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### BRO. HUGHAN ON THE YORK GRAND LODGE.

During the last three weeks there has been published in these columns a most important paper compiled by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., and read on his behalf before Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, at its meeting on the 5th ult., in which additional light is thrown upon the history of the old lodge at York, which, though it appears never to have enjoyed more than a very precarious existence, assumed to itself, *circa* 1725, the high-sounding title of "Grand Lodge of all England." As far back as 1871, Bro. HUGHAN wrote a history of this venerable, but long extinct body, which, at a time when the spirit of investigation was not characterised by the activity it exhibits now, was very generally and very highly appreciated. Brethren were only then beginning to discover that what had previously been palmed off upon them as Masonic history was a compound of fantastic theories, traditions, assertions, &c., &c., and our brother's "Masonic Sketches and Reprints"—which included the history of the said Grand Lodge at York—came upon them almost as a revelation, and no doubt had the desired effect of inducing many among our most inquiring members to search for themselves in the records that were still preserved to us and see if something like a trustworthy, connected, and sensible history of the Craft could not be written. In that Sketch Bro. HUGHAN told us pretty well all that he had then learned of the career of Masonry in the City of York; but fresh matter is still coming to light, and in this Paper Bro. HUGHAN gives us the benefit of his further investigations, and as they appear to have been favourably commented upon by sundry of the leading spirits of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, so we doubt not that our readers must have been gratified and profited by its early publication.

It is not necessary that we should dwell at any length upon the obvious merits of an essay which we have had the privilege of laying before our readers *in extenso*. Those who wish to appraise the Minute-Book 1712—1730 at its true value can judge for themselves from the extracts contained in Appendix A, while those who desire to learn more about the internal government of the Grand Lodge can do so by studying in "Appendix B" the "Articles agreed to be kept and observed by the Antient Society of Freemasons in the City of York, and to be subscribed by every member thereof at their Admittance into the said Society." Or, if they desire to know to what, if any, extent

the Society exercised its right, as a Grand Lodge, of granting warrants for the formation of daughter lodges, they will be able to gratify their curiosity by reading the second instalment of the paper, which appeared in our issue of the 20th ult. It has occurred, however, to us that in those passages in which he refers to Laurence Dermott and the "Ancient" Grand Lodge in London, Bro. HUGHAN has been somewhat severe on Dermott, and has misinterpreted the sense in which "the immortal journeyman painter"—as somebody once designated him—employed the expression "Free and Accepted York Masons." Dermott, as is pretty generally known, was not a man of education or refinement, but in the course of his long and busy career he must have acquired pretty nearly all the knowledge of the organisation, laws, traditions, and history of Freemasonry which could be obtained in his day. Moreover, we must bear in mind that the bulk of the members of the Society, which, as Grand Secretary, he organised, and, as Deputy Grand Master, virtually presided over, were men of no social standing whatever. They were mostly artisans, mechanics, and small tradesmen, who had but little knowledge of any kind outside what was necessary to them in following their craft or business. It was, therefore, necessary that he should impress his "ancient" brethren with as full a sense of his profound knowledge of everything connected with Masonry from time immemorial as possible. Hence, knowing full well the men he had to deal with, he employed on all necessary occasions the most imposing titles, the most formidable words, he could think of, in this respect not disdaining to follow the example of many another and far more cultured man than he. Again, he was sufficiently well acquainted with the legendary history of the Craft to know that York had always been *the* important Masonic centre—the early home, if not the birthplace, of the Craft—in England. So he dubbed his London "ancient" brethren "York Masons," meaning thereby nothing more than that his "ancients," equally with the Masons at York and the brethren in Ireland and Scotland, had one origin in common, and adopted among themselves the same modes of recognition; while the rival Society in London had abandoned the true and ancient ways of Masonry. We may take the opportunity of saying more upon this point on some future occasion.

We must not conclude our remarks without expressing to Bros. HUGHAN and G. W. SPETH, Editor of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," our sincere thanks for permitting us to publish this paper so soon after its delivery before the Lodge Quatuor Coronati.

### THE LODGE ROOM.

#### IV. THE TRACING BOARDS.

[COMMUNICATED].

Many brethren imagine that the Tracing Board, is the pictorial representation of Masonic devices, which is used to illustrate the lecture generally given at the conclusion of a ceremony. The picture in question is commonly, but erroneously called the Tracing Board, but we doubt whether very many lodges possess the real article.

In the First Lecture we are given to understand that "the immovable jewels are the Tracing Boards and the Rough and Perfect Ashlars;" and that "as the Tracing Boards are for the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon so as to enable the Operative Mason to carry on the intended structure with order, regularity, and precision; so the V.S.L. may justly be described as the spiritual Tracing Board of T.G.A.O.T.U. . . ."

The term "Tracing Board" is in itself a misnomer. What is referred to as one of the immovable jewels should be the "Trestle Board." The pictures above referred to, and commonly called Tracing Boards, are but so many devices to save Worshipful Masters trouble. In days gone by when the Worshipful Master wished to lecture the brethren, he made the devices necessary to illustrate his lecture, in chalk, on the floor of the lodge or on an oilcloth laid down for the purpose. In course of time it occurred to an ingenious brother to transfer the oilcloth or canvas to an easel, and to make the illustrations permanent. The result is to crowd the picture with a series of emblems more or less Masonic, without much reference to unity of effect, and its principal use now, is to serve as a useful refresher to the lecturer's memory; and the writer has often wished when delivering the First Principal's lecture in the chapter that some similar contrivance existed for the same purpose.

The confusion between Tracing and Trestle Boards originated with the French Masons, and Dr. Oliver keeps it up (*Landmarks*, i, 132).

There is a connection between the two, however, in that the actual Trestle Board is depicted on the so-called Tracing Board. The Master Masons in the middle ages employed a board—mounted on trestles, hence the name—divided, like the pavement of the lodge, into equal squares, each of which was a unit of measure and proportion, equal to a perch of  $16\frac{1}{2}$  square feet in English lodges, and  $23\frac{1}{2}$  square feet in Continental lodges. If we look at the representation on the Tracing Board (we shall continue to employ this designation of the pictures) it will be seen that all the vertical lines or those lines which recede from the vision, converge to a vanishing point, or point of sight, "the centre of a circle," at which, if all lines meet, "a Master Mason cannot err." Similarly all the horizontal lines diminish in their relative spacing, and the rungs of Jacob's ladder are practically a continuation.

These lines, vertical and horizontal, form the axial proportions of scale of building "in cubes," and the two measuring or distance points are found at the sides of the Tracing Board in circles marked N. and S. Jacob's ladder forms a perspective scale of heights for designing the tower, each rung equalling, in relative perspective the proportionate unit of measurement of each mosaic square. The diagonals of each mosaic square should—if the board be truly depicted—meet when produced at the points marked N. and S., referred to for that reason, as measuring or distance points.

The indented border formed a scale of measurement for proportioning out the length of the nave, and should be seven mosaics up to the point of sight, this being the *ratio* generally employed. When a measurement was required, the Master generally proceeded from the point of sight down one of the vertical converging lines, to the base of the board to find the required unit of measurement, or—in other words—he left the East and proceeded to the West,—“to find that which was lost.”

After the Master had traced or lined out his arrangement on the board, the flat drawings, not in perspective, were geometrically set out on the mosaic floor of the lodge by a Craftsman. For example, the Master of a lodge who wished to design a church, would begin by placing the columns of the nave along the intersections formed on one vertical line, and would then allow two mosaics for the width of the nave, and one for each aisle. The height would be measured in like manner, and the whole of the ground plan and interior would be developed in a series of cubes in true perspective. The measurements would then all be ascertained by counting the mosaics. The most remarkable specimen of this kind of designing is Amiens Cathedral, built in 1220, by Master Mason Robert de Luzarche. The whole edifice is comprised in an isometrical or perspective cube of 216 smaller cubes or mosaics, each measuring  $23\frac{1}{2}$  feet in length, breadth, and height.

The use of the board by Persian and Indian builders forms the subject of a very interesting paper by Bro. Purdon Clarke, I.P.M. of *Lodge Quatuor Coronati*, which was read at their meeting on May 5, 1893. The illustrations accompanying the paper are exceptionally valuable.

Let us now consider the lectures which are illustrated by the pictorial representations generally called Tracing Boards. Several statements in the lecture of the 1<sup>o</sup>, to which the purist might take exception, have been already alluded to in notes on the pavement and the porchway *ante*, and do not need further reference. The allusion to David's "inadvertently" numbering the people, heard in some lodges, seems to require correction, as that monarch not only formed the plan but carried it out, even against the expressed advice of his commander-in-chief, Joab, who in undertaking a task he thoroughly disliked, contrived to make the census invalid by leaving out an important section of the people.

The references to the Volume of the Sacred Law, and its

position in the Craft, will form the subject of a special article later, and, therefore, need not be entertained at present. The explanations of the square, level, and plumb-line, are objected to by some on the ground that such explanations belong to a superior degree and cannot, therefore, be fitly made in an inferior degree. They are quite in order, however, as the explanation given is not that of certain working tools, but of certain jewels appertaining to certain officers. If the objection be a good one, then the jewels themselves should be removed from lodge when working in the 1<sup>o</sup>. If the jewels are tolerated, surely the explanation can be. We have already given explanations which serve to throw additional light on the references to the circle and the point within it. The consideration of the exact relations of the circle with the parallel lines belongs to the theory of projections and reciprocations.

The lecture on the Tracing Board in the Fellow Craft Degree, is unfortunately not often heard. Notwithstanding its many inaccuracies, it is useful in that it reiterates a considerable portion of the ceremonial working, and thus serves the purpose of impressing upon the candidate's memory what he is very likely to forget.

There is no scriptural ground, or any other, for asserting that Entered Apprentices received their wages in corn, wine, and oil, and Fellow Crafts theirs in currency.

The picture leaves much to be desired on the score of accuracy. For instance, a porch is referred to in the lecture, but no such appendage is illustrated.

In 1 Kings, vi 5, 6, and 8, there is reference to the inner chambers, where it is stated that the door for the middle chamber was in the *right side* of the house, whereas the staircase clearly winds up to the left side, and it certainly did not face the main entrance to the temple visible to all passers by. Moreover, in the V.S.L., we are told the chambers were built against the wall.

The two pillars have been described at length in a former article, and we need only state here that the mention of the celestial and terrestrial globes is an anachronism, as the first terrestrial globe on record was that made by Anaximander of Miletus, about 580 B.C., that is, some four centuries *after* the building of the temple.

Again the floor of the house was overlaid with beaten gold, 1 Kings, v. 30, and certainly was not laid out in squares.

The Tracing Board in the Third Degree may serve as a device for the brethren to moralize upon, but regarded as a historical device both it and the lecture are of little value. The lecture which it illustrates is all embodied in the ceremony, and for that reason acquires an importance which makes it most desirable that its accuracy should be beyond question.

The Holy of Holies possessed neither Porch nor Dormer. None was needed, as the entrance was through the veil, and the Shekinah gave all the light necessary, and moreover it was only entered once a year. The square pavement is an error in this case as in the former. The circumstances under which the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies are detailed at length in Leviticus, xvi, and there is not one word about prayer for peace and tranquillity.

The most inaccurate statement of all is that which sets forth the place of Hiram Abif's interment. Intra-mural interment was forbidden altogether among the Jews, and the compiler of the lecture seems to have imagined the temple was a sort of Westminster Abbey or Valhalla for the reception of the illustrious dead.

## THE CALL TO ARMS.

### SOUTH AFRICA.

From the East and the West, from the North and the South, they come  
And they come in defence of the land they still call "home."  
The Lion's whelps crouch low at the Lion's mane,  
Ready to fight for freedom once again.

Britannia never was served as she is now;  
Trouble may come, but loyalty smooths her brow;  
Her sons, for the Empire flock to her standards fast:  
At her absolute unity Europe stands aghast.

Calm and steadfast we stand through stress and strife;  
Never to yield whilst England still hath life:  
Battles are won and lost, but yet, I ween—  
This our message though oceans roll between.

Brothers, our welcome daily greets your ears,  
For Queen and country, casting out all fears;  
Ours, too, burn as we hear your words of love;  
Faith in our destiny and in God above!

And to our cousins in far Columbia's land,  
What can I say, but—Take us by the hand;  
Blood is thicker than water—Tell the world  
For freedom our banners *together* shall be unfurled!

EMRA HOLMES,

Downcourt, Author of "At the Oakenholt," "Valerian Varo," &c.  
January, 1900.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### ARTIFICIAL PAVING STONES IN GERMANY.

Artificial paving stones are being successfully produced in Germany. The demand in all large cities is said to be so great, and the expense attached to their production under former methods so considerable, that any improvement on the older systems, whether in saving money or in producing a better kind of stone, will be welcomed by all countries. The newest process in Germany, is to mix coal tar with sulphur and warm thoroughly, to the resulting semi-liquid mass chlorate of lime is added. After cooling, the mass is broken into small pieces and mixed with glass, or blast-furnace glass slag. This powder is then subjected to a pressure of 200 atmospheres, and reduced to the form or forms wanted. The resistance to wear and tear in use is fully half as great as that of Swedish granite. Thus it commends itself, through durability, equal to that of many stone roads, resistance to changes of temperature, roughness of surface—giving horses a good foothold—and, finally, non-transmission of sound. Inasmuch, as the joinings are very small, dirt is avoided, and cleaning is very easy.

### OVER PRESSURE IN STUDY.

Messrs. S. de Brath and F. Beatty have written an interesting practical book on the evils attendant "Over-pressure." It was published about the end of last year. The authors deal with the causes of over-pressure, and the means which should be taken for mitigation of its disastrous effects. In the early chapters, the nervous system, nervous energy (so often misdirected), and mental economics are treated, and it is clearly shown that undue mental pressure inevitably tends to decreased physical power. The authors point out the importance of moderate hours of brain work, rising, gradually, from four and a half hours at eight years old, to seven hours at 16 years. The proposed remedy for over-pressure is based on the physical laws of health, and stress is laid upon the absolute necessity for adapting the teaching to the powers of the child at each stage of his growth. Also the educational sequence of the subject matter should be marked, so that the pupil may experience a sense of unity in his instruction. In the last chapter special attention is wisely given to the great Examination question, and the line to be taken in order to remedy the evils and incompleteness of the present system. One of the greatest fallacies of the times is the supposition that a successful examination is a sure test of the knowledge of a given subject. It is so only in a very limited degree. Luck enters more largely in success than would be imagined. An experienced coach may cram up his pupil so thoroughly in certain narrow limits to which the examination may be confined, that success is almost ensured. This success, then, is no guarantee of sound general knowledge. This modern evil of regarding all information as merely the means to pass an examination is strongly censured by the authors. An intelligent boy of 16 once asked: "What is the use of trying to remember all the stuff we have to learn. No one uses Euclid to get his living by, nor Latin, nor Greek, unless he is a school-master." Thus education, in a practical point of view, should be a help to success in life.

### GRAFTON GALLERIES.

#### SOCIETY OF PORTRAIT PAINTERS.

The above Exhibition is an important one. There are contributions by the leading portrait painters of the day. Amongst them are Sir Lawrence Alma Tadema, R.A., the late Sir J. E. Millais, P.R.A., F. F. Watts, R.A., Hon. John Collier, T. J. Solomon, A.R.A., Prof. Hubert Herkomer, R.A., A. S. Cope, A.R.A., A. Stuart Wortley, President, Hugh de T. Glazebrook, Percy Bigland, John Lavery, W. Llewellyn, Harold Speed, Thérèse Schwartze, Henry T. Wells, and many others. The most noticeable works are—Nos. 3, Portraits by Sir Alma Tadema; No. 4, Study of Miss Helen Petrie for "The Ransom"; No. 139, Portrait of Mrs. Langtry (Pencil Drawing), by Sir John E. Millais; No. 8, Mrs. Hoare, by John Lavery; No. 18, Chas. Fredk. Hardy, by Florence Small (Mrs. Deric Hardy); No. 26, Portrait of G. F. Watts, R.A., by Prof. Hubert Herkomer; No. 29, The Black Mantilla, by S. J. Solomon; No. 31, S. E. Palmer; No. 43, Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, by A. S. Cope; No. 36, General Sir George White, by W. Llewellyn; No. 42, Right Hon. Earl of Londesborough; No. 72, Francis Stainer; No. 85, Dr. Carfrae, by Herman G. Herkomer; No. 42, Mrs. Brown Potter (as "Miladi," in "The Musketeers"); No. 76, Mrs. Mildred Hawkshaw; No. 91, Major-General M. W. E. Gosset, by Hon. John Collier; No. 57, Right Rev. Edwd. R. Johnson, D.D., Lord Bishop of Calcutta, by Harold Speed; No. 62, Rev. W. W. Jackson, D.D., Rector of Exeter College, Oxford; No. 73, Rev. Henry Woods, D.D., by H. Harris Brown; No. 78, Portrait of the Artist; No. 66, General Joubert, by Thérèse Schwartze; No. 68, The late Sir David Chalmers, by J. H. Lorimer; No. 71, Jean Victor (son of Dr. Nicolet), by Gabriel Nicolet; No. 88, The Rev. Canon Watson; No. 98, Mrs. Gordon Crabbe, by Ellis Roberts; No. 100, Rev. J. W. Geddie, B.A., by Robert Brough; No. 136, A Portrait, by A. Stuart Wortley; No. 143, Josef Israëls, by Felix Moschelles; No. 149, Nurse Ann, by H. Macbeth Raeburn; No. 151, Portrait of a Lady, by W. Hounson Byles; No. 165, Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, by Henry T. Wells; No. 176, Portrait, by Biddy Macdonald. There are many others of great artistic worth.

### THE MODERN GALLERY, 175, BOND-STREET, W.

#### THE SOCIETY OF MINIATURE PAINTERS.

This society is quite of modern date. The inaugural exhibition was held in 1896, since when the annual exhibitions have been fairly successful, having been visited by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family. The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, has honoured the society by becoming an honorary member. Although miniature painting cannot be considered as high art, yet it deserves encouragement, as to obtain proficiency, skill, taste, and industry are essentially needed. In the present exhibition there is abundant evidence that these have not been wanting. Of course, it would be impossible for us to notice all the works exhibited; we can only mention a few which appeared to us most deserving of commendation. Miss Blanche Gottschalk contributes several works, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, the last one we prefer; Mrs. Bampfylde Daniell, Nos. 13 and 14, both are good; Lizzie Vivian, Nos. 16 and 44, the latter the better of the two; Cecil W. Quinnell, Nos. 51, 52,

61, 82, 104, 142, and 146, we consider 52 is worthy of notice. Mr. C. Kirchmayr (a new member) has Nos. 70, 71, 141, 145, 173, 174, 175, and 176, we would direct attention to 71, 141, 173 to 176. Ernest Rinzi exhibits several beautiful artistic miniatures, Nos. 72 to 81, we consider the four entitled "The Seasons" to be the best; Claude A. Shepperson, No. 85, a striking piece of work; Miss E. Thornton Clarke, Nos. 90, 158, and 166, we prefer 90; Miss Edith Mason, No. 110, Cecil J. Hobson, No. 116, Carlotta Nowlan, No. 196, are worthy of notice. We would especially praise Hal Hurst, R.B.A., for his delicate and highly finished sketches, Nos. 275\*, 288, 289, 290, and 291. The exhibition of miniatures will well repay a visit.

### LYCEUM THEATRE.

"The Snow Man," at the Lyceum Theatre, is a pretty Fairy Play. It has been adapted from the French of Chivot and Vanloo, by Arthur Sturges. The music is by Antoine Banès and Walter Slaughter. The story is a simple one and effectively told. In the realms of Fairyland once lived a lovely Queen, her name Lucky Penny. Like mortals she was in love. In her kingdom there was a young, handsome Prince, Prince Splendid, and they loved each other. They were happy for a while but the Prince having heard of our earth wished to visit it, the Queen reluctantly consented, she did not like to be selfish, and he went, leaving his heart in the safe keeping of the Queen. Strange as it may seem even in Fairyland evil is not unknown, there was a bad Fairy named Crooked Sixpence, whose chief delight in his depraved mind was to commit all the wickedness he could devise. He told the Queen, Lucky Penny, that her lover, Prince Splendid, would never return to her, he would be enticed by the pleasures of the Earth to remain there and would quite forget his love for the Queen. The fact was Crooked Sixpence was a rival of Prince Splendid, and hoped on his downfall to be the accepted lover of the Queen. The Evil Fairy was right. The Prince returned, but only to bid her farewell, his sole care now was for Earth and its empty pleasures. The poor Queen was very angry, she concealed her grief, banished the Prince for ever from her kingdom, turned him into snow, kept the warm heart he had entrusted to her, and resolved herself to visit Earth to see whether it was as bad and wicked as she supposed. She told the Prince when he next fell on Earth in the form of snowflakes he would freeze the place he loved so well and be hated for it. Being without a heart he was always cold, so turning him into snow was a fitting punishment for his perfidy. Now, on Earth, there was a young doctor—Doctor Franz—who was deeply in love with Lisa, the Burgomaster's daughter; he was, for all his skill, very poor—he was very popular, however, he was kind to all, especially children, who dearly loved him. Lisa loved him, but her father would not hear of the match—he insisted on her marrying her cousin Mark, a rich, but silly young man. Of course, Franz wished to become rich, in the hope of gaining Lisa. He studied hard the mysteries of science, thinking he might make some important useful discovery and acquire wealth, the want of which was the only bar to his happiness. He deluded himself that it was possible to acquire the power to give life to inanimate objects. When the Fairy Lucky Penny arrived on Earth she took the form of a student and the name of Ariella. She met three little children, and she told them she was a fairy. One child was Rosa, another Philip (her brother), and the other Hans. Hans was a cripple and poor; the other two were rich, but were his friends, and had promised to look after him all their lives and never to leave him. The Fairy Queen, to test if there existed in the Earth true love and goodness, asked Rosa to leave her cripple friend and to come to Fairyland. Rosa consented. "Ah!" said the Fairy to herself, "the world is bad, after all." Then she went to Dr. Franz and (in order to win Lisa for his bride) he agreed that the Fairy should help him. She brought down snow upon the Earth, and the children made a big snow man. Then she secretly told Dr. Franz how to give life to the Snow Man. He was successful, and the Burgomaster was so delighted at the cleverness of Doctor Franz, that he promised him his daughter for a wife. Remember the Queen's lover, Prince Splendid, was turned into snow, so that the Snow Man was really the Prince, only without his heart. So far have we told the story. What happened afterwards? These questions naturally arise. Did Rosa leave her cripple friend? Did Franz marry Lisa, knowing well that he did not make the Snow Man live, although he said he did? Did the Snow Man freeze everybody on Earth, as was predicted? Did Queen Lucky Penny find the Earth on the whole to be good or bad? All these questions may be solved by a visit to the "Snow Man" at the Lyceum. A few words relative to the acting. The title rôle is entrusted to the well-known talented actor, Mr. James Welch; Crooked Sixpence (The good for nothing Fairy) is by Mr. J. J. Dallas; Mr. Courtice Pounds sings well the music of Franz; the parts of the children are prettily played by Misses Phyllis Beadon, Rosalie, Jacobi, and Master George Hersee; Misses Marie Elba, Phoebe Mercer, Ruth Davenport, and Julia Kent render good service in their respective characters. The scenery, especially A Summer Glade, is good. The music is graceful and pleasing.

### GENERAL NOTES.

Nettle fibre has of late come greatly into favour in the manufacture of fine yarns and tissues in Germany. In that country, according to the United States Consul at Glauckan, there are factories which use these fibres both in spinning and also for ulterior purposes. In nettle spinning alone over 10,000 spindles and some hundred workmen are employed. The raw material is imported almost exclusively from China, whence from 600,000 to 800,000 lbs. are annually sent to Germany. Nettle fibre produces one of the finest tissues obtainable from any known kind of vegetable fibre. In view of the importance which this seems likely to attain in connection with the weaving industries, it is intended to introduce the cultivation of nettles, if possible, into the Cameroons. The idea is to prepare the products of this experimental culture at the place where they are obtained, and test them in German factories. Should favourable results follow from these experiments, it is intended to organise nettle-growing enterprises on an extensive scale.

The late Rev. J. G. Wood used to say that if a man could eat as much in proportion to size as an insectivorous bird, he would consume a whole baron of beef for his dinner. The robin, for instance, is a most voracious insect-eater. It has been calculated that to keep a robin up to its normal weight, an amount of insect food is required daily equal to an earthworm 14 feet in length. Taking a man of average weight, and measuring bulk for bulk with the robin, he tried to calculate how much food he would consume in 24 hours if he ate as much in proportion as the bird.

CONSECRATION OF JOHN BRUNNER LODGE,  
No. 2799.

One of the most interesting events in the history of Masonry in Mid-Cheshire was that which took place at Winsford on Saturday, the 13th ult., when the above lodge was consecrated by Bro. his Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd, Knight, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. With peculiar fitness the event was the first of special importance to take place in the beautiful Guildhall, recently given to the town by Bro. Sir John Brunner, Bart., M.P. The brethren present were—

Bros. Sir Horatio Lloyd, acting Prov. G.M. and Consecrating Officer; Henry Jackson, P.S.G.W.; C. D. Cheetham, P.G.W., acting Prov. J.G.W.; H. Gordon Small, Prov. G.D.C.; C. K. Nunn and J. E. Evans, Prov. G.Cs.; F. Broadsmith, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Installing Officer; J. Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.W., Assistant Installing Officer; R. Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec.; Sir J. T. Brunner, P.M. 428 and 2799, P.S.G.W.; John C. Armitage, P.M., I.P.M. and Sec. 2799, Charity Representative; T. Ivison, Stwd. 2799; H. Lockhead, I.G. 2799; F. R. Ansdell, 2681; Tom W. Forster, S.D. 758; J. Lightfoot, J.D. 2799; Edwin Hamlett, J.W. 2799; F. H. Margison, W.M. 1126; P. Lewis, Treas. 2799; J. J. Howitt, 428, 1643, and 2799; J. O. Brandrith, 1993 and 2799; D. B. Hewitt, 428 and 2799; J. Hitchen, 979 and 2799; O. J. Burgess, Stwd. 2799; R. Brennand, S.W. 2799 and 979; J. T. Gresty, I.P.M. 979 and 2799; N. Thompson, Stwd. 2799 and 979; F. B. Cooke, P.M. 2389 and 2799; E. Hopley, S.D. 2799; W. Peers, P.G. Treas.; F. Codeney, P.G.S.; J. F. Swift, Prov. G. Org.; J. W. Allcock, 428; A. Hollows, 428; H. W. Handley, J.D. 758; E. Fell, Org. 220; B. Crosby, 220; R. C. Whiteleg, W.M. 1045; W. Dunn, P.M. 979, P.P. G.S. of W.; C. Humfrey, 428; G. F. Willis, P.M. 428; G. B. Cliff, P.M. 428; T. Eastwood, 428; G. W. Bebbington, I.P.M., Org. 941; W. Such, S.D. 428; W. Sutherst, I.G. 428; H. J. Hopley, 428; J. B. Clarke, 428; A. J. Robinson, 428; T. Leicester, S.W. 428; T. Wilkinson, 428; A. Moxon, W.M. 1166; R. Hurst, 292, Philadelphia, U.S.A.; R. Olive, P.P.G.S.; and many others.

The brethren assembled in the lodge room, after which the Consecrating Officer took the chair, and appointed his officers *pro tem*. The lodge was opened in the three Degrees. This part of the procedure having been gone through,

The CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting. He said they were assembled there to consecrate a new lodge, and it was a great satisfaction for him to know that it bore an honoured name—John Brunner Lodge. The good deeds and liberality of Bro. Sir John Brunner were well known throughout the province. They were assembled in a building which owed its origin to Sir John's generosity. The new lodge was inaugurated under most hopeful auspices, but as an old Mason he would like to give them one word of caution, which was "don't let your zeal outrun discretion, by attempting to build up the lodge by leaps and bounds." Let their zeal be moderated. They should take care to admit men only of good character, who would reflect credit on their choice, and in the selection of officers they should be careful that even the lowest one, the Inner Guard, was a man who would throw his heart into the work, and do credit to the Order, as by a natural order he must some time become Master of the lodge. In conclusion he said the lodge was established under excellent auspices. It bore the name of a good man, so let them take care the honour of that name was preserved.

Bro. SMALL, D.C., next addressed the Consecrating Officer, saying a body of Masons having obtained a warrant of consecration begged him to consecrate the lodge. The reply was given and the brethren of the new lodge arranged in order, whilst the charter of constitution was read.

Bro. the Rev. C. R. NUNN, Norley, followed with an oration on "The Nature and Principles of the Institution." He said

he took the building of a temple as illustrating the nature and principles of Freemasonry. He prefaced his remarks by saying that so many eloquent orations had been given by the able Chaplains preceding him that it was difficult to find any untroudden path, but he would suggest a line of thought which would present some of the beauties of the teaching of the Craft. Foundations were usually laid deep down beneath shifting sands and embedded in the rock. So Freemasonry, avoiding all things doubtful and changing, was built upon the belief in God, the Creator. As the foundations rose above the surface the plans were indicated, so with a true belief in the heart the outward life would be formed. Even as God was revered by Freemasons, so also was His holy word held in highest regard. It contained their working plans. Upon the foundations rested pillars of beauty, or strength, or both combined, supporting the super-structure. The nation and the Craft were so constituted, each class so dependent upon the other, that whatever their quality or place no one could say to the other "What need of thee?" Each contributed to the stability, beauty, usefulness, completion of a grand whole. Again, the steps leading up to the main door reminded one of the more or less arduous progress of the seeker after truth. The vestibule or ante-room brought to mind our birth and nakedness as we disrobed, and our duty to clothe and comfort the distressed, practising God-born Charity, which was the key, the password, into the audience chamber of the God of Love, the great Master in the Grand Lodge above. In this progression they were taught the three glorious features of Masonic perfection—brotherly love, relief, and truth. The quarry whence the stone was dug represented Mother Earth, to which all must return; but the spirit to God, who gave it. The various kinds of stone—sandstone, marble, granite—each had its lesson. Each, like man, in the hands of a wise Master builder, was wrought and placed where most fitted and useful. Jealousy of one another was out of place. In the stone yard, the workshop, all were working towards one end. Unity of purpose begets unity of feeling, pride in each other's success. Perseverance was necessary in the Craft as in everything else. If any good was to be obtained, the oil of sweet reasonableness, the wine of generous sentiments, the corn of plentiful Charity, the salt of human kindness, the incense of a holy life, honest effort, sobriety, prudence, sympathy, patriotism, and love of God and man were principles dear to Britons and to Masons, and these were illustrated in the founding of that lodge under brilliant auspices. Might the Masonic lamp lit that day burn ever brighter and brighter! Their motto was "To do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with their God," and so might they hope when earthly toils were ended to be called from labour to eternal refreshment.

The Consecrating Officer then dedicated the lodge to God and His service, and to brotherly love, relief, and truth.

The installation of Bro. Sir John Brunner as W.M. was performed by the Installing Officer, Bro. F. Broadsmith, P.P.S.G.W., assisted by Bro. Lilley Ellis, P.J.G.W., and Bro. John Armstrong, P.P.J.G.W.

The newly-installed Master next appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Robert Brennand, S.W.; Edwin Hamlett, J.W.; the Rev. C. R. Nunn, Chap.; Prince Lewis, Treas.; J. C. Armitage, Sec., Dep. W.M. and I.P.M.; E. Hopley, S.D.; J.

Lightfoot, J.W.; T. Ivison, O. J. Burgess, and N. Thompson, Stwds.; H. Lockhead, I.G.; and P. Wilding, Tyler.

Bros. Sir Horatio Lloyd and R. Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec., were elected honorary members of the lodge, on the proposition of Bro. Sir JOHN BRUNNER.

Bro. J. C. Armitage was elected Charity Representative, whilst the Committee to frame by-laws was constituted as follows: Bros. J. C. Armitage, W. Dunn, R. Brennand, and James Hitchen.

A few Winsford gentlemen were proposed as members.

The founders of the lodge were Bros. Sir John T. Brunner, Bart., J. C. Armitage, Thomas Ivison, George Stelfox, Edwin Hamlett, Jabez Lightfoot, P. Lewis, Robert Brennand, James Hitchen, C. R. Nunn, Edward Hopley, Harry Lockwood, Oswald J. Burgess, C. W. Davenport, Richard Olive, J. J. Howitt, Herbert Pretty, Thomas Ward, Nathan Thompson, F. R. Ansdell, Tom W. Forster, F. W. Oke, J. O. Brandrith, W. Worsley, F. Bettley Cooke, M. O. Gresty, and David Basil Hewitt.

At the conclusion of the business at the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the gymnasium in connection with the Verdin Technical Schools, where a banquet was given by Bro. Sir John Brunner.

The guests numbered about 150.

At the conclusion of the repast, a toast list was gone through.

The toasts were duly honoured.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen."

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," was submitted by the W.M.

The W.M. next gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. NEWHOUSE, P.D.G.S.B. Eng., responded.

The toast of "The Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Earl Egerton of Tatton; the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. his Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M.

Bro. his Honour Judge Sir HORATIO LLOYD acknowledged the toast.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was then given by Bro. Sir HORATIO LLOYD.

Bro. Sir JOHN BRUNNER, W.M., responded.

"The Installing Masters" was given by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bros. F. BROADSMITH, L. ELLIS, and J. ARMSTRONG.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bro. FRED MAY.

Bro. J. ARMSTRONG proposed "The Founders and Officers of the Lodge."

Bros. J. C. ARMITAGE, R. BRENNAND, and E. HAMLETT responded.

Bro. H. JACKSON replied for "The Masonic Charities."

In responding to the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," Bro. HURST, of Philadelphia, said he was an ardent Mason, and had visited many Masonic lodges all over the world. He had, however, never seen one to equal the present lodge for the solemnity of its consecration and the splendour of its furniture, banquet, &c.

A musical programme was also gone through, under the direction of Bro. James F. Swift, P.G.O., Bros. Bebbington, Pritchard, Swift, and S. H. Pritchard being the vocalists. Bro. Bebbington also sang "The Absent-Minded Beggar," during which a collection was made, which realised £10. Bro. Mounfield also took part in the programme. It was decided that this sum should be devoted to the fund for the relief of the dependents of Winsford Volunteers.

It might be interesting to note that a lodge existed in Winsford about half a century ago, and Bro. Hardie had in his possession half-a-dozen glasses and a receipt which belonged to it. These he presented to the new lodge during the evening, and they will doubtless be greatly appreciated.

The furniture, jewels, &c., were manufactured by George Kenning and Son, Manchester and London.

LADIES' BANQUET AND DANCE OF THE  
ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

The members of this lodge pride themselves upon the fact that they were amongst the first to introduce a ladies' night into their annual fixtures, and that they are still as keen as ever on the subject was abundantly proved by the successful gathering held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 17th ultimo. Labour before refreshment was the motto of the evening, and the officers assembled at an early hour to initiate, pass, and raise candidates in the various Degrees. Charity was also not forgotten, £10 being voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a whisper was heard of grants to other Institutions in the near future. When the guests began to assemble, lodge had been closed, and Bro. W. E. Lane, W.M., and Mrs. Lane received them courteously. Bro. W. Smith, P.M. and Sec., accompanied by Mrs. Smith, was also very busy putting the finishing touches to the excellent arrangements he had made for the comfort of all present.

About 150 sat down to a very enjoyable banquet, over which the W. Master presided.

The usual loyal toasts were afterwards honoured.

Bro. G. LANE, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." The brethren knew what an excellent W.M. Bro. W. E. Lane was in the lodge room, and the guests had seen what a good Chairman he also was.

Bro. W. E. LANE, W.M., returned thanks for the toast, which was accorded musical honours. It gave him very great pleasure to be W.M. of that lodge, and he should always do his utmost to further its interests. Although he had given the members satisfaction in the lodge working, he had not satisfied himself. With respect to the banquet, he hoped they had all enjoyed themselves. He especially ordered a banquet that would be appreciated by the ladies, and hoped it had pleased them.

"The Initiate" was next given by the W.M., who said that the candidate was very attentive during the ceremony, and would doubtless make a good Mason. He hoped to see the initiate occupy the chair of the lodge at some future time.

The INITIATE having replied, "The Past Masters and Officers" was briefly proposed by the W.M., who regretted that circumstances prevented some of their P.Ms. from being present. He had a very great deal to be thankful for in his officers, who assisted him in every way.

Bros. A. BIGGOLD, P.M., D. of C., and G. LANE, I.P.M., having responded, Bro. Wm. SMITH, P.M., Sec., also replied to the toast. He expressed his regret that on this occasion they were not wearing their Masonic regalia, for it gave a brighter aspect to the room, and the ladies liked to see it. He applied personally for a dispensation, but it was absolutely impossible to obtain it.

Bros. E. BADDERLY, S.W., and W. J. HELLYAR, P.M., J.W., having suitably acknowledged the toast, the W.M. gave "The Ladies and Visitors," and said he considered it a very great honour to propose this toast. There was no lodge in London or England that had greater pleasure in receiving the ladies and visitors, for the Eccleston was one of the first to invite ladies. Nothing gave greater pleasure to a Mason than to be able to have his lady friends with him to take some little part in their proceedings. If the ladies could only participate in the banquet there was some amount of satisfaction even in that.

Bro. E. NICE, S.D., on behalf of the ladies expressed their thanks. He regarded these annual assemblies as milestones in their life and its journey. Perhaps as a single man they would consider he had spent a very lonely journey, but these meetings really constituted an important part in their life. The young people engaged in the dance found their steps suited and others followed, for often they found that their hearts also beat in unison.

Bros. REDFERN, P.M.; WOODROW, P.M.; DEACON, P.M.; and W. BATES, P.M.; replied for the visitors.

A short interval followed, during which Miss Mayes rendered several songs in pleasing manner and excellent style, and Bro. Field proved himself a valuable acquisition to the lodge with baritone songs.

Dancing was then commenced, with Bro. C. Longworth as M.C., and was enjoyed with zest until the small hours of the morning were well advanced.

Great credit is due to the W.M., Stewards, and especially the Secretary, Bro. Smith, P.M., for the excellent arrangements which conduced to a brilliant success.

### BRO. AND MRS. JAMES STEPHENS'S "AT HOME."

In celebration of his 50th birthday, Bro. James Stephen, P.D.G.D.C., invited a large number of friends to an "At Home" at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., on the 23rd ult. The guests—who numbered about 160—included a large proportion of brethren well known in the Craft, and for this reason it was almost a Masonic event, and testified to the popularity and genialty of the host and hostess. A sumptuous banquet was served in the large hall, during which the salon orchestra discoursed sweet music.

"The Queen" was afterwards loyally honoured and the National Anthem sung.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., in felicitous terms proposed "The Host and Hostess," and said it was without doubt the evening's toast. Most people said—"the toast of the evening"—but he wished to put a little glamour and lustre about it. They all knew the reason for this assembly. It was that their young friend had arrived at his happy half hundred. That was why they were there and their worthy and distinguished friend hoped to be present for the next half century. He would not himself say he expected to be able to attend, but he would endeavour to come up if he could. He would ask them all to rise and drink the health of their dear friend, James Stephens, and wish him "Many happy returns of the day," in the words of the melody they had just heard.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS, P.D.G.D.C., on behalf of his wife and himself, said they were delighted and honoured at seeing such a goodly number of friends around them. They were proud beyond description that two as humble as themselves should be held in such estimation. There were many present who knew him as a boy and when he reflected that he was then a weak stripling, he was thankful to have been spared for 50 years. He thanked Providence that he had prospered in life. He took unto himself a wife 25 years ago when he was not then the hale hearty man he now was, but he had received kind, tender and loving nursing at her hands. They were delighted to see so many present and greeted them most heartily. He had to limit his invitations, and only the previous day he had 18 disappointments, owing to illness. It was to him a great honour to have their dear friend, Sir John B. Monckton, with them, for he had made personal sacrifice to be present. He wished to give 50 guineas to some charity and should give it to the Royal Female Orphanage, with which Sir John Monckton was connected. He gave it in the name of his niece. He hoped they would all go away with pleasant recollections of his 50th birthday.

Bro. W. H. BAILEY, P.G. Treas., proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. CYRIL SIMS—who is just off to South Africa—responded.

A choice concert was then provided in the Rothesay Room, in which the following artistes assisted: Miss Annie Bartle, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Mr. Wills Page, and Mr. Broughton Black; sleight of hand, Mr. Alfred O. Clark; pianist, Mr. H. L. Cooke.

A dance was speedily in full swing in the large hall, where Messrs. B. Carter, W. Godson, J. Hutton Hayler, and Cyril Sims acted as M.Cs. Midnight had chimed before the guests began to depart from what was unanimously agreed to be a most successful and enjoyable evening.

The company included Bro. and Mrs. Jas. Stephens; Bro. Sir Jno. Monckton, Bro. and Mrs. A. Ritchie; Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Davie; Bro. and Mrs. James Terry; Bro. and Mrs. J. M. McLeod; Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Mason; Bro., Mrs., and Miss Dearing; Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Thomas; Bro. and Mrs. Schuler; Bro. and Mrs. J. Speller; Bro. and Mrs. W. Thomas; Bro. and Mrs. B. Carter; Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Haylor; Bro. and Mrs. G. A. Sims; Bro. J. W. Morrell, and many others.

### CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE L'ENTENTE CORDIALE, No. 2796.

As is known, there has been in existence for a number of years, several Metropolitan lodges working, with the special tolerance of the Grand Lodge of England, the English ritual in a foreign tongue. The membership naturally appeals to a limited number of brethren, and amongst such lodges is the Lodge La France, No. 2060, the visitors to which very often exceed the regular members. The working there has always been conducted with the minutest accuracy and impressiveness by the successive Worshipful Masters; it being often remarked that the beauty and fineness of the ceremony were all the more apparent in the translation, Bro. H. Buc (of Christ's Hospital), P.G. Std. Br., having devoted many years of his life to that task.

As to the Lodge La France itself, a tacit by-law is in existence, according to which Frenchmen, and only those having fulfilled the military obligations in their own country, are eligible for membership, so that visitors and friends of the lodge have at various times expressed their regret at being debarred from joining. In order to meet their wishes there has been called into life a new lodge, in which all nationalities can meet, but the business of which is to be transacted in French. It is L'Entente Cordiale, No. 2796.

On Tuesday last the consecration took place at the Regent Masonic Hall, the Consecrating Officers being Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Secretary; Major J. W. Woodall, P.G.T., as S.W.; Ernest St. Clair, P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; the Rev. Canon Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., as I.G.

The Grand Secretary, with his well-known and impressive manner, performed the usual ceremony of consecration, and subsequently installed the W.M., Bro. Captain Henri Mondehare, P.M. 2060, who in his turn appointed and invested his officers—after the election as Treasurer of Bro. Imre Kiralfy, P.M. 2581, P.A.G.D.C.—for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Edouard Roehrich, W.M. 2789, S.W.; Jules Oppenheim, W.M. 2060, J.W.; Léon Clere, P.M. 2060, Secretary; Dr. F. Pocock, P.M. 2030, P.D.G.D.C., S.D.; A. Berthoud, 231, J.D.; D. D. Brill, 2060, I.G.; Henry Garrard, P.M. 188, D.C.; Harold A. Smith, P.M. 222, and C. E. Hauvette, 2060, Stewards; and Edward Cutler, Q.C., P.G. Organist, Organist.

Besides the officers, the following brethren are founders of the new lodge: Bros. St. Barlet, P.M. 2060, I.P.M.; Charles D. Hoblyn, P.M. 231, P.G.S.B.; H. Buc, P.M. 2060, P.G. Std. Br.; D. De Lara-Cohen, P.M. 29; Germain Colladon, P.M. 34; John F. Saunders, P.M. 1507; Dr. R. Poulter, P.M. 1693; C. Mottu, 34; Alfr. Duché, 1691; and Edg. Duché, 1691.

To the founders has been given a Masonic jewel bearing on an enamelled centre the Angel of Universal Peace standing on a globe and holding in one hand an olive branch and in the other a laurel wreath. Upon the ribbon is a clasp with the motto of the Lodge L'Entente Cordiale, "Mon Devoir."

Before the W.M. closed the lodge, several gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation and many brethren as joining members.

At the conclusion of a splendid banquet in the Great Hall of the Café Royal, the customary loyal toasts were proposed and received hearty recognition.

Bro. W. J. Dyer, 2030, presided at the piano, and conducted the enthusiastic singing of the National Anthem.

Many other toasts were well proposed and cordially replied to, the whole proceedings betokening success and prosperity.

The concert which followed, was contributed by many excellent artists, amongst whom were the Misses Louise and Jeanne Douste de Forbes, who admirably rendered the first scene of "Hansel and Gretel;" the clever Welsh mezzo-soprano, Miss Edith Denorben; the violinist, Charles Schilsky; and the tenor, Mr. Murri Moncrieff. A special word of praise is to be accorded to the clever American actress, Miss Beverly Silgreaves, who exceedingly well imitated Sarah Bernhardt, and recited in a spirited manner "The Absent-Minded Beggar." Amidst the applause of the assembled brethren Miss Silgreaves made a "whip" round the tables, collecting £3 8s., which, together with the £10 10s. voted by the lodge, brings up the contribution to the Soldiers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund to £18 18s. By special request Bro. Henry Neville, P.A.G.D.C., the favourite of several generations, recited, and Bro. E. L. Lefevre sung some French songs.

Besides the brethren already mentioned, the visitors included Bros. A. Smith, P.M. 355, P.J.G.W.; J. R. Dunlop, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; J. Speller, P.P.G.D. Essex; J. J. Lamigeon, P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; L. Séve, Rose Croix, Belg., and J. D. Langston, P.D.G.D.C.

### FIFTH ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT OF THE LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.

Once again it is our privilege and very great pleasure to report a most successful and enjoyable evening, spent by the ladies and gentlemen friends of the brethren and members of this old established lodge, on the 18th ult., at Cannon-street Hotel.

The reception was timed for 5.30, when the W.M., Bro. John G. Robeson, ably supported by his sister, Mrs. Crook, was at his post to receive the guests, and at six o'clock, the band commencing a lively waltz tune, the company lost no time, but at once started tripping the light fantastic toe, and kept it up without any flagging until soon after eight, when supper was announced as ready.

An adjournment was accordingly made to the Pillar Hall, where a well-arranged and enjoyable supper was served up, in keeping with the traditions of this well-known hostelry.

As usual on these occasions the toast list was of a very brief character, consisting only of "The Queen," "The Ladies," and "The W.M."

The company returned as speedily as possible to the Great Hall, when dancing was resumed, and kept up with great spirit and enjoyment until 11.45, the proceedings concluding with the playing and singing of "God save the Queen."

The company present, numbering 150, included Bro. John G. Robeson, W.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Crook; Mr. and Mrs. Hyde; Bro. E. and Mrs. Windsor; Bro. W. and Mrs. Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jackson; Bro. A. and Mrs. Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. G. Duggua; Miss Plumb; Bro. Miller; Bro. William Baker, I.P.M.; Mrs. Miss, and Mr. G. K. Baker; Miss Newman; Mr. E. Coote; Bro. John Morris; Bro. Cohu, P.M., Treas., and Mrs. Cohu; Miss Lea; Bro. T. Stokes, S.W., and Mrs. Stokes; Mr. H. L. and Miss Beamish; Bro. A. Fergusson, J.W., and Mrs. Fergusson; Bro., Mrs., and Miss Brough; Mr. and Miss Bird; Bro. T. Fergusson; Mr. Schrier and Miss L. Fergusson; Miss and Miss E. Fergusson; Bro. James Smith, P.M., Sec.; Bro. A. J. Rippin, J.D., and Mrs. Rippin; Bro. A. P. and Mrs. MacLarty; Bro. Neil MacLarty; Miss A. Dowling; Bro. and Mrs. Creech; Bro. C. and Mrs. Sienesi; Mr. and Mrs. E. Sienesi; Bro. and Mrs. Gould; Bro. G. Wetton; Bro. and Mrs. A. Rymer; Bro. J. J. Bassett; Bro. F. Hughes, P.M., and Mrs. Hughes; Bro. J. Speller, P.M., and Mrs. Speller; Mr. R. Speller; Bro. Tyler and Misses D. and L. Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. Price; Mr. Bruce; Bro. C. Garton, P.M., Mrs. and Miss Garton; Bro. and Mrs. Lockett; Bro. Fishleigh; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bishop; Bro. and Mrs. J. Collins; Mr. and Mrs. Martin; Mr. T. Simpson; Miss Davis; Bro. H. J. Gibbs; Bro. H. J. and Miss Jackson; Mr. E. Collins; Miss and Miss E. Collins; Bro. Farr; Miss Morgan; Mr. and Mrs. E. Peachey; Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse; Bro. and Mrs. Lloyd; Bro. S. and Mrs. Rippin, Mr. W. G. Rippin, Misses F. and M. Rippin; Miss F. Jennings; Miss Mansfield; Mr. and Mrs. A. Shephard; Mr. H. A. Jones; Bro. Crawshaw; Bro. H. Williams; Mr. F. R. and Miss F. E. Williams; Mr. J. W. and Miss M. L. Williams; Mr. P. R. Carter; Miss Johnson; Miss Kirby; Mr. Smart; Miss Hauley; Mr. and Mrs. Cohen; Miss Bull; Mr. and Mrs. Goulding; Mr. and Mrs. M. Cohen; Bro. and Mrs. Fisher; Bro. Ward; Bro. and Mrs. Bamford; Mr. and Mrs. Copper; Mrs. Tipler; Mr. R. and Mrs. Bell; Mr. H. R. Thompson; Mr. Mein; Bro. T. Davies; Mrs. H. Fletcher; Bro. Leach; and Bro. Prevost.

THE FOLLOWING BULLETIN regarding the Duke of Argyll's health was issued on Wednesday: "The Duke of Argyll is recovering from his illness, and is now able to leave his room. No more bulletins will be issued." On Saturday last, Mr. Walter Campbell, of Innischonnan, arrived at Inveraray Castle.



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**Masonic Notes.**

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 7th instant, but the only business that will be brought before the companions will be the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, which contains little else than the usual recommendations as to warrants for new chapters, the removal of chapters, &c., &c. We notice, however, that a memorial is announced to have been received from the Phoenix Chapter, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica—one of several chapters that were ordered to be removed from the roll at the Quarterly Convocation in November last—to the effect that it had been resuscitated, and Principals exalted and candidates exalted, for whom fees had been remitted, "prior to the action of Grand Chapter coming to their knowledge." Under these circumstances, the memorialists pray that the chapter may be restored to its place on the Register, and the Committee recommend that the prayer be acceded to.

Warrants for four new chapters are recommended, of which two will be located in London; one in North and East Yorkshire; and one in Queensland. The London chapters will be named after the lodges to which they will be attached, namely, the Guildhall School of Music, No. 2454, and the Grafton, No. 2347, respectively, the Principals designate of the latter being the Earl of Euston, M.E.Z.; Viscount Dungarvan, H.; and Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, J. The new Yorkshire chapter will be located at Selby, under the wing of the St. Germain's Lodge, No. 566, and will be known as the Salebeia Chapter; while the Queensland one will be named after and attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1315, and meet at Toowoomba.

We shall adopt our usual course of referring, some time between now and the day appointed for the celebration, to the approaching Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In the meantime, however, it will be good news to our readers to hear that the number of ladies and brethren, whose services as Stewards Bro. Terry has been fortunate enough to enlist, already exceeds 400. There is, therefore, a fair prospect that the Board will ultimately muster as many as last year's Board. To connect with this fair prospect the hope that as big a return may be realised as was then attained, may suggest the idea that we are rather too sanguine, having regard to the many calls that are being made upon the brethren in respect of the different War and Refugee Funds; but there can be no doubt the Committee of Management of the Institution will hail with satisfaction any announcement that approximates at all closely to that of last year's Festival.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that the suggestion made by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., at the special meeting of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay—held, as reported in our last week's columns, on Wednesday, the 17th ult., to do honour to the memory of the late Bro. John Lane, P.A.G.D.C.—that the Masonic library of that brother should be secured by the lodge, and held as a memorial of so beloved and distinguished a Mason will be acted upon. The members have arranged to subscribe for it among themselves, and as other brethren will be included among the subscribers, the Jordan Lodge will, at no distant date, be the fortunate possessor of a Masonic library, which Bro. Hughan has himself described as being invaluable for purposes of reference.

We have received copy of a reprint of the biographical sketch of our late brother which appeared in *The Comet* for November, 1895. The particulars contained in that portion of it in which his career in Masonry is described have already appeared in our columns. As regards the other details we learn that Bro. Lane, who was born in 1843, after serving for some years in the office of a solicitor at Torquay and Paignton, accepted, in 1865, the position of clerk and cashier in a large firm in Torquay. This he resigned in 1871, and set up for himself as an accountant. In 1879 he was elected an Associate of the Society of Accountants, and the following year Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants; while, in 1882 he became a Fellow of the latter. He was Secretary of the Torquay Cemetery and Steam Laundry Companies, and Auditor of several public companies. He had also served as Guardian and Overseer of the Poor for the Torquay District. Moreover, he appears to have been a frequent contributor to contemporary literature, among the most notable of his essays being a paper on "The Court Rolls of the Manor and Borough of Paignton, Devon," which he contributed to the transactions of the Devonshire Association at the Newton Abbey meeting in 1884. These particulars amply justify our statement that his life was a busy one, and increase our feeling of surprise that in the midst of all these responsible duties he should have found the leisure to compile so vast a work as his "Masonic Records."

A meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, this (Friday) evening at 7 p.m., when a number of applications will be considered with a view to the names being placed on the list of candidates for election at the next Court of Governors. The applicants are 14 in number, seven of them being for the "Educational Fund," four for the "Combined Fund," and three for the "Advancement Fund."

We learn from the Philadelphia *Keystone* that "Donation Day" at the Pennsylvania Masonic Home in Philadelphia, was held on the 1st ult., the attendance being unusually large and the total of the donations in excess of those of the previous year. The Home was open during the day for the inspection of its patrons and friends. In the afternoon a capital entertainment commencing with prayer and an address by Bro. Louis Wagner, the President, and consisting chiefly of vocal music and recitations, was given. At the conclusion of this, the Weldy Memorial Tablet, in honour of the late Christine Weldy, founder of the "Christine Weldy Fund" of the Home, was unveiled. The donations amounted to within a fraction of 6745 dollars (£1349).

On Wednesday, the 3rd ult., 61 out of the 72 Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania met together at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia; the special purpose of the gathering being the presentation of a handsome silver loving cup to Bro. Barclay J. Woodward, who was first appointed to the Board of Stewards in December, 1876, and had held office as its President for the last 19 years. The cup, which was subscribed for by his brother Stewards, bore a suitable inscription to the effect that it was presented to Bro. Woodward "as a mark of affectionate regard and esteem" by his associates.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on the 27th December last, the following companions were elected to the principal offices for the ensuing year, namely:—Comps. Michael W. Jacobs, G.H.P.; Edwd. B. Spencer, G. King; H. Oscar Kline, G. Scribe; Thomas R. Patton—for the 27th time—G. Treasurer; and Charles Cary, G. Secretary. The address of the Grand High Priest, dealt for the most part with matters of local interest.

From the report we have received of the proceedings of the semi-annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, which was held in the Agricultural Hall, Dunedin, on the 31st October last, it appears that prominent among the visitors on the occasion were Bros. Thos. Sherlock Graham, Dist. G.M. of Otago and Southland, under the English Constitution; James Gore, Dist. G.M. New Zealand, under the Scottish Constitution; and David A. McNicoll, Past D.P.G.M. of New Zealand, under the Irish Constitution. There were also, we are told, many W.Ms., P.Ms., Wardens, and officers present of lodges which still remain in allegiance to the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom. The Grand Lodge would appear also, to be in a sound position financially, if we may judge from the amounts standing to the credit of the several Funds, as set forth in the report of the Board of General Purposes, namely, on the General Fund, £744; on the Fund of Benevolence, £1879; on the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Fund, £652; and on the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund, £212. We are pleased to learn that the Grand Lodge is, in this respect, so well established, while stronger evidence of the friendly relations now prevailing among the Masons of the four Constitutions could not be desired than that which the presence at the meeting of the distinguished brethren above-named affords.

We desire to call especial attention to our report of the proceedings of the recent installation meeting of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108. This lodge, which is borne on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England, is, as our readers are aware, intended to serve as a London home for brethren hailing from the different Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. During the 14 or 15 years that have elapsed since its constitution, it has had many opportunities of welcoming distinguished Colonial Masons and in every instance these worthy brethren have taken the opportunity of showing how highly they appreciated the kind reception accorded them. The lodge, indeed, throughout its whole career has in its necessarily restricted, yet, influential sphere, striven, to the utmost extent of its ability, to bring closer and still closer together the Masonic subjects of the Queen in whatever part of her vast empire they might be resident. But at no previous meeting has the advantage of having such a lodge in the Metropolis of the British Empire been made more manifest than it was on the 23rd ult., when the members, who are connected professionally, commercially, or otherwise with the Colonies, had the pleasure of entertaining a host of visitors, prominent among them being Bro. Sir Walter Peace, the Agent-General for Natal; Bro. Geo. Richards, Dist. Grand Master of the Transvaal; and representative Masons from Canada, New Brunswick, and elsewhere.

Nor could the time have been more opportune for such a gathering. A great war is raging throughout British South Africa, in which the armies of the Queen, both home and Colonial, are fighting to uphold her honour, and that of the whole British Empire. For months past the entire British community in South Africa have been suffering untold hardships and privations, among them being many hundreds of the brethren belonging to the lodges in the Transvaal, as well as to others in Natal and the Masonic Districts in Cape Colony. The Empire Lodge, recognising the claims of our fellow-countrymen who are fighting in Natal so gallantly, and more especially of our Transvaal brethren, who, even before war broke out, were, with their families, homeless and well-nigh penniless refugees, generously voted 10 guineas to the Natal War Fund, and 20 guineas to Bro. Richards's Transvaal Masonic Relief Fund. We trust the example set by the Empire Lodge, and by other lodges and brethren, will be more generally followed, and that Bro. Richards's Fund will soon obtain a larger measure of support.

## Correspondence.

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

### INITIATIONS AT LODGE CONSECRATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I gratefully acknowledge your courtesy in dealing with this subject in the ably-written article that appeared in the *Freemason* of January 13th, which clearly proves that long before the period referred to in my previous letter the practice prevailed of initiating candidates immediately after the consecration of lodges. The instances cited from Bro. G. Blizard Abbott's "History of Freemasonry in Hertfordshire"—evidently a most interesting book, but which I have not had the privilege of reading—abundantly prove the custom. In none of them, however, is there any reference made to any previous dispensation having been granted for working before constitution and consecration. I am aware that in the various Grand Jurisdictions in the United States at the present time a "dispensation," in the first instance, is almost invariably granted to brethren to form a new lodge, which as such works for a year or upwards, and if there is a good prospect for the success of the lodge, a charter is then granted by the Grand Lodge, otherwise the dispensation is withdrawn.

In the case of the United Pilgrims' Lodge, to which I made special reference in my letter that appeared in the *Freemason* of the 6th ult., there certainly is not a line or suggestion either in the lodge summons announcing the consecration of that lodge, nor yet in the report of the proceedings, of any previous "dispensation" having been granted.

I am indebted to Bro. T. A. Withey, P.P.G. Reg. W. Lancs., who sent me for reference the Book of Constitutions of 1842 (in operation in 1845) that contained the Emergency Initiation Rule which is identical with the rule in the latest edition of the Book of Constitutions; it is, however, difficult to conceive how such a rule could be strained to admit of initiations at the consecration of a lodge, inasmuch as there would be only an inchoate Master, nominated by warrant but not installed. It may be that considerable latitude was allowed in those days.

It has been gratifying to me that arising out of my previous letter is the considerable interest that Bro. W. Chaney, a P.M. of the United Pilgrims' Lodge, No. 507, has manifested in the subject; there need be no surprise at this, seeing that 55 years have elapsed since the consecration of the lodge, and all the earlier members have long since passed away. It has afforded me great pleasure to send Bro. Chaney a full copy of the report of the consecration of his lodge, and I can conceive that there will be no lack of interest in the matter when he brings this link with the past up before the members of the lodge, as he doubtless will at the earliest opportunity.—Yours fraternally,

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

Bradford, Yorks.

### LA TOLERANCE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have expressed my regret to Bro. Terry that in my previous letter I used his name instead of that of Bro. Kench. I may point out that I stated my absolute disbelief that Bro. Terry had installed the W.M. Bro. Terry tells me that far from advising Bro. Kench to instal, he "distinctly stated no ceremony could be gone through."

Rule 136 provides that "upon his installation the Master shall appoint and invest his Wardens and other Officers," and as there was no installation of W.M., or should have been none, there should have been no appointment of officers, whether with or without Bro. Terry's consent.

Of course, the gift of a P.M.'s jewel to a continuing W.M. was wrong, but this is less important than the other serious irregularities.—Yours fraternally,

J. E. LE FEUVRE.

30th January.

### LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The answer of Bro. J. Ramsden Riley is very clear and it must be evident that the evil example of the last century has wrought much injury to the Craft. There are many highly respectable people who still think that there is nothing in Freemasonry but carousing, and it is difficult to persuade them to the contrary. I know a most estimable lady now deceased who made a condition that the husband of her only daughter should not join the Craft because her father gave the members such a bad character. As Bro. Riley states, habits and customs have changed for the better.—Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### 1122] THE YORK GRAND LODGE, &c.

In reply to Bro. C. Gardner Vatcher's query, let me say that I used the words "superior to proof," as equivalent to *beyond or impossible of proof*. The year 926, in relation to the "Constitutions of York," is purely fanciful and guess work, on a par with numerous random statements long current as to the Fraternity. The sooner such assertions are relegated to the waste-paper basket the better. Their retention in so-called Masonic histories should no longer be tolerated, for they lead not a few would-be students to jump to the conclusion that other declarations and evidences are equally faulty and erroneous.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Reviews.

"MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SURREY, 1900."—This large and most interesting annual is edited by Bros. Charles T. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec., and W. H. Latham, Prov. Asst. G. Sec., is issued under the authority of the R.W. the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Onslow (whose portrait forms the frontispiece), and assuredly has no superior, either as respects its contents, or its excellent arrangement. It is strong in portraits, for there are also inserted those of the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Frederick West, P.G.D., and the esteemed Prov. G. Secretary. An able preface adds much to the usefulness of the Directory, as it supplies quite a number of valuable

facts respecting the province from 1772. The short memoirs of the trio named are welcome additions to the usual fare provided in such publications, and a number of tables communicate so much information that they leave nothing to be desired. There are now 45 lodges in the Province of Surrey, including No. 1790, Croydon, which was included in the province during last year. The statistics of 43 lodges show that there were 1692 on the register in June of last year, being an average of nearly 40 to each lodge; which is lower than many provinces, but being so near the Metropolis is still very satisfactory, and exhibits an increase from the last return. In the Royal Arch it is not such pleasant reading, there being only 17 chapters and 339 companions; whilst in the Mark Degree the figures are only half that number. The by-laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the Provincial Charity Committee, and the Prov. Grand Chapter of Surrey, are appended, and all that is needed to make it perfect, is the usual particulars respecting the Central Masonic Charities and the votes held in the province. The Annual reflects the greatest credit on the editors and publishers.

"MASONIC CALENDAR OF LODGES, COUNCILS, &c., MEETING AT MARK MASONS' HALL, AND ROLL OF GRAND OFFICERS FROM 1856."—This ably edited, compact and accurate compilation of great utility and value for reference locally and generally, is edited by the courteous Grand Mark Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, and is now in the 15th year of its issue. For use by the lodges and other Bodies assembling in the Mark Masons' Hall and other fine Halls, it must prove a real boon, and it is equally useful and valuable for its List of Grand Officers, arranged in order of precedence and dates of appointment from 1856, when Mark Grand Lodge was formed. The compilation must have involved an immense amount of labour, especially to ensure its uniform accuracy, and the number of tables exhibiting the numerical, financial, and general prosperity of Mark Masonry are of considerable interest and importance. Copies may be had for 7d. *post free*, as usual from the Grand Secretary's office, and no Master or Secretary can possibly afford to do without a copy.

## Craft Masonry.

### Industry Lodge, No. 48.

The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gateshead, when there was a good attendance and plenty of work. The W.M., Bro. John Armstrong, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. C. A. Holzapfel, I.P.M.; H. Jackson, P.M.; A. Dodds, P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; J. T. Pragnell, S.W.; R. Atkinson, as J.W.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; H. H. Pitt, Sec.; W. E. Peacock, S.D.; R. Laverick, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. B. McKenzie, as I.G.; G. T. Bootes, Stwd.; J. Curry, Tyler; W. W. Nichols, W. Blythe, W. Irving, R. Brason, E. E. Elliott, J. Lightbown, J. Lawson, R. Richardson, A. Dodds, C. H. T. Pelmeur, J. Thompson, W. Turnbull, J. B. Thompson, E. Histon, W. Witherington, and others. Amongst the numerous visitors present were Bros. W. F. Phillips, W.M. 424; R. Stewart, P.M. 424; J. Burrell, P.M. 424; J. Howe, S.W. 424; H. Knox, 424; G. Short, 424; J. Ross, 424; W. J. Davidson, J.W. 424; C. W. Hodgson, W.M. 659; J. B. McKenzie, S.W. 659; H. Doncaster, W.M. 1119; J. Wood, S.W. 1119; P. Wotherspoon, I.G. 1119; H. Phillips, 1119; G. Andrews, 2557; L. Blakey, 659; E. Johnson, 2720; C. Walker, 2557; A. James, 424; E. Bowman, W.M. 1427; A. Man, 1427; T. Wright, P.M. 1342; W. Howe, 424; and others.

The ballot for Dr. A. Page Arnold being favourable, he was duly initiated by the W.M., the tools and the charge being explained by the acting J.W., and the tracing board was propounded by the W.M. In continuance of the resolution passed at last meeting, when £5 5s. was voted to the Reservists (local) Fund, a similar amount was voted for the Sailors' and Soldiers' Association. A sum of £5 5s. was also voted to the widow of a deceased member.

Votes of condolence to the families of two deceased members were passed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board.

### Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, the 4th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bradford, when Bro. Robt. S. Hird, W.M., presided for the first time since his installation. Several of the officers were absent, but their duties were ably discharged by substitutes. Among those present were Bros. Jas. B. Fearnley, I.P.M.; John Morton, P.M.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; Fredk. Betteridge, B.A., Chap.; Wm. Docksey, S.W.; J. S. Hedley, J.W.; W. Shaw Smith, as S.D.; J. L. Turner, as J.D.; R. H. Markham, I.G.; J. Wood, Org.; J. S. Cooper, Tyler; and a number of the brethren. Visitors: Bros. George Whittaker, I.P.M. 408; John Spencer, P.M. 408, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Whitley, J.D. 408; Jones Bradley, Org. 408; Joseph Smith, 408; W. Leach, 408; J. Walker, 1034; W. Holroyd, 1034; and G. Collon, Org. 1648.

After the minutes of the installation meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Storey was passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M., assisted by Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas., the working tools being explained by Bro. Hedley, J.W., and the charge in the Second Degree given by Bro. Docksey, S.W. Several accounts were ordered to be paid, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and spent a harmonious and convivial evening.

Numerous songs and recitations were contributed by Bros. Whittaker, Town, Collon, Townend, Sykes, Hedley, Durrance, Fearnley, Smith, and Last.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

### Lodge of Israel, No. 205.

The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. There were present Bros. Joseph Marcus, W.M.; Joseph Trenner, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Lichtenfeld, J.W.; B. Marcus, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Phillips, P.M., Sec.; J. Richmond, S.D.; M. M. Friedlander, J.D.; W. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.O. Middx., Org.; D. Greenberg and A. L. London, Stwds.; Jas. W. Harding, P.M., Tyler; J. Rosalke, P.M.; L. Norden, P.M.; J. Levy, P.M.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D. of C.; Chas. Lemel, J. S. Forlowsky, A. Shaw, P. Marcus, E. Mendelssohn, T. Silvermann, A. Lipowsky, H. Holtz, G. Saling, C. Jones, Sol. B. Lotheim, S. Samson, H. Levy, M. Ruben, E. Harris, E. Schumann, S. London, M. Angel, Ph. Greenspan, J. F. Silvermann, A. Englander, S. Schumann, J. Mindel, Emanuel Nathan, T. Lyons, T. Weiss, David Gould, R. Phillips, L. Abrahams, L. Brook, J. Gassner, M. Isaacs, B. L. Israel, E. Solomon, and others. A large number of visitors were present.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting read and confirmed. The minutes of the Emergency and Audit Committee were next read and confirmed. The Report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund was received. The Secretary read a communication from the G. Secretary *re* Hiram Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France. A motion was made by Bro. H. J. Phillips, P.M., Sec., seconded by Bro. H. M. Harris, P.M., "That the sum of two guineas be voted from the lodge funds towards a testimonial to Bro. B. Da Costa, P.M. 1349, Preceptor of the Israel Lodge of Instruction," which was carried unanimously. A committee of inquiry into the character and circumstances of proposed candidates for initiation was elected, consisting of five members of the lodge. The W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Trenner, was presented by Bro. H. M. Harris, P.M., Dir. of Ceremonies, to the Worshipful Master, the Installing Master. The Worshipful Master elect was obligated, invested, and placed in the chair. He invested Bro. Joseph Marcus as I.P.M. The Worshipful Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hermann Lichtenfeld, P.M. 2353, S.W.; J. Richmond, J.W.; B. Marcus, P.M., Treas.; Humphrey J. Phillips, P.M., Sec.; M. M. Friedlander, S.D.; David Greenberg, J.D.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; Reuben Marcus, I.G.; A. L. London, S. Weiss, and M. Rudolf, Stwds.; and J. W. Harding, P.M., Tyler. Three candidates for initiation were proposed. The Secretary read the correspondence.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual toasts were proposed.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. spoke of her loving sympathy with her people at this important crisis.

"God save the Queen," was sung by Mme. Mary Horton. "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," having been given, "God bless the Prince of Wales," was sung by Mr. F. Milton Hunter.

The toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed.

Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., in responding, said a P.G. Chaplain on one occasion observed he enjoyed his dinner because he was not haunted by the fear he would be called upon to respond, he (Bro. Everett), on his part also thought he should escape, but it appeared he was disappointed, however, he could only say that the brethren well knew that the Grand Officers were always ready to assist in the ceremonies, or any other way, when necessary. He thanked the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers and himself.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. H. M. Harris, P.M., who spoke of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge now amounting to upwards of £1000; he said that Bro. Terry, P.G. Treas., would speak on behalf of the Charities.

Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., replied. He mentioned the Masonic Schools; each boy and girl had proper board and liberal education, defrayed by the funds of each Institution. He alluded to his travels in India and his Masonic experience there; of the different religious castes, all meeting in unity as Freemasons. He said he himself was a patron of all the Masonic Charities; that it was the duty of all Masons to support them. He, in a pleasant kindly manner, gave the style of the Secretaries of the three Institutions. The Lodge of Israel might well be proud of the large balance of their Benevolent Fund. He knew well they would carefully look after their poorer brethren.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by the I.P.M. He spoke of the admirable way he gave the addresses to his officers.

The W.M. briefly replied. He promised his best endeavours in promoting the interests of the lodge over which he had the honour to preside.

"The Absent-Minded Beggar" was recited by Mrs. Melville Fridlander.

While the tambourine was being passed round, the W.M. gave "The I.P.M., as Installing Master." He alluded to the admirable way he performed the ceremony.

The I.P.M. responded in a few words.

The W.M. announced that amount collected at the table was £4 7s.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Visitors," spoke of the representatives of the sister lodges who were present, mentioned Bros. Myer Harris, Studd, Ben. da Costa, Preceptor of King's Cross Lodge of Instruction; Ornstein, Cohen, Ovens, Lambie, Da Costa, and Goldstein.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given by the I.P.M.

Bro. H. J. Phillips, P.M. and Sec., replied.

"The Officers of the Lodge" coupled with the S.W. and J.W., who spoke a few words each in acknowledgment of the toast.

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. W. Wright, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org., assisted by Mr. Laurie Phillip, son of the Secretary.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Trocadero, Piccadilly-circus, on Monday, the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. F. Heilbronn, W.M.; H. Chetham, I.P.M.; W. D. Ovens, S.W.; W.M. elect; L. Davis, J.W.; S. V. Abrahams, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; S. Pollitzer, P.M., Sec.; O. Sichel, S.D.; S. Salamon, J.D.; S. Rothschild, P.M.; J. Manger, P.M.; C. Vandyk, P.M.; H. W. Parker, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; N. P. Vallentine, P.M.; J. Rosedale, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. T. E. Hopkins and F. Heister, and, being favourable, both were initiated by Bro. F. Heilbronn, W.M. Bro. C. Vandyk, P.M., next presented Bro. W. Digby Ovens, 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 an excellent manner. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Heilbronn, I.P.M.; L. Davis, S.W.; O. Sichel, J.W.; S. V. Abrahams, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; S. Pollitzer, P.M., Sec.; S. Salamon, S.D.; S. Vandyk, J.D.; B. Dukes, I.G.; A. Weiss, F. Pollitzer, and A. M. Wartski, Stwds.; P. Oppenheimer, Org.; A. Tannenbaum, D. of C.; W. E. Pierson, A.D. of C.; and Barnes, Tyler. The report of the Treasurer showed the lodge to be in a good financial position, and it was decided to increase the amount invested in Consols for the Benevolent Fund by £100, and a sum of 30 guineas was voted to the R.M.B.I. Bro. W. D. Ovens, W.M., then presented the I.P.M., Bro. Heilbronn, with a Past Master's jewel for the services he had rendered the lodge during the past year. The W.M. referred to the skill and ability with which those duties had been performed, and expressed a sincere wish that he might live to wear the Past Master's jewel for many years to come. In responding, Bro. Heilbronn, I.P.M., sincerely thanked the brethren for their handsome gift.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the W.M. alluded in touching and sympathetic terms to the loss the lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C., who had been Chaplain of the lodge.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," spoke of the able and efficient manner in which the W.M. had invested his officers, and congratulated him on attaining the proud position of W.M.

In reply, Bro. W. Digby Ovens, W.M., thanked the brethren for the hearty and enthusiastic manner in which they had responded to the toast, and he assured the brethren he would do his utmost to promote the welfare of the lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Heilbronn, I.P.M.," and referred to the excellent manner he had performed his work.

Bro. Heilbronn, I.P.M., heartily thanked the brethren, and was much gratified at their expression of goodwill.

The toasts of "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers," were afterwards proposed and received most hearty recognition.

The W.M. was supported by the Masters of the sister lodges of Israel, Joppa, Samson, Tranquillity, and Barnato.

The musical arrangements were admirably carried out by Bros. Omeron and Oppenheimer, assisted by Bro. Syckelmoore, P.M.; Pocklington, P.M.; and Madame Edith Hands, the latter being most enthusiastically received in both her songs.

Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287.

An excellent performance was witnessed at the installation meeting of this lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 18th ult. Meeting early in the afternoon, the three Degrees were gone through, followed by the installation ceremony and investiture of officers. Strict time was kept to the hour announced on the agenda paper, and the brethren sat down to banquet punctually at the time arranged. Owing to the illness of the W.M. the ceremonial work was shared by the Past Masters.

Bro. Webb, P.M., Treas., performed the initiation ceremony, his previous effort in this Degree being 30 years ago, when ruling as the first W.M. of the lodge. Bro. T. G. Doughty, P.M., although indisposed, performed the installation ceremony with accuracy and dignity, and was assisted by Bro. C. Kempton, P.M., D. of C. The members included Bros. T. G. Doughty, I.P.M.; S. Webb, P.M., Treas.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; H. T. Reed, P.M., Stwd.; T. Owen, P.M.; C. Kempton, P.M., D. of C.; R. Cane, P.M.; J. Paul, P.M.; H. Bell, P.M.; G. Ridout, P.M.; A. C. Doughty, P.M.; E. B. Homewood, S.W.; T. Steer, J.W.; B. Russell, S.D.; F. Bascombe, J.D.; C. T. Wilkinson, I.G.; A. Kenningham, Org.; G. Scarman, T. H. Turner, and many others. Visitors: Bros. F. Dillon, 252 (Scotland); G. Heavens, 1352; W. J. Purle, P.M. 1732; A. Blenheim, J.W. 2017; A. G. Collins, 1209; W. Bating, 1566; H. Dorton, 2411; H. Kempton, W.M. 2727; S. F. Fitch, I.G. 1827; W. J. Wilkinson, W.M. 742; W. J. Rayner, 1362; F. W. Hancock, P.M. and Treas. 548; C. Webb, 1362; W. Shurmur, P.G.S.B.; L. Gunzel, P.M. 2021; S. Stanley, 2021; T. Jukes, I.G. 2021; J. Plenderleith, 2319; W. Jordan, 1708; J. M. Dexter, W.M. 1237; C. Holmes, J.D. 133; H. G. Greenish, 2394; C. H. Denny, P.M. 1671; G. R. Denison, P.G.S.B. Essex; F. Scarman, 1624; J. Beynon, P.M. 180; R. E. Miles, 2624; W. A. Hazell, J.W. 2020; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Belmont was raised to the Third Degree; Bro. Duke passed to the Second Degree; and Mr. J. A. Story initiated into Freemasonry. The Auditors' report, showing substantial balances in hand, was received and adopted. Bro. T. G. Doughty, P.M., impressively installed Bro. Edwin Bate Homewood as W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bros. Thos. Steer, S.W.; B. Russell, J.W.; Samuel Webb, P.M., Treas.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; F. Bascombe, S.D.; C. T. Wilkinson, J.D.; C. Kempton, P.M., P.Z., D.C.; A. Kenningham, Org.; D. J. Metcalfe, I.G.; and H. T. Reed, P.M., P.Z., Stwd.

Lodge was closed, and a well-served banquet in the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern, was followed by the customary toasts.

Bro. Wm. Shurmur, P.G.S.B., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he had very pleasant recollections of that grand demonstration of Masonic loyalty at the Albert Hall when 7000 Masons assembled to express loyalty to her Majesty. He then had the honour of shaking hands with the M.W.G.M., being one of those who were fortunate enough to receive Jubilee honours. Masonry possessed certain privileges, and it was the desire of Grand Lodge to increase those privileges and increase the beneficial interests of our Institution. He was indebted to his friend and neighbour, Bro. Wilkinson, for his kind invitation. He had enjoyed himself and especially congratulated the Installing Master upon the admirable way in which he performed the ceremony. The members were to be congratulated on having such a brother as Bro. T. G. Doughty, P.M., to step in and perform so admirably. He wished the lodge a long career of unclouded prosperity and the W.M. a very happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. T. G. Doughty, P.M., proposed "The W. Master," and said it had been an extreme pleasure to instal Bro. Homewood, although he sincerely regretted the illness of Bro. Edwards, I.P.M. Bro. Edwards's whole heart and soul were devoted to Freemasonry, and he must have felt it terribly in being too ill to finish his work. In the W.M. installed that evening, Bro. Homewood, they had one of whom they would be proud, and one who would do his work as well as, perhaps better than many of his predecessors. They would all unite in wishing the W.M. a very successful year of office.

Bro. E. B. Homewood, W.M., returned thanks. He had, he said, nearly reached the summit of a Freemason's profession. He was much impressed with the installation ceremony, and also by the very kind way in which they had received his health. He hoped to be spared to go through his year of office, to have plenty of work, and to do it to their entire satisfaction. He would do his best, and when one did that he could do no more. He thanked them for the hearty way in which they had received his toast.

"The Initiate," was followed by the initiate's song by Bro. Webb, P.M., Treas., and Bro. J. A. Story's reply.

The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master," and said that all the members knew Bro. T. Doughty's qualities. He was an extremely good fellow and always willing to come forward and do what he could. He had done so that evening and it was a pleasure to be installed by him. Owing to family matters last year he (the W.M.) had to stand on one side or Bro. Doughty would have installed him then. In Bro. Doughty they had a good friend and thorough worker and one who did his best for the lodge.

Bro. T. G. Doughty, P.M., said he was proud and pleased to have had the pleasure of installing his dear old friend. It was only on the previous Wednesday he was told that Bro. Edwards would be unable to attend through illness. He had, however, kept the ceremony in his mind during the past year, and although he also was suffering from illness and ought to be in bed, it was a pleasure to perform any ceremony in the Great Northern Lodge.

For "The Visitors," Bros. Kempton, W.M.; Dexter, W.M.; Denny, P.M.; Hancock, and Downard (South Africa), made suitable responses and expressed their thanks.

Bro. H. T. Reed P.M., answering for "The Past Masters," suggested that those brethren wishing for long life should join the ranks of the Past Masters, for there they would find the elixir of youth.

Bro. Owen, P.M., also replied, pointing out that Tottenham House had supplied this lodge with no less than nine Worshipful Masters.

Bro. S. Webb, P.M., Treas., acknowledged "The Treasurer and Secretary." It was 30 years ago since he initiated a candidate in that lodge. He had that evening initiated Bro. Storey, and it was the beginning of a new era and he hoped of increased success. He hoped that in future years the lodge would be found in as successful a position as now, and better if possible. They were now as good as any lodge in London. They had not failed to support the Charities with good lists. He thanked the W.M. for his kindly remarks.

Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec., replied, and "The Officers" was afterwards given.

Bro. A. Kenningham, Org., was supported in the musical programme by Miss S. Gomersall, Madam Ada Kempton, and Bro. R. E. Miles.

Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000,

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W., on Friday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. R. S. Fairbank, the outgoing W.M.; William Turner, S.W., W.M. elect; Hugh T. Taylor, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., Treas.; Wilfred A. Bowser, I.P.M., Sec.; A. D. Jones, S.D.; J. Davidson, J.D.; R. Lake, P.M., D.C.; T. Bowler, Tyler; N. H. Turner, P.M.; J. Pollard, P.M.; J. H. Lavies, P.M.; R. C. P. Gardner, R.M.; Edgar A. Hughes, P.M.; R. Hilton, H. F. Jones, W. L. Barrett, E. Dalzell, P.M. 154; J. G. Budd, W. W. Szlumper, H. Parkin, F. M. S. Lewin, H. L. Sarson, F. J. Reisman, F. E. Bartlett, J. H. Dallas, R. J. Probyn-Williams, A. C. Probyn-Williams, W. A. Bird, C. Ryall, G. B. Flux, F. A. H. Walsh, A. R. Woodbridge, and E. H. Hartopp, W.M. 5, P.G.S. (Hon. Member.) Visitors: Bros. Edwin Fox, W.M. 48, P.G.S.; A. W. Dennis, W.M. 180; L. Williams, W.M. 1584; H. Collins, I.P.M. 557; R. Dudfield, I.P.M. 1974; J. A. P. Ingoldby, P.M. 21; W. Rose, P.M. 26; C. Fox, P.M. 90; T. Cooke, P.M. 415, P.P.S.G.W. Bombay; S. L. Smith, P.M. 1159; W. J. Smith, P.M. 1596; H. C. Houndle, P.M. 1826, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; J. J.

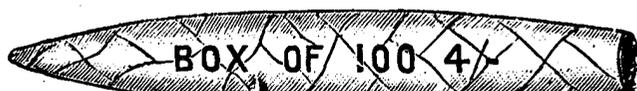
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Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The accounts and balance-sheet for the past year were presented, and, with the Auditors' report thereon, were received and adopted. Bro. Joseph Pollard, P.M., then proposed, and the W.M., Bro. Fairbank, seconded, "That the sum of five guineas be voted from the lodge general fund to the widows and orphans of officers engaged in the war." This was unanimously agreed to, and subsequently, at the banquet, a further sum of 12 guineas was added by members present, making the total sum contributed to this deserving object 17 guineas. The W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Turner, S.W., was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. J. Pollard, P.M., to receive the benefit of installation. Bro. W. Turner was duly obligated, and a Board of 25 Installed Masters was constituted. The W.M., Bro. Fairbank, then stated that, in accordance with a long-standing promise, he would now vacate the chair in favour of Bro. N. H. Turner, the senior P.M. of the lodge, in order that he might install his own brother in the flesh, as well as in Masonry, into the chair of K.S. Bro. N. H. Turner, P.M., having thanked the W.M. for his kindness in acceding to his desire, took the chair. The ceremony was then proceeded with, the anthem "Be thou faithful unto death" being exquisitely sung by Bro. E. Dalzell. The I.P.M. was invested, and the new Worshipful Master having been greeted by the Installed Masters present, the Board was closed. The I.P.M., Bro. Fairbank, took up the duties of Installing Master, after which the new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. H. T. Taylor, S.W.; A. Dawson Jones, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., Treas.; Wilfred A. Bowser, P.M., Sec.; J. Davidson, S.D.; F. M. Spencer Lewin, J.D.; R. C. P. Gardner, P.M., D.C.; Wm. W. Szlumper, I.G.; J. Pollard, P.M., and H. L. Sarson, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The W.M. addressed his officers in felicitous terms, and the ceremony was concluded by addresses from Bro. H. R. Rose, P.M., to the W.M., Bro. E. A. Hughes, to the Wardens, and Bro. Fairbank, I.P.M., to the brethren. The communication from United Grand Lodge in reference to the so-called Hiram Lodge of London, under the Grand Orient of France, was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes; and, after the resignation of a member had been reported, and apologies for non-attendance received, the lodge was closed.

The brethren, to the number of 60, then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet served under the personal supervision of the manager of the Cafe Royal, Bro. Oddemno.

At its conclusion, grace was most impressively sung by Bros. G. May, H. Parkin, E. Dulzell, and R. Hilton.

The W.M., on rising to propose "The Queen and the Craft," said his speeches would be as short as possible. He was sure this toast would be received with enthusiasm. And so it was.

National Anthem—Solo, Bro. Dalzell.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was duly honoured.

Glee—"Discord, dire sister," Webbe—Bros. May, Parkin, Dalzell, and Hilton.

The gavel was then handed to Bro. J. H. Lavies, P.M., who proposed the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., responded, the two P.Ms. indulging in mutual pleasantries, which, if not quite germane to the subject of the toast, were much enjoyed by the company present.

Flute solo, by Bro. W. L. Barratt, "Auldousc," Pessard, with, as an encore, "Allegretto," Goddard.

The I.P.M., Bro. Fairbank, then rose to propose the toast of the evening. He said "Le roi est mort, vive le roi." This, brethren, is my swan song. During my year of office the W.M. has been at the head of my brigade as my S.W. and faithful henchman, and I have the greatest possible pleasure in proposing "Health, Wealth, and Prosperity to our W.M., Bro. William Turner," and, may I add, "a safe return to his native country," for, as most of you know, our W.M. is just about to leave for South Africa, whither he has been ordered, with some of the greatest surgeons of the day. That he will do his duty, and devote his great skill and ability to the relief of our wounded soldiers, goes without saying.

The toast was accorded both musical honours and Masonic fire such as is seldom heard.

A solo on the violoncello, by Bro. De Mureck, followed.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, received an ovation. He said, Brethren, I feel that I am something of a fraud to be occupying this position, seeing that in a few days I leave for South Africa and that I cannot be back before the October meeting. But duty calls, and, acting on the advice of our Past Masters I agreed to be installed this evening, and shall leave England under the full assurance that not only will the lodge be well cared for during my absence, but that I shall be kindly remembered in No. 2000, whilst I am helping to look after the Imperial Yeomanry, who, as you know, are a picked body of Volunteers. Brethren, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kind reception this evening, which I shall always remember as one of my best nights in Masonry. I now have a very pleasant duty to perform. It is to present our I.P.M., Bro. Fairbank, with the Past Master's jewel voted to him at the last meeting of the lodge, and to propose his health. This I do with the greatest possible satisfaction.

The toast was drunk with a cordiality which bore testimony to the popularity of the outgoing W.M.

Bro. R. S. Fairbank, I.P.M., in response, said: I find it difficult to speak, but I thank you, brethren, for all your kindness and support during my year of office, the success of which is largely due to the officers, men who have worked well and loyally with me. I hope we have done our work fairly well, and I am not altogether sorry that the W.M. is about to give me the opportunity of doing a little more. I trust he will return to us victorious, to do some work in the lodge, as we know he can do it.

Glee—"Come let us join our roundelay"—Bros. May, Parkin, Dalzell, and Hilton followed, as an encore, by "Come, gentle zephyrs."

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., who remarked that the list was too long to read; but they gave them one and all a hearty welcome, and hoped to see them again.

Bros. Edwin Fox, W.M. 5, P.G.S., and A. W. Dennis, W.M. 180, responded.

Flute solo—selection from "Faust"—by Bro. Barrett.

The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was responded to by Bros. N. H. Turner, P.M., and R. Lecke, P.M.

Bro. Turner said how much indebted he was to the I.P.M. for allowing him to take the Board of Installed Masters, and install his own brother in his own mother lodge. Although residing in Birmingham, he hoped always to continue a member of the lodge and to come up occasionally and visit them.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Officers," said: The lodge is fortunate in its officers, and I am sure they will look after its best interests during my absence. I am going to depart from our usual custom by asking our Secretary, Bro. Bowser, to respond. The amount of work he does for the lodge is very great. He is enthusiastic in the discharge of his duties, and is wholly devoted to our prosperity. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. W. A. Bowser, P.M., Sec.: On behalf of the officers I thank you, W.M., and assure you that during your temporary absence we will do our utmost to maintain the honour, reputation, and usefulness of the lodge. We all wish you God speed and a safe and speedy return to your native land. May I say that if any brother wishes to

contribute to the Widows' and Orphans' of Officers' Fund, to be forwarded in the name of the lodge, I shall be very pleased to receive it. I do not in any way press the matter, because I know that most of you have already contributed to some fund or other, but I thought I would just mention the matter.

The Secretary subsequently announced several amounts he had received, with the result already stated.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most successful "send off" to the new W.M., and one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in No. 2000.

We should add that Bro. Henry R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., Treas., accompanied the instrumental solos on the pianoforte with his usual perfect finish.

Shepherd's Bush Lodge, No. 1828.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on the 22nd ult., when Bro. H. Jones vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Henry Richardson, who was installed by Bro. H. Gilbert, P.M. The officers were invested as follows: Bro. H. Jones, I.P.M.; G. Knight, S.W.; H. Hauss, J.W.; J. Allman, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Bull, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Nielson, S.D.; I. Levy, J.D.; H. H. Stephens, I.G.; F. M. Case and J. E. Nolan, Stwds.; and C. Patrick, P.M., Tyler.

A banquet followed, with an excellent musical entertainment.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., responded for "The Grand Officers."

Empire Lodge, No. 2108.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion Hotel, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., when there was a full attendance of members and their friends, including several Grand Officers, as well as Colonial District Grand Officers.

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting and of an emergency meeting (at which his Highness Sirdar Singh had been initiated) having been read and confirmed, the business of the meeting was proceeded with. This consisted of the initiation of Mr. Sydney H. Rothschild and Mr. Lister V. Rothschild into the secrets of the First Degree, to be followed by the installation of Bro. Sefton Mayors as W.M. for the ensuing year. At the request of Bro. Lionel Cooke, W.M., Bro. Hermann Klein, P.G. Org., assumed the Master's collar and chair, and performed the ceremony of initiation, the W.M., Bro. Cooke, acting as his S.W. It goes without saying that the ceremony lost nothing of its impressiveness in the able hands of Bro. Klein. When the candidates, after the ceremony, had retired from the lodge, Bro. Lionel Cooke resumed the chair; the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. E. Warden Dennis, P.M., presented to him Bro. Sefton Mayors for the benefits of installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Sefton Mayors was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in a truly masterly manner by Bro. Cooke. The newly-elected Master was then proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees with the customary formalities and the addresses to the Master, the Wardens, and the brethren were then impressively delivered by the Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Lennox Browne, P.M., P. Dep. G.D.C. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, of whom the following is a list: Bros. A. Bassett Hopkins, S.W.; Franz Deutsch, J.W.; Lennox Browne, P.M., P. Dep. G.D.C., Treas.; S. F. Isitt, Sec.; Frank P. Rider, S.D.; Maurice Jenks, J.D.; E. Warden Dennis, P.M., D.C.; B. Schönberger, Org.; R. Valentine, I.G.; and Albert Cohn and J. Shone, Stwds. Bro. A. E. Bell, P.M., was then elected Tyler of the lodge, after which he was summoned and invested. A Past Master's jewel was then presented by the W.M. to Bro. Lionel Cooke, who briefly returned thanks for it. Several communications were read by the Secretary, and a donation of 25 guineas was voted to Masonic Charity, to be placed on the Master's list as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Strachan, Grand Registrar, then rose and said that he found that a communication which had been addressed by the Grand Secretary to all lodges, had not been delivered, and possibly the responsibility for that rested with the hotel management, but whether or not he asked to be allowed to intimate to the lodge the nature of the communication which was in the form of a message from H.R.H. the Grand Master. It said that a circular had been issued in the name of some gentleman calling himself the W.M. of the Hiram Lodge, constituted under the Grand Orient of France, and suggesting that the brethren of that lodge should visit his lodge, and that the members of his lodge should in return be allowed to visit that lodge. The M.W. Grand Master's message was that the Grand Orient of France had no power to warrant any lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and that any member of that lodge visiting the Hiram Lodge, as suggested, would render himself liable to be dealt with very seriously by the Board of General Purposes. At the same time, the M.W.G.M. wished attention to be called to the circular sent out in 1878 to the effect that, inasmuch as the Grand Orient no longer acknowledged the G.A.O.F.U.—which acknowledgment was one of the landmarks of Freemasonry—no member of a lodge purporting to be warranted by the Grand Orient could be admitted into a lodge warranted by the Grand Lodge of England. The W.M. said that he did not think there was any chance that any member of the Empire Lodge would ever visit the lodge referred to by the Grand Registrar.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where they were served with a choice repast, worthy of the reputation of the Criterion Hotel.

In rising to propose the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that the sympathies of the brethren went out to her Majesty under the sorrow which she felt that her noble and gallant sons had to fight and die for her in the cause of civilisation and justice. But they could express the hope that T.G.A.O.T.U. would be pleased to strengthen her to bear the strain, and that she might find consolation in the love and loyalty of her people.

The National Anthem was sung with enthusiasm, the soloist being Miss Lilian Courtenay.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order." His Royal Highness's regard for Freemasonry was proved by the great interest he took in all its affairs, and the appointments of those who control the affairs of the Craft went to prove that his Royal Highness possessed those qualities which made for the increase of the prestige of the Craft, and also the increase of its prosperity.

The next toast proposed by the W.M. was "The M.W. Pro G. Master, the Earl Amherst; the Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past." To those brethren who had not had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge it was, perhaps, as well to point out that the Pro G. Master and Dep. G. Master were not mere figure-heads. He had had the pleasure of seeing the Pro G. Master perform the Masonic duties in Grand Lodge, and had noted the zeal and spirit with which he seemed to be endued. As to Lord Warwick, he had not seen him in the chair, but he did not doubt that he could perform his duties with similar zeal. As to the rest of the G. Officers, he thought the brethren's thanks were due for the manner in which they came forward to promote Freemasonry. In connection with the Charities and the welfare of the Boys and Girls and Old People they always proved themselves good and true Masons, and their services could not be over estimated. With the toast he would couple the name of Bro. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., and one of the founders of the Empire Lodge.

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Bro. Brownrigg said for the kindly way in which the Master had proposed the toast he returned his best thanks. The Master had reminded him of the slight of time. He could hardly realise that it was 15 years ago since he had helped to found this lodge. And the Empire Lodge had had no little to do with a change of public opinion. He then said that he felt strongly on the question of the integrity of the British Empire, and he had been told that there was a very thin sheet of blotting paper between patriotism and politics. That, however, was 15 years ago, and the temper of the British Empire was no longer political, but patriotic, and he hoped that this lodge had done something towards making that patriotic which before had been only political.

Bro. Lennox Browne then rose and said that, being in possession of the pavil, it might be supposed that he was going to propose the health of the W.M.; but that was not the case. He had permission to interpose a toast. They did not happen to have a representative of a sister Grand Lodge present, but as a Colonial lodge they had representatives from several of the Colonies. Their much-loved Bro. Brownrigg had talked about that sheet of blotting paper, but for once he forgot that day before, in 1886, at the Colonial Exhibition, his Royal Highness instilling into them that the watchwords of Freemasonry were loyalty and benevolence; they were bound by obedience to the Sovereign and the laws as well as to the Great Architect. Bro. Richards had ceded his right to reply for the Grand Officers, because he (the speaker) had said that he wanted to say something that would touch him rather nearly, and he was going to ask the brethren to allow him to speak of loyalty before Masonry. That lodge was composed of members of a great many districts, and had been able to do something towards the advancement of the Masonic empire. It had been his good fortune to assist in the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and had now been informed that he had been made S.G.W. of that Grand Lodge. They had present that evening a large number of brethren from that district where the thoughts and the hearts and the anxiety of all of them were now turning at that time. He had the permission of the I.P.M. when in the chair to make a donation when Bro. Sir Walter Peace came in 1897. Sir Walter Peace was present with them now. Sir Walter was Agent-General of Natal, the first Colony of the crown in the reign of her Gracious Majesty; and he was present, not in response to that trifling gift, but because he (Bro. Browne) had asked him to come, because he felt that the Empire Lodge wanted to do something for their loyal friends in the Colonies. And he was not imposing on the good nature of Bro. Richards, that he would let him mention Natal and Sir Walter Peace before Freemasonry in connection with the Empire. But when they came to the other Colonies (which just at present were not Colonies of the Empire) they had an overwhelming representation. They had Bro. Richards, the District Grand Master of the Transvaal. They had Bro. Hendon, a Past Master of this lodge; they had Bro. Pearson, P.G.W. of the Transvaal. They had hoped to have had Bro. Fricken, a P.M. of the lodge in Johannesburg. Now Natal stood not only as a loyal Colony but as a Colony that had given its blood and wealth for the cause they were all thinking so much about. But they had then present representatives of the Transvaal as loyal to the Queen as any of the loyal Colonies. He would not forestall anything but he would hint that Bro. Richards had something to say respecting the loyal Masonic brethren of the Transvaal. That had been an evening of short speeches but he could not have said in fewer words what he wanted to say. Bro. Lennox Browne concluded by proposing "The Health of their Colonial guests, coupled with the names of Bros. Peace and Richards," for whom he asked the attention of the brethren in speaking of those loyal Colonial Masons who had been influenced in what they had done by their duties to their God, their country, and their love of their neighbour.

Bro. Sir Walter Peace, on rising to return thanks, said he could not hide from himself that at a time when everybody's thoughts were turned towards Ladysmith, Bro. Lennox Browne had a strong temptation to refer to the subject of the present war, and it was not unnatural that he should call upon him (Sir Walter) to respond. Bro. Browne had spoken of the loyalty of the Colonists. Loyalty was not a thing you could create in the absence of justice. It was a plant of slow growth among those who had not the advantage of being born under the British flag. But though its growth was slow, it was found in South Africa—among black men by the million and among white men by hundreds of thousands—that the impress of the British character had made itself felt, and wherever the British flag waved the whole family of mankind was benefited. Colonial benevolence was that practical benevolence which helped people to help themselves. And in connection with that little colony—"Britannia's picanny," as it was called by the poetess—it was noteworthy that there was a small community of only about 50,000 white people living in peace and contentment and happiness and prosperity in the midst of three-quarters of a million of black men, and yet from the day in 1843 when Natal was added to the British dominions, there had not been one shot fired by the forces of the Crown on the inhabitants of that Colony. The distinguished brethren who was to follow him would be able to tell them everything which did not come within his (the speaker's) province to mention. For himself, he would say that he never was so proud of being an Englishman, and especially of being a representative of Natal, as he was at that moment. Thank God the spirit of our fathers was with us yet, and at last the process of welding together had begun, and the petty divergencies and hatreds and falsities of party politics were swept to the winds, and the nation was rising as one man to do this good work. He had said on a previous occasion, and it was worth repeating, that but for the sorrows and sufferings that had come into English homes and the homes in Natal, he should rejoice with all his heart that this war had taken place. Otherwise the spread of civilisation and Christianity, which alone could make South Africa that which its natural resources fitted it to become, would have been stopped for all time. Whatever the result of the present terrific struggle near Ladysmith might be the result must be that British power was going to finish the work, and there should no longer be a remnant of Boer tyranny in South Africa.

Bro. Richards said that Bro. Sir Walter Peace had in his speech dealt with the patriotic side of the blotting paper, and he (Bro. Richards) would, therefore, confine his remarks to the Masonic side. First, he thanked them for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He went on to say that this evening was one of exceptional pleasure. He had been privileged to meet again G. Officers who had been associated with him in Masonic work in the Transvaal. He had also been present at the initiation of two gentlemen whom he had known in their very early days in South Africa. He congratulated them, and trusted that they would follow in the footsteps of their father. Turning to the subject of the war, he said that there was scarcely a home that had not suffered by it. There were many homes in the Colonies—in the Cape and Natal and the Transvaal who had lost those never to return. And we, said he, have to mourn the loss of one of the most brilliant Natal colonists, a gentleman who was loyal as a gentleman could be, who was upright as a Freemason could be, and a good colonist; in all capacities he did his duty to the Queen and the Craft and the Empire. When the dream of united empire began he was called away in a manner foreshadowed by a twilight, and the evening reds, and after that the Dark. He has left behind not only in Natal, but in every Colony in South Africa, a memory. Bro. Richards said he must now touch on a subject dear to his heart. There had been a great amount of distress among the Masons of the Transvaal. A number of them had been driven from their homes, having had to leave behind them all that they possessed—home and household goods—fleeing with wives and children, and going without knowing where to find relief. The colonists of Natal and the Cape had given noble assistance; but there were many among the brethren who were very reticent of their distress, people who had been in very comfortable circumstances, and able to maintain their position, now found themselves in the unfortunate position of being compelled to accept relief from their more fortunate neighbours. The brethren in the Colony had already assisted them, and he had hoped they could have worried through without coming to the English brethren. He had ventured to send a circular to the lodges asking if they had anything left to spare to remember their brethren of the Transvaal District. He now appealed to the brethren of the Empire Lodge, and whatever they were pleased to give would be thankfully received and properly applied. He

had been told that he had left his appeal to the lodges till it was almost too late; but he had faith in Masonic Charity that it never failed at times of need. About South Africa they had waited many years for what they believed was now coming. The Colonists had offered their means and their lives to build it up. He looked upon the Transvaal as being as much her Majesty's dominion as the Cape or Natal. Nothing would be allowed to intervene until the flag of the constitution waved over that State, never to be hauled down again.

Bro. Lennox Browne then rose to give notice of a motion for next meeting that a sum of £20 out of the lodge funds should be applied to Bro. Richards's fund and that a sum of 10 guineas should be voted to the Natal Volunteer Fund. The warrant being on the table he proposed that they should make this vote effective at once, and that he, as Treasurer, should be authorised to write those cheques forthwith.

The motion was seconded by a Canadian member of the lodge. The brethren, he said, had heard of the Canadians going out to the Transvaal. (Applause) The Canadians felt that the Transvaal, Natal, and Cape Colony were, just as much as Canada, parts of the soil in which they were born, and they were bound to go and help.

Bro. Peace: Thanks brethren for the donation. The Natal Volunteer War Fund reaches many classes which could not come under any fund that had been raised, and especially that class which had been referred to who were too delicate of feeling to ask for themselves. But this donation from the brethren would not go to them as charity, but as a substantive expressions of the desire of the English to bear their portion of the white man's burden which had fallen too heavily upon their Colonists.

Bro. Lionel Cooke, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M." In doing which he said that in the past Bro. Sefton Mayors had done excellent work in every position he had held. From what they had seen of his present work in his address to his officers they could judge what his future work would be. It was said that it should be the ambition of a Master not only to equal but to surpass the work of his predecessors. He had so endeavoured himself and he believed that their present Master would do the same.

The W.M. having replied, proceeded to propose "The Health of the candidates, Bros. Sydney and Lister Rothschild," and included Bro. Sirdar Singh, who had been initiated at a meeting not followed by a banquet.

The candidates severally responded, and the remaining toasts which included "The Installing Officer and Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge," were duly proposed and honoured, after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Hermann Klein, P.G.O., the vocalists being Miss Edith Clegg, Miss Lilian Courtenay, and Bro. F. Deutsch, J.W. There was also a pianoforte solo by Bro. Schönberger, the newly-appointed Organist of the lodge.

The following were among the brethren present: Bros. Strachan, Grand Reg.; J. C. Wilkinson, Dep. G. Reg.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; W. T. Kentish, P.G. Std. Br.; Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.; E. G. Smith, D.G.D.C.; Hermann Klein, P.G. Org.; Sir Walter Peace, K.C.M.G., Agent-General for Natal; Geo. Richards, Dist. G.M. Transvaal; J. W. Parsons, P.D.S.G.W. Transvaal; Duff Miller, Agent-General for New Brunswick; W. Clifford, 2488; John Valentine, 454; C. G. S. Whitford, 2095; Lionel Harris, P.M. 2488; Joseph Barnicot, 859; H. S. Harris, 569; H. W. Russell, P.M. 194; Daniel Mayer, 2789 and 59; Calkin Lewis, P.M. 231; W. W. Read, 2502; J. F. Chambers, 1767; R. M. Minton, W.M. 263; E. C. Harris, Alfred White, and F. Cliffe.

St. Mark's College Lodge, No. 2157.

At the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Holborn Restaurant on the 19th ult., there was a full attendance of members and many visitors. Bro. W. T. Thompson, B.A., W.M., had the pleasure of installing Bro. Joseph Parry as his successor, and he rendered the ceremony in a very praiseworthy manner. Amongst the members present were Bros. W. T. Thompson, B.A., W.M.; Joseph Parry, S.W.; H. R. Elkin, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Smith, M.A.; Rev. J. H. Smith, B.A., P.M., Treas.; T. Simpson, Sec.; L. H. Walker, J. O'Connell, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Easterbrook, P.M.; and many others. The large number of visitors included Bros. Howe, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey; J. R. Cleave, P.P.G.D. Surrey; H. W. Clemow, P.P.G.D.; Jamieson, Lee, and others.

After formal business, Bro. Peck was raised to the Third Degree. A donation was voted to a distressed brother and also to the Daily Telegraph Fund. Notice of motion was given to vote 10 guineas to the R.M.B.I. Bro. Joseph Parry was next duly installed as W.M., Bro. J. O'Connell, P.M., acting as D.C. The officers invested were Bros. W. T. Thompson, B.A., I.P.M.; H. R. Elkin, S.W.; Rev. C. J. Smith, M.A., J.W.; Rev. J. H. Smith, B.A., P.M., Treas.; T. Simpson, Sec.; L. H. Walker, S.D.; R. West, J.D.; F. J. Lovell, I.G.; J. O'Connell, P.M., D. of C.; G. B. Fluke, Org.; W. G. Mortlock and H. Mangham, Stwds.; and Whiteman, Tyler. Bro. Thompson, I.P.M., was the recipient of a handsome Past Master's jewel, for which he made due acknowledgment.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet was followed by the usual toasts. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. W. T. Thompson, I.P.M. Many of their arrangements in Freemasonry were traditional, but there was a very great deal to be said in favour of the tradition that gave the I.P.M. the duty of proposing this toast. The I.P.M. and W.M., under ordinary circumstances, had been brought up together in Freemasonry, and that had been the case with Bro. Parry and himself. He had known Bro. Parry for many years, and did not think they could find a better Mason, or one who had more admirably discharged his duties. A great deal of tact was needed in a W.M., and this he possessed. The W.M. had a difficulty in the language to struggle with, but his performance that evening was a revelation to them. Bro. Parry could, therefore, be relied upon to continue the traditions of the P.Ms. and their excellent working.

Bro. Joseph Parry, W.M., said he was exceedingly obliged to the I.P.M. and the brethren for their cordial reception. He felt he did not deserve one half of the I.P.M.'s kind remarks. Although the I.P.M. had flattered him, he (the W.M.) would not give in to anybody in his anxiety to get on in Freemasonry. From the time that Bro. Smith spoke to him about it he thought he should like to join and he had never regretted it. He hoped during his year to give all the brethren satisfaction and he would do the best he could for the lodge.

Bro. Streeter, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," for which Bro. Howe, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, responded. He thanked the W.M. for his kind invite, for he had known Bro. Parry for a great number of years and was pleased to see him installed. More particularly, they had been connected in a lodge of instruction at Red Hill. As the years passed by one's capacity for doing ceremonies did not become keener, and the W.M. commenced the study of Freemasonry far later in life than most of them. They, therefore, admired the W.M.'s courage in going through the various offices up to his installation.

Bro. J. R. Cleave, P.P.G.D. Surrey, said he almost felt as if he were going into one of his own lodges, for he saw so many faces he knew in the Marcians Lodge. He admired the admirable working in the installation ceremony, which he thought could not be surpassed. He should like to make a suggestion. The Marcians and St. Mark's College Lodges were so much associated together that he thought between the two they might form a very nice little Royal Arch chapter. He threw out the suggestion, and trusted in course of time to see it realised.

Bros. Clemow, Jamieson, and Cox also replied. Bro. W. T. Thompson, I.P.M., replying to the toast of his health as "Installing Master," said he had done his best. It was a moot point whether the distinguished position compensated for the difficulties one had to encounter. He had thoroughly enjoyed his year, but thought there was one mistake. They ought to give the W.M. a



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second year, for he never performed the work so well as when he was called upon to give up the office.

Bro. Streeter, P.M., answered for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Elkin, S.W., Rev. C. J. Smith, J.W., and T. Simpson, Sec., for "The Officers."

Bro. E. Sainsbury and Mr. Coyle sang several songs, but the great feature in this lodge is the part singing by all the brethren present.

#### Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241.

The brethren held their first meeting for the last year of the century at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on the 17th ult., under the presidency of Bro. W. Bauer, W.M. The Secretary, Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., announced the somewhat sudden death of Bro. J. F. Hepburn, C.C., one of the senior Past Masters, also that Bro. W. T. Buck was absent in consequence of the death of his wife and only sister. The only business was the passing of Bro. Alban Baynham (nephew of Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.), who is about to leave for Africa with the Yeomanry.

The brethren afterwards dined together.

#### Hiram Lodge, No. 2416.

The installation meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 24th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. S. Jackson, and after the reading of the minutes and some routine business, the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Henry White, was duly installed by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. H. J. Pain, S.W.; M. Garbutt, J.W.; S. Jackson, I.P.M.; F. R. Farrow, P.M., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. Merritt, S.D.; F. W. Pearce, J.D.; F. Fupper White, I.G.; C. Bassett-Smith, D.C.; Col. F. S. Leslie, R.E., A.D.C.; Lawrence and Herring, Stwds.; and G. Austin, Tyler.

Other members present were Bros. F. A. Powell, P.P.S.G.W. Monmouth; H. T. Bonner, P.M.; G. Elkington, P.M.; A. F. Wrightson, P.M.; and W. West, P.M.; the whole of the Past Masters being present; Bros. A. Oliver, W. Hælis, E. Otto Sachs, R. G. Young, Gordon Hills, A. H. Coyle, J. Rush Dixon, W. A. Haskins, F. L. M. Walsh, and W. A. Woodington; and there were also a number of visitors present.

The brethren dined at Freemasons' Tavern.

Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., and John Reid, P.G. Std. Br., responded for "The Grand Officers."

A jewel was presented to the retiring W.M.

An excellent musical programme was given under the direction of Bro. John Read.

### Royal Arch.

#### Fidelity Chapter, No. 3.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 5th ult. Among those present were Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1745, P.P.G. Std. Br., M.E.Z.; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, H., M.E.Z. elect; S. Cochrane, P.Z., P.G. Treas., H. elect, vice H. Nash, P.Z. (deceased); J. J. Birch, S.N., J. elect; W. J. Collins, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; J. C. Pratt, P.S.; A. B. Spawforth, 1st A.S.; J. Cooper, 2nd A.S.; J. C. Besch, Stwd.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; A. W. G. Weeks, P.Z.; C. E. Birch, P.Z.; W. Radcliffe, P.Z.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C. England; and C. W. Mapleton, I.P.Z.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. H. J. Lardner, M.E.Z., installed the Three Principals in a most admirable manner. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to him and a vote of thanks recorded on the minutes for his services as Installing Principal. The resignation of Comp. J. B. Stevens was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. R. Graves, P.Z.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and a banquet followed.

Comp. S. Cochrane responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" in a neatly worded speech.

The I.P.Z. then submitted the toast of "The M.E.Z." He said that Comp. Col. Hart, who was exalted in the Fidelity Chapter in 1888, had been a most regular attendant, and had performed all the minor offices well. He had every reason to believe that in the position of First Principal he would merit the esteem and confidence of all the companions.

The M.E.Z. having replied then gave "The H. and J." He said that their Second Principal had kindly stepped in to fill the place that would have been taken by their late respected Comp. Nash. The Fidelity Chapter regarded it as an honour to have a Past Grand Treasurer of England holding a chair therein. Comp. Birch was a good worker in the Craft, and no doubt would do every justice to the position of J.

This toast having been honoured the Second and Third Principals duly responded.

The toast of "The Installing Principal" followed. The M.E.Z. in submitting this toast spoke of the excellent working of Comp. H. J. Lardner. They had all witnessed his efforts in the exaltation ceremony, but only a few had seen his working of installation. He hoped for many years that Comp. Lardner would live to be a member of No. 3, as no companion was more highly respected.

Comp. Lardner having responded in feeling terms,

"The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was coupled with the names of Comps. Eustace Anderson and H. Potter.

This pledge having been drunk with enthusiasm, the companions mentioned respectively acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was coupled with the name of Comp. F. McDougall, who replied.

In submitting the toast of "The S.E. and Treasurer," the M.E.Z. said that the chapter was under a debt of great obligation to these old and respected members of No. 3. Comp. Collens was one of the best Scribes that he had ever met, and as to Comp. Heming he was geniality personified. He regretted that the latter was not able to be present that evening.

Comp. Collens having acknowledged the toast on behalf of himself and absent colleagues,

"The Health of the Officers" terminated the proceedings.

During the evening an excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music was presented.

The M.E.Z. is to be congratulated on the success that attended his *début* as First Principal.

#### Fidelity Chapter, No. 441.

The half-yearly convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., when the Principals were installed, and the officers invested as under: Comps. H. King, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., M.E.Z.; J. F. Symonds, P.Z., P.G.S.N., H.; F. Dewberry, P.Z., Prov. G.J., J.; S. H. Sharman, P.P.G.D. of C., I.P.Z.; J. Sheldrick, P.Z., P.P.G.R., S.E.; J. Vail, P.P.A.G. Soj., S.N. and Treas.; F. R. Leach, P.G. Std. Br., P.S.; G. R. Barnes, 1st A.S.; F. W. Miller, 2nd A.S.; J. Royston, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., D. of C.; E. E. Ing and A. R. Jennings, Stwds.; and A. F. O.C. Hurry, Janitor. Several companions were unable to attend through indisposition. There was one candidate for exaltation. The work of the P.S. was afterwards well done in conjunction with the First Principal by Comp. G. F. Knowles. The M.E.Z. gave the signs, Comp. Frank Piggott, Prov. G.H., the symbolical lecture, and Comp. B. Chennell, P.P.G.H., the pedestal.

After the transaction of other business, the companions adjourned to banquet, at the close of which the customary Masonic toasts were given.

#### Pattison Chapter, No. 913.

The above influential chapter held a convocation on Thursday, the 18th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount-pleasant, Plumstead, Comp. I. Turton, M.E.Z., presiding, who was supported by Comps. J. O. Cook, H.; Dr. E. Bryceson, J.; H. Turton, Scribe N.; A. Penfold, L.C.C., P.Z., P.Z. 13, P.Z. 1472, P.G.H., Treas.; H. J.

Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.S., Scribe E.; Busbridge, P.S.; E. M. Taylor, 1st A.S.; Hammond, 2nd A.S.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.S., D.C.; R. J. Cook, P.Z., P.P.G.R., Stwd.; E. B. Hobson, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; G. F. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; G. R. Nichols, P.Z., P.A.G.S.E.; S. Horton, P.Z.; C. Jolly, P.Z., P.Z. 1472, P.Z. 2184, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; and others to the number of 40.

Bro. Hallam, of the Pattison Lodge, was exalted, the ritual being admirably worked by the M.E.Z. and his colleagues. Comp. Turton is to be congratulated on his indefatigable work in the cause of Masonry, having only just installed his successor in the Saye and Sele Mark Lodge, where he was highly complimented on his admirable working.

The banquet was served at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, and was followed by a capital vocal and instrumental concert under the direction of Comp. Sydney Horton and Bro. Jefferson Nell, the latter of the Pattison Lodge.

### Knights Templar.

#### Mount Calvary Preceptory (D).

The installation meeting of this distinguished preceptory was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 12th ult. Among those present were Sir Knights J. R. Carter, E.P.; C. Horst, Constable; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.G.S.B., P.E.C., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.G.C.G., P.E.C., Reg.; Ubsdell, Marshal; Fisher, Herald; Capt. G. Carpenter, Std. Br.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.P.; H. J. Lardner, P.E.P.; B. Stewart, P.E.P.; C. Slater, P.E.P.; and W. Crombie. Sir Knight Nelson Prower, M.A., P.E.P., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous preceptory having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight H. J. Lardner impressively installed Sir Knight C. Horst as E.P. The officers appointed and invested were Sir Knights F. F. Bonney and J. R. Ubsdell, Constables; Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser, Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, Reg.; Haysom, Marshal; Fisher, C. of the G.; Capt. G. Carpenter, Herald; Capt. Bertram and J. V. Sherrin, Std. Brs.; W. Crombie, D.C.; and Egbert Roberts, Org. A Past Preceptor's jewel was presented to Sir Knight J. R. Carter. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Preceptor. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights G. Graveley, P.E.C.; L. Steele, P.E.C.; T. Wood, P.E.C.; W. Maple, P.E.C.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., P.E.C.; Capt. Bertram, H. Hills, J.P., P.E.C.; J. V. Sherrin, Egbert Roberts, and others. The resignation of Sir Knight H. Schartau was received with regret, after which the preceptory was closed.

An excellent banquet followed.

Sir Knight Colonel Stohwasser responded on behalf of "The Officers of Great Priory."

The toast of "The Health of the E.P." having been proposed, was warmly received.

The E.P. then gave "The Visitor." In submitting the toast, he regretted that Sir Knight N. Prower had resigned the preceptory, of which he had been so many years a member. However, they were all glad to see him again, and looking so well.

The toast was acknowledged.

"The Health of the Installing Preceptor" followed. In giving this pledge the E.P. expressed his personal indebtedness to Sir Knight H. J. Lardner for his kindness in attending to perform the ceremony.

This toast having been warmly drunk, the recipient briefly expressed his thanks.

"The Past Preceptors," "The Treasurer and Registrar," and "The Officers" followed in quick succession, and these toasts having been respectively acknowledged, the proceedings terminated.

During the evening Sir Knight F. W. Driver contributed some original patriotic poems, which ere long will be published, and "The Absent-Minded Beggar" having been recited, resulted in the sum of 163 shillings being contributed to "The Daily Telegraph Fund."

### BOHEMIAN CONCERT BY THE ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE, No. 180.

The above concert, in aid of the Masonic Charities, was held in the Grand Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 26th ult. It was organised by the St. James's Union Lodge, which has ever been prominent in promoting the cause of Masonic Charity. Judging from the appearance of the Hall, which was crowded with the brethren, their lady and other friends, we imagine a goodly sum was realised for the benefit of the three Institutions. It should be mentioned that the services of all the talented artistes were gratuitous. The Chairman was Bro. W. C. Parson, P.M., Sec.; Vice-Chairman, Bro. T. J. Dibley, P.M., Treas.; Musical Director, Bro. W. Wright, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.; and Bro. John Porter, Stage Manager.

The programme was a liberal one, in fact, larger than could be carried out. All the artistes exerted themselves to the utmost to please their audience, and their efforts were duly appreciated.

Miss Marie Vagnolini sang "Dear Heart," by Mattei, and in answer to an encore, "Robert toi que j'aime," from "Robert le Diable," by Meyerbeer; "The Lost Chord," by Sir Arthur Sullivan, was finely rendered by Miss Alma Jones; Miss Ada Cleveland, A.R.A.M., in a violin solo, "Souvenir de Haydn," brilliant variations on "The Hymn of the Emperor," gave proof of her skilled execution; Master Charles Potter, with a bright clear voice, gave "Beloved, it is Morn," F. Allitzen, with great feeling; The old song, "My Sweetheart when a Boy," Morgan, was sweetly sung by Mr. Robert Debonnaire; a recitation, "How the Colour was saved," an episode in the Peninsular War, was delivered by Bro. Allan Bilby, with emphasis, tempered with discretion; there was an excerpt from his original entertainment, given by Bro. R. A. Roberts, which was very amusing, as an encore he gave "Three Nice Girls," a parody on "Three Blind Mice;" Bro. J. Porter related the adventures of "Geo. Giles, a bit of old Worcester," an amusing sketch of which he is the author; Mr. Frank Perceval afforded amusement by his ventriloquial sketch.

We have mentioned these few items of the entertainment, but all deserved commendation.

Just before the conclusion, Bro. J. Porter proposed a vote of thanks to the worthy Chairman, Bro. W. C. Parson, P.M., Sec. 180, which was carried unanimously.

"God save the Queen" brought an enjoyable and successful evening to a close.

### The Craft Abroad.

#### Christchurch Lodge, No. 91.

The installation meeting of the above lodge, under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, took place at Freemasons' Hall, Christchurch, on November 28th last, the new W.M. being Bro. A. C. Andrews. From the opening of the lodge by Bro. S. C. Bingham, W.M., and after the minutes had been confirmed, the immense and imposing array of visitors from the district, wearing collars and jewels of office in their respective lodges, were with sundry visitors admitted, the time occupied therewith being nearly two hours. Thus it will be gathered that visits "in state" were numerous, and furnishes proof of the growing popularity, and attainments of the lodge, which entered on the last year of its first symbolical period of "seven" years.

The outgoing W.M., in accordance with his right and in evident delight with his duty, at length proceeded to install his successor, the offices in the lodge being taken by Past Masters, whence was delivered by each in part the usual addresses on such auspicious occasions. The W.M. opened the Board of Installed Masters with 47 present, and conducted unassisted the labour therein, at the conclusion of which he deservedly received the congratulations of many experienced and travelled brethren on the excellent manner the ceremony had been conducted. A numerous bevy of Grand Lodge Officers added lustre to the scene, while their dignified presence and support of the lodge in the transaction of its business won the hearts of those abounding in the prejudices of home methods and customs.

The officers appointed for the year next ensuing were Bros. S. Clifton Bingham, I.P.M.; Geo. Ferguson, P.G. Stwd., D.M.; John Hudson, Chap.; A. C. Hullett, S.W.; Ernest Gohns, J.W.; W. V. Mauchlin, Sec.; T. W. Hemsworth, Treas.; H. T. Whittingham, Org.; T. H. Davies, S.D.; H. Hopkinson, J.D.; W. J. Watson, I.G.; Geo. Glover, D.C.; J. Robertson, E. W. Christiansen, and F. Knight, Stwds.; and A. Gee, Tyler. These officers were invested by Bro. Andrews with appropriate remarks. At the conclusion of the ceremony and numerous balloting, Bro. A. R. Kirk, P.P.B.B., presented the retiring Master with a very handsome Past Master's jewel subscribed for by the members.

The proceedings of the lodge having terminated, all present were invited to attend at the large hall over the way where sufficient accommodation and good things were provided, and the customary loyal and appropriate toasts, as well as musical talent were honoured and appreciated.

The remark by the officers of Grand Lodge that the proceedings that evening were an object lesson, not only to the City lodges but to all in the Colony, will best convey the impression of the success of the lodge, while the especial unity of its Past Masters and members will prove a powerful auxiliary in their effort to make this young lodge a symbol of zeal, progress, and goodfellowship.

**SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.**

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 7th instant:

The minutes of the last quarterly convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th October, 1899, to the 17th January, 1900, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1633 3 9	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£419 6 4
" " Account	248 16 0	" Balance	1711 19 0
" " Subsequent Receipts	504 18 7	" " Unappropriated	
		Account	255 13 0
	<u>£2386 18 4</u>		<u>£2386 18 4</u>

which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st, From Comps. William Norwood Cheesman as Z., Thomas George Pursey Barlow as H., Joseph Frederick Watson as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Germain's Lodge, No. 566, to be called the Salebeia Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, The Crescent, Selby, Yorkshire.

2nd, From Comps. John Kilham as Z., John Bowen Owen Evans as H., John Whiteley as J., and 20 others for a chapter to be attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1315, to be called the Southern Cross Chapter, and to meet at Toowoomba, Queensland.

3rd, From Comps. William Hayman Cummings as Z., William Henry Thomas as H., William John Batho as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454, to be called the Guildhall School of Music Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, London.

4th, From Comps. the Right Honourable the Earl of Euston as Z., the Right Honourable the Viscount Dungarvan as H., Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Grafton Lodge, No. 2347, to be called the Grafton Chapter, and to meet at the Mark Masons' Hall, London.

The foregoing Petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received a memorial from Comps. William Gayton, Z.; William Francis Darnell, H.; Percy Fletcher Holmden, J.; and the members of the Chapter of Hope and Unity, No. 214, Chingford, for a charter of confirmation, the original charter having been lost.

The Committee, being satisfied with the reasonableness of the request, recommend that a charter of confirmation be granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Eliot Chapter, No. 1164, from the Masonic Hall, St. Germain's, to the Masonic Hall, Millbrook, Cornwall.

The Chaucer Chapter, No. 1540, from the Bridge House Hotel to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

The Derby Chapter, No. 1055, from the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, to Chester Bank, Prestwich.

The Committee being satisfied themselves of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

A memorial having been received from the Principals and companions of the Andrew Chapter, No. 834, London, requesting that the name be altered to the Ranelagh Chapter, your Committee recommend that the request be acceded to, and the name of the chapter altered accordingly.

Your Committee have also received a memorial from the Phoenix Chapter, No. 914, Jamaica, ordered by the last Grand Chapter to be removed from the roll of chapters, stating that the chapter had been resuscitated, prior to the action of Grand Chapter, coming to their knowledge, that Principals had been installed and several candidates exalted, for whom fees have been remitted, and praying that the chapter may be restored to its position, and your Committee having fully considered the explanations given by the chapter, recommend that under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the chapter be restored to its position on the roll.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
January 17th, 1900.

**Instruction.**

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at the Whittington, 5 and 7, Moorlane, E.C. Present: Bros. D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; J. Brown, P.M., S.W.; J. G. Robeson, J.W.; William Baker, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; James Smith, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Meadows, P.M., Sec.; C. Butcher, P.M., Asst. Sec. R. F. Roche, S.D.; J. Collins, J.D.; O. W. Rix, I.G.; S. J. Prevost, W. Ward

A. A. Jones, S. Weiss, W. G. Read, T. Stokes, C. P. O. Doherty, W. J. Nicholson, W. J. Lockett, J. Miller, and J. P. Bliss.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weiss acting as candidate. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Brown personating the W.M. elect. After the Preceptor had given the three addresses in a most impressive and able manner, Masonic drill was gone through by the brethren, and Bro. Brown closed down the lodge. At the usual rising, the dues were collected, three brethren admitted as joining members, and the announcement made that Bro. C. P. O'Doherty had been elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting: There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.**

The above chapter held its usual weekly meeting at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishops'-road, Paddington, W., on Friday, the 26th ult. There were present Comps. W. J. Ferguson, P.Z., M.E.Z.; R. Wright, M.E.Z. elect 890, H.; A. L. Butters, S.N. 890, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, S.E.; H. Foskett, J. 185, S.N.; H. Armfield, P.S. 1642, P.S.; F. M. Marchant, 2nd A.S. 890, 1st A.S.; C. Webster, S.N. 1642; and J. M. Huish, S.N. 185.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Webster being the candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times. A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to Comp. Ferguson for the admirable manner he had rehearsed the duties of M.E.Z., which complimented was duly acknowledged. He was afterwards elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday.) After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. WALTER MARTIN, P.A.G.P.**

The funeral of Bro. Walter Martin, P.A.G.P., whose death and Masonic services we recorded last week, took place on Thursday, the 25th ult., at Brockley Cemetery, in the presence of a gathering so large as in itself to be the most eloquent token of the esteem in which the deceased had been held by his brethren. The massive oaken coffin, which bore, besides a simple inscription, the square and compasses, was covered with wreaths, sent by lodges, brethren, and friends, and many more were borne in a car behind the hearse. The service was taken by Bro. the Rev. W. Harrison, Chaplain of Lodge No. 2410, and of the St. Olave's Union Infirmary, who, in the course of an address delivered in the chapel, said that as the deceased, who was a true man, had raised many to the Third Degree on the Five Points of Fellowship, so they hoped that the Almighty would raise him to the Temple above. Whilst he was the representative of the brightest character the Craft had known, they knew that the Star of the East was shining down upon him, and hoped that he was in the presence of the Bright and Morning Star. At the head of the grave, which was lined throughout with evergreens, the Masons dropped their sprigs of acacia, and, when the service concluded, sang the hymn "Abide with me." The mourners were Mr. F. Martin (brother), Bros. H. J. Harper, P.M. 879 (brother-in-law); Sykes, P.M. 1597; Beavis, P.M. 879; Mr. Leslie, Mr. Raymond Robertson, Dr. Stirling, and Bro. Wilkinson, P.M. 879; and among the hundreds of members of the Craft present were Bros. J. Leith, P.G.D.; J. Morrison McLeod, P.G. Std. Br., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. Terry, P.G. Std. Br., Sec. R.M.B.I.; G. Graveley, P.A.G. Pust.; J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.S.; G. A. Pickering, P.G.S.; Blenkiron, Prov. G. Treas. Middx.; S. P. Catterson, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; J. P. Watts, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; F. J. Eedle, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; J. Etherington, P.P.G.D. Middx.; W. S. Bunting, Prov. J.G.W. Essex, W.M. 2500; and many others. There were also present a large number of members of the Chough Musical Society, of which the deceased was a member.

**BRO. E. J. GRUBB, P.M., P.Z., &c.**

On Monday afternoon, the 22nd ult., the remains of the late Bro. E. James Grubb were interred in Clifton churchyard, and the funeral was largely attended by Freemasons, amongst whom the deceased was a prominent member. Outside, as well as within, Masonic circles Bro. Grubb had won the esteem of many friends, and at the service at St. Augustine's Church, in College Green, Bristol, immediately preceding the funeral, there was a considerable muster. On the arrival of the funeral party from the deceased's residence, they were met at the church gates by the officiating clergy, and Freemasons lined the path to the church doors, afterwards taking their places behind the mourners. The mourners were Mr. C. Grubb, Miss Grubb, Mr. H. Grubb, Mrs. Alfred Grubb, Mr. T. Grubb, Miss A. Grubb, Mr. W. Bamfield, Miss K. Grubb, Messrs. T. Bamfield, C. Grubb, F. Hattan, F. Trull, T. D. Jarrett, jun., H. Wilkinson, J. Olive, W. K. Thomas, E. G. Machon, P. Johnson, J. Courtice, and F. R. Geary. The Masons included representatives of neighbouring as well as Bristol lodges. From the deceased's lodge (Royal Clarence, No. 68) there were present Bros. R. Coaffee, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Gard, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Webley, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. E. Jones, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. F. Villiers, P.G.S.; G. J. Machon, I.P.M.; F. Spofforth, P.M.; W. Galpin, P.M.; T. H. Jennings, P.M.; A. J. Ilatton, P.M.; C. Pfeiffer, P.M.; C. Harris, Sec.; H. J. Crispin, R. C. Smith, F. B. Turner, W. R. Maby, J. Hooper, A. R. Knee, T. Overhary, and others. The St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, with which deceased was associated for many years, was represented by Bros. T. Colenutt, J.W.; W. A. Woodhill, and R. Q. Coleman; and the members from the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, with which Bro. Grubb was connected for some time, were Bros. J. Stafford, S.W.; C. J. Tonkin, J.W.; H. W. Call, I.G., and J. W. Roberts. The clergy taking part in the service were the Vicar of St. Augustine's, the Rev. W. F. Yates Rooker, the curate, the Rev. G. W. Pitt, and Bro. the Rev. J. Fountaine, P.G. Chap. The Vicar recited the opening sentences, and the lesson was read by Bro. the Rev. J. Fountaine, after which the hymn, "Peace, perfect peace," was sung. Later, as the coffin was slowly carried from the church, the organist played the Dead March from "Saul." The coffin, covered with beautiful wreaths, was conveyed on an open car to Clifton churchyard, where the service was concluded by the graveside. The body, upon which, at the request of our departed brother, was placed the clothing and jewel of the R.A. Degree, was enclosed in a coffin of polished elm, with heavy brass furniture, and the plate, on which were engraved Masonic devices, bore the inscription, "Edward James Grubb, died January 17th, 1900, aged 65 years." Flowers arranged in the form of Masonic emblems, as well as wreaths, were sent, and amongst the inscriptions on the cards attached were the following: "From his devoted son and wife," "Fondest love from his sorrowing children," "Fondest love from his grandchildren Douglas and Kathleen," "From Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bamfield," "Deep sympathy Canynge's Lodge Mark Master Masons," "Brethren of the St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833," "Deep sympathy from Mr. William K. Thomas," "A token of sympathy from the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and brethren Colston Lodge, No. 610," "Loving memory from Bro. W. H. Parkes," "Sincere sympathy from Mrs. Osborne and family." Bro. Grubb was a member of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 68, for many years, and passed the chair of K.S. several years ago, and he also passed the chair of M.E.Z. in the chapter attached to it. He served the chair in the Mark Degree, and worked indefatigably in the lodge of instruction. He had Provincial honours in the Craft, in the Mark, and in the Royal Arch Degrees. Few brethren have worked so hard, and few brethren were so well known, in Freemasonry in and around Bristol as our brother who has just passed away. As a Masonic worker, as a *pro tem.* officer, he was ever willing, ever ready, and ever capable. His place will be hard to fill.

**THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH"  
SOLDIERS'  
WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS'  
ONE SHILLING FUND.**

Amount previously acknowledged—

	Shillings
Lodges	49,328
Lodges of Instruction	1752½
Chapters	3852
Mark	3017
Knights Templar	378
A. & A. Rite	2100
Allied Masonic Degrees	210
Red Cross of Rome and Constantine	42
Great Priory of England and Wales	2100
Rose Croix	42
Secret Monitor	30
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	120

No.	LODGES.	Shillings
2399	Ordinance	420
1704	Anchor	400
	Duke of Clarence, Bahia, Brazil, proceeds of a Subscription List	344½
619	Beadon	160
	Collected at Dinner	160
2272	Rye, Collected by Members	230
874	Holmesdale	105
	Collected at Supper	120
	Subscribed by a few Members of the North London Masonic Ball held in aid of the Masonic Institutions, per Bro. G. F. Edwards	216½
1637	Unity, Harrow-on-the-hill	210
1974	St. Mary Abbotts (making a total Donation from the Lodge of 690 shillings)	210
1329	Sphinx	105
	Bro. E. Gauntlett	21
77	Lodge of Freedom	105
215	United Service, Newbridge	100
132	Unity, Collected by the Brethren	70
186	Industry	62
1540	Chaucer, Collected in the Charity Box	50
813	New Concord, Collected at a Ladies' Meeting	44
1044	Wandsworth, Collected at Dinner	42
2346	Warrant Officers, Collected at Dinner	37
2521	Noel Money, Collected at a Meeting	30½
715	Panmure, Collected by the Brethren	27
	<b>CHAPTER.</b>	
442	St. Peter's	105
	<b>MARK.</b>	
T.I.	Old Kent	210

**THE MANSION HOUSE  
REFUGEES FUND.**

Amount previously acknowledged—

	£	s.	d.
Lodges	205	0	0
Chapters	10	10	0
Rose Croix	6	6	0
Lodges of Instruction	2	10	0

**THE MANSION HOUSE  
TRANSVAAL WAR FUND.**

Amount previously acknowledged—

	£	s.	d.
Lodges	1844	12	6
Chapters	32	9	0
Mark	6	6	0
Instruction	30	0	0
Rose Croix	1	1	0
Cryptic Masonry	10	10	0

LODGES.

	£	s.	d.
District Grand Lodge of Bengal, per Sir Henry Prinsep	100	0	0
109 Industry and Perseverance, per Sir Henry Prinsep	50	0	0

**PRINCESS OF WALES'  
HOSPITAL SHIP (MAINE).**

1259 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge... 25 Guineas

**LORD PROVOST FUND.—  
LODGE OF EDINBURGH (Mary's Chapel),  
No. 1**

... £10 10 0

**GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND,  
FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF SCOT-  
TISH SOLDIERS killed in the present Cam-  
paign**

... 100 Guineas

**PROV. GRAND LODGE OF EAST  
LANCASHIRE, on behalf of the  
MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT AFRICAN  
RELIEF FUND**

... 60 Guineas

**WEST LANCASHIRE AND  
CHESHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.**

	£	s.	d.
Liverpool Masonic Cycling Club	21	0	0
Reserves' Fund	5	5	0

**MANCHESTER AND SALFORD  
DISTRICT SOUTH AFRICAN FUND,  
In aid of Sick and Wounded Soldiers, Widows & Orphans,  
and of the Wives and Children of Reserve Men called up  
for service in South Africa, and of Militiamen who may  
be embodied.**

Amount previously acknowledged ... 91 1 0

633 Yarborough (per Daily Mail) ... 2 5 0

**ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND**

**BOURNEMOUTH FUND,  
FOR THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS of the  
Troops Killed in South Africa (per the Mayor).**

LODGE. 195 { Hengist ... 5 guineas }  
Collected at the Barquet...S ,, } 13 13 0

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.  
PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF KENT  
AND SURREY, to the SURREY ASSOCIATION  
in Aid of Soldiers' and Sailors' Families**

... £2 2 0

**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)  
For the week ending Saturday, February 10, 1900.**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**  
12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
45, Strong Man, Holborn Restaurant.  
60, Unity and Westminster, Palace Hotel.  
83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.  
250, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
1625, Tredegar, London Tavern.  
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1731, Cholmeley, Cafe Royal.  
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.  
1999, Priory Lodge of Acton, Berrymead Priory.  
2029, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.  
2098, Harlesden, National Schools.  
2242, Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club House, Stoke Newington.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.  
2030, Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.  
2511, St. John at Hackney, South Place Hotel, Finsbury.  
2535, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.
- ROSE CROIX.**  
1, Original or Premier, Mark Masons' Hall.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**  
9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.  
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
106, Union, Criterion.  
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.  
705, St. James', Bridge House Hotel.  
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.  
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Three Nuns Tavern.  
1259, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.  
1397, Anerley, Clarence Hall.  
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monico.  
2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.  
2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant.  
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.  
2398, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.  
2409, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.  
2524, Train Bands, The Barracks, Finsbury.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 92, Moira, Albion Tavern.  
109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
- MARK LODGES.**  
315, Henker, Mark Mason' Hall.  
355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**

- GRAND CHAPTER at 6.**
- CRAFT LODGES.**  
511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.  
1298, Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant.  
1320, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.  
1491, Alchemum, Criterion.  
1585, Royal Commemorative, Holborn Restaurant.  
1910, Northern Bar, Cafe Royal.  
2502, Papyrus, Anderton's Hotel.  
2615, Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham.  
2730, Verity, Cafe Monico.  
2544, Sydenham, Crystal Palace.  
2704, St. Olave's, Tower Bridge Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1395, St. Marylebone, Cafe Royal.  
2345, Duke of Fife, Anderton's Hotel.
- MARK LODGE.**  
244, Trinity College, Trinity College, Manderville-place.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**  
10, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
200, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.  
293, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.  
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
800, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.

- 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.  
1070, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.  
1471, Islington, Cock Tavern.  
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1599, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1708, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, N. Finchley.  
1791, Creighton, Freemasons' Hall.  
1804, Coborn, Bow Vestry Hall.  
1987, Strand, Criterion.  
2047, Beckenham, Public Hall.  
2509, Barnet, Assembly Rooms.  
2712, Edward Terry, Cleveland Hall, Barnes.  
2754, Thomas a'Becket, Thomas a'Becket Hotel, Old Kent-rd.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
1321, Emblematic, Criterion.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.  
1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill.  
1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**  
33, Britannia, Freemasons' Hall.  
134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.  
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
1559, New Cross, Hotel Cecil.  
1704, Anchor, Cafe Royal.  
1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.  
2399, Ordnance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.  
2552, Stoke Newington, Assembly Rooms.  
2737, Captain Coram, Foundling Hospital.  
2740, Comrades, Holborn Restaurant.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**  
749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**  
108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
176, Cavendish, Albion Tavern.  
1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.  
1426, Great City, Anderton's Hotel.  
1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Holborn Restaurant.  
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