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FREEMASONRY IN S. AFRICA AND THE WAR.

Last week we had the pleasure of publishing the first list of subscriptions to the Fund which is being raised on behalf of those of our Transvaal brethren who have suffered, not so much by the operations of the war itself as by the circumstances which preceded its outbreak, and resulted in the flight into Cape Colony of some thousands of British men, women, and children, including, of course, those English Masons who were members of the lodges under the government of Bro. GEORGE RICHARDS, Dist. G. Master of the Transvaal, and who, until that time, had been all of them in reputable, and very many in affluent, circumstances. These brethren, to the number of about a thousand, together with the wives and children of those who are married, are now, in the great majority of cases, homeless and penniless; nor is it likely that in the three short months that have elapsed since Presidents KRUGER and STEYN declared war against this country, they can have had either the time or the opportunity to obtain for themselves and their families the every day necessities of life or the wherewith to purchase them. We trust, therefore, that this Fund which has now been started will meet with that support which it deserves, and that at no very distant date it may be in the power of Bro. RICHARDS—who, in his capacity of Dist. G. Master, is beyond question the most competent person, as in his personal capacity he is among the most willing—to render all possible help to meet the most urgent needs of our Transvaal Refugee brethren. They are all willing to help themselves if the chance is afforded them, but it must be borne in mind that there are thousands of people from the Boer country who are in the same predicament; that help cannot be found for all these thousands at once; and that if we Masons at home are able to render our brethren material assistance we shall be doing no more than our duty towards them as brother Masons.

That the Masonic section of the great refugee host from the Transvaal have not been so far and will not be for the future left unassisted by the lodges and brethren in the other Districts in South Africa may be taken for granted, but though about one-fifth of our 500 English Colonial lodges are located in S. Africa, it would be an act of grave injustice to place the duty of relieving the Transvaal Refugee brethren entirely upon the Masons in South Africa, more especially as since the outbreak

of the war the distress must have extended into the other Districts. Thus of the eight lodges which are on the roll of the District Grand Lodge of the Central Division of S. Africa three meet in Kimberley and one in Mafeking. Among the 30 lodges under the rule of Bro. Dr. C. J. EGAN, as District G. Master of S. Africa (E.D.), are included the lodges which meet in Aliwal North, Barkly East, Bloemfontein, Dordrecht, East London, Molteno, and Queenstown. The Western Division, under Bro. the Very Rev. BARNETT CLARKE as District Grand Master, with its 15 lodges, is probably the least affected of the five Districts; but that of Natal, whose 18 lodges are presided over by Bro. WESLEY FRANCIS, must be in the very thickest of the war, and no one can tell how long it will be before active operations will be transferred east, west, or north of this Colony. As for the Transvaal District, the 26 lodges which, according to the Grand Lodge Calendar, constitute its District Grand Lodge, have been for the time being virtually wiped out of existence, and the four-fifths of the members who are of English nationality are enforced wanderers from their homes, and without means or the hope of obtaining any. Thus our poor Transvaal brethren cannot look for much assistance from the rest of the South African Masons, because very many of the latter must themselves be suffering to a very serious extent by the war. Hence the duty becomes all the more imperative that the Craft at home should furnish, as far as may be, that assistance which is so sorely needed, and we both hope and believe the response that will be made to the appeal of Bro. RICHARDS will be in every way worthy of English Freemasonry.

NEGRO MASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

In the Report on Foreign Correspondence which is appended to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its 90th annual Communication, at Toledo, in October last, and for which we are indebted to Bro. W. M. CUNNINGHAM, Past G.M. and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, will be found in that brother's review of the position taken up by the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington in respect of negroes, some very interesting particulars relating to that question. It will be in the recollection of our readers that the Grand Lodge of Washington, at its annual meeting in 1898, adopted a series of resolutions which were tantamount to a recognition of the legitimacy of the Negro, or Coloured, Lodges established in that State, it being, we believe, pretty generally understood that Bro. W. H. UPTON, Grand Master, was the originator of this movement in favour of Coloured Masonry. The result of that course must have been the reverse of encouraging to Bro. UPTON. No sooner did it become known among the other Grand Lodges in the United States, than it was followed by such a chorus of rebukes, remonstrances, declarations of non-intercourse, and the like, as has rarely been heard on any question. As successive Grand Lodges met in annual communication, the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington was denounced in the angriest and most indignant terms, and the onlookers could hardly have been surprised if Bro. UPTON, his Grand Lodge, and all its private lodges had there and then come to an untimely end. Hard words, however, do not break bones, but the outspoken denunciations, coming as they did from all parts of the United States, had the effect of awakening the brethren in Washington to a sense of the responsibility which their Grand Lodge had under-

taken in setting itself in direct antagonism to the doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty as understood by our American brethren. Moreover it seems from what we have read that the resolutions favouring the recognition of Negro Masonry were passed hastily by the Grand Lodge of Washington, and without full consideration. At all events, when the time came round for the next annual communication to be held in June, those in favour of the legitimacy of the Coloured Lodges appear to have made a strategic movement to the rear, and the obnoxious resolutions were as good as rescinded. One brother—the W.M. of the Arcana Lodge, No. 87, Seattle, Wash., appears to have taken the matter up very warmly, and to have placed himself in telegraphic communication with the Grand Masters of 30 American Grand Lodges, requesting them, as time was pressing, to wire their views to him by return at his expense. The replies are given in Bro. CUNNINGHAM'S review, and are unanimous in condemning the action of Washington at its annual meeting in 1898. In the result the Grand Lodge of that State at its annual communication in June, 1899, rescinded, as we have said, its obnoxious resolutions, and in time no doubt peace and harmony will again prevail among all the Grand Lodges in the United States.

As regards this country, the question is one that affects English Masons, either very slightly or not at all. It is quite true that in 1784, H.R.H. the Duke of CUMBERLAND, Grand Master of the "Modern" Grand Lodge of England, granted a warrant for the constitution of the African Lodge, at Boston, Mass., as No. 459, which, at the closing up of numbers in 1792, became No. 370, and was erased in 1813; and the consideration of the point whether the Negro Masonry in the United States is descended from this lodge is not unlikely to prove an interesting theme for discussion from a purely academic standpoint. But many changes have taken place in Masonry since the warrant for constituting African Lodge, was granted in 1784, and the question that directly concerns us is whether, as we are on terms of friendship with most of the United States Grand Lodges, and so far as we know accept them all as supreme in their several jurisdictions, we could consistently recognise as regular lodges which are not borne on their registers. Not so very long ago it was suggested that the Coloured American Grand Lodges should approach the United Grand Lodge of England with a view to obtaining from it some declaration of their legitimacy, in which case it was argued, the White American Grand Lodges would follow in the footsteps of our Grand Lodge. We said at the time that, in our opinion, the first thing to be done was that the White and Coloured should settle between themselves the relations in which they stand to each other, and then it would be possible for our Grand Lodge to adopt the course that might seem to it the most desirable. We are still of this opinion.

CONSECRATION OF THE SCARSDALE LODGE, No. 529, OF M.M.M.

Tuesday, the 9th inst., was doubly a red-letter day in Chesterfield, inasmuch as it saw the consecration of a new lodge of Mark Master Masons, the first lodge of the Province of Derbyshire, as now constituted, consecrated by the first Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire in the Mark Degree, Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss. Mark Masonry is no new thing in Chesterfield. The mother lodge of Derbyshire, the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 246, used to meet alternately at Buxton, Chesterfield, and Derby, and the first Master of the Duke of Connaught Lodge was Bro. W. W. Jeudwine, J.P., of Chesterfield, who on Tuesday was installed first W.M. of the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 529, of Mark Master Masons. There would have been no need for a new lodge in the old borough had not the Mark Master Masons of Chesterfield and district become a small minority in their mother lodge. So it came to pass that the oldest lodge in the district gradually came to look upon Buxton as its permanent home. It became appropriated by the Buxton brethren, and in the process of time Derby, and now Chesterfield have had to apply for permission to found other lodges of their own. Masonry is strong and flourishing in Chesterfield—the Craft and the Royal Arch are liberally supported and exert a potent influence for good. When the Mark Masons, who have previously had to journey to Alfreton or Derby to fulfil their Mark obligations, decided upon the formation of a local lodge, it was very fitting, from the circumstances above mentioned, to say nothing of his other inestimable services to Masonry, and his varied and many qualifications for the office, that Bro. W. W. Jeudwine should be asked to fill the chair for the first

year. His installing officer on Tuesday was Bro. Percy Wallis, P.G. Treas. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., and it is worthy of passing mention that 21 years ago Bro. Jeudwine, as W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, advanced Bro. Wallis—now such an ornament to the Degree—into Mark Masonry.

The founders of the new lodge, which is numbered 529 on the roll of the Grand Lodge, and is called after the Scarsdale Lodge, are as follows: Bros. Wm. Wynne Jeudwine, P.M.; W. Holland Rowbottom, P.M.; J. Diamond, P.M.; Thos. Shipton, W. O. Plowright, Rev. Le Gassick, W. Hawksley Edmunds, G. E. Carline, S. E. Short, H. R. Proctor, W. H. Eyre, and F. L. Somerset.

The impressive ceremony of consecration commenced in the Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, at 2.30 on Tuesday, the 9th inst., when the Mark Master Masons present were:

Bros. Abraham Woodiwiss, Prov. G. Master; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Sec. of England; J. H. Lawson, Prov. D.G.M.; Percy Wallis, P.G. Treas., P.P. S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; Wm. Cooper, P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; G. A. Capes, P.M., Prov. J.G.W.; C. W. Groves, P.G. Chap.; John Walker, P.M. 302, P.P. S.G.W.; Edgar Horne, Wm. Kelly, P.M. 339, S.G.D. England; W. J. Piper, Woodiwiss, P.P.S.G.W.; W. W. Jeudwine, 302, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Oldham, 302, P.S.G.W.; S. Robinson, 373, P.P.G.M.O.; Wm. C. Riley, 339, P.G. Org.; C. F. Wardley, P.M., P.G.M.O.; J. Woodiwiss, P.G. Stwd. Eng.; W. Nunn, 373, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. Rowbotham, 53, P.P.G.M.O.; A. J. Forsdike, 53, P.G. Reg.; F. Iliffe, 503, P.G.D.C.; Thos. Hearn, Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.I.G.; Sir Thos. Roe, P.M. 246, P.P.G. Treas.; Abel Oram, 246; Edward Stockton, 339, P.P.G.D.; Sidney Woodiwiss, 302; H. A. Broadbery; Wm. Kelly, 339; A. C. Beckton, 514; W. Mortimer Wilson, 414; G. Allcock, 302; F. Rowland, 246; Rev. J. Thwaites Mumford, 246; W. Nunn, 373, P.P.G. Stwd.; Holland Rowbottom, P.M. 414, P.P.G.O.; Rev. J. B. Le Gassick, 387, P.P.G.C. (Linc.); Thos. Shipton, W. O. Plowright, W. Hawksley Edmunds, G. E. Carline, S. E. Short, H. R. Proctor, W. H. Eyre, F. L. Somerset, and A. Slinn, P.G. Tyler.

Letters of apology were received for non-attendance, chiefly owing to being incapacitated from influenza or other illness, from Bros. W. H. Bass, P.M. 373, P.G. Std. Br.; Morten, P.M., P.P.G.W. Lincolnshire; J. O. Manton, P.M. 246, P.P.S.G.O.; W. B. Woodforde, P.M. 302, P.P.J.G.W.; E. C. B. Saxby, 246; J. C. Webb, P.M. 339, P.P.G.M.O.; G. Tarver, P.M. 339, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Cooke, P.M. 353; G. Wilkinson, P.M. 373; and W. Fletcher, 373, P.P.S.G.O.

The brethren below Provincial rank having taken their places in the lodge room, a procession was formed, and headed by the banner of the Prov. G. Lodge and the sword of office, the Consecrating Officer, the Prov. G. Master, Bro. A. Woodiwiss, attended by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., and attended by the Prov. G. Officers, entered the lodge room, and a lodge was opened, the various offices being filled by the Grand Officers present. The consecration proceedings were commenced with prayer and a Masonic hymn, after which the warrant of the M.W.G. Master, under his personal signature, and countersigned by the G. Secretary and G. Registrar, was read. The approval of the brethren having been signified, a most interesting oration was delivered by the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. W. GROVES.

After a Masonic anthem and dedication prayer, the Consecrating Officer gave the invocation, and the more immediate and solemn functions of consecration were proceeded with, the musical responses being accompanied upon the organ by Bro. Riley, Prov. G. Org. The elements entering into the consecration ceremony with their emblematical significations were corn, oil, wine, salt, and incense. Upon the dedication of the lodge, the anthem, "Now to the Westward move," was sung, and after the constitution the anthem, "Now the evening shadows closing." After the benediction, which closed a beautiful and impressive ceremony, performed most impressively and with the greatest solemnity and feeling, Bro. Jeudwine, as first W.M., was installed by Bro. Percy Wallis.

The officers of the new lodge were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Holland Rowbottom, P.M., P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; T. Shipton, S.W.; W. O. Plowright, J.W.; W. Hawksley Edmunds, Sec. and Treas.; the Rev. J. B. Le Gassick, M.O.; G. E. Carline, S.O.; S. E. Short, J.O.; H. R. Proctor, S.D.; W. H. Eyre, J.D.; and F. L. Somerset, I.G.

The brethren subsequently dined together in the Museum, Stephenson Memorial Hall, Mrs. Everest catering in a highly satisfactory manner.

The toasts included "The Queen and Mark Masonry," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M.; Viscount Dungarvan, Dep. G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

To the latter toast Bro. MATIER replied, and referred in most interesting terms to the fact that 21 years ago he installed Bro. Jeudwine into the chair of the Duke of Connaught Lodge.

Replying to the toast of "The R.W. Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, Prov. G.M.; Bro. E. C. Milligan, P.G.I.G. England, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. W. WOODIWISS alluded to the great pleasure it had given him to consecrate that, the first lodge of the new province of Derbyshire, and the first lodge under his G. Mastership. He announced, on behalf of Lord Euston, his regret at not being able to be present that day to consecrate the Scarsdale Lodge, but gave the pleasing intelligence that the noble earl had undertaken to be present at Prov. G. Lodge on February 2nd at Derby.

The other toasts were "The W.M. and the Scarsdale Lodge of M.M.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," "The Officers of the new Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

The brethren of Chesterfield subsequently held a Masonic ball in the Stephenson Memorial Hall, the proceeds of which, it was announced, would be given to the Chesterfield War Fund. Other functions at Alfreton, Derby, and Chesterfield militated against the attendance, but notwithstanding there was a good company present, and on all hands the ball was admitted to be most enjoyable and successful. Supper was partaken of in the Lecture Hall and Museum, the Mayor of Chesterfield, Councillor Spooner, presiding.

The lodge was furnished by Bros. George Kenning and Son, London.

BRO. THE EARL OF MOUNT EDGUMBE has received official sanction to raise a company for service in South Africa from two infantry Volunteer battalions in Cornwall. The officers commanding those battalions have received offers from a larger number of officers and men than is necessary to make up their proportion. But it remains to be seen whether the full proportion will be available after tests of age, health, &c., have been applied.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

THE COCOA PALM AND ITS PRODUCTION.

The cocoa palm is one of the most useful trees for the benefit of man in the Indian Archipelago. There are several species, but the ordinary cocoa tree (*cocos nucifera*) is the most important. By the Indians it is made use of in many ways. The kernel of the nut serves as food, and cooked in different forms, it is the staple of several appetising dishes. The liquid contained in the shell furnishes a refreshing drink. If permitted to stand for some time, this liquid becomes a very pleasant milky juice, that is relished not only by the natives, but by Europeans as well. After this juice has coagulated, it is mixed with sugar, and made into bon-bons, known as cocoa sugar, and also into various other delicacies. According to a recent report of the United States Department of Agriculture, by tapping the central bud that crowns the cocoa nut, a kind of wine called *tuba*, of an agreeable pungent taste, is produced. This *tuba*, when allowed to ferment, produces vinegar, and when distilled a kind of brandy, highly approved of by the natives. From the husk of the cocoa nut the Tagals, a native tribe in the Philippine Islands, make ropes and cords, and a material for caulking their boats. From the wooded shell they carve spoons, cups, beads for rosaries, and many other articles. The leaves they use to cover the roofs of their houses. Roofs made in this manner are thick and tight, but they have the disadvantage of burning rapidly, so that in the towns and villages where the houses are thus covered, conflagrations spread with great rapidity. The veins and small ribs of the leaves are used to make brooms, the mid-ribs serve as fuel, and the ashes are utilised in making soap. The trunk of the palm is made to serve as a pillar to support the houses that its leaves overshadow. Oil barrels, *tuba* casks, and waterpipes are fashioned from hollow sections of the trunk. From the roots the natives extract a red-dyeing material that they chew in place of the *areca* palm nuts, or *bonga*, when the latter cannot be procured. Large quantities of cocoa nut oil are manufactured in the Philippine Islands. This oil is much prized by the natives. The men and women both use it to anoint the thick growth of hair that adorns their heads, and it thus finds a ready sale at remunerative prices. It is also used in the lamps that take the place of gas burners in the streets and those used by the natives and Chinese in their houses. Manila exports annually about 150,000 pesos (£25,000) worth of cocoa nuts to China and British India, and about 30,000 pesos (£5,000) worth of cocoa nut oil to China. There are also other ways by which the products of this valuable tree can be utilised, but we need not particularise them. We have especially chosen this subject for our consideration, as it carries out in a most practical manner the grand law of Economy on which we have so lately dilated. The cocoa nut palm is only one of many other vegetable productions where nothing is wasted, or considered valueless. Everything in this world, if we could only see it aright, has its purpose, though for the time we may fail to discover it. There is no such thing as waste. The researches of Science in comparatively modern times have revealed to us that from the refuse of candle factories we have the now useful products called *stearine* and *glycerine*. From the dregs of coal tar, formerly thrown away, we have the valuable varied aniline dyes and vaseline, so serviceable in many ways. Dirt, itself, may, and has been utilised. The shrewd Lord Palmerston used to say that "Dirt was useful matter in a wrong place." Since then, Science has confirmed his wise opinion.

THE NEW GALLERY, REGENT-STREET, W. EXHIBITION OF PICTURES BY MASTERS OF THE FLEMISH SCHOOL. [Second Notice.]

We continue our subject from last week—"Early Art in the Netherlands." A great change took place in the art schools under the control of the monastic orders towards the end of the 12th century; this change was brought about by the growth of the towns. As soon as a town grew to any size the inhabitants engaged in any particular craft, or in two or more connected crafts, joined themselves into associations to protect their common interests. Art craftsmen soon found that to be able to work in peace it was no longer necessary to remain under the shadow of the abbeys, and numbers of them removed into the towns. There they quickly discovered that their position as independent craftsmen was anything but stable, and that to succeed they must unite with one or other of the existing industrial corporations. So, in many towns, the masons and sculptors joined that of the carpenters, the painters and glass-painters that of the saddlers and glaziers. All these corporations, primarily formed to protect and further the temporal interests of their members, had, also, a religious side, all the members being bound to join and subscribe to the guild in honour of the saint chosen as patron of the corporation. Painters neither looked on themselves, nor were regarded by the general public, as superior to other craftsmen. It was not until art began to decay that they assumed to themselves superior positions. During the great ages they were paid for their work like other craftsmen; it had to be good honest work, executed with good materials—the officers of the corporation saw to that—and it was each man's aim to make his work as beautiful as he could. The old familiar warning, "*Caveat emptor*," as regards the works executed by members of the chartered art corporations, became obsolete, and attention to it only became necessary when sculptors and painters emancipated themselves from all control, save that of the law courts, quite incompetent to deal with such matters. The corporation took care to secure the proper training of its members. A lad had to be bound apprentice, for a term of years, to a master painter, who became responsible for his technical education, and for his attention to his religious duties. The boy lived with his master, served him, and had to obey him; the master, in return, had to give him thorough instruction in all matters relating to his craft; how to prepare his panel or canvas; how to mix his colours and make his varnishes. His apprenticeship terminated, the youth became a journeyman, and could work for pay under any master he chose, either in his own town or elsewhere. After a time he could present himself before the appointed officers of the corporation for admission to the rank of master painter. Upon giving satisfactory evidence of his technical knowledge, and executing a picture, afterwards approved of, he was granted the high distinction of a Master Painter.

ROYAL COURT THEATRE.

There is an interesting comedy of romance, entitled "A Royal Family," which has been favourably received by visitors to the Court Theatre. The author, Mr. R. Marshall, is not unknown in the theatrical world. One, if

not two, of his pieces have been produced at the Court with a fair amount of success. The locality of "The Royal Family" is purely imaginary. It is called Arcacia. The head of the family and monarch of the kingdom is Louis VII. Mr. Eric Lewis undertakes the rôle, and brings out the salient points of the character with great effect. The king is represented as an amiable, well-meaning monarch, who, though thoroughly aware of, and determined to maintain his regal dignity, is ever fearful of being drifted into war with the neighbouring country of Kurland by the actions of his ministers. He knows full well the impoverished state of the national treasury, and how unprepared is the army for any warlike demonstrations, both in men and materials. Under these circumstances, his aim is to ensure peace at any price. The poor king's difficulties with his ministers are aggravated by his domestic troubles. His mother, the Queen Ferdinand, played most effectively by Mrs. Charles Calvert, is ever on the alert against any fancied slight to herself as Queen Dowager—wishes to aid in State affairs, and is very indignant that this is not permitted and that her advice is disregarded. The Queen Consort, the Queen Margaret, is taken by Miss Ada Branson. Being but a shadowy part it does not give full scope to her ability. The king's son, Prince Charles Ferdinand, is played very intelligently by Master Reginald Denny. He is a well meaning boy, whose character is likely to become unsettled by the opposite opinions of his father, mother, and grandmother; the action resulting from these diverse commands being depicted by the author in a diverting manner. Young as the boy is, he is quite aware of his exalted position, and gives fair promise of being capable of maintaining it in the future. The most delightful character in the comedy, and on the development of which Mr. Marshall has bestowed infinite pains, is the daughter, the Princess Alestine Victorine Angela. This rôle has been confided to Miss Gertrude Elliot. It is very apparent that the talented young actress thoroughly understands and appreciates her charming part. She is a romantic, warm-hearted young girl who dearly loves her father, whilst she passively endures her weak and foolish mother, at the same time cordially detesting her domineering grandmother, the two being often in collision. The king, her father, adopting the advice of his ministers, hopes to ensure a friendly alliance with Kurland by the marriage of his daughter with the heir apparent. It would be a pity to spoil the visitors' enjoyment by giving the details of this pretty story; suffice it to say, the prince visits the court of Arcacia under the incognito of Count Bernard—he woos and wins the maiden love of the princess for himself, in his humble station, as she supposes. There is a grace in the true unaffected poetry of the love scenes which cannot fail to rivet the attention of the audience. This disguised Crown Prince of Kurland is admirably enacted by Mr. Mark Allen. He has a good part and does full justice to it. The episode between the lovers hiding in the tree, above the unconscious members of the family below, is well conceived and carried out. There is an important character, the Cardinal Casino, the good genius of the lovers, the *Deus ex Machina*, who, by his astute benevolent scheme, eventually overcomes all difficulties and ensures a happy ending to this romantic comedy. The character is well interpreted by Mr. Dion Boucicault. The clever byplay and facial expressions are artistically conceived and aid materially in the development of the part. The denouement distinctly reminds us of that of Lalla Rookh. Regarding the comedy in its entirety, the clever author and the talented artistes, the exponents of his ideas, may be congratulated on its success.

GENERAL NOTES.

Herr Poulsen, a German inventor, has applied the phonograph to register telephone messages when a subscriber is absent. He does not use a waxen surface, but a metal band to receive the sounds. The apparatus was tried in Germany and is to figure at the Paris Exhibition.

Iron does not rust in Lake Titicaca, in South America, according to the "Scientific American." A chain or anchor left in it for a fortnight keeps bright and clean. It is supposed that chemical salts in the water preserve the metal.

The Röntgen Ray apparatus is playing a conspicuous part in the treatment of the wounded in South Africa. Several complete sets of equipment sent out with the earlier ambulances are in full work, both in the base and field hospitals, and from private communications which have been received from the seat of war, have done splendid service in locating bullets and otherwise assisting the work of the surgeon. In consequence of the good results obtained, orders have been received for fresh equipment with skilled operators.

The announcement that Sir Benjamin West's picture, "The Raising of Lazarus," which has formed a conspicuous feature of the screen of Winchester Cathedral for more than a 100 years, has been sold to an American firm has caused great regret in the diocese generally. The price paid for it is stated to be £1500. Replying to a number of criticisms which have been passed upon the Dean and Chapter for their action, Dean Stephens states that the picture was not presented to the cathedral, as is generally supposed, but it was purchased in 1781. The picture is intended for the new cathedral church in New York, "a much more fitting home for it than in our own cathedral, where it was out of harmony with its surroundings and spoiled the proportions of the screen." He adds that the proceeds of the sale will be devoted to decorative work in the Lodge Chapel.

This evening (Friday), at the rooms of the Society of Arts, John-street, Adelphi, Mrs. Oscar Beringer will address the members of the Society of Modern Journalists on the subject of "Women Dramatists of To-Day."

Bro. Penley's new theatre in Great Queen-street, W.C., is still in the builder's hands, but the popular artiste quite hopes to open his doors in the month of March, when he will revive either "Charley's Aunt" or "The Private Secretary."

There is a charmingly naïf story told concerning a play of Mr. Geo. Moore's, once accepted at the Odeon, in Paris. At the time of its acceptance an adaptation of "Othello" was being rehearsed there. One day Mr. Moore called to see the manager. The doorkeeper asked his name. "I am the Englishman whose play has just been accepted here," proudly replied the creator of Esther Waters. The message was taken to the manager. "Quite right," said he, "show him in. Monsieur Shakespeare, without doubt."

THE YORK GRAND LODGE.—A BRIEF SKETCH.

By BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, PAST SENIOR GRAND DEACON
OF ENGLAND, &C., &C.

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As to the right of a single Lodge to form itself into a Grand Lodge, in 1725, or earlier, there can be no question, for the Brethren of that period made their own Laws, and so pleased themselves; there being no Regulations in any way affecting such points. Masonic Jurisprudence was unknown, so that Dermott's dictum that five Lodges were necessary to be represented at the formation of a new Grand Lodge, and hence the Organization of 1717 was defective, may be dismissed as purely fanciful. It would manifestly be absurd to apply the test of Modern Masonic legislation to any such Organizations.

An important autographical List of the Master Masons in the Lodge at York requires serious and careful treatment, not only because it indicates that the Grand Lodge was not "inactive from 1730," as Bro. J. G. Findel states, but such a Roll of members of the Third Degree is of considerable value. I counted thirty-five on this curious parchment register, the only date, following the 27th, being of July 7th, 1734, and then eight more names complete the List.

The Roll begins with the name of (the Baronet, Sir) Wm. Milner, and is followed by Edw. Thompson, Jun., and others. I append a few of the names with the dates traced by me, when they became Masons, with other particulars.

INITIATED.		
Wm. Milner	4th Feb., 1726	G.M., 1728
Edwd. Thompson, Jun.	?	G.M., 1729
John Johnson	21st July, 1725	Committee, 1729
Henry Pawson	6th Sept., 1725	S.G.W., 1725
Francis Drake	Ditto	J.G.W., 1725
Geo. Reynoldson	4th Feb., 1723	J.G.W., 1726
Geo. Rhodes	10th Jan., 1723	S.G.W., 1726
Richd. Marsh	Ditto	Committee, 1726
Jno. Marsden	28th Dec., 1724	Ditto 1726
Luke Lowther	21st July, 1725	
John Wilmer	12th Aug., 1725	D.G.M., 1726
Wm. Wright	28th Dec., 1724	
Lewis Wood	21st July, 1725	
John Rogers	?	
Richd. Denton	28th Dec., 1724	Committee, 1726
Willm. Stephenson	?	
Malby Beckwith	6th Sept., 1725	

Evidently the Register was begun and signed by the Master Masons after the Grand Lodge was first noted (1725), and possibly about the year 1730.

Bro. Bussey includes the Presidents from 1705 with those of the Grand Masters, but in error, as the latter term is not met with in the Records until 1725, and only a few years earlier elsewhere. Sir George Tempest, Bart., President 1705, followed by the Rt. Hon. Robert Benson (Lord Bingley, 1713), Lord Mayor of York, 1707; Sir William Robinson, Bart., 1708; Sir Walter Hawkesworth, Bart., 1711 (and 1720), and Sir George Tempest, Bart., 1713, make up an extraordinary Roll for the period and remind one of Bro. Whytehead's remark in 1884, that "a large proportion of the Masons of York were Lord Mayors, Aldermen and Sheriffs, and even down to our own day it has been the same." It is also pleasant to remember that the present Lord Mayor of the City of York is Bro. J. Sykes Rymer, who has been a member of our Correspondence Circle from November 1888.

Bro. Bussey's List of "Grand Masters" is not very trustworthy, for it includes (Admiral) Charles Fairfax, Esq., 1714, and omits Sir William Milner, Bart., 1728-9. The former only appears in the records as Deputy President, and the latter dignity was fortunately traced by Bro. T. B. Whytehead in a MS. in the Leeds Library. Edward Bell, Esq., mentioned as Grand Master under the year 1725, is apparently not justified, but Charles Bathurst, Esq., 1725-6, and Edward Thompson, Esq., M.P., for 1729, are correct. Two others are given about whom we cannot offer any opinion, as they concern dates later than existing minutes, viz., "1733 John Johnson, Esq., M.D. 1734 John Marsden, Esq." They were initiated in 1725 and 1724 respectively.

Precisely when the "Grand Lodge of All England" at York became dormant we cannot tell, but most probably during the fifth decade of the last century.¹ Dr. Anderson, in the "Book of Constitutions" 1738, practically recognised this Northern Masonic Body, and it may fairly be assumed that when that work was compiled, it was still active. He thus refers to various Grand Lodges not connected with the premier organization.

"But the Old Lodge at York City, and the Lodges of SCOTLAND, IRELAND, FRANCE, and ITALY, affecting Independency, are under their own Grand Masters, tho' they have the same Constitutions, Charges, Regulations, &c., for substance, with their Brethren of England."

Even so late as 1744 Dr. Dassigny,² in his noted "Enquiry," alluded to "an assembly of Master Masons under the title of Royal Arch Masons" in York, so that we are safe in declining Bro. Findel's estimate that the dormancy dated from 1730. Bro. Gould, the Masonic Historian, agrees with me that the Grand Lodge was at work until 1740-50 circa, and I am quite content with such powerful support.

During the dormancy, the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" was formed in London, and though started under very humble auspices in 1751, it rapidly increased in numbers and influence, and soon became a formidable and decidedly unfriendly rival to the original Grand Lodge, which though the first of its kind, was designated "Modern," and the new creation was termed "Ancient;" so strangely were the positions and descriptions reversed.

Evidently the new Organization reckoned on the prolonged dormancy or complete collapse of the "Grand Lodge of All England," and hence made a free use of the York legend, and the title "York Masons," thus assuming an antiquity and importance to which they had not the slightest claim. I am not referring to the question of their origin, which has been so ably dealt with by Bro. Henry Sadler,³ and is, more or less, "a thorny subject" to decide even now, but simply to draw attention to the confessedly humble character of the early members of the "Ancient" or "Atholl Masons." They started a separate body in the year named, and had no Grand Master to rule over them until two years later; their subsequent extraordinary career being mainly due to the able advocacy of Bro. Laurence Dermott, Grand Secretary from 1752.⁴

It is startling to find that so early as 1751, the year of its origin, this new creation was termed "the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons," and of course it assembled according to the "Old Institu-

tions." Its oldest existing warrant (No. 6) is of 1755 (present No. 11), and is mild in phraseology compared with two years later, when No. 65 was issued to Nova Scotia. In the latter document it is recited "We the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Hon'ble Fraternity of Free and Accepted York Masons;" and even for London, a similar title was issued in the following year (No. 8, now 15). In the "Ahiman Rezon"⁵ of 1756 (the first edition of its Laws) the Regulations for Charity are referred to

"As practised in Ireland, and by York Masons in England."

So there is really no doubt that these so-called "Ancients" posed as York Masons though without any justification whatever.

Later on, the first portion was altered so as to read

"We the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample Form assembled,"⁶

which we may as well let pass, with the statement that it belongs to a class of "time immemorial" assertions, that are superior to proof!

The pernicious fiction of the "Ancients" being "York Masons," and that the Union of December, 1813, was cemented between the York and London Grand Lodges, instead of the two Grand Lodges in the Metropolis, is still advocated in some quarters, and even perpetuated in quite recent works in the History of the Craft. It is hoped, however, that the ever-increasing Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and the consequent diffusion of Masonic Light, will ere long secure the overthrow of that absurd and harmful notion.

The veritable York Masons emerged from their somnolency on March 17th, 1761, when "six of the surviving members revived the Grand Lodge in the House of Mr. Henry Howard in Lendall, in the said City" (York).

"Present.

Grand Master, Brother Francis Drake, Esq., F.R.S.

Deputy G.M., George Reynoldson

Grand Wardens, George Coates and Thomas Mason

Together with Brothers Christopher Coulton & Martin Crofts."

The Visiting Brethren who attended, eleven in number, were members of the Lodge No. 259, assembling at the "Punch Bowl" in Stonegate, York, which was constituted on February 2nd, 1761, so that this subordinate of the Grand Lodge of England (London) outnumbered the original members of the revived Grand Lodge; doubtless that Lodge being formed early in the same year led to the York brethren deciding to restart the "Grand Lodge of All England," all the sooner because of the presence of a friendly rival, or possibly No. 259 itself was the actual cause of the Revival.

The Records of this meteoric visitor cover a period of some three years, and are treasured in the Library of the present "York Lodge," No. 236, which has so long been the Home of the Archives of the extinct Grand Lodge. The York Grand Lodge soon absorbed all its members, and in fact began by selecting one of the visitors as its Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and another was then and there elected a member.

The second start was made by the Grand Lodge of England (London) in 1773 by the "Apollo"⁷ being warranted in York, but it failed to keep on the Register after 1805. As to its career, and that of the Lodge of 1761, I must refer brethren to my History published in 1889, to Bro. T. B. Whytehead's brochure on the subject, and to Bro. J. Ramsden Riley's interesting volume.⁸

The third attempt to plant a Lodge permanently in the City by the original Grand Lodge was entirely successful, when the "Union," now the famous "York Lodge," was launched in 1777. During the latter part of the 19th century especially, Freemasonry has flourished in the ancient City "as the palm tree."

The minutes of the revived Grand Lodge appear to begin with Grand Officers of a former period, and probably represent those who held office when the organisation became dormant under the new regime. Warrants were issued for subordinate Lodges, and quite a brisk business was done in that respect during the succeeding 30 years. The first, strange to say, was chartered to "French Prisoners of War on their Parol" in York, but not for the initiation of any subjects of Great Britain and Ireland. Other French Lodges were scattered over England, or held under British auspices, and well serve a qualified Historian to describe their meetings.

LODGES ON THE YORK ROLL.

- 1 French Lodge, "Punch Bowl," York ... 10th June, 1762.
- (2) A Lodge in York City ... ?
- (3) "Turk's Head," Scarborough ... 19th August, 1762.
- (4) "Royal Oak," Ripon ... 31st July, 1769.
- (5) "Crown," Knaresborough ... 30th October, 1769.
- (6) "Duke of Devonshire," Macclesfield, Cheshire ... 24th September, 1770.
- (7) — Hovingham ... 29th May, 1773.
- (8) — Snainton, near Malton ... 14th December, 1778.
- "109" — Druidical Lodge, Rotherham ... 30th November, 1778.
- (10) Fortitude Lodge, "Sun," Hollingwood (Lanc.) ... 27th November, 1790.
- (11) "Grand Lo. of England, South of the Trent," ... 29th March, 1779.
- { 1. "Lodge of Perfect Observance," Mitre Tavern, London.
- { 2. "Lodge of Perseverance & Triumph," "Queen's Head," London.

It will be seen that of these Lodges eight were domiciled in Yorkshire, one each in Cheshire and Lancashire, and the other consisted of the Grand Lodge which was chartered in 1779, to assemble under the wing of the "Lodge of Antiquity" No. 1, London, during the period of its difficulty with the original Grand Lodge of England. There were really three Lodges, besides that Grand Lodge during the temporary secession, viz., the Lodge of Antiquity, and the two constituted as Nos. 1 and 2 on 15th November and 9th August, 1779, respectively. The York authorities did not favour Lodge enumeration, only No. 1 is noted until the 9th was warranted, when it is described as "109"; the addition of 100 to the Register being more entertaining than precise. As to Lodge enumeration and such intricate matters I must refer those interested to the late Bro. Lane's colossal work.⁹

Now, be it observed and remembered that no Lodges were chartered by the York Grand Lodge other than the foregoing, and consequently, these and these alone are, or were, entitled to the appellation of York Lodges, and its members of "York Masons."

In 1789 the unfortunate struggle between the "Antiquity" and the Grand Lodge was happily ended on terms honourable to both sides, thus, finally, the mushroom Grand Lodge and its subordinates came to an end, and the "Lodge of Antiquity" was once more united to the premier Grand Lodge which it helped to form. Some three years later the "Grand Lodge of All England" at York ceased to work, and, with its subordinates, finished its course before the century expired; probably owing to the superior advantages possessed by the Grand Lodge of England situated in London, and because of the difficulties incident to carrying on a Provincial and mainly local body, lacking in many points the influence and position of the premier authority.

¹ "Freemason," October 25th, 1884.

² "A Collection of Coats of Arms and Descents," etc. In MS.

³ "Constitutions," 1738, p. 196. (or Reprint by Lodge No. 2076.)

⁴ "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813," Hughan, 1874, and Bro. Jackson's Facsimile.

⁵ "Masonic Facts and Fictions," Sadler, 1887.

⁶ "Freemasons' Chronicle," July 8th, 1876. Also "An Old Warrant" by W.J.H.

In 1891.

⁷ "Ahiman Rezon," 1756, p. 89.

⁸ "Old Atholl Warrants," Lane, "Freemason," April 18th, 1891.

⁹ "History of the Apollo Lodge," Hughan, 1889.

¹⁰ "The Apollo Lodge, York," T. B. Whytehead, "Freemason," June 19th, 1886.

¹¹ "Yorkshire Lodges," Riley, 1885.

¹² "Masonic Records, 1717-1824," Lane, 1895. (Grand Lodge, London.)

In many respects the career of that extinct Grand Lodge was of a truly Masonic character, and though it finally succumbed to adverse circumstances, I am not aware of any unfraternal conduct ever having been charged against it, or its chief officers.

I did my best to write a history of its eventful past in "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," 1871, being the first work of the kind published, and fortunately succeeded that year in recognizing two valuable volumes of its Records and of its old MSS. of the "Old Charges," which had strayed to London, through the mistaken zeal of Bro. Godfrey Higgins, of "Ancalypsis" fame. These were returned, by order of the Grand Master (the late Earl of Zetland) in the handsomest manner to the "York Lodge."¹

In writing this sketch, the memory of two deceased brethren is ever before me, viz., (1), the late Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., who was the first Brother actually to do justice to the extinct "Grand Lodge of all England," and to whom I was mainly indebted for the information which led me to make two or three pilgrimages to the Northern City, and ultimately to publish many of the ancient records. Bro. Woodford encouraged and helped me to the full extent of his powers, and spared no pains to make my work as complete as possible, besides also writing a paper for my "Masonic Sketches," entitled "The Connection of York with the History of Freemasonry in England," which is not only one of the best things he wrote, but no better work has ever been done on the subject; and (2), Bro. J. Todd, who was so long the honoured custodian (and immediate successor of the lamented Bro. Cowling) of the York Relics, whose valuable aid to me personally I shall always gratefully remember, and whose devotion to the interests of the "York Lodge" will long be acknowledged.

This is but a brief notice of a very important subject, and as my deficiencies will be remedied by a paper by the Worshipful Master during his year of office, many points herein left unelucidated will be attended to by a brother who has no equal in his knowledge of the personnel of the York Grand Lodge and its subordinates.

I hope on some other occasion to have a few words to say as to the Royal Arch and Knight Templar Degrees at York.

(To be concluded).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 12th instant; Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. E. Keyser, George Everett, J. J. Thomas, W. Russell, C. Pulman, A. C. Webb, J. Dorton, H. Massey, R. Clowes, George Wood, H. A. Tobias, Stanley J. Attenborough, J. W. Burgess, John Strachan, Q.C., E. Hobbs, Percy Ravenscroft, James Speller, John W. Gibbs, R. S. Chandler, W. J. Mason, J. H. Whadcoat, and J. M. McLeod (Secretary).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, and the other preliminary business disposed of,

Bro. R. EVE, P.G. Treas., Patron and Trustee, Chairman of the Board of Management, moved—"That Law 20A be altered as follows (the words in italics being an addition to the existing Law)—"Any Masonic Charitable Association (whose rules must first have been duly registered in the books of the Institution) upon payment of donations amounting to 50 guineas, arising from the periodical subscriptions of its members, shall have the privilege of nominating one of its executive officers as a Life Subscriber with one vote at each election of boys, and for every completed sum of 50 guineas so subscribed he shall receive an additional vote, or, in lieu thereof, the Association may nominate a second executive officer for the like privileges."

Bro. W. RUSSELL, P.A.G.D.C., seconded.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, J.Q.C., G. Reg., enquired what the other donations were except those subscribed; it was desirable that the brethren should know in order that they might thoroughly understand why it was necessary to add these words.

Bro. McLEOD said the proposed alteration in Law 20A arose from an investigation which had been made by a joint Committee of the three Institutions, who found that it was necessary to guard against wrong doing. It had been found that large donations had been claimed by one of these Associations which were part of money which had not been subscribed periodically, so that it would have come to this that they would have claimed for more votes than they had paid for.

The motion was carried.

Bro. RICHARD EVE next brought forward the following motion, of which he had given notice: "That the following be a new Law of the Institution: No. 68A.—The Board of Management shall have power to place (without election) on the list of boys maintained and educated out of the establishment, any duly qualified boy, who, by the death or permanent incapacity of his father whilst engaged in time of war in the Naval or Military service of his Queen and Country, may become entitled to receive the benefits of the Institution, provided that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member to some lodge. The number of boys to be maintained and educated under this Law shall not at any one time exceed the number of five." He said that at the last meeting of the Council it was thought that some such rule as that proposed by the motion should be added to the laws of the Institution. In the present war in South Africa there was, no doubt, a large number of Masonic brethren who had lost their lives or been disabled in the service of their Queen and Country, and this law might be necessary to enable the children of such officers or men to be placed upon the benefits of the Institution so far as being educated and maintained out of the Institution, without being elected in the ordinary course. He knew it was asking for great powers from the Board of Management that they should have the ability to put on the list a boy without being duly elected. In the minds of many brethren the Board should not have such great power. Still, he thought the good which would arise from carrying into effect such an alteration would be of very great interest to all of them, and so far as the Institution was concerned it would show how desirous the Board were to give the benefits of the Institution to those who were really entitled to them. He would move the resolution in the words in which it was before the Court, but he might tell the brethren that he had had conversation with those who felt that the power, if it was to be used at all, should be used by the Quarterly Court rather than by the Board of Management. The Court met every three months. He was not wedded to the exact words of his proposition, but would concur in any amendment which would go so far as to give some body power to place a boy on the list without election. The Board of Management did not ask for power to be given to them which really was the power of the Court, and ought to be exercised with great caution. There might be those who were entitled to place their boys on the list in preference to those named. Still, he was inclined to think some move should be made in the direction indicated, and he merely moved his proposition *pro forma* that the Board of Management have the power, although he felt at the same time that the power should be exercised by the Quarterly Court, and he left it to some one else to move an alteration.

Bro. H. A. TOBIAS, P.G. Std. Br., seconded the motion.

Bro. J. STRACHAN, Q.C., G. Reg., thought there should be a slight amendment.

Bro. R. EVE said, as he had given notice of the motion in particular words, he could not alter them. If any one else chose to move an amendment he could do so.

Bro. STRACHAN suggested an amendment giving the power to the Quarterly Court. He thought the words should be—"The Quarterly Court, on the recommendation of."

Bro. R. EVE said that was what he should like.

Bro. STRACHAN said yes, for the Board of Management had by its machinery power to recommend.

Bro. C. PULMAN desired to know what was meant by the words in the motion "whilst engaged in time of war in the Naval or Military service," which was a very wide expression. A man might be engaged at Deptford or some other place—the War Office for instance. He thought it should be "whilst engaged in active service at the seat of war."

Bro. R. EVE thought it would be best to proceed with one question at a time. If the amendment of Bro. Strachan was carried, as he supposed it would be, any other amendment a brother might propose could be made. What was now desired was to make the Quarterly Court, on the recommendation of the Board of Management, the authority to place a boy on the list.

Bro. J. STRACHAN said it had been suggested to him by the Secretary that, as there might be a very urgent case to be dealt with immediately, the words should be "A Quarterly or Special Court."

Bro. J. W. BURGESS seconded the amendment in this latter form.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said they were all desirous of doing something and they had to consider what was best to be done. He might at once say that he should vote for the amendment.

The amendment was carried.

Bro. W. RUSSELL, P.A.G.D.C., objected to the word "whilst" as being too vague, and he proposed to insert in its place the words "caused through being actively."

Bro. R. CLOWES, P.G. Std. Br., intimated his opinion that "at the seat of war" might be advantageously introduced. He seconded the amendment.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN threw out for the consideration of the brethren the possibility of a brother being sent to an infected district and thereby losing his life; would not his son be as much entitled to the benefits of the Institution as the son of a brother shot by a bullet? If a brother had been killed by a mosquito while actively engaged, surely he was killed in the service of his Queen and Country. He did not think there ought to be any distinction whether he was in the country or out of the country.

Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH, P.A.G.D.C., understood Bro. Pulman to mean if a brother was engaged at home during the time of war.

Bro. C. PULMAN said he would suggest "while engaged in active service at the seat of war."

Bro. E. HOBBS: Engaged out of England.

Bro. C. PULMAN: He might be engaged in loading ships, or he might be a man at the War Office looking after the telegraph.

Bro. RICHARD EVE: "Or being actively engaged." He then put the motion "to insert after the words 'by the death or permanent incapacity of his father' the words 'caused through being actively' 'engaged in time of war,' &c."

Bro. E. HOBBS would suggest the introduction of the words "out of the United Kingdom."

Bro. R. EVE said any case that might come up would be discussed by the Court. The motion was then carried.

Bro. R. EVE: That will come up at the next Quarterly Court for confirmation.

The next business was the consideration of the recommendation from the Council of December 29th, 1899—"That 30 be elected from an approved list of 42 candidates at the election on 20th April, 1900."

Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH moved the addition of one more candidate—Geo. Elliott Austin—a very sad case from Shropshire, whose petition was refused by the Petitions Committee because the father had not subscribed for seven years, but only six-and-a-half. He submitted that the boy came within Law 72, which provided for a father's "incapacity, occasioned by lunacy, paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck, or other calamity." In this case the "other calamity" was a severe attack of influenza, and at the same time the serious illness of his wife; the whole home was broken up.

Bro. G. EVERETT, P.G.T., seconded.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said Law 74 was "The list of candidates should be closed at the last meeting of the Council prior to the Quarterly Court immediately preceding such election, and no candidate, unless so approved, shall be placed on the list for such election."

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH said that was discussed before the Council. The Quarterly Court was the governing body of this Institution.

Bro. RICHARD EVE did not think the matter could be brought before this Court. The petition could be brought again before the Committee. The Council had gone into the matter and determined it. The course prescribed by the rules had been taken. They were bound by their rules. He put it to the Grand Registrar whether they could go beyond them.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., said the boy was young—only seven years of age. This point was never mentioned before the Petitions Committee. The widow was naturally anxious to get any boy into the Institution. It would be better that the matter should be brought up again, and come on at the October election.

Bro. RICHARD EVE: The rule is quite clear when the list of candidates shall be closed. Bro. Attenborough can bring the point up to the Committee again. I do not think his points have been raised. I do not think I have power to receive the proposition. The case must conform to our rules. I cannot accept it.

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH: I have only done what I was asked to do. I appealed to your sympathy, and I have done my best.

The original proposition was carried, the amendment being withdrawn.

Bro. R. EVE reported on the progress made with the new school buildings at Bushey. He said those who lived in the locality would see the progress which was being made, and that the building was growing day after day. The contractor had been paid large sums of money for the work which he had done under the approval of the architects. In the month of May next the foundation-stone would be laid by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and the arrangements for that meeting had not been made by the Board of Management at present. In the course of time, however, they hoped to have such arrangements made, so that they might have a large and influential party there, and in the course of time a building which would be for the best interests of the Institution. But if any one wished to ask any questions, he should be happy to answer them.

Bro. McLEOD, at the request of the Chairman, reported as to the income of the last year, 1899, which, he said, was £26,408 6s. 8d.—or only about £800 short of the highest year (except the Centenary year), 1891.

Bro. R. EVE said it was a most satisfactory result, and he was sure the Chairman of the 1899 Festival (Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.) was to be congratulated upon what he had done.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

¹ "Masonic Sketches," (1871); "Old Charges," 1872 and 1895; "Memorials," 1874; "Origin," 1884; "Apollo Lodge," 1889, *Hughan*.

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Masonic Notes.

We are pleased to have had the opportunity of recording the annual meeting at Blackheath, on the 21st ult., of the Divisional Conclave for Kent of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine. It has in Sir Knight the Rev. Hayman Cummings a very active and energetic Intendant-General, and a well-organised and enthusiastic conclave in the Saye and

Sele, No. 122, under whose banner the aforesaid annual meeting was held. The Divisional Treasurer, Sir Knight B. R. Bryant, was able to present a satisfactory Statement of Account for the past year, which disclosed a comfortable balance in hand, and, as in addition to the Saye and Sele, there are the Pentangle and Invicta Conclaves, meeting as No. 147 at Chat-ham, and No. 148, Greenwich, respectively, both in active working, and the De Shurland Conclave, No. 92, Sheerness, which for the present appears to be in abeyance, there is reason to hope that Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine will continue to prosper in this favoured part of England.

News every now and then reaches us of the doings of the brethren in the remote District of Northern China, and we gladly note that the Craft there is increasing and multiplying, if not very rapidly, at all events very surely and to the satisfaction of the more influential members of the Order. There are now six lodges on the District roll, of which three meet in Shanghai and the others at Chinkiang, Newchang, and Tientsin respectively. At the regular meeting of the District Grand Lodge in Shanghai, on the 22nd September last—the copy of the minutes of the proceedings at which have just reached us—Bro. Lewis Moore, Dist. Grand Master, who presided, was well supported, not only by his District Grand Officers and the representatives and members of the local lodges, but also by many brethren of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, under the Mass. Constitution, as well as of Lodge Cosmopolitan, No. 428 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, among the former being the District Grand Master and the W.M. of the lodge, and among the latter the R.W.M., the I.P.M., and another P.M., the Wardens and other officers and several members. Everything appears to have passed off satisfactorily, and the visitors expressed to the District Grand Master the pleasure they had derived from their attendance.

Appended to these Minutes of Proceedings are two Tabular Statements, of which one contains a complete list, arranged in alphabetical order, of the Present and Past Officers of the District Grand Lodge; while the other gives a summary, lodge by lodge, of the subscribing members for the years 1896, 1897, and 1898. From this it appears that substantial progress has been made during this period, the 162 members belonging to five lodges in 1898, having increased to 179 members of six lodges in the following year, and to 227 members in 1898, the increase, as compared with 1877 when the four lodges then on the roll only mustered amongst them 101, being 126.

That such progress as this, however, should have been made is not to be wondered at, when we reflect that the English Craft has been worthily pre-sided over by such good men and true as Bro. Cornelius Thorne, P. Dist. G.M., who is still a diligent attendant at the meetings of the Dist. Grand Lodge, and Bro. T. W. Kingsmill, P.A.G.D.C., Past Dep. Dist. G.M., who is also often in attendance; but, above all, by the necessity which is continually being impressed upon the lodges to be careful in their election of candidates. At this very meeting Bro. Moore, Dist. G.M., said, in the course of his brief address, "I must impress once again on the W. Masters of the different lodges in the District to make full inquiries about any one that is proposed to be made a Mason, as to his character and if he is a fit and proper person to be admitted into the secrets of our Order. A lodge does not prosper on account of the quantity of its members, but rather on their standing in life and character." While this principle is observed, we may be sure that Freemasonry in Northern China will maintain its high character.

It will be seen from our report of the proceedings at the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 12th instant, that Bro. Richard Eve's motion for a boy who, by the death or permanent incapacity of his father while engaged in time of war in the Naval and Military service of his Queen and country, might become entitled to the benefits of the Institution, to be educated and maintained out of it without election, provided his father was at the time a subscribing member of some lodge, was carried, but in a somewhat altered form. The first alteration was invited by Bro. Eve himself, and provided that "the power to place (without election)" such a boy "on the list of boys maintained and educated out of the establishment" should be vested not in "the Board of

Management," as first proposed, but in "the Quarterly Court on the recommendation of the Board of Management."

A further amendment was also suggested with a view to defining more clearly the circumstances under which the death or permanent incapacity of the father was caused, and ultimately, on the proposition of Bro. Eve, it was resolved to frame the clause relating to the father so that it should read "by the death or permanent incapacity of his father caused through being actively engaged in time of war in the Naval or Military Service of his Queen and Country." There can, we think, be no doubt that the motion is greatly improved by these amendments, and we are glad the new Law has been unanimously adopted. It should be added that the number of boys to be thus assisted "must not at any time exceed the number of five." The Institution is not rich enough to make this provision for an unlimited number.

In our article of last week on the "Approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," we slightly understated the number of those whom Bro. Terry had so far succeeded in enlisting as Stewards. There is always allowance to be made for the brethren who have withdrawn their names from the list, while several additions were made after our inquiries, of which we were unable to take any account. However, it will be satisfactory to our readers to learn that up to the present time the Board for the Festival next month is well in excess of 350. This, under present circumstances, is none too many, and we hope, in the time that still remains, to see the Board substantially increased in numbers.

We gather from the "West Australian Freemasons' Magazine" for last month that the scheme for establishing an independent Grand Lodge for that Colony has made such satisfactory progress, that in all probability the installation of the first Grand Master will take place towards the end of the present or the beginning of next month. It is also mentioned that the ceremony will most likely be performed by Bro. the Right Hon. Justice Way, P.G.W. England, M.W. Grand Master of South Australia. We are glad also to know that the steps taken by the English lodges in reference to the proposed establishment of a Grand Lodge for West Australia have been strictly in accordance with the laws contained in our Book of Constitutions, the District Grand Secretary having as far back as December, 1898, addressed, by command of the District Grand Master, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Gerald Smith, P.G.W., a circular letter to the W. Masters of the several lodges under his rule, calling their attention to Articles 218A and 218B, and requesting them to act in accordance with the provisions of those Articles.

The circular letter further stated that the Dist. G. Master had received a letter from the Grand Secretary notifying that "if the steps taken by the brethren in W.A. to give effect to their wishes be of a constitutional character, neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge would raise any objection to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, provided the rights of those lodges which might desire to remain under the English Constitution be reserved and respected." Our contemporary adds that only one of the English lodges—of which there are now 31 on the roll—has expressed a preference for remaining under the E.C.

Another lodge was added to the roll of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire on Saturday, the 13th inst., when Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. Cheshire, consecrated the John Brunner Lodge; Bro. Sir John Brunner, Bart., M.P., principal founder, being installed by Bro. Broadsmith, P.P.G.W., as first Worshipful Master. The officers having been appointed and invested, the banquet took place in honour of the event, and a most pleasant function was brought to a successful close. The new lodge has our heartiest good wishes.

It is with extreme regret we announce the death of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., Past G. Chaplain of our United Grand Lodge, and Past A.G. Sojourner of Supreme Grand Chapter. Bro. Simpson was a Grand Officer of upwards of 30 years' standing, and often did good service to the Craft by his speeches and suggestions in Grand Lodge. He had attained to a ripe age, but his loss will be none the less severely felt. We offer our most respectful sympathy to the family of our deceased brother.

You appear to think the matter is not one of much importance; but I venture to urge that in years to come it might be considered a question of historical fact.

In conclusion, I still contend that the late Bro. John Williams was absolutely the last District Grand Master of New South Wales under the English Constitution.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

January 13th.

LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"Fifty years ago," I read in reports of proceedings of Masonic lodges that refreshment (the banquet) was partaken of (as well as labour) whilst the lodge was still open, that labour apparently was not so distinct from refreshment then as is customary in modern times. For example, I read that at the installation of Master in the Alfred Lodge, Oxford, 27th December, 1845, the brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall to celebrate the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist. At 10 o'clock in the morning the installation took place when the officers were appointed and invested, after which the lodge adjourned until five o'clock, when the celebration of the annual festival commenced in the banquet room, followed by the customary "toasts" and speeches, accompanied by harmony in the shape of music and singing; at nine o'clock the lodge was closed, and the brethren having divested themselves of their regalia and Masonic clothing, tea and coffee were served and conviviality was resumed until 12 o'clock, when the National Anthem was sung and the company dispersed. The proceedings of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, were conducted in a precisely similar manner, judging from which, I presume, that such was the prevalent custom with the lodges generally in these times.

It would be interesting to me, and, doubtless, to your other readers, to be informed by some of our older Masonic brethren, who know, when these old customs were altered, and the causes that brought about the change that made refreshment at our meetings distinct from labour.—Yours fraternally,

J. T. LAST, P.P.G. Reg. W. Yorks.

THE ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

There are now over 3000 N.C.Os. and men of this Corps serving in South Africa, the long lines of communication and numerous depots make the duties most arduous, but unless this important branch is efficient the rest of the army must suffer. It is proposed to arrange the work of collecting useful articles into districts and the following ladies will be grateful for any contributions, such as caps, socks, pocket-handkerchiefs, pipes, tobacco, cigarettes, &c., or monies to purchase these or other comforts. Stationery and indelible pencils will be particularly acceptable.

Mrs. Knocker, Rosecliffe, Saltash, Cornwall (Western District and Scotland).

Mrs. Hadfield, Royal Barracks, Dublin (Ireland).

Mrs. Clayton, Comdg. Officers Hut, Stanhope Lines, Aldershot (Aldershot and Southern District).

Mrs. Parkyn, Montague House, Vanburgh Park, Blackheath, S.E. (Thames District and London).

Mrs. Oughterson, A.S.C. Barracks, Woolwich (Woolwich District).

Lieut.-Colonel Parkyn, Head Quarters, Brompton Barracks, Chatham, will be glad to hear from any other ladies in districts who will kindly assist, and also advise as to transmission of parcels, &c., &c.

Craft Masonry.

St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.

The installation meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. John Benyon, W.M.; E. Barlow, I.P.M.; A. W. Dennis, S.W.; W.M. elect; L. F. Dury, J.W.; T. J. Dilby, Treas.; W. C. Parsons, Sec.; H. H. Cooke, S.D.; H. M. Newlyn, J.D.; G. J. Taylor, P.M.; D. of C.; F. T. Thomas, I.G.; W. Wright, P.M., Org.; W. Makein and C. H. Green, Stewards; J. B. Green, P.M.; L. Heof, P.M.; F. J. Whitehead, P.M.; W. B. Draper, John Hennessey, G. Russell, T. H. Thompson, H. A. McMillan, W. T. Pratt, W. Saville, R. W. Nichols, A. T. Hurley, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Luck, P.D.G.W., P.D.G. Treas. Queensland, Australia; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; E. Wood, 2127; C. Offord, D.C. 1337; C. Serjeant, 189; R. Sladden, Org. 1765; R. W. Haskins, 1604; G. J. Hunt, 2721; Edwd. Moyes, I.P.M. 1056; J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.; R. C. P. Gardener, P.M. 2000; and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Green, P.M., acting Master, owing to the indisposition of the W.M., and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Hurley and Draper were raised to the Third Degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. W. Dennis, S.W., was presented by Bro. Green, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. W. C. Parsons, P.M. and Sec., and the W.M. elect was obligated. A Board of Installed Masters having been opened, the W.M. elect was invested and placed in the chair. The W.M. invested Bro. John Benyon, late W.M., as I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. L. F. Dury, S.W.; H. H. Cooke, J.W.; T. J. Dilby, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Parsons, P.M., Sec.; H. M. Newlyn, S.D.; F. J. Thomas, J.D.; W. Makein, I.G.; L. Heof, P.M., and C. H. Green, Stewards; G. J. Taylor, P.M., D.C.; W. Saville, Assistant Director of Ceremonies; W. Wright, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, Organist; and J. Gilbert, P.M., Prov. G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler. The three addresses were given by the Installing Master, Bro. W. C. Parsons, most impressively. A Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Benyon, for his efficient services as W.M. of the lodge last year. The

I.P.M. returned thanks, saying how greatly he would value their gift as a mark of their kind approval. The W.M. announced that a Bohemian Concert would be held in the large hall of the tavern on the fourth Friday in January, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the benefit of the Masonic Charities. He trusted that the brethren would do their utmost to dispose of tickets, price 2s. and 1s. each, so that a grand success might be ensured. There was a proposition for initiation, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where the banquet was held, after which the usual toasts were given.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. remarked that her Majesty was the most constitutional monarch England had ever had. The Queen, at this grave crisis, had shown the greatest sympathy for her people and, above all, for the brave soldiers and sailors who were maintaining her and the nation's honour in South Africa.

"God save the Queen" by Miss Marie Vagnolini.

The W.M. next gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and said the interest the Grand Master took in Masonry was well known and appreciated by all the members of the Craft.

"God bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. Treffelyn David.

The next toast was "The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br., replied on behalf of the Grand Officers and himself, thanking the brethren.

Song, "Angus Macdonald," by Miss Marie Vagnolini.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M. He congratulated the W.M. on the high position he had attained. He had the distinguished honour of presiding over one of the most delightful lodges in the Craft. He wished him a happy and prosperous year of office, with plenty of Masonic work to do.

Song—"Loch Lomond," by Bro. Treffelyn David.

The W.M. thanked the brethren, and trusted they and himself would have a happy year together. He gave "The Masonic Charities," and coupled with it the name of Bro. J. Mason.

Bro. Mason replied. He said that he had lived long enough to obey the commands of the W.M. St. James's Union Lodge was known throughout the length and breadth of the land for their liberal contributions to the Masonic Charities. Bro. Parsons was always the one to set a good example. He also spoke of Bro. Barlow. In fact, the Benevolent Institution was able to pay £17,000 in annuities during the past year. The centenary of the Boys' School had brought in upwards of £141,000. The old men and women, when once elected, seemed determined to live on. He mentioned that many who had lived the greater part of their days in luxurious comfort had, through pecuniary reverses, been compelled to solicit in the winter of their life the assistance from the Benevolent Institution towards which they had been generous donors and subscribers in the heyday of their prosperity. This aid was willingly and gratefully extended in recognition of their former liberality.

Bro. Sam Wright gave a humorous song, "The Waif and the Wizard."

Song—"May Morning," by Miss Florence Glover.

The W.M., in giving "The Visitors," extended to all a hearty Masonic welcome. He coupled with the toast Bros. Alfred Page, R. C. P. Gardener, Prof. Driver, the brother from Queensland, Australia, W. C. Luck, and G. J. Hunt.

Quartet—"Regular Royal Queen."

Song—"Dear Love," by Miss Marie Vagnolini.

The visitors responded.

Then followed "The Installing Master and the I.P.M." The W.M. said he felt deeply indebted to the Installing Master for his work that evening; he was deeply impressed by it. He spoke kindly and feelingly of the I.P.M., who, at the present time, was undergoing a severe trial.

Bro. Parsons replied on behalf of the Installing Master, saying he was always willing to render assistance when required. He also returned thanks for the I.P.M. He said the I.P.M., Bro. Benyon, had to part with his sons, who were ordered to the front in the war in South Africa, and the I.P.M. was not equal to the task of speaking himself. He (Bro. Parsons) felt deeply the kind words of Bro. Mason. He took the warmest interest in the Masonic Charities, and, in his humble way, he had done his best to support them.

The W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary." He said the brethren knew well how valuable were their services to the lodge. It was satisfactory to know they were in a good pecuniary position.

Humorous Song—"The Moucher," by Bro. Sam Wright.

The Treasurer and Secretary briefly responded.

Then succeeded "The Officers," to which the S.W. and J.W. replied.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a successful close.

Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., presided at the piano.

Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Temperance Hall, on Friday, the 5th inst. Special interest was attached to the occasion because it marked the jubilee year of the lodge and also because of the fact that Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. C. Ricardo was to be installed for the second time as Worshipful Master, the gallant colonel being about to proceed to South Africa in command of the Berkshire Troop of Imperial Yeomanry. There was a numerous company present, including Bros. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D. England; S. Knight, W. H. Belcher, G. Boyer, Mitchell, J. N. Day, Heard, S. Knight, jun., G. J. Cosburn, J. Rolfe, E. A. Stickland, J. Stradling, Rev. J. L. Turbutt, Dr. Langley, Dr. Jenner Clarke, Dr. Whaley, J. Howard, C. H. Stradling, E. Turner, J. H. Wilson, E. W. Goddard, Veitch, Hedges, S. J. L. Vincent, A. Camp, J. Hawkins, H. Elms, G. Elms, Gilks, New, F. S. Cambridge, Wright, E. Parfitt, Burton, and the Worshipful Masters of the Union, Greyfriars and Kendrick Lodges.

The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. S. Knight, jun., I.P.M., and on behalf of the members a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Col. Ricardo in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year. Bro. Ricardo, after he had thanked the brethren, proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for 1900 as follows: Bros. G. Knight, jun., I.P.M.; J. Rolfe, S.W.; E. A. Stickland, J.W.; Rev. J. L. Turbutt, Chap.; W. H. Belcher, Treas.; S. Knight, sen., Sec.; J. Stradling, S.D.; J. Howard, J.D.; C. E. Keyser, D.C.; S. J. L. Vincent, Org.; C. H. Stradling, I.G.; E. Turner and E. W. Goddard, Stwds.; and G. P. Burton, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the lodge the usual banquet was held at the Chequers Hotel, the room being specially decorated in a most tasteful manner by Bro. S. Knight, jun., and the catering carried out to the great satisfaction of the brethren by Bro. W. R. Mees. The menu included all the delicacies of the season.

"The Queen and the Craft" was proposed by the W.M., Bro. Ricardo.

"The Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past," was next submitted by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Keyser, P.G.D. Eng.

"The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B.; the V.W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. J. T. Morland; and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present

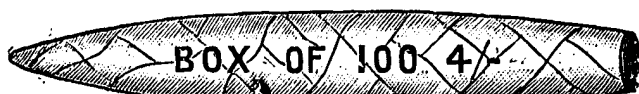
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and Past," was proposed by Bro. Dr. Jenner Clarke, and responded to by Bro. J. W. Martin, P.G. Sec.

"The W.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. C. Ricardo," was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. S. Knight, jun., in hearty terms. Bro. Knight referred to Bro. Ricardo's approaching departure for South Africa, and said what a fine example of duty and self-sacrifice he was showing. On behalf of the lodge he wished him good luck and a safe return.

The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, and musical honours were accorded to it.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ricardo, W.M., responded with difficulty, evidently feeling very much the warmth of his reception.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. E. Turner, and Bro. Margrett responded.

"The Visitors," proposed by Bro. J. Stradling, was acknowledged by the W.M. of the Union Lodge.

"The Installing Master and other Past Masters of the Hope Lodge," was submitted by Bro. Col. Keyser, and responded to by Bro. S. Knight, jun., I.P.M.

"The Officers of the Lodge of Hope," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Rolfe, S.W. and Bro. Belcher, Treas.

The Tyler's toast was responded to by Bro. S. P. Burton.

During the evening an excellent musical programme, admirably arranged by Bro. J. Stradling, was given. Songs were contributed by Bros. Hawkins, A. Camp, Vincent, J. Stradling, Dr. Langley, W. H. Saltmarsh, C. H. Stradling, and J. Howard, and a recitation was given by Bro. Belcher. The singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" brought a successful evening to a close.

"Hearty good wishes" from everyone present were expressed for the W.M.'s safety, and speedy return from the seat of war.

A pleasant and interesting memento of the gathering was the presentation to each member of a well-executed portrait engraving of Bro. Ricardo by Bro. G. J. Cosburn.

Underley Lodge, No. 1074.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Kirkby Lonsdale, on the 12th inst. The following visitors were present: Bros. J. L. Brayshaw, 2091, P.P.G.D. W. Yorks; M. R. Knowles, 510; Samuel Hey, 408; H. T. Procter, 63; C. E. Barrow, 1051; W. Bradley, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Theo. De Rowe, Hy. Hoggarth, G. E. Cartmel, and H. W. Baron, all of 129.

After the minutes had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. W. E. Rowland, and, proving favourable, he was initiated by Bro. G. Webster, Prov. J.G.D., W.M. Bro. Oliver Procter, S.W., W.M. elect, was then installed in the chair of K.S. by the W.M., Bro. G. Webster. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Webster, I.P.M.; R. R. P. Wearing, S.W.; L. C. Kassell, J.W.; Rev. J. N. Williams, Chap.; P. Palmer, P.M., Treas.; J. Roper, P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. Tayforth, S.D.; J. K. Robinson, J.D.; T. M. Rallinshaw, P.P.G.W., D.C.; J. Kassell, Prov. A.G.S., Almoner; M. Rallinshaw, Org.; W. Spooner, I.G.; R. Croft, J. Applegarth, and W. H. Bland, Stwds.; and T. H. Kassell, Tyler. The communication from Grand Lodge concerning the Grand Orient of France was read and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The annual banquet was subsequently held in the Concert Hall.

The Charity box yielded the sum of three guineas, which will be given to the local War Fund to be applied to the needs of the Border Regiment.

Shirley Lodge, No. 1112.

The brethren of the above lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on the 10th inst. at Southampton, when Bro. Charles H. Simpson, the S.W. of the past year, was installed into the chair. The attendance of Past Masters included Bros. Major J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas. Eng.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; G. J. Tilling, P.G.D.; R. R. Linthorne, W.M. 839, Prov. G. Reg.; J. E. Aldis, 359, P.G. Supt. of Works; T. E. Smith, 359; H. Lashmore, 394, P.P.S.G.D.; H. E. Joyce, P.M. 507; R. W. Denness, W.M. 1780; and S. Crane, W.M. 1883; and Bros. S. S. Swayne, I.P.M.; W. F. Mayoss, G. Greenslade, W. Pearce, P.G. Std. Br.; R. O. W. Dixon, P.P.S. G.D.; and J. W. Fletcher, all of the Shirley Lodge. The visitors also included Bros. J. E. Hopley, Lodge No. 556, Ohio, U.S.A., and W. Martin, W.M. elect 359.

A letter of apology for non-attendance was read from the retiring W.M., Bro. S. Cooksey, whose duties as a Volunteer officer detained him at headquarters in connection with the formation of a company for service in South Africa. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Tilling, who was thanked for his services. The officers for the year were appointed as follows: Bros. S. Cooksey, I.P.M.; Noel S. Ashby, S.W.; A. E. Hodson, J.W.; W. Pearce, P.M., Treas.; G. Greenslade, P.M., Sec.; G. G. Wilkinson, S.D.; W. G. Greenslade, J.D.; W. F. Mayoss, P.M., D. of C.; C. E. Martin, Org.; W. H. Dyer, I.G.; A. J. Marshall and W. Bagshaw, Stwds.; and W. Yare, Tyler. The votes of thanks for services rendered the lodge included one to Bro. Dixon who retires from the office of Secretary, and it was decided to present him with a Secretary's jewel.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet served by Bro. Biggs.

The usual Masonic toasts were afterwards honoured.

Bro. Woodall, who had responded for "The Officers of Grand Lodge," proposing "The Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and his Officers, Present and Past," referred in cordial terms to the high estimation in which Bro. Beach is held by Masons throughout England and to the honour which her Majesty had conferred on him by appointing him a Privy Councillor.

Bro. Le Feuvre acknowledged the toast, and said every Mason, not only in the province, but throughout the kingdom were proud of the distinction which had been conferred on Bro. Beach. No more appropriate honour could have been conferred on him than to be admitted a member of her Majesty's Privy Council. In the course of further remarks, the speaker pointed out that for the three Masonic Institutions last year the Craft raised close on £82,000.

"The Health of the newly-installed Master" was honoured, and other toasts followed.

The musical arrangements for the evening were in charge of Bros. Conlan, Billett and C. E. Martin.

Plucknett Lodge, No. 1708.

This very successful suburban lodge held its installation meeting at the Woodside Hall, North Finchley, on the 11th inst., when there was a goodly gathering. In the regrettable absence of the W.M., Bro. R. G. Minton, through domestic affliction, the chair was taken by Bro. W. J. Batho, P.M., supported by Bros. F. W. Freeman, S.W.; T. H. Palmer, S.D.; G. J. Austin, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Overed, P.M., Sec.; W. Hollis, J.D.; C. A. Batho, I.G.; M. C. W. Woodrow, P.M., D.C.; G. Hooper, Org.; G. Plowman, P.M.; E. Hollands, G. Samuel, and other members. Visitors: Bros. H. A. Saul, 1910; T. Mellish, 92; W. H. Crawshaw, D.C. 2541; Chas. Gee, 1627; Ernest Telleper, 1753; R. H. Hasworth, P.M. 959; J. H.

Stockton, 1287; D. Fairmaner, W.M. elect 73; A. A. Waller, 18; Stanley Wildash, 1818; L. J. Aylward, 2467; N. Dallas Forbes, 1705; G. S. Daunton, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Wks. Essex; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

The confirmation of the minutes having taken place, Bro. F. W. Freeman was installed as W.M. by Bro. W. J. Batho, P.M., in a very excellent and impressive manner. The officers appointed for the year were Bros. J. Grisdale, S.W.; T. H. Palmer, J.W.; G. J. Austin, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Overed, P.M., Sec.; W. Hollis, S.D.; W. J. Boyce, J.D.; C. A. Batho, I.G.; M. C. W. Woodrow, P.M., D.C.; G. Hooper, Org.; G. Hook and A. M. M. Forbes, Stwds.; and W. Proctor, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge was closed and an adjournment made to banquet. Bro. Batho, P.M., kindly provided some choice grapes and other delicacies.

The usual toasts were duly honoured with all heartiness and commendable brevity of speech.

Bro. W. J. Batho, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said he did not anticipate that this toast would be in his hands as he expected to be relegated amongst the Past Masters. Owing to the absence of Bro. Minton, I.P.M., which they one and all regretted, it had, however, fallen to his lot to propose this toast. He saw the W.M. initiated and go through all the offices with the exception of one, and in each he had carried out his duties with the exactitude and perfection they were accustomed to see in the Plucknett Lodge. It was the fault of any brother who failed in his office for they had an excellent lodge of instruction where the work could be acquired. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear a short time ago, that a brother whom he initiated had performed the three Degrees in the lodge of instruction. He was sure the W.M. would do credit to that lodge of instruction, credit to himself, and credit to the lodge.

Bro. F. W. Freeman, W.M., thanked the proposer of the toast and the brethren most cordially. He had reached the summit of his ambition in the chair of his mother lodge. He had tried to ably fill all the offices he had held, and nothing should be wanting on his part to render his year of office a successful one.

The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master," and said [they all appreciated the able manner in which Bro. Batho had performed the ceremony, whilst regretting that Bro. Minton, I.P.M., was unavoidably absent through domestic affliction.

Bro. W. J. Batho, P.M., said he did not expect to be called upon to instal two Masters in this lodge. He was sure it was a great disappointment to the I.P.M., Bro. Minton, not to be present, for he could have installed his successor in a manner satisfactory to all. He (Bro. Batho) was pleased to do what he could to assist the I.P.M., because he had the respect and affection of all the members.

For "The Visitors," Bros. W. W. Lee, P.M.; Daunton, P.M.; Wildash, and others replied.

Other toasts followed before a pleasant evening terminated.

Bro. Hooper, Org., presided at the piano, and was assisted in the musical arrangements by Miss Charlotte Dickens, Miss Esther Franklin, and Bros. Holland and Forbes.

Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922.

The installation meeting of this highly successful and flourishing lodge took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Monday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. H. Cornford, W.M.; R. Peachey, I.P.M.; E. J. S. Ware, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Chadderton, J.W.; W. G. Cannon, P.M., Treas.; L. C. Shipton, P.M., Sec.; L. S. Shipton, Asst. Sec.; A. R. Jackson, S.D.; F. W. Riches, J.D.; G. Herridge, I.G.; J. N. Taylor, Org.; W. E. Groom, Stwd.; T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler; C. L. Plant, P.M. (Hon.); L. Motley, J. E. Robertson, M. W. Harriss, S. Shipton, J. Peres, R. H. Lord, J. Thomas, F. C. Greenley, C. N. Wedge, W. Graves, C. Ball, H. H. Dean, E. C. Hewitt, C. Cook, F. G. Messent, W. E. Low, W. Wise, J. Warne, G. Groves, R. Pearson, A. Furneaux, A. H. Harriss, W. L. Chamness, G. Legg, H. Lambert, G. Hennings, G. T. Lambert, G. H. Costello, J. H. Heath, W. C. Hurley, W. Simmonds, J. D. Williams, M. K. Hand, J. Maltby, and A. G. Pocock. The visitors were Bros. J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br. England (Hon.); H. P. Gurney, I.G. 1861; J. Joel, W.M. 2647; J. E. Eidman, P.M. 1705; F. C. Potts, 2535; J. E. Burkmarr, W.M. 2234; J. H. Cooper, S.W. 1475; C. H. Burton, 1707; H. A. Stunt, P.M. and Sec. 1320; H. J. Davenall, I.P.M. 1602; Wm. Beecroft, P.M. 1158; C. Conyers, 101; and C. H. Stone, W.M. 1641.

The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The W.M. raised Bro. O. Peres in a most impressive manner, and passed Bro. C. Ball perfectly. The Auditors presented their report, which showed the lodge to be in a most flourishing financial position. Bro. W. G. Cannon, P.M., next presented Bro. E. J. S. Ware, W.M. elect, to the W.M. to receive from him the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a large Board of Installed Masters in a faultless and commendable manner. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Cornford, I.P.M. and D.C.; A. Chadderton, S.W.; A. R. Jackson, J.W.; W. G. Cannon, P.M., Treas.; L. C. Shipton, P.M., Sec.; L. S. Shipton, Asst. Sec.; F. W. Riches, S.D.; W. E. Groom, J.D.; M. W. Harriss, I.G.; R. H. Lord, F. C. Greenley, and J. F. Warne, Stwds.; J. N. Taylor, Org.; and T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler. The three addresses were rehearsed by the Installing Master, Bro. H. Cornford, in a manner for which he received the thanks of the brethren. A ballot was next taken for Messrs. J. D. Williams and M. K. Hand, which proved unanimous and they were duly initiated by the W.M. in a correct and impressive manner. Ten guineas were voted to the Benevolent Institution on Bro. Cannon's list; ten guineas to the Daily Telegraph Fund for Widows and Orphans, and a distressed brother relieved, thus nobly carrying out the chief characteristic of the lodge—Benevolence. A vote of thanks was given to the Auditors and duly responded to. Bro. E. J. S. Ware, W.M., next rose, and said he would like to decorate the I.P.M., Bro. Cornford, with the token of their esteem and regard, he had endeared himself to every member of the lodge, and his work during the past year had been done in an admirable manner. It was surprising to the W.M. how perfectly he had carried them out and be was sure that all the brethren delighted to honour him. It was their earnest wish that the I.P.M. might live to wear the Past Master's jewel for many many years. In responding, Bro. H. Cornford, I.P.M. (who received quite an ovation), said he thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for such a handsome testimony of their esteem. It had been a very proud privilege to preside over the lodge during the past year, and he hoped that for many years he should enjoy the same privilege. He rejoiced to see such an array of young officers coming on who would do their utmost for the lodge. He had had a most exceptional year, and among his 19 initiates he hoped he should be spared to see some of them installed as Master of the Earl of Lathom Lodge. The W.M. rose, and said to further enhance their testimony of the I.P.M., the initiates of the year had subscribed and presented him with a Past Master's collar and jewel with their names inscribed thereon. The inscription on the jewel was: "Presented to Bro. Henry Cornford, P.M., by the brethren of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, 1922, in appreciation of his services as W.M. during the year 1899-1900." Two propositions were handed in for initiation, which is a happy augury for another successful year.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, in her usual capable manner.

The cloth removed, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, as also that of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present

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and Past," who the W.M. said performed their duties in an exemplary manner. The lodge was pleased to welcome Bro. Mason who was always to the front in the truly Masonic ornament—Charity. He was delighted to state that the lodge and the lodge of instruction had supported those noble Masonic Institutions with hundreds of pounds. He coupled Bro. Mason with the toast.

In reply, Bro. Mason spoke in the highest terms of the G. Master, who was untiring in his duties for the benefit of the Craft, as also the Pro G. Master, Earl Amherst, who was one of the most able and genial of Masons, and the Earl Warwick, the Dep. G. Master. He paid a high tribute of respect to the late Pro G. Master, the Earl of Lathom, after whom the lodge was named, and he was proud to say he was present with him at the Surrey Masonic Hall at its consecration, and during his term of office no brother was more loved and esteemed than the late Pro G. Master. He hoped to see the purple come to some worthy brethren in that lodge, and on behalf of the Grand Officers he heartily thanked them.

The I.P.M. next presented the toast of "The W.M." in terms of love and respect and admiration of his working in the lodge, as also in the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, of which he was the assiduous Assistant Secretary. All congratulated him upon attaining the proud position for which he had so truly aspired. He had already given evidence of his work which he so capably performed. He asked the brethren to drink to the toast most heartily.

In reply, Bro. Ware, W.M., was grateful for the kind remarks that had fallen from the I.P.M., and such a hearty response from the brethren. He would not wish to be pronounced great, but he would ask the brethren to bring worthy initiates, that he might emulate the I.P.M., and leave such a legacy as he had. He was very proud, and so should every Mason aspire to the position of W.M., and he heartily thanked him for the honour.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Hy. Cornford," whom all appreciated for his high character and excellent working, which was known all over London. The brethren of the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction received at his hands every assistance, and he was most enthusiastic in the cause of Freemasonry. His greatest interest was given to the various Masonic Charities, and he was ever ready to help the distressed. The jewel that had been presented to him was but a small token of their love, and would remind him of the high honour he was held in by the lodge.

Bro. H. Cornford, I.P.M., heartily thanked the brethren for such a cordial reception. He had endeavoured to do his utmost, which should be the aim of all. He was certainly proud of the lodge, which had enabled him during the last three years to forward the three Masonic Institutions the sum of about £300, which was highly commendable. His thanks were due to the officers, who had so ably assisted him in the government of the lodge during the past year; but what gratified him the most was the testimony from the initiates of the year, which he hoped to wear with feelings of great pride and pleasure.

"The Initiates" was ably presented and replied to.

The toast of "The Visitors" (who were most cordially welcomed) having been responded to,

The W.M. next described the Past Masters as the pillars of the lodge, and ever ready to support and assist the W.M. in his duties.

Bros. Cannon, Treas., and Shipton, P.M., ably responded.

The toast of "The Officers" received at the hands of the W.M. its just merits.

The S.W. and J.W. replied.

The Tyler's toast closed an enjoyable and profitable meeting.

An excellent programme was arranged under the management of Bro. G. Costello, ably supported by Messrs. Edgar Edwards and F. Griffiths, Bros. Jackson, C. Conyers, L. S. Shipton, G. Costello, W. E. Groom, and C. L. Plant. Bro. John N. Taylor, Org., ably presided at the piano.

Domestic Lodge, No. 177.

The installation meeting of this lodge, held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 12th inst., was presided over by Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., the W.M. having died before the termination of his year of office. The other members present included Bros. John Anley, jun., W.M. elect; J. S. Smith, J.W.; A. Piper, P.M.; Geo. Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; H. N. Price, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M.; T. H. Hobbs, P.M.; H. J. Chapman, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; A. Simner, P.M.; J. S. Walford, P.M.; P. S. Wallis, S.D.; F. G. Newell, J.D.; J. M. Butler, I.G.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; J. W. Sydney, H. A. Moyes, and many others. Visitors: Bros. E. Jones, P.M. 192; W. G. Head, W.M. 2305; B. Barton, I.G. 2552; T. Leader, W.M. 2107; K. E. Godfrey, 1607; W. Hill, 2030; W. Kennedy, 2030; T. Wright, 2266; W. A. Evans, 9; H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541; E. G. Platt, S.W. 1329; D. Hast, 1056; H. J. Titcombe, 2419; M. J. Fowler, 2426; and W.W. Lee, P.M.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and a very satisfactory Audit report adopted. A resolution was passed expressing sincere sympathy with the relatives of the late W.M. Bro. H. N. Price, P.M., P.G.S.B., then occupied the chair, and in an excellent manner installed Bro. John Anley, jun. The following officers were invested: Bros. T. S. Smith, S.W.; P. S. Wallis, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Treasurer; H. N. Price, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Secretary; F. G. Newell, S.D.; J. M. Butler, J.D.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; J. Blades, I.G.; R. J. M. Manlove, D.C.; J. W. Sydney, A.D.C.; G. Johnson and A. Cook, Stwds.; and T. Edmonds, Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and a well-served banquet was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., proposed "The Grand Officers," and alluded to the presence of two Past Masters of the lodge who were Grand Officers—Bros. George Everett, who was elected as Grand Treasurer by the suffrages of the brethren, and whom they congratulated on his restoration to health, and Bro. H. N. Price, P.G.S.B., a most energetic, earnest, and hard-working Mason.

Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., responded for the felicitous terms in which Bro. Ferguson had submitted the toast. He was much touched by the kindly allusions to himself, for circumstances over which he had no control had prevented him taking the active part he had done for over 30 years. He was better, although not in his old form, but he was satisfied to be with them, and see them happy and comfortable. Whether appointed or elected, the Grand Officers did their level best to carry out the great principles of the Order, and by their presence at various lodges they showed the interest they took in Freemasonry generally.

Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said the W.M. had given them a proof of his ability in the manner in which he invested his officers. He could also tell them that on the previous night the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising in a very satisfactory manner. The interest taken by Bro. Anley, jun., in Freemasonry for some years past justified him in saying that they had a W.M. who would not fail to carry out the duties of the lodge. The W.M.'s father would doubtless feel a certain amount of pleasure in seeing his son installed into the highest position in the lodge. If the members introduced any friends to the lodge for initiation they could rest assured the W.M. would perform the ceremony in an admirable manner.

Bro. John Anley, jun., W.M., thanked Bro. Ferguson for his kindly proposition of the toast. Thirteen years ago when he sat at the right of Bro. Price as an initiate, he little thought to have the honour of occupying the chair. He thanked them sincerely for the honour done him. He would do all he could for the good of the lodge and endeavour to emulate those who had gone before him. He should be glad if any member introduced candidates, but the wanted quality, not quantity.

Bro. E. White, P.M., then proposed "The Masonic Charities," and

Bro. G. Everett announced that it had been decided to admit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, without election, five sons of soldiers who had fallen during the war.

"The Visitors" was cordially given, and replied to by Bros. Leader, P.M.; Gush, P.M.; Lee, P.M.; Hill, and others.

The W.M. next submitted "The Installing Master," and thanked Bro. Price for installing him so admirably. Bro. Price initiated him into Freemasonry, exalted him in the Royal Arch, and had now installed him into the W.M.'s chair.

Bro. H. N. Price, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec., said it had afforded him a great amount of pleasure to instal Bro. Anley into the chair. He initiated the W.M. on a very memorable occasion, the centenary celebration of the lodge, when 243 brethren sat down to dinner. Bro. Hobbs, whom he initiated on the same night, had already passed the chair. The members had done the right thing in electing Bro. Anley, and if they rallied to his support they would endorse the opinion that they could not have chosen a better Master. It was always a labour of love for a P.M. to come forward and perform a ceremony, and he had carried out the installation to the best of his ability. He was permitted to do the ceremony by the kind consideration of Bro. Ferguson. It was gratifying to know he had to some extent satisfied them, and he tendered him his hearty thanks.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" afterwards received hearty recognition.

Bro. R. B. Hopkins, Org., was encored for his splendid handbell solos, and was assisted in a capital programme by Bros. T. S. Smith, G. Johnson, J. W. Sydney, F. G. Newell, and Walter Grace.

Bertie Lodge, No. 1515.

The effects of the prevailing epidemic were much in evidence at the annual festival of the above lodge, which took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford, a large number of Past Masters being absent through illness. Bro. J. Hardie McLean was installed W.M. by the I.P.M., Bros. A. E. Hunt, and the following were invested officers for the ensuing year: Bro. A. E. Hunt, P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; R. P. Thomas, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; R. Foort, P.P.G. Stwd., J.W.; T. Ford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; W. Harris, P.M., P.S.G.D., Sec.; A. Mosley, S.D.; J. B. Lucas, J.D.; W. E. Williams, D.C.; Geo. Gardner, A.D.C.; R. H. J. Bartlett, I.G.; E. Wilmer Madge, Org.; H. M. Lane, Asst. Sec.; G. M. R. Cockburn and H. M. Turner, Stwds.; and G. Field, Tyler. The report of the Treasurer, Bro. Ford, P.M., showed the lodge to be in a very flourishing condition, there being a surplus on the year of something over £60. It was decided to increase the amount invested in Consols to £100, and £10 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which Bro. Gardner announced his intention of taking up a Stewardship.

A banquet followed, which reflected the greatest credit on the Steward, Bro. Cockburn.

The comfort of the visitors was greatly enhanced by the installation of the electric light, generously undertaken by Bro. W. T. Upton, 340.

During the evening, allusion was made to the inability of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Viscount Valentia, M.P.), to be present, owing to his duties in connection with the Imperial Yeomanry, and the Secretary was instructed to convey to him the "Hearty good wishes" of the lodge, and wish him a safe and speedy return from South Africa.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.

At the installation meeting, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bro. Isaac Cohen, L.D.S., R.C.S. England, was installed as the W.M., the installation ceremony being ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. E. Emanuel. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Emanuel, I.P.M.; J. Craig, S.W.; A. W. Brewer, J.W.; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; J. Hands, Treas.; S. Roco, P.M., Chap.; M. D. Armstrong, S.D.; W. Rosenthal, J.D.; A. Saville, I.G.; W. Gardener, P.M., D.C.; and H. Emanuel, M. Jacobs, and H. Mott, Stewards. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Emanuel, I.P.M., for services rendered the lodge during his year of office, after which the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the same being interspersed with vocal selections.

The W.M. was supported by the Masters of several London lodges, including the sister Lodges of Israel and Samson, and many brother officers of his regiment, also by Bros. Councillor S. Cohen, Dr. G. A. Cohen, Dr. H. Tayler-Morgan, Major H. Wright, P.M.; Captain H. Dade, W. B. Neville, P.M.; Tebbitt, P.M.; and others.

This lodge has now attained the ripe old age of 111 years, and is as vigorous as ever.

Royal Arch,

Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

The annual installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Comps. Frederick Hughes, M.E.Z.; William Baker, J.; D. Ringrose, S.N.; John G. Robeson, P.S.; Thomas Cohu, P.Z., D. of C., M.E.Z. elect; S. M. Banker, P.Z.; W. Haynes Dunn, P.Z., acting Scribe E.; John Kent, Geo. K. Durrant, W. T. Fisher, George Wetton, James Collins, Joseph Miller, J. M. Barclay, and G. Couchman, Janitor. Comp. Henry Garrod, P.A.G.D.C., was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Comp. Henry Garrod then installed Comps. Cohu, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; William Baker, H.; and John G. Robeson, J., in his well-known able and impressive manner. The officers elected for the year were Comps. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., S.E.; D. Ringrose, S.N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; W. T. Fisher, P.S.; C. G. Diamond, 1st A.S.; F. Hamlett, 2nd A.S.; George Wetton, Asst. D. of C.; and J. J. Bassett, Stwd., the majority of whom were, unfortunately, unable to be present through ill-health, and consequently the M.E.Z. was only able to invest the S.N., P.S., A.D.C., and Janitor. The M.E.Z. proposed his son, Bro. T. Cohu, jun., for exaltation at the next meeting. Letters of sympathy were ordered to be sent to Comps. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., S.E., and George Kenning, P.Z., Treas., greatly regretting their unavoidable absence, the former as the result of an accident, and the latter through his continued ill-health, with best wishes of all the companions present for their speedy recovery and return to their usual positions in the chapter. Heartiest thanks were tendered to Comp. Henry Garrod, P.A.G.D.C., both in the chapter and at the table afterwards, for so kindly undertaking the duties of Installing Principal at only a few hours' notice, through the regretted and unavoidable absence of the S.E. who was to have done the work.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to supper under the genial presidency of their popular and much beloved M.E.Z.



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Zetland Chapter, No. 603.

A regular meeting of the chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath-road, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, on Friday, the 22nd ult. Present: Comps. J. T. Last, M.E.Z.; Wm. Allatt, P.Z. 258, (hon. mem.), as H.; Jas. Clough, J.; Wm. Sharp, P.Z.; S. H. Stocks, P.Z.; H. E. Hodgson, S.E.; Alfred Woodhead, as S.N.; S. Mortimer, P.S.; C. F. Forsdew, A.S.; W. H. Hudson, as Janitor, and other companions. Comps. Walker Dyson, P.Z. 290, and Jas. Tindall, 302, were visitors.

The meeting was of considerable interest to the members inasmuch as the business consisted of the election and exaltation of Bro. George Blackburn, P.M. 603, a worthy and respected member of the Zetland Lodge, who had attained the ripe age of 72 years, and who was desirous of increasing his Masonic knowledge. The exaltation ceremony was conducted by Comp. Last, M.E.Z., after which the historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures were given by Comps. Allatt, P.Z., Mortimer, P.S., and W. Dyson, P.Z. 290. The election of the chapter officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Comps. Saml. Law, M.E.Z.; Jas. Clough, H.; S. Mortimer, J.; J. T. Last, P.Z., S.E.; Geo. Blackburn, S.N.; Chas. F. Forshaw, P.Z.; R. F. Rogersdn, 1st A.S.; A. Powell, 2nd A.S.; W. H. Hudson, Janitor; and Saml. Halliday, Treas. A number of current accounts and chapter fees were directed to be paid. After apologies for the unavoidable absence of several companions the chapter was closed, and the companions dined together.

Ezra Chapter, No. 1489.

The usual quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Cock, Highbury, the following members being present: Comps. R. W. Huntley, M.E.Z.; H. A. Huntley, H.; T. V. Mills, J.; J. E. Wallford, P.Z., Treas.; Edwin George, P.Z., Scribe; A. Dottridge, P.Z., P.S.; D. Legg, Janitor; J. W. Sparrow, P.Z.; I. Keizer, J. Keizer, and several other companions.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read, and no further business being offered, the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to a banquet at which Comp. R. W. Huntley, M.E.Z., presided.

After the usual loyal and other toasts had been given and duly honoured, a very pleasing ceremony took place, it being the presentation of a valuable gold watch to Comp. Edwin George, P.Z., with the following inscription engraved on the dome: "Presented to Comp. Edwin George, P.Z., as a token of esteem and in recognition of his valuable services as Scribe E. to the chapter. January, 1900."

Comp. R. W. Huntley, in handing the testimonial to Comp. George, spoke very highly of the past services he had rendered, not only to the chapter, but to the Craft generally, more especially in connection with the various Masonic Institutions, and he trusted that the day was far distant before they lost his valuable services, which were always freely given and energetically carried out.

Comp. George's health having been enthusiastically drunk, he returned thanks in a few well-chosen words, and after a very pleasant evening, the proceedings terminated in the usual manner.

Eccentric Chapter, No. 2488.

At the annual installation meeting of this chapter, held at 33, Golden-square, some excellent work was done, the installation and exaltation ceremonies being all rendered in a manner worthy of all praise. Comp. Imre Kiralfy took the post of P.S. at a moment's notice in first-class style. The members present included Comps. F. Dangerfield, P.Z., M.E.Z.; J. R. Cleave, P.Z., P.G.J. Surrey, H.; Lionel W. Harris, J.; Walter Clifford; W. Sergeant Lee, P.Z.; W. Singleton Hooper, P.S.; J. Hawkins, P.Z.; J. Kift, Org.; J. D. Langton, P.Z.; E. Lockwood, Willie Drew, and many others. Visitors: Comps. C. Norman Jones; T. Simpson, J. 1196; E. L. Berry, I.P.Z. 321; Newton Crane, J. 2377; W. W. Lee, P.Z. 1524, and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and the Audit Report, showing a substantial balance in hand, was adopted. The following Principals were installed into their respective chairs by Comp. Hawkins, P.Z., this being the first occasion on which an installation ceremony has been performed in the chapter, viz., Comps. J. R. Cleave, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Lionel W. Harris, H.; and Walter Clifford, J. The various officers were invested, and Bro. Willie Drew, 157 and 2458, was impressively exalted into R.A. Freemasonry. Comp. Dangerfield, I.P.Z., was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, and appropriately acknowledged the gift. Ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the M.E.Z.'s list, and a donation made to "A Brother's Bed."

Chapter was closed, and a choice banquet was afterwards served at the Eccentric Club.

A few toasts were afterwards given, and after "Loyalty to the Throne and Fidelity to Freemasonry" had been heartily received,

Comp. F. Dangerfield, I.P.Z., proposed "The Three Principals." He said they all knew the value of Comp. Cleave, whether in lodge, chapter, or club, and the other two Principals had shown in an excellent way that evening of what they were capable.

The M.E.Z. replied that the Principals thanked the companions for the trust reposed in them, and the H. and J. concluded with the remark that they pledged themselves to a faithful performance of the same.

Comp. Willie Drew responded for "The Exalte," and said the ceremony that evening had impressed him more than any he had gone through.

Comp. J. D. Langton, P.G. Std. Br., acknowledged "The Visitors," and was followed by

Comp. Newton Crane, who said he was glad to be present again and enjoy the hospitality of the Eccentric. He knew it was usual for the visitors to speak of the way in which the work had been done, and he had heard many dinners paid for in that way. He did not know the work could be as well done as he had seen it that evening, and he thought that chapter could give points to his own.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The P.Z.s." That toast included Comp. Chapman, who was doing his duty at Kimberley; Comp. Dangerfield, I.P.Z., who had had a pleasant year; Comp. Hawkins, the Installing Principal; and Comp. Sergeant Lee, whose working they all tried to imitate.

Comp. F. Dangerfield, I.P.Z., responded. "The S.E. and Treasurer" was followed by "The Officers," for which Comps. W. S. Hooper, S.E.; Imre Kiralfy, and others replied.

Instruction.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th instant, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E. Present: Comps. Thomas Grunmunt, M.E.Z.; J. H. Cureton, P.Z., H.; Hy. Cornford, J.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., Scribe E.; G. H. Lewis, P.Z., Scribe N.; J. Block, P.Z., P.S.; W. Dawson, Wal Jeffery, Frampton, Blake, Cass, Higgs, H. C. Turner, Morris, Grazebrook, Pascoe, and J. S. Targett.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Fred. Blake personating the candidate, who also was elected a joining member, he being P.S. of the Sterndale Bennett Chapter, No. 2182. Comp. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., H., was elected M.E.Z. for to-night (Friday). Letters of inability to attend were read from Comps. W. R. Barr, P.Z., and S. J. Derham, P.Z.

After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. F. H. Johnson, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; A. E. Turner, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardymont (W.M.), Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; M. Relph, S.D.; E. P. Fischer, J.D.; A. Noel, I.G.; J. E. Thomas, H. J. Kempell, jun., E. Lucas, J. Horstead, C. Bone, F. H. Hall, and E. A. Spencer.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Horstead being the candidate. The ancient charge was given. Bro. F. H. Hall being an E.A. was elected a member of the lodge and withdrew. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bone being the candidate. Bro. Harding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 269S.

A very successful meeting was held at the Earl Derby, High-road, Kilburn, on Monday, the 15th instant, when the members of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, who hold their weekly meetings at the Windsor Castle, 135, Lower Clapton-road, paid a visit to this lodge, and very ably carried out the work of the evening. The following members of the visiting lodge occupied the offices as follows: Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; Crisp, S.W.; Islip, P.M., J.W.; Elsdon, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; Greaves, I.G.; and Alfred Rusby, P.M., Treas., in the regrettable absence of the Preceptor, Bro. G. Edwards, through illness, acted as I.P.M. and Preceptor. There were also several other members of the lodge who were present. The company, numbering over 40, included Bros. Ives, P.M., Wild, Punter, Feistel, Roberts, Barker, Saunders, and Lynch, of 1524; A. F. Hardymont, Preceptor; R. J. Campbell, P.M., Treas.; H. Willsmer, Sec.; C. J. Greaves, Wilson, Bore, Ridgway, W. G. Coxen, G. Coxen, H. Dunnaway, acting Org.; Powell, Aylett, Fraser, Line, Palmer, Segar, Pearce, Golby, Wood, Wyatt, Ferguson, Brown, Gawthrop, P.M.; Spiegel, P.M.; Oldrey, Emery, Robertson, Priest, P.M., Sec. St. John's Lodge of Instruction; J. H. Clemens, P.M.; Simmonds, Cutts, Patterson, M. Clemens, and others, of the lodge.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Punter acting as candidate. The following Sections of the Lecture were very admirably worked by the following brethren: 1st Section, Bro. Rusby, P.M., assisted by Bro. Islip; 2nd Section, Bro. Rusby, assisted by Bro. T. Feistel; 3rd Section, Bro. Crisp, assisted by Bro. Rusby; 4th Section, Bro. Rusby, assisted by Bro. Crisp; and 5th Section, Bro. Rusby, assisted by Bro. Roberts. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bros. Priest, P.M., and Oldrey, jun., were elected members, and, on the proposition of Bros. Campbell and Hardymont, the brethren of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, who had so successfully carried out the respective duties of the evening were unanimously elected honorary members, and the thanks of the members were most cordially tendered to the visiting brethren, and responded to by Bros. Brown and Rusby.

TO MANY FRIENDS IN MANY LANDS.
A MYSTIC TIE.

While yet the year is young I send you greeting,
My friends of years, and friends of yesterday;
Think not that I forget, though time is fleeting;
Once taken to my heart of hearts, 'tis there you stay.

A friend once made, is made a friend for ever;
I never change but hold you all most dear;
Remember this and distance shall not sever,
Without your memories life would be most drear.

To brethren, whereso'er dispersed on land or water,
I speak in tones that ye can understand;
And to you all I say, if ye have sought her—
Mnemosyné,* ye are a chosen band.

Though seas divide us, years are onward rolling,
Time with his hour-glass beckons us again;
We cannot linger, naught are we controlling,
But we remember all our loss and gain.

Our loss and gain, yes many have passed over
The other side into the great unknown;
But let us cherish our new friends. Moreover
Let us be sure we reap as we have sown.

If we are faithful to our friends and brothers,
They will be faithful too until the last;
So then I say to all my friends and others,
Forget me not till life be overpast.

EMMA HOLMES,
Author of "At the Oakenholt."

Dovercourt, 1900.

Obituary.

BRO. T. G. WALKER, No. 610.

The funeral of Bro. Dr. Thomas Greaves Walker was held on Friday, the 12th inst. The first portion of the service was held in the beautiful church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, where the deceased held the office of sidesman. The clergy present were the Revs. J. B. De la Bere, M.A., R. H. Harvey, M.A., C. W. Jacob, M.A., G. Hitchings, E. F. A. Hext (rector of St. Mary's, Walton), and E. C. West (St. Matthew's, Moorfields). As the procession entered the church, the organist, Mr. J. W. Lawson, played "O rest in the Lord," and besides the customary service, which was full choral, the choir sang "On the resurrection morn" and "Peace, perfect peace." The interment was at Redcliff cemetery, the officiant at the concluding portion of the service being the Rev. E. F. A. Hext. Amongst those present were Bros. J. S. Gover, W.M., S. G. Moxey, P.M., T. Church, H. J. Savery, E. I. Neale, and G. Langford, representing the Colston Lodge, No. 610, of which deceased was a member; while the medical profession was represented by Drs. H. T. Rudge, J. M. M. Thomas, Hedley Hill, Logan, and Taylor. There were also present Messrs. T. P. Ritchie (churchwarden), W. Olive, A. Hawley, and A. Board (sidesmen), J. F. Francombe, H. W. Neal Clark, Moor, and Perrott (from the Prudential Assurance Company), Norris (United Patriots' Benefit Society), Mills, and C. J. Knight. There were many wreaths.

FAREWELL TO A FREEMASON.—A supper was held at the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone, on Wednesday, the 10th instant, after the usual monthly meeting at the Hall, to give a send off to Bro. A. W. Page, a volunteer of the West Kent contingent of the Imperial Yeomanry. Bro. L. W. Stansell, W.M., after the repast, proposed the toast of "Good luck to Bro. Page," which was heartily received, and Bro. J. B. Groom, Sec., recited the Poet Laureate's poem "To Arms, To Arms." Bro. Page replied to the toast in suitable terms, announcing his intention to do his duty, whatever happened. Patriotic songs, including "The Absent-Minded Beggar," were sung, and a collection on behalf of the War Fund realised £10s.

* Mnemosyné was the mother of the Muses. The Greek word signifies memory.