bro. Banks, for his great efforts in making the summer outing the success it was. This was seconded by Bro. Lintott, I.P.M., who stated that, as W.M. at the time of the glorious outing, he should never forget the kind and able assistance he also received from Mrs. Banks, and he asked the W.M. to accept, on her behalf, a case of gloves. The W.M. stated that he appreciated the kind words of Bros. W. D. Church and Lintott, and the lodge was welcome to both his and his wife's services, and on behalf of the latter he acknowledged the gift and said he would gladly hand it to "his Master," as she was ever willing to assist him so far as she could be allowed in Masonry, in which she took a warm interest. Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after other business the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, which was everything that could be desired, and was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. H. C. Amendt.

The Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in eloquent terms, which were duly honoured.

The I.P.M., Bro. Lintott, on rising to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Banks," had a hearty reception. He said it was more than a pleasure to him to submit the toast as they had not only an excellent W.M., but a good friend, a good Mason, and one of the best of fellows. He and the W.M. had worked shoulder to shoulder in Masonry together and they all knew he was well up in the ritual and would be able to do everything asked of him as the Master of the lodge, in which he was very popular.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. Banks, W.M., on rising to respond was enthusiastically received. He remarked that many of them knew that he was in the doctor's hands, and it had been a grave question whether he ought to "go on" this year, but he felt he owed a duty to the lodge and would, notwithstanding his indifferent health, do his best. He was proud of his position as Master of the lodge in which he had filled all the minor offices, and he hoped to their satisfaction. The Board of Installed Masters had, in the lodge room, that evening greeted him in the most hearty manner, and he felt he had the hearty good wishes of the Past Masters, and he hoped also of the members, and that they would give him every assistance, so that nothing might be wanting on his part to make his year of office a success, not for himself, but for the credit of their good lodge.

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Lintott," the W.M. stated that it would be received with enthusiasm. Bro. Lintott was a master of the art, and they all appreciated his great services to the lodge. He had had a most successful year, and if he (the W.M.) did as well he would be more than satisfied.

Bro. Lintott, I.P.M., who was again received with much warmth, thanked the W.M. for his very kind words, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He had done his best for the lodge, which he loved, and he hoped that his small efforts were appreciated.

The W.M., in giving "The Visitors," said that 21 had honoured the lodge with their presence, and they were all welcome. The members were always delighted to have visitors, and as their visitors in the past had stated that they would gladly come again if given the opportunity, he thought the lodge bore a good reputation for the manner they received and entertained their guests, and might it ever be so. The W.M. coupled with the toast the names of Bros. D. Harlow, P.M.; J. Burkler, P.M.; H. Grimsdall, W.M. 2549; and Herbert Wright, P.M., who responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said that Masonry would not amount to much but for the Charities. The ritual was most beautiful and elevating, but that was but the "Alpha," while the Charities were the "Omega," and intended to help those who, through calamity and misfortune, were unable to help themselves; and long might the Charities continue, of which there was every prospect, and as an example asked whether there were any 20 institutions who could boast of the same amount as had been collected for the Masonic Charities that year?



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. stated that they had a goodly array that evening, and he was honoured by their presence, for which he tendered them his sincere thanks. Their position was of the most honourable character, and had only been attained through sheer hard work, and they were ever ready to assist the lodge with their wise counsel, and to keep it and the brethren straight.

Bro. W. Finch, P.M., said that he had responded many times to the toast of the Past Masters, but it was a great pleasure to do so, because they were always well received. It was his privilege that night to see the 27th W.M. installed in the lodge, who were all good and true men, and the one installed that evening would well follow in their footsteps.

Bro. D. Campbell, P.M., stated that he had no idea what an important personage a Past Master was until he became one, and he was proud he was a Past Master of such an important lodge as the Clapton.

Bro. J. D. Geddes, P.M., also responded, and said that when he became a P.M. he found a haven of rest and peace, and all Past Masters felt at rest with all mankind.

Bro. A. H. Church, P.M., responded in a very humorous strain, remarking that the sweets of office were great but the sweets of a Past Master were greater, and concluding paid a great tribute to the W.M. both as a Mason, a Master, and a man of business.

The W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary." He said they were both splendid officers, and he hoped it would be long hence before they lost their eminent services. As to the Secretary, Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., he could not speak too highly for his very onerous duties, and the members must not forget that both the Treasurer and Secretary gave their services for the love of the lodge.

In response, Bro. W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas., thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks both in the lodge room and at the banqueting table. The financial position of the lodge was strong notwithstanding their handsome support of the Charities. They had that day installed an excellent Master, but the lodge was renowned for its working and that reputation would not suffer at the hands of Bro. Banks, the W.M.

Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., said that again he had been ornamented with the office of Secretary, and he appreciated the honour. Some of the Past Masters had talked about peace for the Past Masters, but the Secretary, although a Past Master, knew not that peace. The lodge was 77 strong, which meant a large amount of work and might he say that his office was no sinecure. The lodge was still growing, there being four

initiates proposed that evening, and there was no doubt it was a popular one, because they heard that there were several joining members coming along. They must forgive him for mentioning that he had the honour of initiating the W.M., and he was proud because he felt he would well carry out the great traditions of the lodge.

"The Officers" was given in eulogistic terms by the W.M., to which suitable responses were made, and the Tyler's toast closed the happy proceedings.

The excellent musical arrangements were carried out under the able direction of Bro. Harry Greene, assisted by Miss Edith Kingsford, Miss Isabelle Wallace, and Bro. H. Wharlow Bull and an excellent ventriloquial sketch was also rendered by Mr. Frank Percival.

The W.M., Bro. Walter Banks, was initiated in the Clapton Lodge by Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., on the 20th November, 1890. He served as Organist until he was eligible for the position of J.D., after which he served to the entire satisfaction of the brethren all the offices up to the Master's chair, to which he was unanimously elected. The W.M. is also a companion of the Islington Chapter, No. 1471, in which he was exalted on the 25th January, 1893, and in which he served the office of Organist until he was eligible for promotion, and is now the second Assistant Sojourner. As a Mason he possesses a sound knowledge of his duties, is perfect in the ritual, and has an impressive style, geniality of manner and readiness of speech, which mark him as one of the successes in the annals of the Clapton Lodge. We have had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Banks for many years and we beg to tender him our hearty congratulations on the high position he holds in the lodge.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.

The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., when the following were present: Bros. O. M. Jones, I.P.M.; J. Scholfield, S.W.; W. Cockerham, J.W.; J. Islam, P.M., Treas.; S. Richards, Sec.; J. T. C. Blackie, J.D.; Buckley Carr, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. M. Moss, P.M., Org.; J. Brownhill and A. C. Bentley, Stewards; E. Lobell, P.M.; R. Dottie, P.M.; E. F. Vlies, P.M.; Thomas Tooknall, P.M.; C. F. Norbury, G. J. Critchley, W. Clewlow, and J. R. Fletcher, Tyler. Among the visitors present were Bros. J. S. Derbyshire, 1045 and 1565; W. Dykes, 1043, P.P.G.S. Cheshire; and J. E. Poyser, 992.

The lodge was opened, and after the usual routine of business, a ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Grimwood Balls, and which, proving favourable, he was initiated to the Degree of E.A. by Bro. O. M. Jones, I.P.M., acting W.M. (in the absence of the W.M. through illness.) Afterwards Bros. George J. Critchley and W. Clewlow were raised to the Degree of M.M., which ceremonies were performed by Bros. Job Islam, P.M., and J. W. Moss, P.M., in a most able and efficient manner. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren the lodge was closed.

At the social board which followed, the ordinary toasts were duly honoured, songs being rendered by Bros. Richards and Carr.

Bramston Beach Lodge, No. 2101.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Godalming, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., and the following are the officers for the year: Bros. G. H. Davis, W.M.; H. G. Herbert, I.P.M.; C. Haig-Brown, S.W.; Rev. J. A. Arnan Tait, J.W.; George Jones, Treas.; W. H. Steggle, Sec.; S. L. Taylor, S.D.; Ernest Wyeth, J.D.; E. J. Bramwell, I.G.; G. H. Robinson, Org.; P. H. Horton, W. H. Jacques, and E. E. Howard, Stwds.; and W. C. Holmes, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Alfred Gibbs, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. E. Gooch, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Taylor, P.M.; F. Dowse, P.M.; W. T. Pitchers, P.M.; A. S. Newman, P.M. 777; Edward Miles, P.M. 2234; White, Ball, Lintott, Clark, Mitchell, and Davies-Longworth. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec.; Surg.-Maj. Wellington Lake, W.M. 777; W. A. Shaw, W.M. 2317; E. H. Gale Crowdy, P.M. 2317; H. S. Folker, I.P.M. 2234; J. W. Stevens, P.M. 2234; E. E. Pullman, P.M. 8; E. Haig-Brown, 357; and Payne, 591.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the retiring Master, Bro. H. G. Herbert, alluded in feeling terms to the loss which the lodge had sustained through the death of Bro. M. W. D. Dudge, P.M., for many years its able and indefatigable Secretary. Bro. G. H. Davies was then installed in the chair of K.S., the Installing Master being his predecessor in office, Bro. H. G. Herbert, who performed his task in a manner that left nothing to be desired. A strong Board of Installed Masters assisted in the ceremony.

The usual banquet followed, and the customary toasts were duly honoured.

Bros. R. F. Gould and C. T. Tyler responded for "The Grand and Prov. Grand Officers" respectively.

Among the other toasts were "The W.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," "The Charities," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers," and excellent speeches in reply were made by Bros. G. H. Davies, H. G. Herbert, J. W. Stevens, Alfred Gibbs, H. E. Gooch, C. Haig-Brown, and the Rev. J. A. Arnan Tait.

An admirable musical programme was given by Bros. G. Robinson, Ball, G. H. Davies, C. and E. Haig-Brown, and the Rev. J. A. Arnan Tait.

Ecclesburne Lodge, No. 2425.

The sixth anniversary of this prosperous lodge was celebrated on Monday, the 19th ult., at Duffield, and was attended with a gratifying degree of success. Other social functions claimed the presence of many well-wishers of the lodge, but, notwithstanding this drawback, there was a goodly attendance, including Bros. Thomas Cox, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; Abraham Woodiwiss, P.P.S.G.W.; E. J. H. Hoskyns, P.P.S.G.W.; W. J. Piper, P.P.G.T.; C. Webster, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Walker, P.P.S.G.W.; J. A. Arnold, W.M. 731; and the Worshipful Masters of the Scarsdale and Royal Alfred Lodges; A. Hingley, P.M.; S. C. Hayward, P.P.G.C.; Jackson, T. J. Beck, and many other active members of the Fraternity.

The incoming Master was Bro. Arthur William Allen, and the ceremony of installation was performed (in the boys' schoolroom) by Bro. T. Cox, assisted by the out-going Master, Bro. W. B. A. Tempest, and Bro. E. J. H. Hoskyns. The charges were admirably given by that widely-known Masonic veteran, Bro. Cox. Bro. Allen appointed and invested his officers in the following order: Bros. W. B. A. Tempest, I.P.M.; C. A. Holloway, S.W.; G. T. Terry, J.W.; Rev. H. H. Surgery, Chap.; T. M. Walters, Treas.; C. Dryden, Sec.; I. N. Woodiwiss, S.D.; S. Wright, J.D.; E. J. Chadfield, D.C.; G. C. Armytage, Org.; E. J. R. Hoskyns, I.G.; J. R. Downes, P. H. Johnson, J. Hill, W. G. Scott, and T. Abell, Stewards; and G. Moore, Tyler.

Business over, the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where they partook

of a sumptuous banquet, provided by Host Flanders, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the Newly-installed Master," submitted in genial and graceful terms by Bro. B. A. Holloway, was received with marked enthusiasm.

In response, Bro. Allen, remarking upon the excellent examples furnished him by able predecessors, promised that he would endeavour to walk faithfully in their footsteps.

Under the direction of Bro. E. J. Chadfield, capital selections of music were rendered, and by common consent the anniversary meeting was voted an exceedingly pleasant one.

Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184.

The installation meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Phoenix Hotel, Rainham, when Bro. James W. Cain, P.M., W.M. elect, was, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Joseph Cohen, P.D.G.D.C., through the death of his esteemed father, inducted into the chair of the lodge by Bro. F. J. Eedle, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Mendelstam was passed. Bro. C. Jolly, P.M., Sec., P.P.A.G.D.C., then presented Bro. Cain to the Installing Officer to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and Bro. Eedle did his work splendidly. Bro. Cain then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Millen, S.W.; W. Catt, J.W.; C. H. Canning, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; J. Joyce, S.D.; R. J. Mitchell, J.D.; C. Millington, I.G.; W. S. Penney, D.C.; F. H. Penney, Org.; J. Easton, G. Mann, and A. Paterson, Stewards; and J. Ives, Tyler. Bro. Cain commenced his reign by initiating a candidate—Mr. W. Pickering—in fine style. Bro. Cain was unanimously elected to represent the lodge at the Committee meetings of the Provincial Charities. The balance-sheet and Auditors' report were received and adopted. Bro. Canning was presented with a handsome and costly Treasurer's jewel, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren and for his valuable services to the lodge as Treasurer during the past six years, and he returned his thanks to the brethren for their valuable present. It was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Cohen, I.P.M., on the recent death of his father, and also that a letter of the same nature be sent to the widow of Bro. Col. Tichenor, of the U.S. Army, an honorary member of the lodge, on his recent decease in America.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visiting brethren present, and then the lodge was closed, and the brethren banqueted.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Carlton, P.M.; W. Reynolds, P.S.W.; A. Taylor, Ayres, Taylor, P.M. 180; Hiles, W.M. 1441; Crow, P.M. 1076; Fowler, P.M. 1536; Wa'ford, W.M. 1275; Dr. Rhodes, 615; Sjolmons, 1347; Persay, 179; Fleck, 172; Gilbert, 13; Day, 2474; and others.

Instruction.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 23rd ult. Present: Comps. C. Plant, M.E.Z.; H. R. Cope, H.; H. Cornford, J.; T. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Stanley, S.N.; Frampton, P.S.; Bonner, and Cureton, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Bonner personating the candidate. Comp. Cope, P.Z., H., was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). A communication was received from Comp. H. Hardman on his leaving the Royal Albert Docks for a Government appointment in India, expressing "Hearty good wishes" to the companions of the Star Chapter of Instruction, which was cordially received. The chapter was then closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. S. Cload, W.M.; J. Birks, S.W.; A. F. Hardymont, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; C. Nicole, S.D.; F. H. Johnson, J.D.; T. A. Spencer, I.G.; G. A. Hopkins, S. Napper, P.M.; R. Addes, R. Fox, H. Spencer, W. Rapley, H. B. Harding, P.M.; G. Fullbrook, and E. J. Harrison.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Spencer being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Johnson, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Harding being the candidate. Bro. Birks was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. R. Addis, R. Fox, and H. Spencer were elected members of the lodge. An Audit Committee was appointed, and the lodge was closed.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN) For the week ending Saturday, October 8, 1898.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3.

- CRAFT LODGES. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall. 45, Strong Man, Holborn Restaurant. 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel. 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel. 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel. 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern. 1625, Tredegar, London Tavern. 1660, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall. 2020, St. Botolph, Albion Tavern. 2098, Harlesden, National Schools. 2242, Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall. 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall. 1056, Victoria, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 2039, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall. 2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall. 2535, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant. MARK LODGE. 5, Mallet and Chisel, Mark Masons' Hall. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8. Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8. Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8. Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Arms, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Euphrates, Ye Olde Greyhound, Balaam-st., Plaistow, E., at 7.30. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E. at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8. Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7. Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8. Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7. South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30. Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8. Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Pantons-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3. Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4.

- CRAFT LODGES. 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall. 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel. 705, St. James', Bridge House Hotel. 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall. 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Limehouse. 1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern. 1397, Anerley, Clarence Hall. 1473, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. 1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monica. 2032, Richmond, Greyhound Hotel. 2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel. 2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant. 2160, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall. 2499, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 1, Grand Masters, Hotel Victoria. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford. 279, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel. MARK LODGES. 315, Henniker, Mark Masons' Hall. 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8. Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7. Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8. Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8. Egyptian, Salutacion, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8. Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8. Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Mount Edgcombe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30. St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8. St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8. Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8. Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow, road, at 8.

Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30. Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

- CRAFT LODGES. 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel. 1298, Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant. 1366, St. John, Guildhall Tavern. 1491, Athenaeum, Criterion. 1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant. 1687, Kolbesay, Frascati Restaurant. 2484, Second Middlesex Artillery, Freemasons' Hall. 2615, Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 1395, St. Marylebone, Cafe Royal. 1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant. 1624, Eccleston, Criterion. 2345, Duke of Fife, Anderton's Hotel. MARK LODGES. Grand Master's, Mark Masons' Hall. 244, Trinity College, Mandeville-place. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Belgrave, The Woolpack, Moorgate-street, at 7. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8. Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7. Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30. Derby Alceoft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8. Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8. Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8. Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8. La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Londesborough, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8. New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall at 7. Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 8. St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. at 7.30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6.

- CRAFT LODGES. 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel. 227, Iowic, Criterion. 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall. 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace. 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel. 1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1425, Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant. 1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel. 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place. 1772, Pimlico, Holborn Restaurant. 1790, Old England, Elmwood Hall, W. Croydon. 1950, Southgate, Benle's Assembly Rooms. 2202, Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant. 2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel. 2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford. 2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone. 2512, Fulham, Town Hall. 2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate. 2675, Victoria Diamond Jubilee, Castle Hotel, Woodford. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 174, Sincerity, London Tavern. 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7.

- CRAFT LODGES. 554, Yarborough, London Tavern. 800, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel. 1490, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant. 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall. 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall. 2488, Eccentric, Cafe Royal. 2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall. MARK LODGES. 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern. 454, Tuscan, Mark Masons' Hall. 499, Star, Guildhall Tavern.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8.

- CRAFT LODGES. 176, Cavenc, Albion Tavern. 1426, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel. 1607, Loyalty, London Tavern. 1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing. 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern. 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton. 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel. 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Holborn Restaurant. 2206, Hendon, Midland Grand Hotel. 2309, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall. 2579, Lewisham, St. Mary's Parish Hall. 2599, Engineer, Criterion. 2664, Hygeia, Holborn Restaurant. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace. 1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel. 2123, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall. MARK LODGE. 499, United Service, Criterion.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

ON SUNDAY MORNING (the 2nd inst.) the Temple Church, which has been closed during the Long Vacation, will be re-opened for service.

THE LADY MAYORESS, having recovered from her recent severe illness, is anxious to convey her grateful thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy which she received, and which touched her deeply.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL, after having been closed during the Long Vacation, will be re-opened for Divine service on Sunday morning next, and the services at Lincoln's Inn Chapel resumed on Sunday morning, the 30th instant.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT are going north on the 11th instant, on a visit to Bro. the Lord and Lady Tweeddale, and have arranged to visit the Queen at Balmoral for 10 days on the Saturday following (the 15th instant).

THE CITADEL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1897, will resume its meetings at the Farleigh Hotel, Amburst-road, Stoke Newington, on Friday, the 7th inst.; Bro. F. Dunstan, P.M., &c., Preceptor. The Masonic Charities Association meets the last Friday in each month.

BRO. LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., Secretary of State for India, has consented to lay the foundation-stone of the new free public library which is being built at Acton at the cost of Bro. Passmore Edwards. The ceremony will take place early in November.

BARONESS HIRSCH has placed Tudor House, Hampstead Heath, which she purchased at a cost of £16,000, in the hands of trustees, to be maintained as a Convalescent Home for Jewish Consumptives. The Baroness has also promised to endow the Institution. The mansion has several interesting features, and is decorated in a most artistic style.

WE ARE GLAD TO HEAR that the health of Bro. Christopher Sykes, who, a few days ago, during a visit to Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, at North Berwick, was seized with sudden illness, shows signs of considerable improvement. The Prince of Wales, at his Royal Highness's request, is informed daily of the patient's condition.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF HALSBURY, who have been staying at Clondeboye, county Down, as the guests of the Marquis and Marchioness of Dufferin, since Saturday last, paid a visit to Belfast on Tuesday, and lunched with the Right Hon. W. J. Pirrie. They afterwards left for Portrush, where they have been the guests of Lord and Lady Macnaghten.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT will visit Lewes on Friday, the 28th instant, and be received at the Railway Station by the Mayor and Corporation, who will present an address of welcome. His Royal Highness is to be entertained at luncheon at the Municipal Buildings, and subsequently, as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, will preside at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

HER MAJESTY, who was much gratified with the manifestation of loyalty by the people of Guernsey on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, has through the Home Secretary graciously signified her pleasure that a member of the Royal Family should go to the island in the spring next year and unveil the beautiful bronze statue of her Majesty about to be erected as a memorial of that event.

MAJOR JOHN L. EMERSON, Provost Marshal of the Army, who is about to retire has had a remarkable career, having been an officer in both the Navy and Army. He has served for nearly 40 years, and obtained a commission aloft before joining the land service. After serving with the cavalry in Egypt, under Bro. Lord Wolseley, he was appointed Assistant Provost-Marshal at the Curragh, and in 1897 became Provost-Marshal.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, with her daughter, Princess Victoria, concluded her visit to Sir Francis and Lady Jeune, at Arlington Manor, Newbury, on Monday last, and a large number of people congregated at Newbury Station to witness their departure. The Princesses travelled by Great Western Railway to Reading Junction, and thence by South Eastern Railway to Guildford, where they drove to Monks Hatch, the seat of Mr. Andrew Hitchen, where they will make a short stay.

THE LORD MAYOR'S FUND at the Mansion House for the relief of the sufferers by the hurricane in the West Indies reached £15,000 on Monday. Replies have been received to the Lord Mayor's circular from the Lord Mayors of York, Liverpool, Sheffield, and Belfast, and the Mayors of Grimby, Cambridge, Hastings, Doncaster, Newbury, Stockport, Southampton, Hull, Leicester, Poole, Wolverhampton, Hertford, Lewes, and Maidenhead, promising their assistance in raising funds in their respective localities for the distressed people.

THE FOLLOWING telegram received from Bro. Sir Herbert Kitchener, received early on Sunday morning last dated from Ondurman the previous evening, was at once posted outside the Mansion House: "To Lord Mayor of London.—I hope your lordship will accept, and convey to the citizens of London, our grateful thanks for your congratulatory telegram, which I received to-day, on my return from establishing garrisons at K'shoda and on the Sobat river. I trust that the opening-up of these extensive countries will benefit the City of London and British trade and commerce in general.—Sirdar."

A SOLEMN and impressive service was held last Sunday afternoon at Westminster Abbey, when as many as could possibly be present of officers and men of the original garrison of Lucknow and the gallant force under Havelock and Outram attended in commemoration of the 41st anniversary of the relief. The four Chelsea Pensioners, Sergeant Girling (of the 32nd), in Lucknow during the siege, Sergeant Harding, of the 78th, and one of the first to enter the Residency, and Privates Graff and Driscoll received special notice from officers and old comrades alike. The whole of the space under the Lantern was reserved for those associated with the splendid episode, and it was calculated that in all about 150 attended. Among the officers of the Relief Force present were General Sir W. Opherts, V.C., General Oldfield, General Bigge, C.B., Surgeon-General Sir A. Home, V.C., General Russell, General Stewart, General Chamier, Inspector-General Dominichetti, General Douglas Hastings, General Cherry Gurrard, and many more. Of the heroic defenders were General Ruggles, General Hutchinson, General Birch, Colonel Bonham, Mr. L. Martin, and General Macfarlane. A few of the ladies who endured the privations of the siege were also able to attend, as well as a Mr. Arthur Dashwood, who was born in the Residency during the siege by the mutineers on the 31st August, 1857.

THE EARL OF ROSEBERRY, who is this year President of the Surrey Agricultural Association, has promised to speak at the annual dinner on the 12th inst., to be held at the Town Hall, Epsom.

BRO. PROF. DRIVER writes us to the effect that some of his pieces have been published without his permission in other magazines, and begs to observe that for the future the right of producing any of his works is reserved.

DOWN to last Wednesday evening the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the distress in the West Indies consequent upon the recent hurricane amounted to £17,000. Of the last remittance of £5,000, £2,000 was allotted to Barbados, £2,000 to St. Vincent, and £1,000 to St. Lucia.

THE LATE Dr. Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson left a considerable number of unpublished memoirs of leading physicians. These have been collected into two volumes, and are now announced under the title of "Disciples of Aesculapius." The work contains a large number of portraits and illustrations.

THE MANSION HOUSE.—The swearing-in of the Sheriff-Elect, Mr. Alderman Alliston and Colonel Clifford Probyn, took place at the Guildhall on Thursday morning, the Shrieval breakfast following at Salters' Hall. In the evening the Chief Magistrate dined with the Mayor and Corporation of Chatham.

THE NEW PENNY MAGAZINE is the title of Messrs. Cassell and Company's new weekly periodical, of which the first number is to appear on the 19th instant. It will provide a greater amount of reading matter and illustrations than has been hitherto given for a penny in any magazine. Each issue is to contain 64 large pages, fully illustrated.

BIRDS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—The first great specialist show of British, hybrid, and foreign birds held by the National British Bird and Mule Club and the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League will take place at the Crystal Palace next week from Tuesday to Thursday. The entries reach the large number of 800. Insectivorous birds will be strongly represented, one class having 60 entries.

SIR CHARLES LENNON PEEL, who has just retired from the position of Clerk to her Majesty's Privy Council, has sent to the office-keeper and messengers at the Office in Whitehall a carriage-clock and silver watches respectively, as mementoes of their long association. The gifts have suitable inscriptions, recording the date and occasion of their presentation. Sir Charles is a grandson of the first Sir Robert Peel, and is in his 75th year. He has been Clerk of the Council since 1875, and was greatly liked by all subordinates.

ON SATURDAY, the 17th ult., on the occasion of the celebration of the jubilee birthday of Bro. J. C. Hayes, P.M. 619 and 1708, I.G. 1657 (of the firm of Hayes, Candy, and Co., foreign warehousemen, of Friday-street), the whole of the staff were taken by special train to Richmond and entertained at dinner. In the course of the proceedings Bro. Hayes was presented with an illuminated address and a handsome service of silver plate. The *post-prandial* proceedings were of a very felicitous character, the speeches indicating the existence of the utmost good feeling between the firm and its numerous workers.

THE CAMDEN SCHOOL OF ART, Dalmeny-avenue, Camden-road, re-opened on the 28th ult. The classes are for male and female students, and are taught by teachers of both sexes, under the direction of Mr. Francis Black, R.B.A., A.R.C.A. Prospectus and full particulars at the school. The increased accommodation just completed gives every facility for taking drawing, painting, design, modelling, and all the South Kensington art certificates; also wood-carving, Repousse, Gesso, book illustration, and in the female class, art needlework. Over 2200 awards have been won during the past five years from Government and the Technical Education Board of the London County Council; £1000 worth of scholarships are now in hand won in free competition with other institutions. The Inspector of the Technical Board reported in July that—"This School of Art retains its place at the head of the Art Schools of London."

MEDICAL SERVICE IN STATE AT ST. PAUL'S.—On Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of London will preach at St. Paul's Cathedral to the members of the medical profession. The service, which is an annual one, is organised by the Guild of St. Luke, and will be, as in past years, a brilliant ceremony, as all doctors who are graduates and Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons are asked to attend in academic robes. At the corresponding service last year upwards of 1200 medical men were present, and the space under the dome of the Cathedral was largely filled with those in academic dress. The music will be rendered by a choir of over 200 voices, provided by the London Gregorian Association, so that the whole service is likely to be most solemn, brilliant, and impressive. Admission to the space under the dome will be by ticket only.

A BENEFIT MATINEE (by kind permission of Messrs. Williamson and Musgrove) to the widow of Charles Riley (late of the Gaiety, Garrick, Lyric, Prince of Wales', Savoy, and Shaftesbury Theatres), will take place on Monday, the 10th instant, at 2 p.m. The programme will include the Second Act of the "Belle of New York," by kind courtesy of George W. Lederer, Esq. The entire company of the Shaftesbury Theatre have kindly volunteered their services. Scenes from "Her Royal Highness," extravaganza by Basil Hood and Walter Slaughter; "Papa's Wife," comedieta in one act by Seymour Hicks and H. Phillips; also a miscellaneous entertainment. Tickets, which can be obtained either from the Hon. Secretaries or from the Box Office, Shaftesbury Theatre, Boxes from £2 2s. to £5 5s.; Stalls, £1 1s. and 10s. 6d.; Balcony Stalls, 7s. 6d.; Upper Circle, 4s.; Pit, 2s. 6d.; and Gallery, 1s.

FAREWELL BANQUET TO BRO. SIR CHARLES WARREN.—The Mayor of Chatham (Mr. G. H. De la Cour) on Monday evening gave a farewell banquet to Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Charles Warren on his relinquishing the command of the Thames district. Among the guests were the Lord Mayor, who was present in his capacity of Member for the Borough of Chatham; Major-General T. Fraser, Commandant of the School of Military Engineering; Colonel Bird, Commanding the Chatham Division of Royal Marines; Colonel Goldsmid, chief Staff officer; and the commanding officers of other corps in garrison. "The Health of Lieut.-General Sir Charles Warren" was proposed by the Mayor. His worship, on behalf of the Corporation, presented Sir Charles with a silver shield, enclosed in a morocco case, as a souvenir of his sojourn at Chatham. The shield bore an inscription, of which this sentence formed part: "While we much regret that we are losing from our midst the presence of one so distinguished as a scholar, scientist, and soldier, we rejoice that, whilst here, you greatly promoted cordial relations between the military and the civic authorities, and took great interest in the moral and intellectual welfare of the inhabitants." Bro. Sir Charles Warren suitably expressed his acknowledgments. "The Health of the Mayor" was proposed by the Lord Mayor.

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