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## FREEMASONRY ABROAD.

Freemasonry on the Continent of Europe has never assumed the proportions which pertain to it in the United Kingdom or the United States of North America. There are many States in which it does not enjoy that freedom to exercise its rights and privileges which seems naturally to belong to British and American Masonry, while in others, in which its proceedings are unmolested by the authorities, either civil or ecclesiastical, it appears to have lost sight entirely of the essential principles of the Craft and to have allowed itself to become the home of disaffection against religion and constituted authority. In Germany, Sweden, Denmark, and the other European countries with whose Grand Lodges or Orients our United Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland are on terms of amity, the Order has well maintained its position and prestige, while the benefits it confers are recognised in all directions. The three Grand Lodges in Berlin—that of the Three Globes, the National Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship—enjoy the advantage of having a member of the Royal house of Prussia in the person of Prince FREDERICK LEOPOLD to preside over them as Protector. The three together muster upwards of 30,000 subscribing members and maintain amongst them fully 600 benevolent institutions of different kinds. There are five other Grand Lodges in Germany, the Grand Lodge zur Eintracht at Darmstadt, with the Grand Duke for its Protector; that of the Eclectic Union at Frankfort-on-the-Main; that of Saxony at Dresden; the Grand Lodge zur Sonne at Bayreuth; and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. The Crown Prince of Denmark is Grand Master of the Grand National Lodge of Denmark, while his Majesty King OSCAR is head of the Grand Lodges of Sweden and Norway, and these, as well as the Grand Lodges in Berlin, though restricted in numbers, have been continuing during the present year the good work which has been carried on under their auspices in the past. There are also other Grand Lodges or Grand Orients in other European countries, as well as in Africa and Central and South America, but to only one of them is it necessary for us to make reference, to wit—the Grand Lodge of Peru, which, we rejoice to say, has rescinded the obnoxious resolution banishing the Volume of the Sacred Law from its altars, and by thus returning to the fundamental principles of Masonry is once again recognised as a legitimate Masonic body.

But, after all, the Freemasonry which most immediately concerns us, and in whose well-being we cannot do otherwise

than take an abiding interest, is that which has its home in the United States. It derives its existence from the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, and though in matters of internal organisation there are many points of difference between it and the latter, the principles on which it rests are, and have been always, the same. Of its numerical strength, and the influence for good which it exercises there cannot be the slightest shadow of a doubt. The number of sovereign and independent Grand Lodges is 50, and though many of these are of recent formation, and of necessity, therefore, are somewhat limited in the matter of membership, there are others which date from last century—in some few cases from prior to 1750, when they were Provincial Grand Lodges under our Constitution—and are as strong in influence as they are in numbers. Among these must be mentioned the Grand Lodge of New York, which dates from 1781, and has under its banner 745 private lodges, with an aggregate membership of over 98,000. The Grand Lodge of Illinois, established in 1839, has upwards of 700 lodges and some 55,000 affiliated members. Pennsylvania, which with that of Massachusetts, claims precedence in the matter of date over the other American Grand Lodges, has upwards of 400 lodges on its roll, and a goodly array of more than 50,000 subscribing brethren, while its rival of Massachusetts has close on 250 lodges and some 40,000 members. The Grand Lodge of Ohio was founded in the year 1809, and can now boast of more than 500 lodges, with an aggregate of subscribing members which was returned on the 31st August last as exceeding 44,000. Several other Grand Lodges might be mentioned which are relatively, perhaps, as strong in the matter of membership, but those we have enumerated will serve to give our readers a pretty accurate idea of the marvellous development which the Order has made under the Stars and Stripes. Nor is this amazing growth confined to Craft Masonry, the Royal Arch and the Templar Order being proportionately as strong, while the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the Royal and Select Masters are both firmly established. Moreover, very many of the Grand Lodges have in recent years founded Homes for the accommodation of old and indigent brethren and their widows or for educational purposes, among the most promising in this respect being those formed by the Grand Lodges of New York, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Ohio. To attempt anything like a record of the well nigh innumerable events of interest which have occurred during the last 12 months in the jurisdiction of these various Grand Lodges would be a very laborious task, but there is certainly one event, which demands from us at least, a passing notice, namely, the celebration during the still current month of the centenary of the death of GEORGE WASHINGTON. The Grand Lodge of Virginia had, of course, the direction of the arrangements and under its auspices was held a grand gathering of some 10,000 brethren, among whom were some of the leading notabilities of the Craft, while among those to whom was assigned the task of delivering addresses appropriate to the occasion was none other than Bro. MCKINLEY, the President of the United States. Nor must we omit to mention among the losses which American Freemasonry has sustained during the year, that caused by the death of Bro. ENOCH T. CARSON, of Cincinnati, whose fame as a Masonic bibliographer has extended throughout the whole of the English-speaking Fraternity. But, though he himself has passed away, his memory will remain as one of the most distinguished Masons of the nineteenth century.

By way of conclusion, we shall content ourselves with expressing the hope that in any future accounts it may be our privilege to render of American Freemasonry, the record will be at least as satisfactory as that of the year which has now virtually run its course.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

We beg to inform our readers that in our next issue—the commencement of the New Year—the section of "Art and the Drama" will be enlarged, so as to include Science. In future it will bear the title of "Science, Art, and the Drama." We do not intend to treat of Science in the abstract, which would render it distasteful to many, but simply in a practical utilitarian point of view. We shall take a subject for our consideration, and continue it week by week, until completed. The last portion of second column will be entitled "Notes," consisting of short paragraphs relative to Science, Art, or the Drama.

## Art and the Drama.

### CRITERION THEATRE.

There is a good piece at the above theatre, which has been so well received by the general public, that it will continue its successful career during the present Christmas season. It is entitled "My Daughter-in-Law," an adaptation from the French of MM. Fabrice Carré and Paul Bilhaud. The translation has been well done; it retains all the spirit of the original, bubbles over with innocent fun, and there is nothing improper or suggestive in it, so that Mrs. Grundy and her daughters may visit the theatre in full assurance that their modesty will not be slighted. As may readily be imagined, the leading character is the mother-in-law, who, in her devoted love for her son, makes herself decidedly objectionable to her daughter-in-law. The one serves as a good foil to the other. The part of Mrs. Mainwaring, sen., is enacted most cleverly by Miss Fanny Brough. All the different shades of character in this important part are well brought out by this talented actress; the by-play she makes use of is naturally conceived. The daughter-in-law has a fitting exponent in charming Miss Ellaline Terris. She has a pretty, musical voice; she certainly seems to enjoy her part, which is a good one, and, as a natural consequence, in her interpretation of it she enhances the enjoyment of the audience. Mr. Herbert Standing has the rôle of Mr. Mainwaring, sen., who carries on his flirtations unknown to his wife, but who at last is discovered in *flagrante delicto*, much to his consternation and the amazement of his severe wife. The easy-going husband, vacillating between the love for his mother and that he owes to his dear little wife, is well represented by Mr. Seymour Hicks. There are some good unobtrusive character sketches, which receive full justice at the hands of those clever competent artistes, Messrs. Kemble, Mackay, Little, and Vane-Tempest. The intriguing countess is archly depicted by Miss Cynthia Brooke. Those who can enjoy a hearty laugh at the imbroglio which ensues are not likely to be disappointed. Among the many attractions which during the present Christmas season offer themselves to intending visitors, the comedy of "My Daughter-in-Law" should occupy an important place. One last word—go and see it.

### CHRISTMAS AT THE INNS OF COURT.

This is our concluding article. Alike at the Temple and Lincoln's Inn it was customary for the "Prince of Purpoole" to be attended by counsel, barristers, and all the accessories of a Court of Law, and to have mock causes placed before him. Evelyn, in his diary, rails against

"The solemn foolerie of the Prince de la Grange, at Lincoln's Inn, where came the King. There was a grand masque and a formal pleading before the mock Princes, Grandees, Nobles, and Knights of the Sunn."

Later on he writes—"Went to see the revells at the Middle Temple, which is an old riotous custome, and has relation neither to virtue nor policy." King Charles I. and his Queen, King Charles II., Peter the Great, and even James I., did not think with Evelyn. The men of the coif were independent, at times, in those days, and the Templars incurred the displeasure of King James at Christmas, 1622, for drinking to the health of his sister, the Lady Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia. Middle Temple was gratified in 1601 by the production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," and when Sir Francis Vivian was Prince, at Christmas, 1635, he expended upwards of £2000 out of his own pocket money, beyond the allowance granted, in pageantry, and this, although the Lord Mayor supplied the wines and Lord Holland the venison. The same year the masque of the Prince d'Amour, the title of the Christmas Prince at the Middle Temple, was presented before the King and Queen and the Knights of the Quiver. Of the poor Prince it is written—

"He dyed of a Common Infectious Disease,  
called  
Opinion,  
Upon the Sixth Month of Candlemas Day,  
and may be buried in oblivion with  
His ancestors, if tongues  
Dig him not up!"

Sir Francis Bacon spent upwards of £2000 over one masque, and the united efforts of the four Inns, "The Triumph of Peace," presented before Charles II., at Whitehall, during Christmas, 1663, caused an expenditure of £20,000. Sometimes the proceedings at the Inns were too pronounced, as when the gentlemen of Gray's Inn at Christmas, 1662, fired off several small pieces of ordnance which they had borrowed from the Tower, and the hours chosen being the "dead of night," the luckless King James leaped from his bed in terror, shouting "Treason!" A very quaint masque called

"Universal Motion" was presented at Lincoln's Inn before the Prince de La Grange and King Charles II., during the Yule Tide of 1662. It was a semi-political ballet, one dance showing that "All Frenchmen are not Butterflies," another "That a Fantastic Don can be as ridiculous as the most Antic Monsieur," and a third consisting of "Two Clownes with their Lasses (a double pair of Northern Tikes) who dance a Jigge, the first born of a Scottish bagpipe." Unhappily the Inns of Court, like other institutions, fell upon evil days. In 1652, Christmas revels were abandoned, "the Fools being all turned Commanders, or Parliament men," and not all the enforced gaiety of the Restoration could recall the mirthful seasons, gone, never to return.

### CHRISTMAS ANTIQUITIES AND THEIR ORIGIN.

At this festive season, it appears to us that a few details respecting Christmas and its antiquities would be appropriate. In the early Church Christmas was always a Sabbath day, or Sunday, and, like it, was preceded by a vigil. In old times it was fully believed that were any one, in a fitting frame of mind, to go into a cow-shed at midnight, just before the dawn of Christmas Day, all the cattle would be found kneeling, in honour of the Infant Saviour. This superstitious belief is, we are told, fully held even now in some of the remote northern districts of England. The word Christmas is derived from *Christi Missa*, the Mass of Christ; thence the Roman Catholic Liturgy is termed their *Missal* or *Mass-book*. The word *Yule* formerly signified Christmas. This is derived from *Ol*, ale, this being much used in the festivities of merry meetings of the season. This word, *Ol*, or ale, did not only signify the liquor then made use of, but it also gave denomination to the greatest festivities, as the Yule, at Midwinter. At Whitsuntide there were Whitsun-ales; at Midsummer, Midsummer-ales. There were also bride-ales, lamb-ales, &c. The carols sung at Christmas are derived from *cantare*, to sing; and *rola*, an interjection of joy. Bishop Taylor observes that the *Gloria in excelsis*, the well-known hymn, sung by the angels to the shepherds at our Lord's nativity, was the earliest Christmas carol. In the earlier ages of the Church the Bishops were accustomed, on Christmas day, to sing carols among their clergy. It is customary for us, at Christmas, to deck our houses with laurel and other evergreens. This has come down to us from the ancient Romans. The laurel was, with them, an emblem of peace, joy, and victory. With us, as Christians, it may be applied to the victory gained over the powers of darkness by the coming of Christ. The *mistletoe* is so called because its seeds are said to be dropped by the *mistle-thrush*, which feeds on its berries. The mistletoe was held sacred by the Druids, because they had an extraordinary reverence for the number three. Not only the berries, but the leaves grow in clusters of three, united on one stalk. Its growing upon the oak, their sacred tree, was doubtless another cause of its veneration. The cutting of the mistletoe by the Arch Druid with a golden sickle during the full moon, on certain nights of the year, was a religious ceremony of the highest importance. Although the mistletoe is usually associated with the oak, as a fact, it is seldom found on that tree, it more commonly grows on the apple tree. The mistletoe is a vegetable parasite. The mistletoe is never permitted to form part of the Christmas decoration of churches. Mr. Brand says, "that by the clergy it is considered a heathenish and profane plant, fitted only for hanging up in banquetting halls, kitchens, &c." *Holly* is so-called, because of its supposed corruption from *holy*, as Dr. Turner, our earliest writer on plants, calls it *holy* and *holy-tree*, this appellation was given it most probably from its being used in holy places. It has a great variety of names in Germany, amongst which is *Christdorn*, in Danish it is also called *Christhorn*, and in Swedish *Christtorn*, from whence it appears, that it is considered a holy plant, by certain classes in these countries. Rosemary derives its botanical name, *rosmarinus*, from *ros* dew, and *marinus*, alluding to its situation on the sea shore. One of the Christmas dishes was a boar's head stuffed with rosemary. As fresh meats, in early times, were but seldom eaten, brawn was considered a great delicacy. The old chronicler Holinshed, says, that "in the year 1170, upon the day of the young prince's coronation, King Henry 1st served his sonne at the table, as server, bringing up the boar's head with trumpets before it, according to the manner." For this ceremony there was a special carol. Dugdale, also, tells us that "at the Inns of Court, during Xmas, the usual dish, at the first course, at dinner, was a large *bore's head*, upon a silver platter, with ministralsaye." Mince pies were originally made in a long shape at Christmas, that they might imitate the cratch, that is the rack, or manger wherein Christ was laid.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ARMITAGE CHAPTER, No. 2261.

At the half-yearly convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter, holden at the Masonic Hall, Market-street, Milnsbridge, near Huddersfield, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., under the banner of Armitage Chapter, No. 2261, the following were present:

Comps. Richard Wilson, P.Z. 289, P.G.S., acting G. Supt.; J. L. Atherton, P.Z. 600, P.P.G.H., as Prov. G.H.; C. L. Mason, P.Z. 304, and H. Smith, P.Z. 302, P.G.P.S., P.P.G.H.s.; John Barker, P.Z. 258, Prov. G.J.; Wm. Harrop, P.Z. 290, and T. R. Vaux, P.Z. 208, P.P.G.J.s.; Capt. H. G. E. Green, P.Z. 154, Prov. G.S.E.; G. H. Parke, P.Z. 154, Prov. G.S.N.; W. Laycock, P.Z. 1001, P. Prov. G.S.N.; T. Woods, P.Z. 448, Prov. G. Treas.; T. Harrison, P.Z. 296, and W. Smith, P.Z. 1042, P.P.G. Treasurers; W. H. Hewson, P.Z. 304, Prov. G. Reg.; J. Corrin Bell, P.Z. 1283, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Sheard, P.Z. 1019, Prov. G.P.S.; J. Shoemith, P.Z. 521, C. Verity, P.Z. 208, and A. Robertshaw, P.Z. 448, P.P.G. P.S.s.; Dr. I. Mossop, P.Z. 974, Prov. 1st A.G.S.; James Lawton, P.Z. 337, C. Wheawill, P.Z. 290, W. Haigh, P.Z. 1283, J. P. Hewitt, P.Z. 139, T. I. Walker, P.Z. 1283, and J. W. Tanner, P.Z. 337, P.P.G.S.s.; G. Heskeith, P.Z. 1462, P.P. G.S.B., as Prov. G.S.B.; A. E. Powolny, P.Z. 304, and J. A. Thornton, P.Z. 1019, P.P.G.S.B.s.; J. P. Browne, P.Z. 600, Prov. G. Std. Br.; F. W. Turner, P.Z. 265, Prov. A.G. Std. Br.s.; Wm. Cockcroft, P.Z. 307, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Dyson, P.Z. 1645, Prov. G.D.C.; E. Lord, P.Z. 910, Thos. Gaukroger, P.Z. 1283, J. R. Fawcett, P.Z. 1214, W. D. Quarmbay, P.Z. 208, F. G. Dimery, P.Z. 2069, C. Goldthorpe, P.Z. 242, and A. W. Fretwell, P.Z. 242, P.P.G. Directors of Ceremonies; E. R. Dickenson, P.Z. 308, Prov. G. Organist; J. Marshall, Org. 521, P.P.G. Organist; J. R. Barton, P.Z. 306, as Prov. Asst. G.S.E.;

F. Simpson, P.Z. 1019, and A. Leach, P.Z. 495, P.P.A.G.S.Es.; C. Stokes, P.Z. 139, and A. Cocker, P.Z. 1283, Prov. G. Stewards; Thos. Chester, Janitor 904, Prov. G. Janitor; and acting Principals, Past First Principals, and companions of the following chapters: Nos. 61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 337, 380, 387, 408, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 603, 652, 904, 910, 974, 1001, 1019, 1042, 1042, 1214, 1239, 1283, 1462, 1645, 2069, 2261, and 2491.

The following chapters were unrepresented: Nos. 258, 264, 827, 837, and 1513.

Apologies were received from Comps. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., G. Supt.; J. C. Malcolm, P.G.S., P.P.G.H.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.S., P.P.G.D.C.; W. C. Lupton, P.Z. 974, P.P.G.J.; J. H. Simpson, P.Z. 208, Prov. D.G. Reg.; T. H. Vernon, P.Z. 139, Prov. 2nd A.G.S.; Ben Stocks, P.Z. 290, Prov. G.S.B.; Wm. Senior, P.Z. 1513, Prov. A.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Towers, P.Z. 306, Prov. A.G.S.E.; E. Wales Smith, P.Z. 289, Prov. G. Steward; and 163 Past Prov. G. Officers, P.Zs., and companions.

The Prov. G.S.E. read the following apology from the Grand Superintendent:

Allerton Hall, Leeds,  
19th November, 1899.

Dear Comp. Green,

I am extremely sorry to find myself unable to attend Prov. Grand Chapter on Wednesday next; but a Royal Commission on Indian Expenditure, which has been sitting for some years, and is now engaged in formulating its report, is to meet on Wednesday, and the business is so important that I feel I ought to be present.

E. Comp. Richard Wilson has very kindly come to my assistance, and promised to act in my absence.

Pray convey my extreme regrets to the companions present at the Prov. Grand Chapter.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

W. L. JACKSON.

H. G. E. Green, Esq.

Comp. Richard Wilson, P.Z. 289, P.G.S., acting G. Supt., accompanied by the Prov. G. Officers, entered at 3.30, and Prov. Grand Chapter was opened in form.

The acting Grand Superintendent, the Prov. G.H., and the Prov. G.J., and the Prov. Grand Officers were saluted.

The roll of chapters was called.

The roll of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers was called.

The Prov. G. Scribe E. presented the minutes of the annual meeting, held at Dewsbury, on Monday, 15th May, 1899, when it was moved, seconded, and resolved: "That the minutes be taken as read and confirmed."

The ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, addressing the companions, said—

On behalf of Provincial Grand Chapter, and the founders of the Armitage Chapter, my first duty is to welcome all the companions who are here to day. Some six months ago the Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire bespoke for me a very great measure of your confidence in the position to which I was then called, and it is my duty, as well as it is my pleasure, to acknowledge that this confidence I have received to the full, in everything I have had to do in the province. The Grand Superintendent, when speaking to me on the subject of this meeting, stated that he knew of nothing to note in the province; and I know nothing of striking importance to bring before you, but there is one fact which will be of interest to the companions, and has somewhat struck me, and that is, that so far as the provinces are concerned with the Royal Arch, we in West Yorkshire stand second to none. We have an idea that we are very lax in the matter of this Degree, and that we are not making the progress we should do. That may be so, but in spite of that we have more chapters in the province than any other province, with one exception. I have obtained some figures which show that in West Yorkshire there are 45 chapters, while in West Lancashire there are 46; in East Lancashire 41; and in Devon 30. The number of Craft lodges in West Yorkshire is 81; in West Lancashire 122; in East Lancashire 113, with only 41 chapters; and Devon has 59 Craft lodges, and 30 chapters. Then again in West Yorkshire we have 4142 members of the Craft, with 1559 members of the chapter; in West Lancashire there are 8125 members of the Craft, and only 1446 members of the chapter; in East Lancashire, 4800 in the Craft, and only 1100 in the chapter; and in Devon there are 3897 members of the Craft, and 969 of the chapter. I think such a comparative statement will be of encouragement to the companions who have spent so much time and labour to advance the interests of Royal Arch Masonry. I will briefly mention one subject engrossing to us all, and that is the War Fund. In Leeds there has been an appeal made by the Lord Mayor, and I have no doubt that such an appeal, in one shape or another, has, and will continue to come to us in many shapes. At the same time, I think these appeals will go straight to the heart of every Mason. If our fellow-men are called out to South Africa, to carry out orders in a quarrel which we think to be right, the best thing we, who stay at home in peace, can do, is to see that their families do not suffer; and last, but not least, on behalf of those who have been made widows and orphans, because their relatives have been sent out to fight for us, we should do what we can, and nothing should be too great for us in that respect. That is the feeling of Freemasonry; it has received the encouragement of the Prince of Wales, and appeals to all the brethren, even to the newly-initiated Mason, so that we cannot do too much. Although it was late when I issued the circular, and many of the brethren had already subscribed, the response has brought into my hands, up to the present, the sum of £260, and I have no doubt of getting £100 or £150 more. With respect to the same subject, I am glad to know that the citizens of Bradford have such esteem for and confidence in the chairman of our Charity Committee (Comp. W. C. Lupton) that they have made him the Mayor of that city. The brethren are marking that event by contributing towards the Mayor of Bradford's fund; and the

appeals on behalf of the sister funds I am sure will deservedly meet with a liberal and a warm response. With regard to Milnsbridge and the consecration of the Armitage Chapter, I may say that so far as my knowledge of the district is concerned, it is in connection with the Luddite Riots. I had friends living at Dalton—I cannot tell where it is, but it cannot be far away. I had friends, who, in my youth, used to give instances of what occurred during the Luddite Riots. It was at Milnsbridge House, where Mr. Joseph Ratcliffe resided, that the persons who were charged with the murder of Mr. Horsfall, while going from Huddersfield Market, were taken for examination, and they were afterwards removed to York, tried, and hanged. For his services and loyalty during that period he was made a baronet, and the successors of Sir Joseph Radcliffe now live at Ridding Park. One of my late partners married Sir Joseph's daughter, and one of my present partners is his grandson. When Sir Joseph Ratcliffe left, his successor became Mr. Joseph Armitage, the father of our esteemed Bro. and Comp. Edward Armitage, who has been a subscribing member of the Harmony Lodge, No. 275, Huddersfield, for close on 60 years, and from him the lodge and chapter have taken their names; and his son, Comp. Alfred Armitage, is one of the founders of this chapter. That was the connection between the chapter and the Armitage family, and we feel glad to take part in any ceremonies that are intended to do honour to such an illustrious brother. I am glad to be with you to-day.

Comp. R. SHEARD, in accordance with notice, moved that the salary of the Prov. G. Scribe E. be increased to 40 guineas. He stated that he had made a modification in his proposition, which originally was to increase the salary of Comp. Green to 50 guineas. It was 20 years since the salary was given, and since then Comp. Green's duties had been considerably increased; not only was that the case, but he understood that Comp. Green gave more than 10 per cent. of his salary to the three great Charities belonging to Masonry. In comparing the salaries paid by other provinces he found that Comp. Green received only about one-half that paid by West Lancashire, and considerably less than in other provinces. Comp. Green's position was a very responsible one.

Comp. W. DYSON, in seconding the proposition, spoke of the carefulness, promptitude, and attention with which Comp. Green had always carried out the duties of his office.

The motion was supported by Comps. J. BARKER, HARROP, PARKE, and the ACTING G. SUPERINTENDENT, and carried unanimously.

Comp. GREEN briefly thanked the companions, and said he hoped by deeds, not words, to prove his gratitude to them for their unanimous vote.

Comp. C. L. MASON moved that a grant of two guineas be made by Prov. G. Chapter towards replenishing the working tools for the carpenter's shop connected with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He said the shop was greatly appreciated, had turned out good work, and it was the intention of the boys to make the forms for the new Masonic School.

Comp. W. BLACKBURN seconded the motion, and said that they had had 28 boys learning carpentry, and now there were 64, so that they would not only require the tools to be replenished, but also new tools.

It was stated that Comp. Chas. Stokes, of Sheffield, had sent £10 10s., collected at the Paradise Chapter a day or two ago, and the Mayor of Bradford £5 towards the fund.

Comp. HARROP said that it was the late Bro. T. W. Embleton who generously presented a large box of tools, about seven years ago, to help the movement originated by Bro. W. F. Smithson.

This being all the formal business before Prov. G. Chapter, the Acting G. Superintendent proceeded to consecrate the Armitage Chapter, No. 2261, in accordance with the printed programme, and afterwards installed the Principals, as follows: Comps. Walker Dyson, P.Z. 290 and 1645, M.E.Z.; C. H. Crowther, P.Z. 290, H.; and Herbert Shaw, S.E. 290, J.

The M.E.Z. then invested his officers.

During the course of the proceedings Comp. C. L. MASON, in place of the ordinary oration, read a paper on "The Degrees of Freemasonry and the Royal Arch."

The ACTING G. SUPERINTENDENT proposed the thanks of Prov. G. Chapter to Comp. C. L. Mason, for the perseverance and patient research which he had exercised in compiling the paper.

This was seconded by Comp. J. L. ATHERTON, and carried unanimously.

Comp. C. L. MASON briefly acknowledged the compliment.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Acting G. Superintendent and the other Prov. G. Officers for consecrating the Armitage Chapter, and the three Acting Principals were elected honorary members of the chapter for their services.

Prov. G. Chapter was then closed.

About 60 companions afterwards sat down to tea at the Conservative Club, Comp. Walker Dyson presiding, supported by Comp. Richard Wilson, Prov. G.H., Past G. Soj., Acting G. Superintendent.

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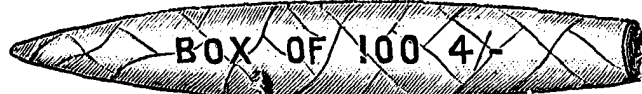
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1899.

### Masonic Notes.

The year which is now virtually concluded, though on the whole it may be said to have been a prosperous one so far as Freemasonry is concerned, has, during its later months, been a period of grave anxiety as regards the relations of this country towards the Boer Republics in South Africa. Since the early days of October a state of war has existed, and in the military operations which have resulted the generals commanding our forces have experienced more than one serious check, while our losses in killed, wounded, and prisoners have been on a greater scale than we have known for many a year. But though these losses have caused an infinite amount of grief and suffering to families and individuals throughout the United Kingdom, the country has made up its mind to carry the war to a successful issue, and we are now looking forward to the New Year to bring us a full measure of that success which in the long run has almost invariably attended us in the wars we have been called upon to wage. In all other respects, too, we trust that the penultimate year of the 19th century may be even more prosperous both socially and economically than its predecessors, so that the reign of our gracious Sovereign may be the most fortunate as well as the longest in the annals of our country.

It will be seen from the Report of the Council of Great Priory—which appeared in our columns last week—that the first step has been taken towards giving effect to the resolution adopted at the Templar Conference, held in Edinburgh in 1898, in favour of the interchange of representatives among the governing bodies of the several Templar jurisdictions, and that the Earl of Euston, G. Master of the Great Priory of England, and the Marquis of Breadalbane, G. Master of the Chapter-General of Scotland, have been appointed, the former as representative of the Templar Order in Scotland at the Great Priory of England, and the latter of the Templar Order in England at the Chapter-General of Scotland. We trust these appointments may prove beneficial to the interests of the Order in both kingdoms.

From the reports we published last week of the recent annual meetings of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Surrey and of that of Berks and Oxon, it is evident that in both these Provinces the Mark Degree has fared well during the past year. In the course of the proceedings at both meetings evidence was forthcoming of a substantial increase in the roll of subscribing members, while the financial condition of both Prov. G. Lodges was reported as satisfactory. We know how great has been the progress made by Mark Masonry of late years, and it is gratifying to find that these two Provinces have had their share in the general prosperity.

It is to be regretted that the official report of the proceedings at the half-yearly convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire should have reached us so late, that what is intended for news should appear, so to speak, as ancient history. There is, however, some compensation for this lateness of publication to be found in the condition of Royal Arch Masonry as disclosed by the said Report, and the picture presented is the more gratifying, from the fact that at more than one previous convocation the Grand Superintendent has taken occasion to deplore the apathy which is exhibited towards the Royal Arch, and has urged on the companions the necessity for paying greater attention to this branch of our Masonic system.

As regards Royal Arch Masonry generally, there is, we fear, no room for doubt as to the justice of these reproachful observations of Comp. Jackson, but, as we have ourselves shown in former Notes, his Province of West Yorkshire may reasonably claim exemption from this charge of neglect or inattention. From the statistics furnished on this occasion by Comp. Wilson, Prov. G.H.—who, in the unavoidable absence of his chief, presided as G. Superintendent—West Yorkshire is well to the fore both as regards its roll of chapters and the number of its subscribing companions. It has 81 Craft lodges with 4142 members, while in the Royal Arch it can boast of 45 chapters, with an aggregate of 1559 subscribing companions. In other Provinces the proportion of chapters and companions to Craft lodges and brethren is relatively far less favourable. West Lancashire, for instance, with 122 lodges and 8125 brethren, has only 46 chapters and 1446 companions; while East Lancashire, with 113 lodges and 4800 brethren, musters only 41 chapters and 1100 companions. Taking these figures for our guide, we do not think that West Yorkshire, by comparison with other Provinces, is open to the charge of neglecting the Royal Arch.

The position of West Yorkshire will be found to be even more favourable still, if we note carefully the totals contained in the Grand Lodge Calendar. In round figures there are under the English Constitution over 2300 Craft lodges and some 830 Royal Arch Chapters, or rather more than one chapter to every three lodges, while in West Yorkshire there is more than one chapter to every two Craft lodges.

We have received copy of the report of the proceedings at a regular communication of the District Grand Lodge of South Africa (Eastern Division), which was held at East London on the 13th September last, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Dr. Charles Egan, District Grand Master. Notwithstanding the political anxieties then prevailing throughout South Africa, there appears to have been a fairly good attendance of the brethren, while as many as 22 out of the 29 lodges were represented. What the state of the Craft in the district over which Bro. Dr. Egan has so long and so ably presided may be at the present moment it is

impossible for us to say, but the returns furnished at this meeting showed that both in the matter of membership and funds the District Grand Lodge was then in a prosperous condition. On the 31st March last the number of members on the roll was 1374, of whom 1244 were in good standing, while according to the Dist. G. Treasurer's statement of accounts the assets, taking the General, Reserve, and Benevolent Funds together, amounted to £2134 10s.

In addition, the District can boast of a Masonic Education Fund, the accounts for which for the year to the 31st August last are eminently satisfactory. The number of children in receipt of the benefits conferred by the Fund during the year was 31, the amount expended on their behalf being £345, while the expenses of management only slightly exceeded £25, the receipts from all sources, including the subscriptions of the brethren and the Dist. Grand Lodge being £469. In addition, there is an Endowment Fund, amounting to not far short of £900; but, in the course of his address, the Dist. Grand Master expressed his opinion that this Fund was of no great service, and that it would be far better to expend the money thus accumulated in the purchase of permanent scholarships in some of the public schools. On the whole, the Eastern Division of South Africa would appear to have fared well during the year 1899.

We have also been favoured with copies of the Reports of the Proceedings at the annual convocation of the District Grand Chapter and a regular communication of the District Grand Mark Lodge respectively of South Africa (E.D.), which were held at East London on the 14th September. The closing balance on the District Grand Treasurer's statement of account of the District Grand Chapter for the year 1898-9 shows a slight increase as compared with that for the previous year, but the only remark we have to make as to the items in the account is that the expenditure includes a donation of 15 guineas (£15 15s.) to the Jubilee Benevolent Fund. There is also an amount of £56 standing to the credit of the District Grand Chapter with the African Banking Corporation, in addition to the balance in hand at the close of account. There are five chapters on the roll and the Returns from four of them show an aggregate of 175 subscribing members, the Port Elizabeth Chapter, No. 711, and the Sinai Chapter, No. 1824, East London, being both exceptionally strong.

The District Grand Mark Lodge, with four lodges, is also very favourably circumstanced, there being a substantial increase in the closing as compared with the opening balance for the year, while the returns give an aggregate membership of 135, of whom all but six are returned as in good standing. At both this and the District Grand Chapter meeting the presiding officer was Dr. C. J. Egan, who is head of Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry in the District, and very gratified must he be at finding the bodies he rules so wisely in such a healthy condition.

The next regular meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G. S.B., W.M., on Friday, the 5th June, when, in the course of the proceedings, a paper will be read by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., on "The Grand Lodge at York and its Offshoots." Accompanying the summons for this meeting is the Report of the Permanent and Audit Committee, from which we learn that the additions to the Correspondence Circle during the past year reached 408, raising the total number to 2836. The losses by death have, however, been very numerous. The Inner Circle mustered 32 members at the close of the year, two of the most distinguished among the Past Masters of the lodge—W. Bros. Professor T. Hayter Lewis and William Simpson—having been removed by death during the last 12 months. As regards its financial condition, we are pleased to learn that even if there were no arrears outstanding and no stock in hand of the Lodge Transactions, the lodge would still be "absolutely solvent."

We have also to acknowledge receipt of Volume XII., Part 3, of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," being the Transactions of the lodge during the past year, and the St. John's Card, bearing date the 27th December (St. John's Day in winter), 1899. We shall take an early opportunity of reviewing the contents of these publications.

## Reviews.

"DOIDGE'S WESTERN COUNTIES ILLUSTRATED ANNUAL."—Our old friend, "*Doidge's Almanack*," is now printed and published by Messrs. *Hoyten and Cole*, Plymouth, the price remaining at *one shilling* (postage 6d. extra) as before. The volume for 1900 is certainly a wonderful compilation and an extraordinary shillings-worth, the pages considerably exceeding 400, and many of the illustrations are quite little works of art. The large coloured picture (carefully folded) reproduced in colours from the original water-colour drawing by C. E. Hannaford of "The Royal Albert Bridge, Saltash," is quite a gem, and, doubtless, will be removed from the book and framed by those who appreciate such a faithful souvenir of Brunel's masterpiece. The matter generally is both attractive and useful; there are numerous tales and articles. One article in particular deserves especial mention, viz., "A Visit to the Marine Laboratory on Plymouth Hoe," by William Crossing, the illustrations to which help much to a proper understanding of the text. Messrs. Simpkin Marshall and Co., Limited, are the London Agents. We are persuaded that the varied contents of this work, which is a "*Book to Read*" and a "*Book to refer to*," will secure for it a place in thousands of homes, particularly in the West of England and the Metropolis, where so many Cornishmen and Devonians reside.

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### A SISTER'S SACRIFICE.

By PROF. F. W. DRIVER, M.A.

The weary day has passed, and now, alone,  
In chambered silence, sacred to my woe,  
Beneath night's friendly shade, no need repress  
The bitter heart grief others must not know.

Oh, sister dearest! legacy bequeathed  
By sainted mother to my fostering care,  
Peaceful thou slumb'rest, happy in a love,  
Increased and strengthened even by its share.

Ne'er must thou know that, in this bosom here,  
A pent up sorrow ever is confined,  
Ne'er must thou feel that 'twas thy sister's love,  
For love of thee, a loving heart resigned.

A heart which beat responsive to my own,  
A voice whose accents thrilled within my soul,  
Whose pleading tones so coldly I repelled,  
Though deep emotion I could scarce control.

I loved the most, when least it did appear,  
Ne'er loved so much, as when I love denied,  
Who would have thought, beneath this placid brow,  
As lake's unruffled surface, rushed a tide,

Would swiftly bear me, yielding to its sway,  
To blissful haven, where, in trust secure,  
Anchored beneath the ship's protecting care,  
My little bark in safety I could moor.

But no, it could not be, at Duty's call,  
Severe the struggle, yet in sight of land,  
With all its precious freight of Hope on board,  
Myself I shipwrecked on a barren strand.

Oh happy hours gone by, when first I felt  
The secret kindlings of Love's tender flame,  
When Hope, long nourished, taught me first to breathe  
And fondly linger o'er that murmured name.

Sweet day dreams fled, nor ever to return,  
Another claims the love no longer mine;  
Another reigns as mistress in the soul,  
Where once this breaking heart had fixed its shrine.

When from thy trembling lips, sweet sister, dear,  
With mantling cheek, in roseate blushes drest,  
Eager, and yet reluctantly, thy heart,  
In flutt'ring tones, its virgin love confest.

Thou couldst not see the anguish that I felt,  
No look of mine an inward grief betrayed;  
Thou couldst not know that, 'twas thy gentle hand  
A garden fair, a wilderness had made.

That thou, dear child, unconsciously had plucked  
My heart's best blossoms, ne'er to bloom again;  
That, for thy sake, my happiness I lost,  
To bear alone a weary load of pain.

And yet I blame thee not, for couldst thou think  
That hopes, long cherished, I for thee destroy;  
That, nerved by Duty, with unflinching hand,  
From my own lips I dash the cup of joy.

How freely would thy generous nature yield  
The treasure, dearer than all else beside;  
How wouldst thou mask in smiles a new-born care,  
And strive, vain task, a secret grief to hide.

No, never shalt thou feel the bitter pang;  
By Heaven's help, my burden I will bear;  
Affection, selfish but in this alone,  
Will ne'er consent that thou its weight should share.

But one can rule the empire of the soul,  
Love's monarchy brooks no divided reign,  
To thee the precious prize I will resign,  
Mine be the loss, and thine be all the gain.

For thou, sweet sister, as a fragile flower,  
In all thy loveliness and beauty's pride,  
Too soon alas! like it, wouldst droop and pine,  
If Love's warm sunshine ever were denied.

Enough for me, retired in the shade,  
Afar to view thee, basking in its gleam,  
Content, if, haply from the fount of light,  
The gloom is chequered by reflected beam.

Then thus, the vow religiously I keep,  
Accept the destiny that Fate has willed,  
Cheered by the thought, the sacrifice I make,  
A sacred trust has faithfully fulfilled.

Oh! Mother, guardian angel in thy love,  
With pitying eyes upon thy child look down,  
Teach her to feel that she the cross must bear,  
To win as heavenly meed th' immortal crown.

### A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.

This phrase is applicable to Freemasonry as expressed in different countries at the present time. Freemasonry in Great Britain and its Dependencies is conservative in its character and holds itself altogether aloof from participation in matters of Church and State. The organisations which bear the Masonic name do not attempt to exert any influence of a political nature, nor to promote party or sectarian measures. In the United States the same rule holds good. There can be no discussion of political questions or of religious doctrines in the lodge room. Brethren do as they choose when they come to act in party politics or in support of churches and creeds.

But it is not so in some of the countries of continental Europe. In France the Masonic organisation counts as an important factor in political movements. Members of a lodge, meeting in secret, discuss party measures, and then decide to throw their united strength in favour of a certain policy, and for or against certain men who are candidates for official station. Social questions and the reforms of the day are considered by brethren when they meet within tyled doors, and if they decide to advocate a measure the whole strength of the organisation is brought to its support. One lodge is in touch with another to such an extent in France that the Fraternity is likely to act together in promoting a measure of social or political reform. Perhaps such effective combination of strength may sometimes tend to the best results. As a rule, the Masons of France are intelligent and patriotic men, and oftener than otherwise they plan and act in such a manner as to promote the public welfare, but all the same there is an element of danger in their alliances and exercise of power when the objects are as here stated.

It is a matter of profound rejoicing that English Freemasonry, as expressed in all lands where the English language is spoken, declares itself so positively against any interference with matters which belong to the domain of party politics, and leaves to its members, acting individually, to exercise the duties of citizenship in accordance with what may be the personal thought and judgment of each brother. The Institution as such—the lodge as such—formulates no platform, pronounces itself neither in favour of or against political candidates and measures, but holds itself apart from all such disturbing issues.

Maintaining such a position, Freemasonry has a legitimate influence to exist and a worthy service to render. It fulfils a beneficent mission in bringing men together to walk and work as brethren. It teaches reverence and faith toward God, and inculcates practical sympathy and helpfulness as between man and his fellow-man. Keeping itself altogether apart from entangling alliances, Freemasonry goes forward in an illumined way which promises the best results for truth and for humanity.

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## Craft Masonry.

Lodge Charity, No. 233.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 19th instant at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, the retiring W.M., Bro. A. E. Bridgman, being in the chair. He was supported by the W.M. elect, Bro. John Goad, and a number of Past and Present Prov. G. Officers. The installation ceremony was performed by Bros. A. E. Bridgman; W. Stenlake, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hoyten, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T. In addition to the above-mentioned, the Board of Installed Masters included Bros. F. B. Westlake, P.S.G.W., P.D.G.D.C. Eng.; B. S. Johns, 159, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Pike, 223, P.P.G.O.; W. Allsford, P.P.G.T.; C. H. Tozer, 223; Parnell Hannaford, 223; J. A. Lavers, 223; W. J. Hoare, 223; J. Angwin, W.M. 230; D. M. Brebner, 2258; J. Corrick, 159; J. Brooks, W.M. 1247; W. Budge, 1550; and J. Bray, 1212. The officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows: Bros. T. Cole, S.W.; J. Stoneman, J.W.; J. A. Lavers, P.M.; Chap.; J. Hoyten, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Stenlake, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. H. Stephens, S.D.; J. J. Gerry, J.D.; C. H. Ball, I.G.; T. Lillicrap, D. of C.; J. Mumford,

A.D. of C.; W. H. S. Moysey, Org.; A. E. H. Webb, G. Quarm, H. F. Leo, and C. Rowe, Stwds.; W. Brimblecombe, Musical Director; J. W. Cornish, P.M., P.P.G.T., Charity Steward and Representative of Committee of Petitions; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler.

#### Anglesey Lodge, No. 1113.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Menai Bridge, on Monday, the 18th instant, when Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith, I.P.M., P.A.G.D. of C. Eng., impressively installed Bro. Walter R. Jones. The W.M. invested as his officers: Bros. John Gregson, S.W.; T. Westlake-Morgan, J.W.; J. A. Hornby, P.M., Treas.; G. Williams, Sec.; T. Williams, D. of C.; John Edwards, S.D.; W. Parry, J.D.; H. A. Humphreys, I.G.; Samuel Davies, David Hughes, and Joseph Bamford, Stwds.; and Thos. Powis, Tyler.

The banquet was served at the Victoria Hotel, Menai Bridge.

#### De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. Through the regrettable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. Schofield, through illness, the chair was occupied by Bro. J. Irlam, P.M. The following were present: Bros. Walter Cockerham, S.W.; J. T. C. Blackie, J.W.; S. Richards, J. Brownhill, S.D.; A. E. Bentley, J.D.; B. Carr, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; G. J. Critchley, Stwd.; J. M. Moss, P.M., P.D.G.S.B.; J. R. Ashworth, P.M.; E. Ziebell, P.M.; O. M. Jones, P.M.; H. Anderton, P.M.; C. E. Vlies, P.M.; R. Dottie, P.M.; Alfred Griffiths, C. G. Balls, E. Smith, J. W. Wholley, F. O. Taylor, and J. R. Fletcher, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. Heywood, P.M. 1387, 2457, P.P.G.D. of C. West Lancs.; C. Shaw, I.P.M. 1147; T. R. Clarke, P.M. 322; C. M. Nesbitt, S.D. 1055; E. P. Hetherington, J.D. 2447; G. Thompson, 2185; and W. H. G. Brocklebank, 1030.

The lodge was duly opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Rains, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was initiated by Bro. J. Irlam, P.M., in his usual masterly style, the working tools being rendered by Bro. O. M. Jones, P.M. Bro. A. Griffiths was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. M. Moss, P.M., &c., in a most beautiful and impressive manner.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the social board, where songs were rendered by Bros. Carr, Anderton, Shaw, Nesbitt, and Joyce, and a violin solo by Bro. Griffiths.

#### Lodge St. Margaret, No. 1452.

The installation of Bro. Dr. H. Bournes Walker as W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Royal Hotel, Lowestoft, on the 11th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. James. The newly-elected W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. C. Titcombe, I.P.M. F. J. Smith, S.W.; H. G. Waller, J.W.; Rev. G. Champion, Chap.; B. S. Bradbeer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. J. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Sec.; H. J. Eastaugh, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; J. R. Godfrey, S.D.; A. Marshall, J.D.; T. Westgate, I.G.; E. E. Johnson, Org.; T. F. Davies and S. Allingham, Stwds.; and J. Symes, Tyler.

The usual banquet was held in the evening, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M.

The I.P.M., Bro. Titcomb, proposed "The W.M."

The W.M. gave "The Installing Master, Bro. James."

Bro. Johnson afterwards proposed "The I.P.M. and Past Masters of Lodge St. Margaret."

"The W.M., the Past Masters, and Brethren of the Sister Lodge, Unity, No. 71," was given by Bro. B. S. Bradbeer.

"The Visitors" having been proposed by Bro. Walker, "The Charities" was next given by Bro. J. W. Brooke; P.M.

The toast of "The Officers of Lodge St. Margaret" was afterwards proposed by the W.M.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable gathering.

#### Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

The regular meeting was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on Friday, the 24th ult. There were present Bros. R. S. Fairbank, W.M.; W. Turner, S.W.; H. T. Taylor, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., Treas.; W. A. Bowser, I.P.M., Sec.; A. D. Jones, S.D.; J. Davidson, J.D.; R. Lake, P.M., D.C.; J. Pollard, P.M.; J. H. Laves, P.M.; R. C. P. Gardner, P.M.; R. Hilton, E. Dalzell, R. H. Cummings, G. Budd, W. W. Szlumper, H. Parkin, F. M. S. Lewin, F. J. Robinan, F. E. Bartlett, J. H. Dallas, R. J. Probyn-Williams, A. C. Probyn-Williams, W. A. Bird, C. Ryall, G. B. Flux, F. A. H. Walsh, J. F. W. Silk, T. Bowler, Tyler; E. H. Hartopp, W.M. 5, P.G.S. (Hon. Member); James Beely, W.M. 1826 (Hon. Member); and the following visitors: Bros. Sir W. H. Quayle Jones, W.M. 1871; C. Fox, P.M. 90; G. Danford Thomas, P.M., Treas. 2410; H. C. Houndie, P.M. 1826, P.P.G.W. Surrey; Llewellyn Evans, 82, Prov. A.G. Sec. Gloucestershire; N. R. Pringle, J.W. 92; H. C. Russell, J.W. 1673; G. W. Ackworth, J.D. 99; and D. Buxton, 2210.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken, and proved unanimous, in favour of Mr. Algernon R. Woodbridge, who, with Mr. Hugh M. Allom, elected at the previous meeting, were initiated by the W.M., the ancient charge being delivered by Bro. R. Lake, P.M. Bro. J. F. W. Silk, M.D., was raised by the W.M., Bro. W. A. Bowser, I.P.M., giving the traditional history. Bro. W. Turner, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. T. Bowler was re-appointed Tyler. The Audit Committee was also appointed. Bro. Pollard, P.M., gave notice that he would, at the next meeting, propose that a sum of money be voted from the lodge funds to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Widows' and Orphans' Fund; and a Past Master's jewel was voted by acclamation to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Fairbank, in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during the past year. The Charity maul having been passed round, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, the banquet being of a most *recherché* description, and the proceedings were enhanced by the performance of some excellent part songs and instrumental music, for which this lodge is famed.

BRO. LORD KITCHENER joined Bro. Lord Roberts as soon as the Dunottar Castle reached Gibraltar, at midnight on Tuesday, and the vessel left immediately for Madeira. Bro. Sir Charles Warren, commanding the Fifth Division, has left for Chieveley Camp, to join General Buller.

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## Royal Arch.

#### Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, No. 1642.

The installation meeting of this important chapter was held at Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke-grove, Notting Hill, on Thursday, the 14th instant. There were present Comps. Dr. J. E. N. Whitlock, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. French, J.; Reuben Green, P.Z., Treas.; Samuel H. Parkhouse, P.Z., Scribe E.; E. M. Lander, P.Z.; J. S. Adkins, P.Z.; E. Rogers, P.Z.; P. Monson, P.Z.; W. R. Hutton, P.Z.; E. Monson, P.Z.; G. Davis, P.Z. (hon. member); C. E. Cassal, J. elect; C. Webster, Scribe N.; H. Armfield, P.S.; W. R. Flack, P.C.S., L.D.S., 1st A.S.; W. J. Millington, D. of C.; W. Middlewick, Stwd.; A. R. Finch, H. F. Foale, H. A. Otto Scherf, and John F. Lackland, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. H. Dehane, P.Z. 276, P.P.G.P. Soj. Essex; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.Z. and E. 742; W. J. Mason, P.Z. 1328, P.G.Std. Br.; J. May, Westbourne; and T. M. Huish, S.N. 185.

The chapter was opened by Comps. G. Davis, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; J. T. Adkins, P.Z., acting H.; and J. French, J., and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. A Board of Installed First Principals was opened, and Comp. Dr. J. E. N. Whitlock, H., M.E.Z. elect, was presented by Comp. S. H. Parkhouse, P.Z., Scribe E., to the Installing Principal, Comp. G. Davis, P.Z., who installed Comp. Dr. Whitlock as M.E.Z. of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter. The Board of Installed First Principals was closed. A Board of Installed Second Principals was opened. Comp. Parkhouse presented Comp. J. French, J., H. elect, to the Installing Principal, who installed him as H. The Board of Installed Second Principals was then closed. The J. elect not being present, the installation of Third Principal was deferred. The candidate for exaltation was not present. The M.E.Z. appointed and invested his officers elected at the last convocation as follows: Comps. S. H. Parkhouse, P.Z., S.E.; C. Webster, S.N.; Reuben C. Green, P.Z., Treas.; H. Armfield, P.S.; W. Middleweek, Steward; J. S. Lackland, Janitor. The Auditors' report was submitted, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to Comp. Frye on the death of his wife. A brother was proposed for exaltation at the next convocation, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

After the banquet the M.E.Z. gave the usual toasts.

In proposing "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," the M.E.Z. spoke of the sympathy her Majesty had ever shown, particularly at this eventful period with her brave soldiers and sailors, who were willing to lay down their lives in loyal service to their Queen and country.

"God Save the Queen" was sung.

The M.E.Z. next gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z. of the Order." He said the interest the M.E.G.Z. evinced for the R.A., and, indeed, for every branch of Freemasonry, had endeared him to all the brethren at home and abroad.

"God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The next toast was "The Pro G.Z., the G.H., and the G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The M.E.Z. alluded to the readiness of the Grand Officers to assist in any of the ceremonies—in fact they were not only ornamental but also serviceable in R.A. Masonry. He coupled with the toast the name of Comp. W. J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.

Comp. Mason replied on behalf of the Grand Officers. He spoke of the active work and financial assistance they rendered to R.A. Masonry. They considered it their duty to maintain the dignity of the Order, and they had ever its interests at heart. He wished the companions present the best Christmas greetings and a happy New Year.

Comp. S. H. Parkhouse, father of the chapter, gave "The Health of the M.E.Z." He said the M.E.Z. had risen from the lowest office to his present exalted position; he gave great promise of efficiency in the future.

The M.E.Z. replied briefly. He thanked Comp. Parkhouse and the companions for the great kindness they had ever shown him since he became a member of the chapter. He would ever strive to merit their approbation and esteem.

Comp. Driver recited his patriotic poem, "Ready, aye ready," which was received with great applause.

The M.E.Z. gave the toast of "The H. and J."

The H. and J. replied.

The H. said how he had been deeply impressed by the beautiful ceremony of installation, and he felt personally much obliged to Comp. Davis for the able rendering he had given it.

Comp. C. E. Cassal, J. elect, regretted that he had been unable to be present in time to be installed by Comp. Davis. In the course of his remarks he alluded to the feelings of patriotism which had been evinced in Comp. Driver's spirit-stirring verses—he felt sure they were echoed by all present.

The M.E.Z. gave "The Visitors." In a few kind words he alluded to each. He especially spoke of Comp. Dehane, the esteemed Preceptor of the Hornsey Chapter of Instruction. He said he felt extremely grateful to him for the kind care he had so readily given to Comp. Armfield and himself, with this difference—that, whereas Comp. Armfield had proved an apt pupil, he (the M.E.Z.) was afraid he had not been much credit to their mutual instructor. However, he still hoped to improve.

Comp. Dehane was the first to reply. He alluded to the excellent work of the Installing Principal, Comp. Davis. With regard to his two pupils—the M.E.Z. and Prin. Soj.—he had great hopes of both. If they did not each excel in their respective duties it would be to him a matter of surprise; for his part, he would do all that lay in his power to render them efficient.

Comp. Driver said he attended in a double capacity—as a standing guest of the chapter and a reporter of the proceedings. In his latter capacity, he had been well satisfied; as a guest, he heartily thanked the chapter, and wished it still increasing prosperity.

Comp. Huish also replied.

"The Installing Z. and P.Zs." followed.

Comp. Davis and P.Zs. replied.

The Principal Sojourner and Steward replied to the toast of "The Officers of the Chapter."

The Janitor's toast concluded the evening.

## Secret Monitor.

#### Royal Sussex Conclave, No. 10.

A meeting of the above conclave was held at Brighton, on Saturday, the 9th inst., when there were present V.W. Bro. John Mennich Mennich, G.C., S.R.; Bros. Dr. Tester, P.G.S., 1st Stwd., acting Sec.; C. J. Gallard, P.G.S., 1st V.D.; and Dr. Crawley Marten Perry, Guard; R.W. Bros. Dr. Upton, P.S.R., P.G. Std. Br., I.P.S.R.; Dr. Pearce, P.S.R., P.G. Std. Br.; and Dr. Goode, P.S.R., P.G. Guide.

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The conclave was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read, confirmed, and passed. The Princes' Degree was opened, and R.W. Bro. Dr. Upton, D., inducted Bro. Dr. C. M. Perry to the Second Degree. The S.R. then opened the conclave in the First Degree, and the brethren declared and passed the election of successor for 1900-1 to the chair to be in the hands of the S.R. Bros. Dr. E. F. Cox and Dr. C. M. Perry were elected Grand Stewards for 1900. The S.R., W. Bro. John Mennich Mennich, G.C., then declared V.W. Bro. John Oliver Cook, P.G.S., S.R. elect for 1900-1. The brethren voted the S.R. a Past Supreme Ruler's jewel, to be presented to him at the next meeting. The conclave was then closed.

### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE CLAPTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1365.

The annual supper of the members of the above lodge of instruction, was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on the 1st inst., when upwards of 20 members sat down to an excellent repast. Bro. T. T. Gething, the W.M., presided, and there were also present, Bros. W. Finch, P.M., Preceptor; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; D. Campbell, P.M.; Arthur H. Church, P.M.; W. Blackburn, P.M.; A. W. Diamond, E. C. Cove, T. Martindale, P.M.; T. Millman, H. J. Dyer, W. Shipman, R. B. Chessum, W. Schilling, J. Storey, E. F. Bowler, E. C. Wise, P.M.; C. W. Hiscocks, S. J. Wise, A. Wadous, P.M.; W. Press, and R. T. West.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, at the request of the President,

Bro. H. J. DYER gave "The Visitors," which he did in eloquent terms. Bros. W. PRESS, A. WADOUS, P.M., and R. T. WEST responded.

Bro. R. B. CHESSUM, proposed "The Clapton Lodge." He stated that they were told that their lodge was one of the best in London, and one of great hospitality, but as good wine needed no bush, he would content himself by asking them to drink heartily to the toast.

Bro. W. FINCH, P.M., Preceptor, responded. He said that he supposed he was "Father" of the Clapton Lodge, of which he was very proud. The members were good and true men, and would keep up the prestige of the lodge of which the foundation was well laid, and the structure stood for those coming along.

Bro. D. CAMPBELL, P.M., submitted the toast of "The Clapton Lodge of Instruction." He stated that a lodge of instruction always bore a close relationship to the mother lodge, a relationship which might be described either as an adjunct or an outgrowth. Of those descriptions, he preferred the latter, because an adjunct might be an adhesion void of life, use, or benefit, or, indeed, even of a hurtful nature, such as might have been those Leonids for which many were watching the other night, and some not without anxiety. An outgrowth, on the other hand, signified something partaking of the life and energy of the parent stock, and he thought no one would deny that the Clapton Lodge of Instruction was not merely a dead adjunct, but a living outgrowth, bearing its full share of the life and energy of the Clapton Lodge from which it sprung.

Bro. E. C. WISE, P.M., responded, and said that he had been given a nice task to acknowledge the toast, but unfortunately he had nothing to do. All could gain grand assistance in the lodge of instruction, which was one of the very best. Most of the brethren knew that he was a young Mason, only seven years old, but a P.M., and he felt he owed that position to the Clapton Lodge of Instruction, and the tuition he had received from Bro. Finch, P.M., who had the best mode of dealing with young members who were anxious to go forward, and if the brethren would only join and regularly attend they would never regret it, and in conclusion he paid a well-deserved tribute to Bro. Finch for his great services in the lodge of instruction.

Bro. A. W. DIAMOND proposed "The Preceptor, Bro. W. Finch, P.M., and the Secretary, Bro. W. D. Church, P.M.," remarking that it was the toast of the evening, as without them the lodge of instruction could not shine, as they were the guiding lights, and he took that opportunity of thanking them for all the kindness he had received at their hands. If the members wished to gladden the hearts of their esteemed Preceptor and Secretary they had only to make a point of having a good muster at all the meetings of the lodge of instruction.

In response, Bro. W. FINCH, P.M., Preceptor, thanked Bro. Diamond for his very kind words in proposing the toast, and said that in the lodge of instruction they endeavoured to do good work. They had turned out some excellent workers in the Clapton Lodge and other lodges. It had been his hobby for many years to give assistance in the lodge of instruction, where he had made many dear friends, and the more they attended the better he and the Secretary would be pleased.

Bro. W. D. CHURCH, P.M., also responded, and said that he was proud to occupy the position of Secretary. To keep up the prestige of the lodge it was imperative that they should attend the lodge of instruction to make themselves proficient, or they could not expect to receive a collar unless they had given evidence that they were going forward.

In proposing "The Health of the President, Bro. T. T. Gething," Bro. W. D. CHURCH, P.M., stated that it was well-known to them what a value he was as W.M. of the Clapton Lodge, and he had presided over them that evening in a most genial way. They all loved him, and wished him a very prosperous and happy year of office as W.M. of his mother lodge.

Bro. GETTING responded and said if you want anything done well do it yourself, which was a grand maxim. He had done nothing that evening, but what he had done was done badly. However, he had thoroughly enjoyed himself and he thanked them very much for their cordial greeting and their kind expressions towards him.

"The Vice-Presidents, Bros. E. C. Cave and R. B. Chessum," having been duly honoured, the happy and successful gathering was brought to a close with "God save the Queen."

Bros. Arthur H. Church, P.M., W. Shipman, W. Schilling, T. Martindale, P.M., C. W. Hiscocks, and H. J. Dyer, vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren.

## The Craft Abroad.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW SOUTH WALES (S.C.).

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter took place at the chapter rooms, Freemasons' Hall, York-street, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, on Friday, the 17th ultimo, in the presence of a large number of companions of the Scottish Constitution. The chair was taken by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Major Rennie, 30° (S.C.), who installed M.E. Comp. Beresford G. Campbell, J.P., 18° (S.C.), I.P.M. of Cambrian Lodge of Australia, 656 (E.C.), as Depute Grand Superintendent for the coming year.

It is worthy of remark that, in addition to M.E. Comp. Campbell, several of the other Provincial Grand Officers were selected from the members of Cambrian Lodge, 656 (E.C.), who, owing to there being no English chapters in New South Wales, are members of the Scottish chapters.

There is a body in New South Wales calling themselves the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, but who are not recognised as legal by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. This body has attempted on several occasions to get a recognition by Scotland or an amalgamation with the Scottish chapters, but past events in Craft matters have decided the Scottish companions to remain firm in their allegiance to the mother Grand Chapter, although they are willing to see unity in R.A. matters it must be in this case by affiliation and not amalgamation.

The yearly reports from Scottish chapters having been read showed the chapters to have had a good year, there being a large increase of members, and all the various chapters to be in a sound financial state.

The business of the evening being concluded, the companions adjourned to the banquet room, and a pleasant hour was spent in harmony.

Visitors from England are cordially welcomed by the S.C. chapters.

These S.C. chapters confer the Degrees of Royal Ark Mariners and Red Cross of Babylon.

### GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

On Wednesday, the 6th inst., a Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Grand Lodge was opened, R.W. Bro. George E. Wagner, the acting Grand Master, presiding. There were present Bros. Edgar A. Tennis, S.G.W., acting Deputy Grand Master; James W. Brown, J.G.W., acting S.G.W.; Charles M. Swain, acting J.G.W.; Thomas R. Patton, Grand Treas.; William A. Sinn, Grand Sec.; with the appointed Grand Officers in their respective places. There were also present Past Grand Masters—Bros. Samuel C. Perkins, Samuel B. Dick, Conrad B. Day, J. Simpson Africa, Michael Arnold, Matthias H. Henderson, and William J. Kelly; 32 Dep. Dist. Grand Masters; John A. Perry, Dep. G. Sec.; Grand Chaplains—Revs. James W. Robins, D.D., Henry S. Getz, John S. J. McConnell, William B. Chalfant, and Charles H. Bond, and a remarkably large number of members.

This being the time for the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing year, the following brethren were elected:

R.W. Bros. George E. Wagner	...	...	Grand Master.
" Edgar A. Tennis	...	...	Dep. G. Master.
" James Brown	...	...	S.G.W.
" W. Kendrick, jun.	...	...	J.G.W.
" Thomas R. Patton	...	...	Grand Treas.
" William A. Sinn...	...	...	Grand Sec.

An interesting feature of this communication was the presentation of a life-size oil portrait of the late R.W. Bro. Joseph Eichbaum, Past G. Master.

The presentation was made by R.W. Bro. JAMES W. BROWN, J.G.W., who paid a fitting tribute to the work and worth of the deceased.

R.W. Bro. GEORGE E. WAGNER, G. Master, after fittingly receiving the portrait, presented by Bro. Brown on behalf of the brethren of Allegheny County, committed it to the care of the Temple Committee.

R.W. Bro. WILLIAM J. KELLY, Past G. Master, Chairman of the Committee, on receiving it, promised that it should be placed in a conspicuous place in the Temple and be properly guarded.

The reports of the various Committees and the resolutions thereto attached adopted, and the business despatched, the Grand Lodge was closed in harmony in the usual form.—*Keystone* (Philadelphia).

BRO. ALDERMAN FRANK GREEN presided at the wardmote held at Vintners' Hall, Upper Thames-street, on the 23rd instant. There was a good attendance of electors.

LANTERN WAR NEWS.—A novel idea has been hit upon by Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, her Majesty's printers, in the production of a lantern lecture upon "The Boer War Day-by-Day," illustrated by many absorbingly interesting lantern slides. Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode announce, as a unique feature, that both in descriptive matter and slides, the lecture will be daily brought up-to-date. It will, in fact, become a "Lantern War News," additions being made up to the latest possible moment.



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No.	LODGES.	Shillings
2488	Eccentric ...	1460
2409	Woodgrange ...	1102
1563	City of Westminster, after sending round the Hat, it was sold by Auction and bought by Bro. Giles ...	1050
65	Prosperity, Collected from Members ...	693
65	" Lodge ...	210
65	" Instruction ...	63
1728	Temple Bar Lodge, Proceeds from the Charity Box, and 10 guineas from the Funds of the Lodge ...	710
1821	Atlingworth ...	600
357	Apollo and Isaac Newton University, proceeds of a Ball ...	580
1673	Collected at a Banquet ...	570
766	William Preston, Collected by Members and Friends, Installation Banquet ...	525
781	Merchant Navy ...	525
1602	Sir Hugh Myddleton ...	525
733	Westbourne ...	500
1349	Friars ...	500
1563	City of Westminster ...	500
2789	Royal Warrant Holders, Collected at the Consecration Banquet ...	500
1673	Welcome, Sale of Charity Box and its contents to Under-Sheriff J. D. Langton ...	465
1614	Covent Garden ...	403½
1668	Samson ...	450
1260	John Hervey, W.M. and Brethren ...	442
15	Kent, Collected at Meeting ...	420
534	Polish Lodge ...	420
720	Nelson ...	420
1361	United Service ...	420
1539	Surrey Masonic Hall ...	420
1604	Wanderers ...	420
1767	Kensington ...	420
2107	Etheldreda (per The Freemason) ...	420
2361	Cricklewood ...	420
2739	Verity ...	420
2397	Columbia Lodge, Members and Friends ...	420
2742	Eyre ...	420
1541	Alexandra Palace ...	378
	Employees of Geo. Kenning & Son, Masonic Jewellers (per The Freemason) ...	372
2202	Regent's Park, Subscribed by Members ...	368½
2472	Walthamstow Lodge and Lodge of Instruction, Subscribed by the Members ...	365
834	Ranelagh, Collected by the Brethren ...	360
1910	Shadwell Clerke ...	356
179	Manchester ...	345
1305	St. Marylebone ...	320
1671	Mizpah, Collected at a Meeting ...	320
303	Benevolent ...	315
862	Whittington and Chapter ...	315
1524	Duke of Connaught ...	315
1708	Plucknett, Collected by the Brethren ...	304
59	Royal Naval ...	300
192	Lion and Lamb ...	292
157	Bedford ...	280
193	Confidence, Collected among Members and Visitors ...	280
1426	Great City ...	280
2060	La France ...	280
879	Southwark ...	273
1227	Upton ...	255½
2632	Byfield ...	252
19	Royal Athelstan ...	250
180	St. James' Union (per The Freemason) ...	245
917	Cosmopolitan, Collected at a Meeting ...	245
1076	Capper ...	240
1815	Penge ...	240
2489	Willesden, and Chapter ...	230
1507	Metropolitan ...	228½
95	Eastern Star, do. do. ...	220
1559	New Cross ...	220
975	Rose of Denmark ...	213
2308	Viator ...	213
2	Antiquity ...	210
28	Old King's Arms, Collected from Members and Visitors ...	210
33	Britannic ...	210
87	Vitruvian, Collected from Members and Visitors ...	210
765	St. James' ...	210
794	Camden ...	210
905	De Grey & Ripon, Collected at the Banquet ...	210
920	Burgoyne, Collected at Dinner ...	210
1110	Tyrian ...	210
1348	Ebury ...	210
1364	Earl of Zetland ...	210
1693	Collected by the Brethren ...	210
1922	Kingsland ...	210
2006	Earl of Lathom ...	210
2047	Tilbury ...	210
2347	Beckenham, Members of ...	210
2348	Grafton ...	210
2394	Lombardian ...	210
2404	Galen ...	210
2502	Lord Charles Beresford ...	210
2593	Gatwick ...	210
2698	Hugh Owen ...	210
2743	Brondesbury ...	210
2757	Maida Vale, collected at the Banquet Table ...	210
2332	Charles Dickens ...	205
898	Borough of Greenwich ...	203
49	Temperance in the East, Members of ...	201
43	Gihon ...	200
165	Idris, Cairo, Egyptian Constitution ...	200
1319	Honour and Generosity ...	200
1421	Asaph, Second Donation ...	200
1635	Langthorne ...	200
2455	Canterbury ...	200
2466	St. Martin's, Collected by Members ...	200
2671	Cheerybles, Collected at Banquet ...	190
1348	Victoria ...	170
2128	Ebury, Collected at the Dinner ...	170
	United Northern Counties, Collected at the Installation Banquet ...	168

No.	LODGES—continued.	Shillings
2721	Lodge of Light ...	168
792	Pelham Pillar ...	165
1662	Beaconsfield ...	163½
188	Joppa, a few Members ...	156
1328	Granite ...	156
34	Mount Moriah, Members of ...	155
25	Robert Burns ...	154
1805	Bromley St. Leonard, and Commemoration Lodge of Instruction ...	150
2076	Quatuor Coronati ...	150
1381	Kennington, Members of ...	147
2765	Earl's Court ...	147
1489	Marquis of Ripon ...	145
1704	Anchor ...	140
771	Windsor Castle, collected at Supper ...	140
2417	G.S. (Masonic), per Major Walls ...	140
141	Bolingbroke ...	136½
1201	Faith ...	132
2200	Eclectic ...	131
238	Pantiles, Collected at Installation Banquet ...	130
1755	Pilgrim ...	127
2090	Eldon ...	125
2217	Hammersmith ...	120
2569	Widmermere ...	120
2589	St. Trillo ...	120
1687	Borough, Collected at a Banquet ...	115
1572	Rothsay ...	113
1686	Carnarvon, Collected at a Meeting ...	110
1707	Paxton ...	110
1766	Eleanor ...	110
1891	St. Leonard ...	110
87	St. Ambrose ...	110
2030	Victorian ...	108
73	Abbey ...	107
144	Globe ...	105
177	St. Luke's, Collected at ...	105
211	Domestic ...	105
339	St. Michael's ...	105
452	Unanimity, Collected among Members ...	105
772	Frederick Lodge of Unity (per The Freemason) ...	105
813	Pilgrim ...	105
898	New Concord ...	105
920	Temperance in the East, Collected at Supper ...	105
920	Burgoyne ...	105
1056	Charity Fund ...	105
1320	Victoria ...	105
1381	Blackheath Members ...	105
1464	Kennington ...	105
1598	Erasmus Wilson ...	105
1915	Ley Spring ...	105
2150	Graystone ...	105
2206	Tivoli ...	105
2331	Hendon ...	105
2484	Ravenscourt ...	105
2589	Second Middlesex Artillery, Members of ...	105
2738	Borough ...	105
754	Army and Navy ...	105
2499	High Cross (per The Freemason) ...	105
35	North Kent ...	102
55	Medina ...	100
554	Constitutional ...	100
1471	Yarborough ...	100
1658	Islington ...	100
1901	Skelmersdale ...	100
2098	Selwyn ...	100
2426	Harlesden ...	100
2549	Wood Green (per The Freemason) ...	100
2668	Benevolentia ...	100
2764	Sancta Maria ...	100
2331	St. Clair ...	100
951	Ravenscourt, Collected at Dinner ...	90
860	Prince of Wales ...	84
30	Dalhousie, Members of ...	81
1319	United Mariners, Collected at Supper ...	80
45	Asaph, Collected at a Meeting ...	80
2694	Strong Man, 75 Members ...	75
1204	Justinian ...	73½
1744	Royd's ...	70
49	Royal Savoy, Collected at Dinner ...	65
228	Gihon, Collected at a Meeting ...	64
1044	United Strength ...	63
1541	Wansworth ...	63
1632	Alexandra Palace ...	63
1641	Stuart, Collected after reciting the "Absent Minded Beggar" ...	63
2283	Crichton ...	63
	Euston ...	63
	Collected at a send-off Concert to Mr. C. E. Gilbert, by Masonic Friends at Queen's Hotel, Leicester-square ...	63
2016	Shalden ...	61
1366	Highgate, Collected in Charity Box ...	60
2361	Cricklewood, Collected at a Meeting ...	60
2399	Ordinance ...	60
2528	Lancastrian, Collected at a Meeting ...	60
	Residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon ...	57
2477	Colne ...	55
1538	St. Martin's-le-Grand ...	54
1627	Royal Kensington, Collected at a Banquet ...	54
511	Zetland ...	53
1512	Hemming ...	52
2728	Muswell Hill ...	52
548	Wellington ...	50
861	Finsbury ...	50
1829	Burrell ...	50
1929	Mozart ...	50
2163	Masonic Lodge Sandown, I.W. ...	50
2661	Jersey ...	47
182	Mendelssohn ...	45
72	Old Masonians, Members and Friends of the Royal Jubilee ...	43
77	Freedom, Collected at the Monthly Supper ...	42
1599	Skelmersdale ...	42
1986	Hiram (Grand Orient of France) ...	42
2647	Honor Oak, Charity Fund ...	42
183	Alley ...	42
698	Unity, Collected at Supper ...	41
27	Ryde ...	40
2147	Egyptian, Charity Box ...	37
1589	Cray's Valley ...	35
1475	St. Dunstan's ...	34½
174	Peckham ...	33
1110	Seven Kings, Masonic, Members of ...	31
	Sincerity ...	30
	Tyrian ...	30

No.	LODGES—continued.	Shillings
2754	Thomas-a-Becket ...	30
1805	Bromley St. Leonard, Personal Contribution ...	28
1996	Priory Lodge of Acton ...	25½
2136	St. Michael's, Collected ...	25
1805	Bromley St. Leonard ...	21
2540	Ember ...	21
1328	Granite (additional amount) ...	15
1564	St. John's, a few Members ...	15
1694	Fifteen Brethren Imperial ...	15
13	Masons Spaten Restaurant ...	13

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

2579	Lewisham, Collected at Supper ...	168
	Logic ...	105
1585	Royal Commemoration ...	100
1044	Wendsworth ...	88
1922	Earl of Lathom ...	70
198	Percy ...	63
2709	Old Masonians ...	63
	Canning Town ...	63
1541	Alexandra Palace ...	60
2184	Royal Victorian Jubilee ...	60
2168	Derby Allcroft, Collected at the Annual Supper ...	56
1677	Crusaders ...	43
189	Citadel ...	42
781	Merchant Navy ...	42
1227	Upton ...	42
1381	Kennington ...	42
1503	Southern Star ...	42
1563	City of Westminster ...	42
1901	Selwyn ...	42
2441	Clarence and Avondale ...	42
	Hugh Myddleton ...	41
548	Wellington ...	40
871	Royal Oak ...	40
765	St. James' ...	34
1559	New Cross ...	34
538	La Tolerance ...	30
	Bournemouth ...	30
1658	Skelmersdale ...	25
73	Mount Lebanon ...	21
1076	Capper ...	21
1348	Ebury ...	21
1489	Marquess of Ripon ...	21
1901	Selwyn, Second Instalment ...	21
	New Finsbury Park ...	21
1446	Mount Edgcombe ...	20
2030	Abbey ...	16
538	La Tolerance, 4th contribution ...	13½
538	La Tolerance, Fifth Instalment ...	10
1891	St. Ambrose ...	10
862	Whittington ...	8

## CHAPTERS.

	Grand Chapter ...	1050
10	Westminster and Keystone ...	500
8	British ...	210
2108	Empire ...	210
2410	Esculapius ...	205
73	Mount Lebanon ...	200
9	Albion, Collected at Banquet ...	120
1437	Lorne ...	107
79	Pythagorean ...	105
125	Hengist ...	105
291	Vale of Jehoshaphat ...	105
1201	Eclectic ...	105
1604	Wanderers ...	105
1657	Aldersgate (per The Freemason) ...	105
1839	Duke of Cornwall ...	105
938	Doric ...	100
1623	West Smithfield ...	66
172	Old Concord ...	50
1489	Ezra ...	42
192	Lion and Lamb (per The Freemason) ...	21
1589	St. Dunstan's ...	21

## MARK.

	Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund ...	2100
	Mark, Grand Officers' Mess ...	420
487	Dramatic ...	210
16	Onslow, Collected in Charity Box ...	148
223	West Smithfield ...	65
451	Bolingbroke, Collected at a Meeting ...	40
238	Leopold, Collected at a Meeting ...	34

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

	Faith and Fidelity ...	210
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## A. &amp; A. RITE.

	Supreme Council ...	2100
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## ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

	Grand Council ...	210
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## RED CROSS OF ROME &amp; CONSTANTINE.

	Premier Conclave ...	42
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## GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND &amp; WALES

	ROSE CROIX ...	2100
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## Sovereign Chapter Mount Calvary

	SECRET MONITOR. Shillings	
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8	Cleve Fast, Collected by a few Members ...	30
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## INSTITUTION.

	Royal Masonic Institution for Girls ...	120
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## THE MANSION HOUSE REFUGEES FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Grand Chapter ...	105	0	0
Supreme Council ...	105	0	0
2535 Fellowship Lodge ...	20	5	0
Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey ...	10	10	0
Unity Lodge ...	5	5	0
1677 Crusaders Lodge ...	3	13	0
1426 Great City Lodge ...	2	2	0
1386 St. Hugh Lodge ...	0	0	0

## CHAPTER.

192	Lion and Lamb ...	10	10	0
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## ROSE CROIX.

4	Weymouth Chapter ...	4	4	0
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	Invicta ...	2	2	0
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## LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

1275	Star ...	2	10	0
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# THE MANSION HOUSE

TRANSVAAL WAR FUND.

LODGES.		£	s.	d.
United Grand Lodge of England	...	1050	0	0
1613 Cripplegate	...	80	0	0
Grand Officers' Mess, Grand Lodge	...	52	10	0
1446 Mount Edgumbe	...	28	18	6
11 Enoch	...	23	0	0
197 Jerusalem	...	21	0	0
720 Panmure	...	21	0	0
1017 Montefiore	...	21	0	0
2022 Haven	...	21	0	0
1707 Eleanor	...	21	0	0
2150 Tivoli	...	21	0	0
43 Croydon Lodge of Concord	...	16	5	0
1827 Alliance	...	15	15	0
2470 Telegraph Cable	...	15	15	0
1790 Old England	...	15	6	0
1278 Burdett Courts	...	14	5	0
1624 Eccleston	...	12	0	0
29 St. Alban's	...	10	10	0
92 Moira	...	10	10	0
161 Universal	...	10	10	0
175 Phoenix	...	10	10	0
548 Wellington	...	10	10	0
1623 West Smithfield	...	10	10	0
1719 Evening Star	...	10	10	0
1820 Sir Thomas White	...	10	10	0
1928 Gallery	...	10	10	0
2140 Huguenot	...	10	10	0
2612 Navy	...	10	10	0
2686 Alfred Newton	...	10	10	0
60 Peace and Harmony	...	10	0	0
63 St. Mary's	...	10	0	0
172 Old Concord Benevolent Fund	...	10	0	0
1584 Loyalty and Charity	...	10	0	0
2371 Felix	...	10	0	0
1677 Crusaders	...	8	10	0
2562 Papyrus	...	8	2	6
1155 Excelsior	...	8	0	0
386 Unity	...	7	2	6
1642 Earl of Carnarvon	...	7	0	0
2398 Holborn	...	6	16	6
2715 Midland and Oxford Bar	...	6	10	0
140 St. George's	...	6	6	0
1731 Cholmeley	...	6	6	0
1768 Progress	...	6	2	0
2183 Royal Hampton Court	...	6	0	0
2400 Brentford	...	5	13	0
143 Medina	...	5	6	0
30 United Mariners	...	5	5	0
194 St. Paul's	...	5	5	0
502 Rectitude	...	5	5	0
1139 South Norwood	...	5	5	0
1382 Corinthian	...	5	5	0
2505 County Palatine	...	5	5	0
158 Adams	...	5	0	0
2414 Wychwood	...	5	0	0
2552 Stoke Newington	...	5	0	0
1672 Mornington	...	5	5	0
879 Southwark	...	4	10	6
56 Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love	...	4	1	0
435 Salisbury	...	3	13	6
1196 Urban	...	3	13	6
457 Monmouth	...	3	3	0
1543 Rosslyn	...	3	3	0
2686 Alfred Newton, 2nd Donation	...	3	0	0
1321 Emblematic	...	2	2	0
1817 St. Andrew's	...	2	2	0
2087 Electric	...	2	0	0

## CHAPTER.

2 St. James	...	10	10	0
3 Fidelity	...	5	5	0
5 Royal Somerset House and Inverness	...	5	5	0
613 Bridson	...	5	5	0
St. Katharine	...	2	0	0

## MARK.

132 Amity	...	3	3	0
West Sussex	...	1	1	0

## INSTRUCTION.

Evening Star	...	7	2	0
483 Sympathy	...	5	5	0
2730 Abbey	...	4	10	0
Feltham, Collected at Annual Supper	...	3	10	0
101 Temple	...	2	2	0
907 Royal Albert, some Members	...	1	5	0

## CRYPTIC MASONRY.

3 Matier	...	10	0	0
889 Dobie (County Fund, per Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart, Treasurer)	...	10	10	0

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	...	5	5	0

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## LODGES

				£	s.	d.	
163	Integrity	...	...	...	10	10	0
1253	Travellers	...	...	...	10	10	0
2324	Horwich	...	...	...	10	10	0
143	Bridgewater	...	...	...	8	8	0
852	Zetland	...	...	...	6	16	0
992	St. Thomas	...	...	...	5	5	0
1993	Wolseley	...	...	...	5	5	0
2185	Ardwick	...	...	...	5	5	0
1009	Shakespeare	...	...	...	5	4	6
2688	Wythenshaw	...	...	...	4	10	0
1458	Truth	...	...	...	2	11	0
152	Virtue	...	...	...	2	10	0
1161	De Grey and Ripon	...	...	...	2	7	0
654	Peveril of the Peak	...	...	...	2	2	0
1375	Architect	...	...	...	2	2	0
1534	Concord	...	...	...	2	2	0
815	Blair	...	...	...	1	11	0
2554	Manchester	...	...	...	1	7	6
633	Yarborough	...	...	...	1	1	0

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# MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, January 6, 1900

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, JANUARY 1.

### RAFT LODGES.

25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.	
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.	
188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.	
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.	
1321, Emblematic, Criterion.	
1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley.	
2535, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.	

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

### MARK LODGE.

1, St. Mark's, Mark Mason's Hall.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8  
Brondesbury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.  
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.  
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Hotel, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.  
Bleanor, Red Lion, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E. at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Italia, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria, 9 to 11.30.  
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 Rail-way Station), at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras-road, King's Cross, 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, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 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, Lord Brooke, Shernhall-st., Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.  
Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Panton-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.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 2.

### RAFT LODGES.

9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.	
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.	
795, St. James', Bridge House Hotel.	
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.	
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.	
1662, Beaconsfield, Lord Brooke Hotel, Walthamstow.	
1602, Acanthus, Great Eastern Hotel.	

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1, Grand Master's, Hotel Victoria.  
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.  
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.  
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 Turo, Dalston-lane, at 8.  
Egyptian, Salut Hon, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Ennild, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.  
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.  
Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station S.W.

Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3.

### RAFT LODGES.

1298, Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant.	
1366, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.	
1687, Rothesay, Frascati Restaurant.	
2032, Richmond, Greyhound Hotel.	
2615, Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham.	

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

898, Temperance-in-the-East, Masonic Hall, Forest Gate.  
1624, Eccleston, Criterion.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4.

### RAFT LODGES.

538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.	
1288, Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant.	
1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.	
1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.	
1799, Old England, Elmwood Hall, W. Croydon.	
1950, Southgate, Beale's Assembly Rooms, Holloway-road.	
1963, Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall.	
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.	

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.  
1715, All Saint's, Vestry Hall, Bow.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 5.

### RAFT LODGES.

90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.	
544, Yarborough, London Tavern.	
2676, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.	
2488, Eccentric, Cafe Royal.	
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.	

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
1489, Ezra, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
2488, Eccentric, 33, Golden-square.

### MARK LODGE.

454, Tuscan, Mark Masons' Hall.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6.

### RAFT LODGES.

1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.	
2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.	

### MARK LODGE.

22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.

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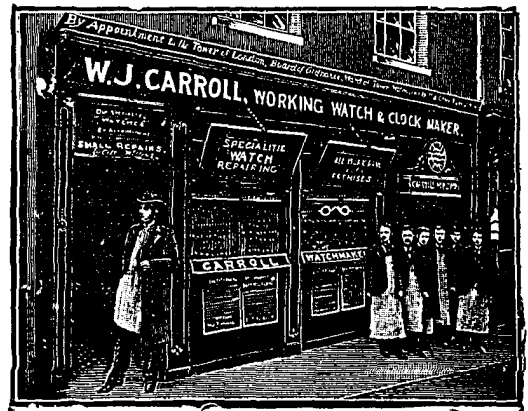
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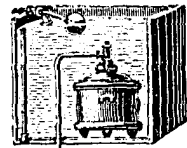
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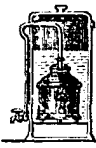
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## Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, M.A., C.C., we are glad to state, has now returned to business, having almost entirely recovered from his recent illness.

BRO. COLONEL T. DAVIES SEWELL, F.R.A.S., completed his 50th year of service at Guildhall last week. A busy, diversified, and active City life appears to have agreed with him, as he is still vigorous and cheery.

WE HAVE MUCH PLEASURE in announcing that Bro. James Tollworthy, the first W. Master and present Treasurer of the Guardian Lodge, No. 2025, has been elected one of the representatives of the Ward of Bishopsgate on the Court of Common Council.

THE OLD FOLKS of Cleckheaton assembled in large numbers on the 21st instant, at the Town Hall, at the invitation of the members of the Zetland and Friendship Lodges, and were served with a substantial tea, the ladies presiding at the tables being the wives and daughters of the brethren.

INFORMATION HAS REACHED DURBAN, that every member of the "Ermelo Netherlands" Lodge of Freemasons, well known to every member of the Craft, who has been fighting in the Transvaal, has been killed in battle, fighting on the side of the Boers. It is believed that this is a unique incident in the history of Freemasonry.

AT A MEETING of the Court of the Fanmakers' Company, held at the Cannon-street Hotel last week, under the presidency of Bro. H. H. Crawford, the City Solicitor, Bro. the Lord Mayor was elected Master of the guild for the ensuing year, in succession to Mr. Alderman Smallman, and the Wardens chosen were Mr. W. H. Rabbitts and Mr. W. C. Marshall.

BRO. PASSMORE EDWARDS has promised £5000 to the Boys' Club connected with the Mansfield House Settlement, and two gentlemen—Mr. W. H. Brown and Mr. J. R. Roberts—have agreed to find the balance necessary to complete the work. During the year the Settlement Residence has been fairly well filled, and there is now room for a few more permanent residents. The new buildings for the Settlement itself were occupied in the preceding 12 months, and the past year has been largely occupied in developing and organising the work in connection therewith.

BRO. REAR-ADMIRAL LORD CHARLES BERESFORD has accepted an invitation to a banquet to be given in his honour by the London Chamber of Commerce on January 9th, prior to his departure to take up his new post as second in command of the Mediterranean Squadron. It is desired to offer the congratulations of the commercial community to Lord Charles, and to recognise the services which he has rendered to the movement for strengthening the naval defences of the Empire, which has had the strong support of the Chamber of Commerce.

THE ANNUAL SOCIAL under the auspices of the Gael Lodge, No. 609, was celebrated, on the 22nd instant, in the Trades House Restaurant, Glasgow, in true Highland style. The Chairman, Bro. W. J. Abercrombie, the recently installed R.W.M., after the tables were cleared, gave the loyal and Masonic toasts, and then called upon Bro. Jas. Lee, P.M., who, in a most successful effort, proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," to which Pipe-Major Hall, who has been 26 years under arms, and now attached to the Glasgow Highlanders, replied.

BUT FOR THE UNFORTUNATE ILLNESS of Bro. Alderman Sir Horatio Davies, the silver cup, which the members of the Ward of Cheap had resolved on presenting to their old friend and neighbour, in recognition of his services to the City during his mayoralty, would have been formally handed to him at the recent Wardmote held in the South Court, Guildhall, on Tuesday, the 21st instant. Under these circumstances, it was agreed, on the suggestion of the Alderman of the Ward, that he (Alderman Smallman) should personally make the presentation in the name and on behalf of the members.

A MEETING of the General Council of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London was held last week at Marlborough House, under the presidency of the Prince, for the purpose of considering the amounts distributed this year. The financial statement presented by Lord Rothschild, the Treasurer, showed that the total receipts were £47,808, or about £9,000 more than in the previous year. The expenditure had also been materially less, although much additional work had had to be performed. The total amount of the Fund, with the balance from last year, was now £217,593. The Executive Committee's Report stated that they had recommended the distribution of £42,000 to 82 institutions, which compared with £32,500 distributed last year among 59 institutions.

MADAME TUSSAUDS.—On Thursday last the representatives of the Press were invited to see the two last important additions to this interesting exhibition. They consist of large groups of figures. The first is the interview between the British authorities and the leading men of the Boer republic. The British army is represented by Sir Redvers Buller, Sir George White, and Col. Baden Powell, all in their campaigning dress. With them is Mr. Schreiner, the Cape President, in multi. Opposite these are President Kruger, President Steyn, and Generals Joubert and Cronje, the two latter in the typical rough field costume of the Boers. As far as we could judge, the portraiture seems to be successful, such as befits the Baker-street Exhibition, which has a world-wide reputation to maintain. The second group represents the storming of the hill by the Highlanders, at the Battle of Glencoe. The incidents of the struggle, even to the most minute details, stand before you with evident accuracy; it shows of what stern stuff our brave soldiers are made. Among the recent additions of portrait models are those of Mr. Rhodes and Dr. Jameson.

DRESS REHEARSAL OF "PUSS IN BOOTS" PANTOMIME AT THE GARRICK THEATRE.—The dress rehearsal last Saturday afternoon was attended by a fairly good number of the Press and professional ladies and gentlemen interested in its production. It was called a dress rehearsal, but it was not strictly so, for two or three of the leading characters were in ordinary walking costume. The rehearsal lasted fully five hours. It would hardly be fair to criticise the piece; it is far from being in proper working order; it is evident that a great deal of cutting will be required to reduce it to the ordinary duration. There is an abundance of good material; too much so, in fact; a practised discretion will compress it within due bounds. Miss Letty Lind has a good part, which ought to be taken when it is well worked up; and the same may be said of Miss Ethel Sydney, who has a pleasing voice, and renders her songs with great taste. Miss Florence Lloyd and Miss Emma Don, have opportunities of distinguishing themselves, which they will doubtless use. The comic element is in the able hands of Mr. Geo. Gray and Mr. George Miller, but their parts are too long, and unless compressed, will become tedious. The ladies of the ballet appear to have been well trained—the military manoeuvres are executed with smartness and precision. The music throughout is pretty, there are some topical songs which are likely to suit the taste of future audiences. We believe that, on the whole, the pantomime will draw. We heartily wish it a full tide of success.

WE BEG TO ANNOUNCE that Bro. V. R. Longman, P.M., of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, has been returned as one of the members of the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Aldersgate.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR has conferred the Royal Order of the Prussian Crown of the Second Class upon Sir Henry C. Fischer, C.M.G., who recently retired from the Post Office telegraph service.

THE LADS of the 1st Cadet Battalion King's Royal Rifles, whose headquarters are at 2, Finsbury-square, have sent £100 to the Riflemen's Aid Society, for the widows and orphans of their regiment.

THE GOLD MEDAL annually presented to the Britannia by the Queen has this year been won by Mr. H. J. R. Trischler, an Australian cadet, who has just received an appointment to the Doris, flagship on the Cape station.

AT RICHMOND (Yorkshire) the Marquis and Marchioness of Zetland on Thursday entertained to a Christmas dinner the whole of the aged people above 60 and the wives and families of the Reservists who had gone to fight in South Africa.

AT THE REQUEST of the German Emperor and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Bishop of London is about to publish, through Messrs. Longman, the sermon on "The Hope of the Future," he preached at Sandringham Church before his Majesty.

THE "CITY PRESS" ALMANACK.—With the City Press of Saturday next will be presented gratis this useful Sheet Almanack, containing portraits of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, a complete list of the members of the Corporation, and other valuable information.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE PROVIDENT CLERKS' MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION have decided that existing assurances to the extent of £100 on the lives of any Volunteers who are going out to South Africa on active service shall be free of extra premium for war risk.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH have been entertaining for Christmas at Blenheim Palace Viscount and Lady Georgiana Curzon, Mr. F. Curzon, Lord and Lady Lurgan, Lady Norah Churchill, the Earl of Chesterfield, and others. The party have had excellent shooting.

THE Daily Telegraph Soldiers' Widows and Orphans Fund now amounts to 1,888,771 shillings, of which £807 7s. was received on Thursday. Colonel Inigo Jones has sent 1336 shillings on behalf of the officers and men of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards. The Mansion House Fund stands at £405,000.

BRO. CAPT. BERESFORD GEO. CAMPBELL, J.P., 18<sup>th</sup> (S.C.), I.P.M. of Cambrian Lodge of Australia, 656 (E.C.)—the only lodge in New South Wales holding under the Grand Lodge of England—has been installed Depute Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in New South Wales.

THE Freemason Christmas Number is much better than any of its predecessors, and is full of interest to members of the Craft on account of the many portraits of Grand Lodge Officers. The numerous portraits are well done, and the biographies crisp and succinct. There are some seasonable and interesting tales in the number.—Lloyds.

ON THURSDAY morning her Majesty, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses Princess Henry of Battenberg and the Duchess of Albany, with their children, left the Castle for Osborne. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince Arthur, and the Princesses Margaret and Victoria Patricia, attended by Captain McNeill, left the Castle for Bagshot. Her Royal Highness Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne left for London.

THE IMPORTANCE of good cooking for our sick and wounded in South Africa may be certain to have received due attention in our military hospitals at the seat of war, which all reports agree in representing as models of organisation and efficiency. Sections of the men of the Royal Army Medical Corps are as carefully trained in kitchen as in ambulance and ward duties, and the military cooks in the base hospitals will be supplemented by civil aid if necessary.—British Medical Journal.

WE UNDERSTAND that at the last meeting of the Doric Lodge, No. 362, a very interesting ceremony took place. Bro. T. Jackson, who has held the position of lodge Tyler for just over 40 years, was presented with an antique silver purse, containing 40 sovereigns, and a beautifully-illuminated and framed address, from the members of the lodge, in recognition of his long and faithful service. The presentation was made by the W.M. in suitable terms, and further emphasised by Bro. Wigelsworth (the oldest brother present). It is hardly necessary for us to add that the recipient was very grateful.

THE ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL held its Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening. Nearly all the in-patients were able to come downstairs to the out-patient department and enjoy the items in the varied programme which was provided for them. The programme included "Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks," the "Old Crocks" troupe, a farce entitled "Chiselling," and a medley called "The Naval Brigade." All the performers were members of the London Hospital, who are old hands at entertainments of this character, and were well able to provide a pleasant evening's entertainment.

FOR MANY YEARS past the detention experienced at Queenstown awaiting the arrival of the mail train with outward-bound mid-week mails for the United States and Canada has been a source of annoyance to passengers for America by that route. It is now announced that, commencing with the sailing of the Oceanic on January 10th next, and regularly thereafter, these mails will be despatched from London at 4.10 p.m., via Holyhead and Dublin, arriving at Queenstown at 6.15 a.m. on Thursdays. This accelerated service will enable the White Star steamers to sail from Queenstown at least four hours earlier than in the past.

THE CONSECRATION of the John T. Brunner Lodge will take place at the Brunner Guildhall, Winsford, Cheshire, on Saturday, the 13th prox., by Bro. his Hon. Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd, Kt., P.G.D. Eng., Dep. Prov. G. Master, assisted by Bros. Sir John T. Brunner, Bart., P.S.G.W.; Lilley Ellis, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. C. R. Nunn, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. J. E. Evans, P.G. Chap.; Richard Newhouse, D.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; Col. Dean, P.P.S.G.W.; Henry Jackson, P.P.J.G.W.; John Armstrong, P.P.J.G.W.; Fredk. Broadsmith, P.P.S.G.W.; and H. Gordon Small, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C. The principal officers designate are Bros. Sir John T. Brunner, P.S.G.W., W.M.; Robert Brennand, S.W.; and Edwin Hamlett, J.W.

OWING TO THE enormous growth in the population served by St. Thomas's Hospital it has become urgently necessary that the two wards still closed to the sick poor should be re-opened for their reception, and that the provision for operative surgery and accommodation for nurses and casualty patients should be increased. A more efficient system of bedding disinfection and a laundry are also required, and as the income derived from the ancient endowments is now insufficient to meet the annual expenditure, and the number of regular subscribers is very small, numbering only 109 last year, much help is needed. The treasurer at the hospital, or the Union Bank of London at Charing Cross, will thankfully receive contributions.



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