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### THE APPROACHING BOYS' SCHOOL CEREMONY AT BUSHEY IN HERTS.

It may not be amiss, in view of the approaching visit to Bushey of the Duke of CONNAUGHT, K.G., M.W. Past G. Master, acting for the Prince of WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M. and President, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Buildings now in course of erection for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to recall the circumstances connected with the performance of a similar ceremony in respect of the present School premises at Wood Green. In doing this, we have no idea of instituting a comparison between the two events. When the present School was commenced some 37 years ago there were 70 boys on the establishment, now there are four times as many. Then the School had no pretensions to anything like a recognised position among our scholastic institutions; now it is in the front rank of the middle-class schools in the United Kingdom. Then it was regarded as a bold—by not a few, indeed, as a rash—venture to spend some £20,000 in the erection of new buildings large enough to accommodate 100 boys; now it has been determined to expend £100,000 in building a new home for the Institution that shall be large enough to house 400, and that, if occasion should arise, may be still further enlarged. Last of all, on the 12th May next a Prince of the Blood, who has been a member of our Society for upwards of a quarter of a century, and who will, as we have said, represent his brother, the M.W.G. Master and President of the Institution, will lay the stone in the presence of a far more numerous gathering of the brethren. Thus the event, which is only a few weeks distant, is likely to prove as much more brilliant and imposing than its predecessor, as the School is larger and more capable than it was of doing its work efficiently. Still there must necessarily be much in common between the two ceremonies, particularly in the matter of preparation, and, therefore, if only to show by way of contrast the importance of the Institution as compared with what it was at the time referred to, it will be useful to state briefly what happened when the corner stone of the present School was laid "with full Masonic honours" by a distinguished Grand Officer and supporter of the Institution, who has long since been gathered to his fathers.

It was on Saturday, the 8th August, 1863, in the 27th year of the reign of her Most Gracious Majesty, and the 65th of the foundation of the Institution, that the first stone of the present building at Wood Green was laid "in the presence of the Officers and Members" of the United Grand Lodge of England " (specially summoned for the occasion) and numerous Members of the Craft" by R.W. Bro. ALGERNON PERKINS, Past G. Warden, it being intended that the premises should accommodate

100 boys, and that the cost of erection should not exceed £15,000. The Earl of ZETLAND, M.W. Grand Master, having given his sanction for the holding of a Special Grand Lodge, and temporary structures having been erected at a cost of £350 for the accommodation of the guests, the day opened with a series of athletic sports, prizes amounting in value to £5 being awarded to the boys who acquitted themselves best. Three military bands, including that of the 1st Life Guards, were engaged for the occasion, while prominent among the spectators were the pupils of our two Masonic Schools. When the ceremony—which was carried out in strict accordance with ancient usage—was over, the guests were entertained at a banquet, and then followed an amusing entertainment by Bros. TOOLE and PAUL BEDFORD—not improbably their popular Pauli-Toole-itechnic business—while, in addition, a number of ladies and brethren handed in purses containing sums ranging from 5 to 25 guineas, and amounting, in the aggregate, to about £1500, which in those days was a no inconsiderable contribution to the funds of the Institution.

As regards the preliminary arrangements for the ceremony on Saturday, the 12th May, it will have been seen from the advertisement which appeared in our columns last week, that so far as it has been possible to make them, the Board of Management—so far as it depends upon their efforts—are striving their hardest to ensure the success of the function. It is early yet to form an opinion as to the completeness and suitability of the arrangements, though from past experience we have no doubt they will be admirably carried out. But from the circular issued three things appear to have been settled—(1) there will be no collection; (2) a Military band will be engaged; and (3) tickets—"in number not exceeding 2500"—will be issued, at £1 1s. each, in response to applications which may have been made by Tuesday, the 10th inst., and which will entitle the ladies and brethren holding them to first-class return fare between Euston and Bushey, seats to view the ceremony, and luncheon with light wines. We learn further from a "Preliminary Announcement," issued by the Provincial Grand Secretary of Hertfordshire to the brethren of the Province that "a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held on the Site of the New Masonic Schools at Bushey" on the appointed day; "that a special portion of the dais has been allotted to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts;" but that "no member will be admitted to witness the ceremony," unless he has applied and remitted the fee of one guinea for a ticket "to Bro. J. M. MCLEOD, as therein directed, on or before April 10th." What arrangements may be in contemplation for the general body of brethren who may not need to travel by special trains between Euston and Bushey, or to partake of luncheon in the marquee, but who may be desirous of witnessing so interesting and impressive a ceremony as that of laying the corner stone of a new Masonic School—performed, as it will be, by the brother and representative of his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master—does not as yet appear. Moreover, we fully recognise that there must be some sort of restriction as to the issue of tickets of admission to view the ceremony. What we fail to see is that the authorities of the Boys' School, who will have charge of the general arrangements for the comfort and convenience of those who may attend the function, and are, therefore, entitled to make such restrictions as may appear necessary and expedient, should impose a charge of one guinea on such brethren as have the right of attending the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertford-

shire. The latter is, in duty bound, to meet on such an occasion in order to show its respect for Grand Lodge and the Duke of CONNAUGHT, and yet, in order to perform that duty, its members will be called upon to pay for a journey they may not need to make—or, in addition, to another they may be compelled to make—and for a luncheon they may not care to partake of. We do not think this part of the scheme, will commend itself either to the brethren of the Province, or to others from town or country, who will readily, no doubt, pay a small fee for admission, if necessary, but are not prepared to spend a guinea for a short journey out and home and a little light refreshment.

### A SHORT HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

The following paper was read at the 500th meeting of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877, Jersey, and was sent us a short time since for publication:

In giving this account I do not vouch for anything save that I have been careful to verify dates cited in connection with English history, laying before you information I have gleaned from various sources. Some writers say our Order originated in a certain Dionysiac Fraternity, who were a corporation of architects who monopolised all the building of temples, stadia or racecourses, and theatres. I personally hope the authority for this did not pitch upon this because of its semblance to Dionysos, the Greek Bacchus, as, we who know what Freemasonry is, know how far from the truth that stigma is. Anyhow, this Fraternity were said to know each other by signs and tokens, and according to their skill and ability were entrusted with certain portions of the work on which they left their registered mark just like artists do nowadays. They were first heard of in Asia Minor about the year 1044 B.C., or just about 50 years before the building of King Solomon's Temple. If this be so, what more reasonable thing could be imagined than that, as we know from the Volume of the Sacred Law, when King Solomon sent to Hiram King of Tyre for skilled workmen, Hiram, the widow's son, a skilled artificer, should on account of his great ability have been sent to superintend matters.

Rebald one of the best authorities on the subject, states that there were many Masonic Corporations diffused throughout Europe at the beginning of the seventh century, which were known in Italy as Colleges of Architects, in France as Pontifical Brothers and Free Corporations, in England and Scotland as Free Masons, so called on account of the extensive privileges they enjoyed as a Corporation of Builders. Dr. H. Henry, in his History of Great Britain, says that Italians, with some Greek refugees and with some French, Germans, and Flemings, formed a Fraternity of Architects, procuring Papal Bulls, or Charters, for their privileges; they styled themselves Free Masons, and wandered from one nation to another as they found churches to be built. In the 10th Century, King Athelstan is said to have specially protected them and granted them a special charter to hold their assemblies, and to embody them as a Corporation. They met at York in the year 926 A.D. and the regulations they then adopted under the title of the "Gothic Constitutions" were discovered by Mr. Halliwell in the library of the British Museum. By the way, in a short account of the origin of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, in this province, it is stated that Prince Edwin granted these "Constitutions" in 926; this, I find, is as copied from their Charter granted by the "Athol" Grand Lodge. If you will refer to your English Histories, you will find that Prince Edwin (afterwards King of England, and the only Prince of that name we know of living about that time, and the eldest son of Edmund 1st) was born in the year 944 and died in 959, whereas King Athelstan, Edwin's Uncle, reigned from 923 to 941. Edwin when King might have confirmed them. We owe many of the splendid old Gothic churches of the Middle Ages that exist in Europe to this Architectural Confraternity, for instance, the Cathedral of Strasburg, founded in the year 1015 and finished in 1439, and Cologne Cathedral, founded in the year 1248 but only finished in our time; while in England we have grand specimens of their work in parts of York Minster, Salisbury and Durham Cathedrals, and they also built many famous structures in Portugal, Spain, and Italy. The Abbey of Kilwinning, in Scotland, is said to have been built by this Fraternity in the year 1150. This has given a name to the Scotch lodge, I think No. 0 under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which is said to be able to trace its birth to an assemblage of Masons building this abbey. One curious fact in connection with this lodge, worth recording here, is that for a considerable time the St. Clair family, the Barons of Rosslyn, were hereditary Grand Masters of it, as they used to be called in those days. The first old lodge in England, that of York, is said by another authority to be able to trace back to an assemblage of Masons presided over by St. Alban, the proto-martyr, in 296; he suffered death, as no doubt you are all aware, in 303. By the way, the Kilwinning and York Lodges are said to be the most ancient in Great Britain, and, unquestionably, were the parent lodges from which all the others have sprung.

When the Fraternity merged from the operative to the speculative body as we have it cannot be discovered; no doubt it was the result of the introduction of non-operative members, and was very gradual. We find, however, that Henry, Duke of Beaufort, Cardinal Bishop of Winchester (1422-3), finding that Masons went outside their Craft and meddled with politics, prohibited, or got an act to prohibit them, from holding their usual chapters and assemblies. This was while he was acting as Regent for the young King Henry VI., then a minor. However, when grown to man's estate, the King is said to have become a member of the Craft, and Henry VII., their Grand Master, 1486-1509. So it is easy to imagine that from about this time other persons than those skilled in architecture were admitted to the Order, bearing out the words of our Entered Apprentice's song about Kings, Dukes, and Lords. Our great City companies are an instance nowadays of what must have been the case in those days, many men being made freemen of guilds whose trades they have never practised. Charles II., 1603, and William III., 1685, are said to have been both Freemasons.

Elias Ashmole, the great antiquary, says he was initiated into Freemasonry in 1646; and Preston informs us that 30 years before this the Earl of Pembroke was made Grand Master of the Order.

On St. John's Day, 1717, the four lodges then in existence in London met together at the Apple Tree Tavern in Covent Garden, and a Grand Lodge was formed under the Grand Mastership of Wor. Bro. Anthony

Sayer, with power to grant charters to other lodges, and the "Book of Constitutions" was first drawn up, and a formal resolution was passed to grant the privileges to men of various professions, "provided they were approved and initiated" into the Order. Sir Christopher Wren, born 1632, died 1723, was said to have been elected Grand Master about this time, though he, through failing health, was unable to work perform the duties. Some doubts are expressed nowadays as to whether he was ever a Mason.

After the formation of Grand Lodge it was on very unfriendly terms with the G. Lodge at York, owing to the London Lodge granting charters to lodges in the province which it claimed as its peculiar privilege. This Grand Lodge of York would appear in some way to have been associated with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as the Scotch Grand Master, John, the third Duke of Atholl, was elected its Grand Master 1771-1773, and it was familiarly called after his name to distinguish it from the Grand Lodge of London.

In 1782 the Duke of Cumberland was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of London, and when he died, he was succeeded by George Prince of Wales, who, afterwards became Regent for his father, George III., when he resigned the Grand Mastership, and took the title of Grand Patron. Hence this Grand Lodge became known thenceforward as the Prince of Wales's Grand Lodge. In 1813, after a lot of friction between the two Grand Lodges, an understanding was come to, and a union arranged between the two rival lodges under the respective Masterships of the Dukes of Kent and Sussex, and from that time the Fraternity in England has been governed by the "United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England."

The Grand Lodge of Scotland dates from 1736, and held fraternal communications with the Ancient Grand Lodge of England till 1805, when they elected Prince George their Grand Master. Unfortunately, however, there seems to have arisen, in 1744, a dispute between the Kilwinning Lodge, now No. 0 on the register of Scotland, and the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, each of which claimed to be the oldest in Scotland, and eventually after the lapse of time the matter was referred to the Grand Lodge for settlement, which gave it in favour of No. 1 (Mary's Chapel), as it was in possession of the oldest charter, whereupon the Kilwinning Lodge separated itself from Grand Lodge, and established itself as a separate Grand Lodge. It would appear, however, that the schism was healed in 1807, and the numbering of the two lodges is as I have stated.

Modern Freemasonry spread from Great Britain to the Continent, Lord Derwentwater being accredited with first introducing it into France in 1725, and in 1756 the French lodges, finding themselves strong enough, became independent of our Grand Lodge, and in 1772 the two Grand Lodges—Le Grand Orient and La Grande Loge de France—were formed, which became united in 1779 under the title of Le Grand Orient.

Freemasonry was next introduced into Russia from England in 1731, and was encouraged by the Empress Catherine II., and to a great extent by the Czar Alexander, who was said to have been initiated into it.

In Italy Freemasonry has not flourished, as it has been under the ban of the Popes and Inquisition. From England and Scotland it has spread to Holland, Poland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and Prussia.

As we know, wherever Englishmen and Scotchmen foregather in our Colonies or places under British sovereignty, there are to be found Freemasons' lodges and Grand Lodges, where they carry out the principles of the Craft with all fervency and zeal. Freemasonry, as we all know, is also widely diffused throughout the United States of North America, into which it originally found its way about 1730.

Travellers assert that it existed in all parts of the world long before the introduction of modern Masonry, as in China and among the hill tribes of India they are said to have secret societies having similar signs and tokens to ours. Distinguished brethren have told me that by means of signs they have been permitted to visit certain places not open to ordinary travellers; and in Arabia and Burmah Freemasons have been treated as Princes of their Order.

Our ritual in its present form may be modern, but who can fail to appreciate its many beauties? and I trust that its principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth may be perpetuated, and that the Great Architect of the Universe will continue to preserve the Order!

C. G. V.

## Craft Masonry.

### Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772.

This newly-established lodge is making rapid progress, and is likely to become a centre for brethren from the far East. It will be remembered that amongst its initiates were Sultan Mohamad Khan, the Mir Munshi of the Ameer of Afghanistan, and the Prince Harman Singh. At its meeting held on Friday, the 6th instant, three gentlemen from India were initiated, they being resident in this country as students of law. Another of the initiates of the lodge is the world-renowned Dr. Christian David Ginsburg, one of the Revisers of the Old Testament and a ripe Oriental scholar.

At the banquet following the meeting Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., J.W., read a letter from one of the members of the lodge, which he had that day received as Secretary of the Boys' School, the letter being as follows:

"Poole, Dorset,  
5th April, 1900.

"Dear Bro. McLeod,

"As a thankoffering at the providential escape of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, I beg to enclose a cheque for 200 guineas towards the funds of your Institution, of which his Royal Highness is President.

"I am, dear Bro. McLeod,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Signed) "J. H. WHADCOAT."

The news of this further generous gift by our esteemed Bro. Whadcoat elicited much enthusiasm, which became intensified when Bro. Richard Eve, the first Master of the lodge, announced his intention of supplementing the funds of the Institution with a like amount to endow the chair of the lodge in perpetuity as Vice-Patron.

There is some prospect, it seems, that Miss Ellaline Terriss, Miss Fanny Brough, and their English colleagues may be detained in New York by their great success in "My Daughter-in-Law" till the beginning of next year. Miss Terriss was already known in the Empire City, and it is not surprising that the New Yorkers at once "took" strongly to Miss Brough. "My Daughter-in-Law" is, indeed, admirably acted all round. We are sorry to lose Miss Terriss and Miss Brough for so long, but America always gives us a fair exchange for our benefactions. Thus for Miss Terriss it has given us Miss Gertrude Elliott, who seems likely to stay permanently with us.

## The Craft Abroad.

### GRAND LODGE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

#### INSTALLATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR GERARD SMITH, K.C.M.G., AS M.W.G. MASTER.

On Tuesday, the 27th February, in the new ballroom of Government House, His Excellency the Governor, Bro. Sir Gerard Smith, K.C.M.G., Past G. Warden of England, was solemnly installed as the First Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Western Australia. This event marks a distinct epoch in the history of Freemasonry on this continent, and, indeed, in the Masonic world. In such circumstances, therefore, neither the ornate and impressive ceremonial prescribed for such rare occasions, nor its sequel, the social function which followed, is likely to fade from the memory of those brethren who had the good fortune to participate in either or both. The history of a movement so happily consummated recently may soon be told. It may, however, be premised that among true and loyal bodies of English Freemasons, jealous of maintaining the ancient landmarks of the Order, the responsibility for severing the connection with the parent Grand Lodge is one of extreme gravity. Needless to say, it is seldom undertaken unless by the advice of the wisest counsellors of the Craft within the province where Masonic sovereignty is sought to be set up. And, after all is said and done, even when the irrevocable step is taken, it can only be finally justified by its fruits. In these colonies there already existed four Grand Lodges, those of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania. The sovereignty of these four bodies, although involving at the outset a technical act of usurpation and disloyalty, was, in each case, more or less readily recognised by the Grand Lodges of the world, including, of course, the three parent Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, with whom they have since continued to be bound by the closest fraternal ties. In these instances, to vary a common phrase, the means has amply justified the end. The Order generally has gained in strength, and its principles have been more widely inculcated, while local Charities have reaped the benefit of capitation taxes, which, under the old order of things, found their way into channels certainly most worthy, but extremely distant, and, therefore, of little or no avail locally.

The movement for the establishment of a Grand Lodge for Western Australia had its beginning as early as 1894. At that date there were no other lodges in the colony but those owing allegiance to the English Constitution, a fact which was urged with a good deal of persistency by a worthy brother of Geraldton Lodge, No. 1683, as a good and sufficient reason for precipitating events. In the Eastern colonies the step had been delayed until other constitutions were planted, a state of things which for years, except in the case of South Australia, militated against Masonic unity. However, the District Grand Lodge of that date did not entertain the proposal, and it accordingly lapsed. In the meantime several events transpired which have had an important bearing upon the question. As was anticipated by those who originally moved in the matter, the situation became complicated by the establishment of lodges under the Scottish and Irish Constitutions, rendering Masonic unity less easy, although it is fully hoped and believed not impossible, of attainment. However, as in a large manner counterbalancing this temporary difficulty, the way had been made smooth for the legal establishment of a local Grand Lodge by a radical alteration in the Constitutions of the parent body. Hitherto, as previously indicated, all such defections involved an act of rebellion, whereas provision is now made by the Grand Lodge of England for the constitutional setting up in different parts of the Empire of a government for the Craft at once local and supreme. His Excellency Bro. Sir Gerard Smith, who recognised the expediency of establishing a Grand Lodge, did not hesitate, as District Grand Master, to at once place all the lodges within his jurisdiction in possession of this fact, nor did he delay in urging upon District Grand Lodge the wisdom of initiating the autonomous movement. The declaratory step was accordingly taken in the prescribed form on October 11th, when the District Grand Lodge, having first obtained the sanction of all the lodges in its jurisdiction, with one exception, carried a series of resolutions which virtually asserted for such District Grand Lodge all the powers and functions of sovereignty. The body thus constituted, however, did not enter upon its constitutional existence till the 27th of February, when its first Grand Master was duly installed. It is a coincidence not unworthy of mention, as being in keeping with Masonic traditions of loyalty to the Throne, that while many of Her Majesty's vice-regal representatives in Western Australia have aided in raising the super-structure of Freemasonry in the colony, its foundations were laid at Government House as far back as 1843 by His Excellency the late Bro. John Hutt, and that this year of grace has witnessed, under vice-regal associations of the closest kind, the achievement of all that was implied by the at once solemn and social functions of the date above mentioned. It is also worthy of note that the Grand Lodge of England was represented at those functions by a Past G. Chaplain of England in the person of the R.W. Bro. Bishop Riley, who officiated as Installing Master, and who was assisted in his duties by the late Dist. G. Master, Bro. A. J. Wright, and by the oldest surviving Past Master of the Lodge of St. John, the parent lodge of Western Australia. Lastly must be mentioned the fact that among the vast concourse of brethren assembled on the occasion to do honour to the new Grand Master were very many Scottish and Irish Freemasons, surely a happy augury of the future unity of Freemasonry in this part of the Empire.

Never before in the history of Freemasonry in this colony has such a spectacle been witnessed as that afforded, not only by the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia and the installation of the M.W. Grand Master, but also by the magnificent gathering of brethren present to witness and take part in the ceremony. There must have been from 800 to 1000 present, and it is probable that coming, as many did, not only from the goldfields and the eastern and south-western districts, but also from remoter places, nearly, if not quite, all the lodges which have hitherto held under the English Constitution, but now hold under the West Australian, were splendidly represented in the gathering. There were also

many members of lodges under the sister Constitutions of Scotland and Ireland, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. Such a gathering was indeed a unique one, and fitly commemorated so important an event in West Australian Freemasonry.

By the courtesy of the M.W. Grand Master elect, the ballroom at Government House was granted for the purposes of a lodge room, and the adjoining cloak rooms were placed at the disposal of the brethren. The latter commenced to arrive at six o'clock, and for 40 minutes continued without intermission. At 20 minutes to seven, which was five minutes before the time for the ceremony to commence, by the request of the acting G.D. of C., Bro. J. P. Walton, the brethren, who were properly attired according to their rank or office in their respective lodges, entered the ballroom, when it was seen that this handsome and spacious hall had been converted into a lodge room, with all the familiar furnishings. To the left of the dais was stationed an orchestra of 10 instrumentalists, led by Bro. H. Clough, and a choir of 22 voices, all under the direction of Bro. W. Ernst Crome, acting Grand Organist. At the rear of the Grand Officers-elect, who occupied seats to the right and left front of the Grand Master-elect, were seated Past Grand Officers, W. Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, and the lower half of the Grand Lodge was set apart for the rest of the brethren. When the brethren were all in their places, the assemblage was indeed a brilliant one. It is hardly necessary to say of the regalia that the familiar blue predominated, but here and there were to be seen the different tartan aprons of brethren belonging to Scottish lodges, these being fairly numerous, and the aprons of several members of the Irish Constitution were also discernible. The Grand Lodge Officers-elect, with their magnificent regalia, and the Masters and Past Masters of lodges decorated with jewels, some of them wearing as many as 20, which, as the wearers moved, flashed and sparkled beneath the bright electric lights, formed such a sight as needed to be witnessed to fully realise the brilliance and splendour of the spectacle. In addition to this, the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, with his scarlet and gold staff, and his assistants and the executive committee were also distinguished by white rosettes, which added to the effect.

The brethren having all been seated, the ceremony of opening the Grand Lodge took place.

The chairman of the executive committee, V.W. Bro. J. W. Hackett, M.L.C., acting Grand Master, and his officers entered the hall, the orchestra playing the familiar march in "Scipio" (Handel), and took their seats, and the Grand Lodge was opened in due form, after which, by the invitation of the acting Grand Master, the V.W. Bro. the Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, Lord Bishop of Perth, P.G. Chap. Eng., presided as Installing Grand Officer.

The acting Grand Secretary having read the certificate of the election of R.W. Bro. Sir Gerard Smith, K.C.M.G., P.G.W. Eng., as M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, which constituted the authority for his installation, the Installing Grand Officer directed eight W. Masters to form themselves into a deputation for the purpose of introducing the Grand Master-elect.

Preceded by the acting Grand Deacons, the deputation withdrew from Grand Lodge, and presently returned in a procession formed in the following order, attended by the acting Grand Deacons: W. Master, bearing the gauntlets and apron of the Grand Master on a cushion; W. Master, bearing the collar and jewel of the Grand Master on a cushion; two W. Masters, Sir Gerard Smith, Grand Master-elect; two W. Masters. At a signal from the trumpeter, the brethren rose to their feet and remained upstanding, while the procession marched to the East, the orchestra playing the march in "Scipio." Upon the procession halting before the Installing Grand Officer, the Grand Master-elect was presented by the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and conducted to his seat.

The ceremony of obligating, investing, and installing the Grand Master-elect was then performed by the Installing Grand Officer, and was conducted in strict conformity with the ancient Masonic usage. At its conclusion the trumpet was sounded thrice, and three times the proclamation of the installation was made in accordance with the custom of the Craft, and the brethren saluted the M.W. Grand Master in due form.

R.W. Bro. D. K. CONGDON, P.D.D.G.M., on behalf of the Freemasons in Western Australia, congratulated the M.W. Grand Master on his election and installation, which the M.W. GRAND MASTER briefly acknowledged.

The M.W. Grand Master then appointed V.W. Bro. J. W. Hackett to be M.W. Pro Grand Master, and V.W. Bro. M. Samson to be R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the ceremony of their obligation and investiture being performed by the Installing Grand Officer, followed by the proclamation of their dignities by the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and the salutations of the brethren in due form.

The acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, by command of the M.W. Grand Master, then read the names of the Grand Officers appointed by the M.W. Grand Master, as follows:

Bro. F. A. McMullen	...	...	S.G.W.
" E. Woodrow	...	...	J.G.W.
" the Lord Bishop of Perth	...	...	G. Chap.
" R. T. Robinson	...	...	G. Reg.
" P. C. J. Campbell	...	...	Pres. B. of G.P.
" J. P. Walton	...	...	Pres. B. of Ben.
" J. D. Stevenson	...	...	G. Sec.
" J. T. Hobbs	...	...	G. Supt. of Wks.
" Samuel Green	...	...	} S.G.Ds.
" A. A. Hough	...	...	
" E. W. Keatch	...	...	} J.G.Ds.
" P. G. D. Lavater	...	...	
" T. F. Jolly	...	...	G.D. of C.
" F. M. Bridley	...	...	D.G.D. of C.
" J. V. Banfield	...	...	A.G.D. of C.
" T. C. Evans	...	...	G.S.B.
" D. Feakes	...	...	G. Std. Br.
" W. E. Crome	...	...	G. Organist.
" A. E. Fountain	...	...	A.G. Sec.
" M. L. Moss	...	...	G. Purst.
" H. Bennett	...	...	D.G. Purst.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the M.W. Pro Grand Master and the R.W. Deputy Grand Master to be investing officers, and, with regard to several offices not yet filled, stated that the appointments would be made at a future date.

The Grand Officers named were then duly invested, with the exception of V.W. Bro. R. T. Robinson, who is at present absent from the colony. After their investiture, the Grand Officers were duly proclaimed by the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and saluted by the brethren.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER delivered an address to the brethren, after which the report of the executive committee was received, and formally adopted by the Grand Lodge, which was closed in ample form.

With the retirement of the M.W. Grand Master, visitors of distinction, and Grand Officers, the proceedings closed.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a large number of the brethren adjourned to the supper-room, where a magnificent banquet had been prepared by the caterer, Mr. W. W. Berry. The tables were brilliant with plate and glass, with flowers placed in dainty stands, and varicoloured fairy lamps nestling among the decorations and tall candelabra, in which were set lighted wax candles. The repast placed before the brethren was an excellent one, and ample justice was done to the *menu* by the guests, who numbered about 300. The chair was taken by the M.W. Grand Master, who was supported by the principal Grand Officers.

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal toasts were honoured, after which Bro. Norman Malcolm gave a spirited rendering of the favourite song, "Let me like a soldier fall," and in response to a tumultuous encore, sang in a fine, manly style, "The Absent-minded Beggar." Before singing the latter, Bro. Malcolm intimated his desire that should the brethren feel disposed to "Pay—pay—pay," the proceeds of their liberality should go to Masonic Charities.

The response made to each chorus, in which most of the brethren joined, was a liberal one, £20 being donated.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Bro. J. W. HACKETT, said that before he said the very few words he was prepared to say, he would like to suggest, with regard to the collection that had just been made, that it should be devoted to one or the other of the patriotic funds now being raised. (Applause.) They were met there that evening not only with a feeling of great self-gratulation, but under a sense of devout thankfulness that they had been able to bring their great enterprise of the formation of a Grand Lodge so far and so successfully. They had added a fifth star to the Australian Masonic firmament that evening, and he was sure it was the wish of everyone that this star should suffer no diminution of its radiance in the opinion of the sister Grand Lodges as the years went by. (Applause.) It was they whose health it was his duty to propose. To keep his word, though he had several things to say to them upon Masonry in general, and their own Grand Lodge in particular, he would keep to the toast, and he might say he fully echoed the words of the M.W.G.M. spoken a short time ago, when he said they were under no ordinary obligation to the senior of those Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of the mother colony of New South Wales. (Applause.) It was no special part of his business, except as a Mason and a member of their future Grand Lodge, to make himself known as a member to the Grand Lodges in the Eastern Colonies. Nevertheless, as there seemed to be some misunderstanding as to the objects and way in which it was to be formed, he thought it his duty to call upon the leading officers of those Grand Lodges and explain exactly how matters stood. He was happy to say that, beginning with South Australia, he found not only a feeling of friendliness, but a deep fraternal, and even a paternal, feeling for this Grand Lodge. He had not the slightest doubt that they would meet with the hearty and unanimous recognition of all the sister G. Lodges. With regard to the G. Lodge with which he chiefly put himself in communication—the Grand Lodge of New South Wales—it had been a pleasure to find himself amidst true and loyal Masons of that kidney such as he found in Sydney. The way in which the M.W. Bro. Remington and the President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Spencer, listened to the matters he had to put before them, and the time and care they devoted to looking into them, entitled those to their deepest gratitude. (Applause.) They first summoned a meeting of the Board. He was invited to attend. Bro. Remington told him afterwards that when the question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia was put to the Board, they were nearly unanimous in advising its recognition. Having read a letter from Bro. Remington referring to the decision, Bro. Hackett, continuing, said that a special communication of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was summoned, and then the resolution recognising the Grand Lodge of Western Australia was carried. On returning to Melbourne, the Grand Master designate there, Bro. Peacock, endeavoured to get one of the former Past Grand Masters in Victoria to come over, but circumstances prevented them coming. Tasmania had already offered her congratulations, and he had no doubt that when the Grand Secretary communicated the fact of the installation to the sister lodges, they would, with all the speed allowed by Masonic etiquette, accord them hearty and fraternal recognition. (Applause.) He wished to congratulate that magnificent Masonic meeting on the work they had accomplished that night. They had a new temple of their religion—the religion of Charity, Equality, and Brotherhood. (Applause.) He believed that they had that day lighted a lamp which was not likely to go out, but would spread its light and warmth over all parts of the territory, and he believed that no person would rejoice more at the lighting of the lamp than the sister Grand Lodges of Australia, whose health he gave them and asked them to drink with all heartiness. (Applause.)

The toast having been drunk,

The M.W. GRAND MASTER announced to the brethren that he had just received an intimation that a cablegram had been received notifying the surrender of the Boer general, Cronje.

A burst of tumultuous cheering followed upon the announcement, the

brethren rising to their feet and waving their handkerchiefs and napkins, and singing "God Save the Queen" and "Rule Britannia" with true patriotic fervour.

This was followed by hearty cheers for Lord Roberts, after which the M.W. GRAND MASTER read the rest of the message, which had been telephoned to him from the *West Australian*.

The reading of the message was received with renewed cheering, after which the brethren sang the chorus of "Three Cheers for the Red, White, and Blue," and then cheered the Western Australian Contingent.

V.W. Bro. Major SHERWOOD, P.D.G.W., the oldest W.A. Past Master present, proposed "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. His Excellency Sir Gerard Smith." They all knew that Bro. Sir Gerard Smith had been in the colony nearly five years, and ever since his arrival he had made himself acquainted with everything that appertained to the well-being of Western Australia, and with regard to Masonry had made it his duty to go round and enquire into the working of the different lodges. When, as during the course of the splendid meeting upstairs, the M.W. Grand Master reminded them, the first lodge in the colony was started nearly 60 years ago, in old Government House, there were but few Masons in the colony. Since that time they had progressed under the English Constitutions and had now a roll of nearly 2,500 members. (Applause.) They must all congratulate their M.W. Grand Master upon presiding over such a large body. (Applause.) He knew he was echoing their sentiments in wishing him a pleasant trip in the journey he was about to take to the old country. He had worked hard for Masonry in this colony, and he need only refer to the military lodges in which he had always taken an active and prominent part.

The toast was drunk with honours.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER said he rose to reply to the toast which had been received in such cordial fashion with very mingled feelings—feelings of very deep satisfaction and thankfulness that he had been able with the assistance of the brethren he saw around him, and to whom he tendered his hearty thanks, to see a Grand Lodge in Western Australia before he left the colony. (Hear, hear.) It had been a wish that had been very near his heart since he came to the colony. Though there had been difficulties to be encountered, these, with the hearty co-operation of all brethren, had been successfully surmounted. There remained yet a few matters of detail, which he had no doubt they would see overcome, and in time they would be a United Western Australian Grand Lodge. He hoped he might live to see that day and to share in their festivities on that occasion. (Hear, hear.) He had said that he rose to respond to the toast of his health with mingled feelings, because he had to make an announcement for which some of them might, perhaps, not be unprepared. That was probably the last, as it was also the first, occasion on which he would have the honour of presiding over the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. The circumstances which surrounded official life were difficult to combat. He had been here now nearly five years—five very happy years—during which he had met with a kindness and hospitality, and with a generous consideration from all classes of the people which would remain deeply engraven on his heart. The fact that all his daughters had left him—the last one was about to leave him, and he was happy to say she was going to take up her residence among them in Western Australia—would leave a somewhat lonely old couple, and entertainment at Government House might be devoid of some of its interest and much of its incident. There were other circumstances of a political character which made him anxious to visit the old country, but, which, perhaps, he had better not touch upon, unless it were, like the old war-horse, he was desirous to plunge again into the stormy political vortex which, with a certain amount of political foresight, he could not fail to see before him. He also, although he was too old now to draw the sword, was like the younger men amongst them anxious for the integrity and honour of their Queen and Empire. (Applause.) He would have another, and perhaps a more public, opportunity of expressing his sentiments towards the people of Western Australia. Just then he only desired to express his thanks—his warm, cordial, and affectionate thanks—to the Masons of this colony for their kindness, for the cordial support they had given him, and for their recognition of the fact that his efforts were for the furtherance of their interests, and not for his own ambition. (Applause.) He would carry away with him to the old country a very deep feeling of regard for the Masons of Western Australia. He would ever have Masonic aspirations for the growth and prosperity of Freemasonry in Western Australia. He had done what he could to further Freemasonry in the colony. He had endeavoured in public and private life to set before himself a high ideal of what Masonry should be, and had also endeavoured to live up to it. He was not one of those who regarded a Masonic lodge as a sort of club where they could join in harmony and enjoy refreshment. He did not lose sight of the deeper meaning underlying true Freemasonry, which should help them to lead better, more energetic, more honest, and more useful lives. (Applause.) To young Masons he would strongly recommend not so much a superficial observance of ritual, not so much a constant attendance at lodges. He would urge upon them a study of true Masonic literature. He would ask them to inquire into and learn the early history of Freemasonry, and to trace it from its origin through the many centuries it had existed down to the present time, when they were only Free, Accepted, and Speculative Masons. There were times when they were active Masons. That day they were not active but Speculative. Underlying the mere ritual and harmonious meetings there was a deep and solid truth, and if they would inquire into it, and endeavour to act up to it, it would lead them through the mazes and tortuous ways and difficulties of this human life in a way that was only second to the religion which they all

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practised and admired. He had never regarded, and he did not ask them to regard, Freemasonry as a religion. He did not ask them to set it up in place of their religion. He asked them rather to set it up next to their religion, and, in a sense, as part of it. There was nothing in the religion of Christianity that was in contrast or in opposition to Freemasonry, and equally there was nothing in Freemasonry which was not embodied in the highest principles of Christianity. It was not customary, however, for a Grand Master to lecture upon Freemasonry, and many of them, no doubt, knew as much about it as he did. He had only to add that he hoped he might be spared some day to re-visit Western Australia. (Applause.) It was not impossible, though it was improbable, that he might re-visit his Grand Lodge, and possibly seek a renewal from them of the high office they had conferred upon him. (Applause.) He did hope, at all events, to again visit Western Australia, and to again shake hands with many of his old friends among Freemasons. He thanked them for their kindness in the past, and, desiring for them the best of all Masonic wishes, he took of them an affectionate farewell. (Loud cheers.)

The toast next honoured was that of "The Installing Grand Officer, the V.W. Bro. the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Perth." The M.W.G.M., in proposing the toast, said that the latter had endeared himself to all classes in the Colony by his many manly qualities, by the excellence of the advice he gave them, and by the unsparing way in which he devoted himself to his work.

The INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER, in acknowledgment, said that the ceremony that day was what he had wished to see ever since he came to the Colony. As Installing Officer he had had little to do. It was upon the Grand Secretary that the work of the preparation had fallen. Although they had now a Grand Lodge, they must also have grand Masonic hearts, and they could not have grand Masonic hearts until they had done a little more for Charity than they had done hitherto. (Applause.)

On the proposal of Bro. F. A. McMULLEN, S.G.W., the toast of "Our Visitors" was honoured.

The toast of "The Newly-appointed Grand Lodge Officers" was proposed by Bro. J. S. BRIMAGE, who referred to the fact that the officers had been selected from all parts of the colony. They had, for instance, officers hailing from the Murchison, Norseman, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie, and Coolgardie lodges. The officers had been selected by the Grand Master, who seemed to have been happy in his choice. (Applause.)

The toast was coupled with the name of the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson, P.M.

Bro. STEVENSON said that the work in connection with that function had been about the hardest he had ever experienced. Unfortunately, in regard to the lodges that were becoming original lodges of their new Grand Lodge there was a Goldfields' lodge that was standing out, but he hoped on some early date that they might have the pleasure of welcoming it also into their ranks. He referred to the Southern Cross Lodge. As to the Duke of Albany Lodge which was also standing out, he had no doubt that the brethren of the lodge would give the question their fair consideration. Should they consider it desirable to come in with the other lodges, they would get a hearty and royal welcome. He referred to the excellent selection made by the Grand Master in the Pro Grand Master. In the latter they would be guided by one who, he thought, knew more about the tact to be exercised in Freemasonry than any other Freemason he knew of.

The Tyler's toast brought the list of toasts to a close.

Thanks were then expressed by the Grand Master to the Grand Organist, Bro. W. E. Crome, and to the instrumentalists and vocalists who had contributed to the musical portion of the evening's proceedings, and after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen," the gathering dispersed.

His Excellency Sir Gerard Smith, the new Grand Master, is a Freemason of nearly a quarter of a century's standing, having been initiated in the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, London, E.C., on 4th November, 1880. It may be interesting to recall the fact that his Royal Highness the late Duke of Clarence, only a year prior to his untimely demise, had been, in accordance with ancient usage, elected the permanent Master of this famous Metropolitan lodge. The new Grand Master is also a member of the Studholme Royal Arch Chapter, to which he was admitted on March 27th, 1885. On leaving England to assume the administration of the Government of this colony his Excellency was honoured by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Order, with the rank of a Past Grand Warden of England. Since becoming a Freemason his Excellency has taken an active interest in all matters appertaining to the Craft. Some years prior to leaving England his enthusiasm was rewarded by his election to the Worshipful Master's chair of his mother lodge, which in the case of the Studholme Lodge is a real distinction. It is no matter of surprise that one so closely attached to Freemasonry, and so thoroughly alive to its distinguishing characteristics of loyalty and benevolence, should throughout his residence amongst us have been so closely identified with the Order in Western Australia. Almost immediately upon his arrival in this colony he became affiliated with St. George's Lodge, and later was one of the founders of the Military Lodge of which he became the first W.M. On the retirement two years ago of Bro. J. A. Wright as District Grand Master, his Excellency was nominated by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for the vacant post, in which he was installed on September 20th, 1898. Whether, therefore, his Excellency's sojourn in Western Australia be long or brief he will at least leave behind him a Masonic example which, it may be hoped, will prove an inspiration to his successors.

#### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE ROSE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1622.

This very pleasurable event took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 31st ult., when 30 brethren attended, which number would have been considerably augmented but from various causes. The worthy President for the evening was Bro. Henry Potter, W.M. of the mother lodge, who has very singularly distinguished himself in that honoured position. To support him were Bros. David Rose, P.M. 73 and 1622; J. Loader, P.M. 1622; S. J. Derham, P.M. 1622; S. W. Ballard, P.M. 1622; J. Dunn, P.M. 1622; T. Grummant, P.M. and Sec. 1559; T. R. Cass, P.M. 1320; Klyne, P.M. 2266; Chas. Hy. Stone, W.M. 1641 and P.M. 507; F. E. Choveaux, Org. 1622; J. Drayner, 1622; A. Taylor, 217; Arth. Court, 1539; Barker, 1329; R. J. Sobel, 1622; Giraud, 217; T. A. Harris, 1622; Reap, 1622; R. Brambleby, J.W. 1622; J.

Parr, 1622; Wal. Kirby, 1622; Isaacs, 1622; Henke, 1622; Archer, 1622; Wren, Millard, Pocock, 1922; C. W. Stone, P.M. 507; Seaman, and W. Hill, P.M., Tyler.

An excellent supper had been provided by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, in her customary capable manner, which was highly appreciated by all.

The creature comforts having been well considered, the PRESIDENT presented the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft," in words of loving loyalty for the heartfelt sympathy she always showed for her people, which was never more exemplified than at the present time. That fact proved her worthiness of the high position to which she had been called, and which she had held under a kind Providence beyond previous records.

The toast was most enthusiastically drunk.

As to that of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," Bro. Potter said all rejoiced in the fact that his Royal Highness had, by the unanimous vote of Grand Lodge, been elected Grand Master for the 26th time, which proved the fact of the honour and lustre shed upon the whole Craft. He (the President) was glad that his Royal Highness had not forgotten South London in the selection of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and he believed three worthy brethren had been chosen to wear the purple. They, like the rest of the Grand Officers, would worthily fill the positions to which they were called, and he asked that the toast should be received right royally.

The toast of "The President" was next proposed by Bro. J. T. LOADER, P.M. and Sec. 1622, in words expressing the love and estimation in which he was held. A more indefatigable worker could not be, which was fully exhibited in the exemplary manner he was conducting the affairs of the Rose Lodge during the present year. Nothing was too difficult for him, for he displayed such energy in his work that it was sure to be surmounted. He asked the brethren to be up-standing and drink most cordially to the toast.

Bro. HY. POTTER, W.M. 1622, duly acknowledged with thanks the hearty reception of the toast and said he was pleased for three reasons to be present that evening to preside over such a happy gathering; 1st, the brethren had done him the honour to elect him as W.M. of his mother lodge, "The Rose," which was the proudest moment of his life; 2nd, in that lodge he had made life-long friendships he hoped, and he was supported by such a worthy bond of brothers in the officers as Bro. J. Loader, P.M. and Sec., who had done so much for the lodge which enabled everything to go on so smoothly, and also Bro. J. Dunn, P.M., the worthy Treasurer, who was an old schoolfellow. He paid the highest tribute to so excellent a set of officers; and there was one brother present, Bro. D. Rose, P.M., who had assisted him (the W.M.) so ably in performing his duties, and, in fact, had taught him all he knew in Masonic knowledge. For so cordial a greeting he most heartily thanked them.

In proposing the toast of the evening—that of "Success to the Rose Lodge of Instruction"—the PRESIDENT, in a highly intellectual and forcible manner, said that it had been greatly to his misfortune that he had been unable to attend so regularly as he desired, but his vocation called him out of London so much. The teaching which was propounded in it, especially of the 15 Sections, which contained deep underlying truths, and also the symbolism in the beautiful ceremonies, spoke and taught the highest morality. Such tenets had been propagated by Bro. D. Rose, the worthy Preceptor, for so many years, and he would advise the younger brethren to avail themselves of his valuable services as often as they possibly could, and he would most readily assist them. There was still another reason, that in visiting different parts of the country and the various Masonic lodges it was a means of drawing brethren closer together, and showed that where the principles of Freemasonry were embraced it made all the brighter and the happier. With the toast the President coupled the name of Bro. David Rose, P.M. and Preceptor, and he hoped that the brethren would most heartily join in it, for the Rose Lodge would without the lodge of instruction be shorn of much of its usefulness. There was none more skilled than Bro. Rose to impart Masonic knowledge, which had been recognised everywhere, for it was his aim that every brother should perform his duties worthily and well. Indeed, no small debt of gratitude was due to him from the brethren for his careful and successful teaching, and it was their earnest desire that he might be spared many years still to carry on his work of usefulness, and be blessed with health and prosperity.

In reply, Bro. D. ROSE, P.M., said it was certainly a pleasure and privilege to respond to such a hearty proposal of his health, and he thanked the President for his very kind sentiments. The lodge had been a very prosperous and successful one, and had done excellent service, and he should still like it to maintain its present position. He had been honoured as the Preceptor for 27 years, and during that time had done his utmost to assist the younger brethren in their various offices. There was one special point in the Rose Lodge that it was the *sine qua non* each Master installed his successor, which was always carried out. He had reached the ripe age of 75, but still he hoped to be spared for some time to come to remain the Preceptor to carry on the same work of usefulness as hitherto.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially given by the PRESIDENT, and duly responded to by Bros. SIEMEN, POCOCK, and MILLARD.

Bro. POTTER next presented the toast of "Bros. Dunn, P.M., Treasurer, and Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M., Secretary," who were two most zealous workers; the Treasurer was in a most happy position in holding funds of the lodge, while the Bro. Secretary was most enthusiastic and ever ready to further the cause of Freemasonry.

Bro. J. DUNN, Treas., very suitably acknowledged the toast, and stated the funds were in a sound condition, and the lodge had been of great service to the brethren to the credit of Bro. J. Rose. It has also been the means of sending up to the various Masonic Institutions the sum of 1200 to 1300 guineas, which was highly creditable. He was proud in being able to serve the lodge in the capacity of Treasurer and should continue to do so to the advantage of the lodge.

Bro. STONE, P.M., Sec., paid a high tribute to the worthy Preceptor, Bro. D. Rose, and said he ventured to think that the Rose Lodge of Instruction could boast of having a Preceptor of nearly 30 years, who had been most regular and assiduous in his duties, a circumstance he should think almost without parallel in London. This he considered marvellous when the age of the veteran in Freemasonry was taken into account. He gave a few statistics which showed the average attendance was between 12 and 13, and would easily be more but from the fact that two other lodges of instruction were held under the same roof, and the Peckham, over which Bro. Rose had precepted for about the same number of years. Much of the success, too, of the lodge was attributed to his (Bro. Stone's) predecessor, Bro. T. Grummant, P.M., who had held that position for about 14 or 15 years, during which time his kindness and geniality had worked much. The ninth Charitable Association was about to begin, and he should be pleased for the names of the brethren who wished to join. He could not but express his thanks to the worthy Assistant Secretary, Bro. C. Sowton, P.M., who was a most attentive and zealous Mason, and one that could be well relied upon. For himself, he most heartily thanked the brethren for their kindness to him, and so long as he was entrusted with the secretarial duties he should endeavour to perform those duties to the utmost of his power.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant meeting.

Some excellent harmony was contributed by Bros. Arthur Court, C. W. Stone, Isaacs, Brambleby, Wren (reciter), Isaacs (reciter), Harris, Drayner, Archer, and Grummant (reciter). Bro. F. Choveaux, Organist of the Rose Lodge, very ably accompanied.

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**Masonic Notes.**

It must be a satisfaction to her Majesty the Queen; in the first place to have met with so splendid a reception from her Irish subjects, and in the next, to find that the dastardly attempt made last week at Brussels, on the life of her eldest son and heir, the Prince of Wales, our beloved Grand Master, has evoked such genuine sympathy from all parts of the world. Ireland is almost beside itself with joy over the Queen's visit, while, as regards the sympathy with the Prince, it is said that fully 1300 telegrams of congratulation on his escape, have been transmitted to his Royal Highness.

We have to remind our readers that the School Elections which are usually held on the second Thursday and Friday in the present month, will take place on Friday and Saturday of next week. The Boys' School Election will come off at the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers at Freemasons' Tavern

on Friday, the 20th inst., and the Girls' School Election at the same place on Saturday, the 21st inst. The hour of meeting—12 noon—is the same on both days, while the poll will be opened in both cases, when the Court is over, or at 1 p.m., and will close promptly at 3 p.m.

For the Boys' School election there is a list of 42 candidates, since reduced, by the withdrawal of one, to 41. London sends up 12 boys and has a part interest in the success of two others, while the remaining 27 hail from Provinces or Districts Abroad, Essex being responsible for three, and Buckinghamshire, Sussex, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire for two each. There are 15 who were unsuccessful in October, Nos. 1 and 2 on the list having taken part in as many as six ballots, and 26 have had their claims approved since. The number of boys to be elected out of these 41 are 30; each boy's chances of winning admission being in the proportion of about three to one.

For the Girls' School election, which is fixed, as we have already said, for Saturday, the 21st instant, there are only 32 candidates, of whom exactly one half were unsuccessful last October and the other half are new candidates. London sends up 12 girls and is interested in the success of three others, while the remaining 17 are furnished by Provinces or Districts Abroad, West Lancashire and Kent each contributing two. The number of vacancies to be filled is 17, so that rather less than one half of the children will be disappointed

There are, however, on the two lists taken together, quite a number of the children, who are what are commonly spoken of as "last cases," that is, are children who, if they fail to win places this time, will, under the operation of the laws placing the maximum limit of age for admission at 11 years, have their names removed from the lists altogether. These children are Nos. 1, 2, 13, 15, and 23 on the Boys' list, and Nos. 1, 3, 6, 7, 12, and 16 on the Girls' list. For these 11 candidates we make, as usual, an earnest appeal to all Governors and Subscribers who are not already pledged to give their votes and use their influence in support of particular cases, to do what they can to ensure the success of these boys and girls, so that they may not lose the benefits to which, after due examination of their claims, they have been adjudged entitled. We do this on the usual grounds, that, as regards the other children, failure this time will entail no more serious hardship than the postponement of their election for a term of six months, but with these five boys and six girls it is a case of "now or never."

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 11th inst., the chair being occupied by Bro. Thomas Jones, P.G.D. The most important business was the appointment of Bros. J. A. Farnfield, C. Kempton, and Tobias, as a Committee to draft the Report which will be submitted to the Governors and Subscribers at their annual general meeting on the third Friday in May, the 18th prox. There were also four deaths—one male and three widow annuitants—reported by the Secretary.

We are glad to see that the "South African Relief Fund" is making such substantial progress. Up to Saturday, the 31st ult., there had been announced in our columns contributions amounting to £856 15s. 6d. This, added to the £1050 voted by Grand Lodge and the £346 7s. 2d. previously subscribed to R.W. Bro. G. Richards's Fund, gave a total of £2253 2s. 8d. Last week further contributions amounting in the aggregate to £451 8s. 4d., and raising the total to £2704 11s. were acknowledged, the principal items being £100 voted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bristol, and 50 guineas (£52 10s.) by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire.

This week further sums have been received which carry the total well beyond £3000, the contribution from the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, amounting to £45. We look upon this as a satisfactory result, considering that only four weeks have elapsed since the Fund was brought publicly to the notice of the lodges and the brethren. It is evident, however, both from the communications we have published and the statements contained in the daily press as to the destruction of private property, that a large sum will be required, and the subscriptions so far justify our belief that what is so urgently needed will be forthcoming.

We regret to learn from the *Indian Freemason* of the 15th February that the District of Bombay has sustained a great loss by the untimely death of Bro. E. J. Smith, who had served as Dist. G. Secretary since 1896, and was also Dist. G. Scribe E. of the Dist. G. Chapter, and Past G. Std. Br. of Supreme Grand Chapter. The sad event occurred on the 30th January last, at the comparatively early age of 51. Our contemporary pays a warm tribute of respect to the deceased, whom it declares to have been "one who did a great deal for the Order in a quiet unostentatious manner, and was universally respected by reason of his amiable and courteous disposition."

The same journal, in its issue of the 15th January last, reports the death on the 2nd of that month of Bro. Wm. Barnard Mactavish, who was initiated on the 3rd May, 1867, in Lodge Industry and Perseverance, No. 109, Calcutta, and remained a subscribing member till the day of his death. After successively filling the offices of Dist. G.D.C. (1870), Dist. G. Treasurer (1872), and Dist. S.G.W. (1895), he was in 1896 appointed to the office of Deputy Dist. G.M. Bengal. He had also served as Dist. G.H. in the District Grand Chapter, and in Mark Masonry was a Past District S.G.W. Bengal, and P.G.D. of the Mark G. Lodg.

We learn from the February issue of the *Australasian Keystone* that with that number was completed the first volume of the new series of our worthy contemporary. This particular *Keystone* is described as the "Official Organ of the Grand Lodges of Victoria and Tasmania," and very ably indeed has it acquitted itself in that character. Its articles are well written and the information it contains of the doings of the brethren in those Colonies in their Grand and private lodges most interesting and, so far as we are able to hazard an opinion, accurate. Moreover, its views are very temperately expressed, while as regards the printing and paper, it is one of the most acceptable of our exchanges. Our contemporary in referring to the subject announces that what it believes to be "beneficial changes" will be introduced in the second volume "as funds and opportunity are afforded." We warmly congratulate the *Australasian Keystone* on the progress it has made, and we hope that it may have a large measure of that good fortune it is striving for and so well deserves.

We are indebted to its February number for certain interesting particulars relating to the "Freemasons' Charitable Institution of Victoria," from which it appears that notwithstanding a diminution in the receipts from lodges, chapters, members, balls, concerts, &c., and an increase in the payments to the inmates of the cottages, there is still a balance of upwards of £500 to the good on the Maintenance Fund. On the building, owing to a special expenditure for sewerage and repairs, there is a balance of less than £70 in hand, as compared with one of £224 at the close of the year 1898. In respect of the Endowment there is a total to the credit of the Institution amounting to £1464. Thus, with its fixed deposits shares, and cash balance at bank, the "Freemasons' Charitable Institution of Victoria" has funds amounting to close upon £2050 wherewith to keep its eight cottages and maintain their inmates. We trust that the falling off in contributions from lodges, brethren, and other sources last year, to which the Committee call attention in their Report, will be made good during the current year, and that in time the Institution may be enabled to extend its benefits.

We gather from the *Indian Freemason* for the 1st March that the Committee of the "Bengal Masonic Association for Educating Children of Indigent Freemasons," in their Report for the half-year ending the 31st December, 1899, were able to lay before the Governors and Subscribers a very gratifying report of the position of the Charity. There was an increase on the Capital Account of 3303 Rupees, the contributions which amounted to 6371 Rupees, being in excess to that extent over those of the corresponding half of last year; the invested funds now amounting to 147,000 Rupees. The Reserve Account shows a total received of 2707 Rupees, as against 1484 Rupees in the second, half year of 1898. The Committee further state that "by a judicious change in the securities and the investments made during the half year, the annual income of the Association has been increased by over 600 Rupees," and it is added that "a further expansion in the income of the Association and its consequent usefulness" is expected, when the rules adopted in March, 1899, as to the presentation of jewels to contributors are better known and appreciated. At the annual meeting, at which the report was presented and adopted, four children were elected from a list of 10 candidates, raising the number provided for by the Association to 43.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### SISAL GRASS IN MEXICO.

(Continued).

The exportation of sisal grass during the 10 years ended 31st December, 1898, amounted to 583,000,000 tons. It has been said that the best fibre producing plant grows on the poorest and most rocky soil, but this does not accord with experiments recently made. One method of planting and cultivating it is as follows: The field is first carefully prepared and burnt. The burning produces a certain amount of ashes, and many planters set out seed corn at the same time they plant the henequen. The one does not interfere with the other in the least, and the corn crop helps to pay the cost of the henequen. The henequen plant is propagated, not by seeds, but by scions, or suckers. The plant produces seeds, and in a natural state propagates itself by both seeds and scions, but the planter uses only suckers from 18 to 20 inches high. By this method he can produce a field of henequen ready to cut within five years, whereas by seed planting he would have to wait from eight to nine years. Once planted and properly tended—that is, cleared of weeds twice a year, and not under or over cut—a field will last 20 years, and instances are not wanting of fields that have lasted longer. A leaf is ready to cut when it extends at right angles to the trunk or the plant. A healthy vigorous plant in the maturity of its growth should yield from 18 to 24 leaves. One thousand leaves should produce from 50 to 60 lbs. of good clean fibre. This amount is a fair average. When the plants in an old field send up a flower-stalk it is Nature's signal that the crop is finished. The old plants must then be clipped of all useful leaves and cut down, to allow the young scions (which should have been already planted between the old plants) ventilation for growth. Bad cleaning, allowing rot to be produced by the acids nascent in the plant pulp, and dampness, produce red and mould-stained fibre, of less than one half the value of the good, clean, white fibre. This is rarely exported, but it is sold at home for domestic use. There are in Yucatan nearly 1200 henequen producing plantations of various sizes. The largest plantation, or, rather, the plantation producing the largest output, is on the line of the broad gauge railway between Merida and Progress. It is called Ticilchè, and produces about 1000 bales, or 375,000 lbs. of cleaned fibre per month.

### ARTIFICIAL COAL IN GERMANY.

The United States Vice-Consul at Mannheim, states that he has recently assisted at a trial to demonstrate the combustible properties of an artificial coal invented in Germany, and has observed its ready inflammability and its apparently considerable heating qualities. The inventor claims that all sorts of earth may be used for his substitute, with the exception of sand and gravel; but it is thought that only those whose component parts are vegetable or ligneous, as moor peats and turf lands, would be available. The inventor also enumerated, among suitable substances, various kinds of clay, but in the opinion of the Vice-Consul these would probably have to be used, as an admixture with the vegetable soil, for graduating the heating qualities of the coal. Certain ingredients are mixed with the earth and worked into a homogeneous mass for the purpose of making it inflammable. These ingredients are the inventor's secret, but since his preparation is intended to have the properties of pit coal, their nature can be easily guessed. They are to take the place and produce the effect of the bitumen of the mineral article, and must be substances of quick ignition and combustibility, such as pitch, resin, naphtha, or similar products. One hundred kilogrammes (220 lbs.) of such articles may be bought at Mannheim for about 8s. 4d., but only 6 to 8 per cent. are required for 50 kilogrammes (110 lbs.) of the artificial coal. Including labour and general expenses, the cost for the quantity would be, say, 3½d. A tract of land bought lately by the inventor furnishes 50 kilogrammes (110 lbs.) of earth, especially suited for the purpose, for about one farthing; so that 50 kilogrammes (110 lbs.) of the artificial coal will cost not more than 3½d. to produce. This calculation is taken from the notes of the inventor. The cheapness will be best illustrated by comparing the prices of the various grades of pit coal, which have run in the last year from 8½d. to 1s. 1½d. per 110 lbs. at Mannheim. The artificial coal, of a greyish black, is pressed in blocks (brunettes), of three sizes, viz.: No. 1, 7½ inches long, 2½ inches broad, 1½ inch thick; No. 2, 6½ inches long, 4 inches broad, 1½ inch thick; No. 3, 3¾ inches long, 3 inches broad, 1½ inch thick. The blocks are hard and brittle, and when thrown into the furnace, whole or in pieces, they ignite readily and burn briskly. The suggestion that for technical establishments blocks of larger size would be desirable, was answered by the statement that forms for making 10 lbs. pieces were already in preparation. The result of an examination of this coal by the technical assayers at Karlsruhe showed that it contained 67.48 per cent. of combustible substance.

### ART IN THE REIGN OF HENRY VIII.

(Continued).

Holbein gratified his Royal patron by furnishing designs to be embossed or chased in gold or silver to the goldsmiths, particularly to Moret, whose portrait was one of the most admired. These were principally applied to standing cups, daggers, and flasks for gunpowder. About this time Benvenuto Cellini was retained by Francis I., and Benedetto da Rovizzano was resident in England and associated with Holbein, who had opportunities of seeing their exquisite works and of acquiring their art, with the usual happiness of his genius. Respecting the cartoons, or as these designs were

then called "vidimus," prepared by painters in water colours, to be transferred or copied upon glass, there is an exact adaptation of one of Raphael's in the windows of King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Designs of able masters, originally intended for tapestry, were easily applied to stained glass, more particularly when the windows were made to represent Scripture histories. The celebrated cartoons designed by Raphael were executed in 1515-16, and the tapestries from them, for the Sistine Chapel, were completed three years afterwards. These designs were originally ten. Besides the seven in England, there were—the conversion of St. Paul, Paul in prison at Philippi, and the stoning of St. Stephen, which are lost. Passavant mentions an eleventh, of the Coronation of the Virgin—the tapestry of which was placed above the altar of the chapel, the others were arranged on each side of the altar, the series from the life of St. Paul being placed opposite the papal chair, and all within that portion of the chapel called the Presbyterium. The building of King's College Chapel is said to have been completed in 1515, and as the agreement bears date in 1527, the cartoons had been long enough in Flanders to admit of copies have been obtained. We had at this time artists resident in England who had employment from glaziers with whom they made contracts, and who were in constant intercourse with France, Holland, and the Netherlands, where the art of staining glass had nearly reached the zenith of its perfection. In this era of art in England, it is obvious to contemplate the perfection to which it had already attained in Italy. Leonardo da Vinci, Michel Angelo, Raphael, and Titian were in their full glory, and when compared with other countries, painting in our own was little more than genius struggling with barbarism.

### DALY'S THEATRE.

Under the liberal management of Mr. Geo. Edwardes, there has been submitted to the notice of theatre-goers an original musical play, entitled, "San Toy," or the Emperor's Own. The book is by Edward Morton, and Mr. Sidney Jones has supplied some very pleasing and telling music. The scene is laid in China, and relates the troubles and difficulties which Yen How, a Mandarin, admirably enacted by Mr. Rutland Barrington, experiences in endeavouring to pass off his daughter, San Toy, as a boy, and thereby save her from the notice of the Emperor, who has an awkward custom of appropriating the pretty daughters of his subjects, and adding them to his large number of wives. We will not enter into the details of the clever and amusing story, it would detract from the pleasure which all must receive who visit the theatre. Miss Florence Collingbourn takes the character of San Toy, and with great vivacity brings out the salient points of the title rôle. She has an English lover, a certain Capt. Bobby Preston, represented by Mr. Hayden Coffin. He is too well known as a talented vocalist and exponent of lovers' parts to need praise from us. Li, Mr. Huntley Wright, and Dudley, the Lady's Maid, Miss Grace Leigh, are well sustained and materially aid in the action of the piece. As the Mandarin, Mr. Rutland Barrington has a part particularly suited to his style. Mr. Fredk. Kaye, Mr. Scott Russell, and Mr. Donald Hall, render very useful service, as also do Misses Hilda Moody, Blanche Massey, and Alice Davis. In the second act, Miss Topsey Sinden gives a graceful dance. The music is melodious and well suited to the lyrics. The costumes are appropriate and handsome, the dances and the evolutions of the Emperor's guard of Amazons are most effectively carried out. Should any of our readers desire to spend a pleasant evening, we would commend a visit to Daly's Theatre.

### GENERAL NOTES.

A gentleman lately sent to the Zoological Gardens a locust, which had arrived at his house in a basket of cauliflowers, which had been despatched to him from Italy. The importation of animals in cargoes of fruit and vegetables is apparently on the increase, for already several locusts have been seen alive in London. It will be remembered that last year these insects and mosquitoes were very common, and the latter left so bad an impression that none of us look forward to seeing them again. Lizards, too, were found in considerable numbers, and also, it is said, several snakes. In the case of locusts and mosquitoes, and, indeed, any other pest which is likely to be imported in package of goods, great care should be taken by the consignees to thoroughly overhaul the contents, and exterminate, as far as possible, these unwelcome arrivals. Most of them are fast breeders, and increase and multiply in a very short period to an alarming extent; and if those imported were allowed to roam at their own free will there can be no doubt that they would soon find congenial and suitable spots to indulge in their works of destruction and annoyance.

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British musicians generally receive consideration from the Westminster Orchestral Society, and at a concert lately a place was found in the programme for a new suite by Mr. Henry Farjeon. It proved decidedly pleasing, and admirably illustrative of the stories from "Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales" selected. The young composer was last year awarded the medal of the Musicians' Company for being the most distinguished student at the Royal Academy of Music, where his studies have been carried on. He is a son of the well-known novelist, Mr. H. B. Farjeon, and grandson of Joseph Jefferson, the famous impersonator of Rip Van Winkle.

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A new work on organ construction has been recently completed by Bro. J. W. Hinton, Mus. Doc., and will appear early in May. It should prove of great value to organists, organ builders, and amateurs, for it is full of practical thought and suggestions, and contains a large quantity of information not generally known to many experts, and Dr. Hinton's large experience both in England and on the Continent has been of great value to him in writing the book, and he speaks as a man who can do the things he writes about.



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The annual meeting of this Institution, of which Bro. Lord Northcote, C.B., Prov. Grand Master of Devon, is President, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, on the 4th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. F. B. Westlake, P.D.G.D.C. England, P.S.G.W. Devon, Patron of the Fund, and there were also present:

Bros. J. R. Lord, P.P.G. Treas. (Hon. Treas. to the Fund); J. B. Gover, P.P.G. Sec. (Secretary to the Fund); Samuel Jones, 112, P.P.J.G.W.; Harry Stocker, 29, P.P.G. Treas.; John Stocker, P.G. Sec.; Rev. W. French, 1125; E. H. Shorto, 39 and 2659, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Allsford, 202, P.P.G. Treas.; R. S. Purnell, 39; R. Hooker, 39; W. R. Lisle, 39 and 2659, P.P.J.G.D.; H. C. Perriam, 372; A. Hope, 39; H. Rabbich, 1358; C. S. Stebbing, 156 and 1212, P.P.G. Treas.; Chas. Piper, 1753, P.P.D.G.D.C.; A. Amand, 1753; W. L. Cocks, 106, P.S.G.D.; T. A. Blackler, 328, P.G. Std.; Thos. H. Wills, 1402, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Gillard, 248; W. Sweet, 1212 and 70; P. S. Johns, 159, P.P. G.S.B.; Samuel Broad, 2025; Major H. L. Mallet, 1885; John Wallis, 1255, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. W. Atherton, 248, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Jas. Griffin, 2025, P.P.S.G.D.; W. A. Stone, 1284; G. L. Stile, 1284; T. R. Fry, 1284; and P. Rousham, 1885.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which showed that the balance brought forward from the previous year amounted to £584 12s. 3d. Subscriptions and donations for 1899, £441 12s. 7d., which with £33 0s. 10d. interest on deposit, brought the total receipts for the year to £1059 5s. 8d. The total amount paid for children's education last year was £370. The only expenses were Printing and postages amounting to £29 18s., which left a balance on the year of £659 7s. 8d. There were 21 recipients on the fund, and with the three to be elected and the one just added there would be now 25 receiving each the sum of £15 per annum.

The CHAIRMAN heartily congratulated the Institution upon the successful report, and expressed the gratitude they all felt to Bros. Lord and Gover for their voluntary and successful work. It had been with them a labour of love, they both made great personal sacrifices to promote its usefulness and benevolence, and when they remembered that every farthing subscribed to the Charity was devoted to its usefulness, they would more fully recognise the value of the services which Bros. Gover and Lord rendered. A special vote of thanks was accorded those brothers, who were re-elected, and the report was also unanimously adopted.

Bro. W. H. Dillon was re-elected Assistant Secretary, and Bros. J. W. Cornish and W. Allsford were elected Auditors.

At this meeting three candidates were to be elected on the Fund, and there were seven nominations, including three who were unsuccessful at the previous election in October and four new candidates. The candidates who brought votes forward were the daughter of a brother of the Jordan Lodge, Torquay, 1032 votes; a son of a late brother of Dundas Lodge, Plymouth, 484 votes; and a daughter of a late member of Pleiades Lodge, Totnes, who brought 30 votes forward. The new candidates were the daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge Obedience, Okehampton; the son of a late brother of St. John the Baptist Lodge, Exeter; the daughter of a late brother of Lodge Friendship, Devonport; and the son of a brother who, until his death, was a member of St. George's Lodge, Plymouth. With reference to the last-mentioned case, it was decided that as the candidate was 14 years of age he should be placed on the Fund at once without going to the ballot, the standing orders having been suspended for the purpose, and coupled with this unanimous election a sincere vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Frederick Sanders, of her Majesty's Dockyard, Pembroke, for the kindness and interest he had shown in the welfare of the children, he being asked to continue to act as guardian.

The result of the ballot was that the candidate (Jordan Lodge, Torquay) who brought forward 1032 votes, polled 333 more, and was elected with 1365. The candidate from Lodge Dundas, who polled 484, added 776 to his poll, and was elected with 1260. The other candidate elected was the daughter of a late brother of Lodge Friendship, Devonport, who polled 1490 votes. The unsuccessful candidates were the nomination of Lodge Obedience, Okehampton, who made a first application, and polled 1032 votes. The candidate from Lodge Pleiades did not increase the poll of 30 brought forward. For the candidate from St. John the Baptist 24 votes were recorded.

The Chairman having declared the three with the highest number of votes to be elected on the Fund, the Guardians for them were appointed as representing the lodges from which the successful candidates were nominated.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Scrutineers, Bros. Gregory, Amand, and Stone, for conducting the election, on the motion of Bro. E. H. Shorto.

A cordial vote of thanks was, on the motion of Bro. C. PIPER, seconded by Bro. H. STOCKER, accorded Bro. Westlake for presiding, and for the generous and valuable aid he rendered to Masonic and Benevolent Institutions.

PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPERS AT THE GUILDHALL LIBRARY.—The introduction of daily and evening newspapers into the directory room at the Guildhall has proved so successful that the Library Committee have decided to add several prominent provincial newspapers to the list of journals. Among the latter are the *Irish Times*, the *Liverpool Post*, the *Yorkshire Post*, the *Scotsman*, the *Western Daily News*, the *Birmingham Post*, and the *Manchester Guardian*. The result has been that the attendance of the reading public has been increased by many hundreds per week.

Craft Masonry.

Chine Lodge, No. 1884.

On the 20th ult. this well-known lodge held its monthly meeting in the Masonic Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, and the following were present: Bros. Alfred Greenham, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., W.M.; R. R. Russell, I.P.M.; A. H. Brown, S.W.; Charles Carter, J.W.; F. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; F. C. Taylor, Sec.; E. D. Jefford, S.D.; A. Kent, J.D.; H. Osborne, D.C.; W. T. Deeks, I.G.; W. B. Chase, Stwd.; W. J. Meu, Tyler; John Bailey, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Young, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Willis, P.M.; G. H. Matthews, P.M.; H. W. Daws, P.M.; A. J. Cooper, F. Rayner, S. Clarke, and Rev. Neville Lovett. Visitors: Bros. Wavell Knight, I.P.M., and J. Knight, P.M., of 551.

There was an extraordinary amount of work to be accomplished. The W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham, initiated Messrs. Spencer and Scott, the charge being given by Bro. H. W. Daws, after which Bros. the Rev. Neville Lovett and Meu were passed to the Degree of F.C. Between the initiation and passing ceremonies there was a call off for tea. A letter was read from the mortgagee acknowledging the six months' notice to pay off the debt on the hall.

The lodge having been closed, 26 brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial banquet.

The usual loyal toasts having received due honour, Bro. Davis, P.M., gave "The Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P." He remarked that he did not feel himself at all competent to propose such an important toast. This should have been the duty of the I.P.M., Bro. R. Russell. They, however, all very much admired and valued the excellent qualities of the veteran who stood at the head of the Hants and Isle of Wight Province, and they all felt proud of the new honours conferred on him by her Majesty. His Masonic zeal was also much esteemed by all the brethren, and although he had arrived at the time of life when it would only be natural to lay aside some of the many claims upon him, he did not shirk any of these duties (the last remark being made with a meaning look at the I.P.M.). He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. R. Young, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.

Bro. Young said the honour of responding for such a distinguished brother as the Prov. G. Master was overwhelming. He admired him as a grand and a true Mason, and what he knew of him was worthy of imitation by every Mason from the highest right down the scale.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. The I.P.M. proposed "The W.M.," remarking that it was a privilege to come to the lodge and see him work the ceremonies. At the weekly meetings you would always find him at his post to help perfect his officers in their parts. This was how it is, and he admired his earnestness and appreciated his labours.

Songs—Bros. A. Carter and A. Cooper.

Bro. Greenham responded. He observed that no Master was better served than he was by his officers, and if he was devoted to the lodge he was much stimulated by the able and willing help of those serving under him. He felt all the more grateful to them as he had trespassed largely on their time lately, having had so many initiates; but he thanked them for their kind words, and was glad of the opportunity to acknowledge their kindness, and hoped, during his year of office, they would still strive to perfect themselves in the ritual, which they all enjoyed when it was perfectly rendered. The W.M., continuing, said it was his privilege on the last occasion to propose the health of two initiates, and again it was his privilege to propose the health of two more—Bros. Spencer and Scott—and he was sure he was only echoing their feelings when he welcomed them to Chine Lodge. He hoped the ceremony had impressed them with the valuable tenets of Freemasonry. In asking them to drink their health in the "loving cup." He should like to remark on his having performed the four ceremonies that evening. He had not often heard brothers who had been installed in the chair speak with pride as to having all the stages of their Masonic career performed by one particular brother, whether it happened to be himself or some other brother, and he thought the new initiates might cherish a similar feeling.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The initiates suitably replied. "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Carter, who remarked that the visits from brethren from the neighbouring lodges had added much enjoyment to the Fourth Degree.

The toast having received an ovation, Bro. Knight, P.M., responded.

Bro. Brown proposed "The I.P.M.," who suitably replied.

Bro. G. H. Matthews, P.M., proposed "The two Fellow Crafts—Bros. Rev. Neville Lovett and Meu." He spoke of the important step they had taken that evening in Freemasonry. They had seen by the two ceremonies they had gone through that their noble Order was placed upon a true and lasting foundation centered in Divine revelation, and it was this fact that made him proud of the fellowship of Bro. Rev. Lovett, and from his knowledge of Bro. Meu he was sure he, too, valued the grand principles embodied in the ritual, and he hoped to witness the time when the coping-stone of their Masonic career would be erected. There were more brilliant heights to attain than even he (the speaker) had attained. No doubt they had noticed the brethren in purple—the brilliancy of these heights he had not yet explored; but that the sun never set with regard to Freemasonry was no paradox, it was based upon the volume of the Sacred Law, and was for ever shining in the hearts of brethren all over the world. This was the basis of fraternal fellowship. He might tell the new brethren that attempts had been made by foreign lodges to extinguish this light, by removing that great luminary of truth and justice. He was happy to say this had failed and that it was still shining in all its ancient splendour.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

Bros. Lovett and Meu ably responded to the toasts.

The Tyler's toast having been given the brethren separated, after having sung "Auld Lang Syne."

Cotehele Lodge, No. 2166.

The installation meeting of this young, but very flourishing lodge, which took place on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Calstock, attracted a very large attendance of brethren, the proceedings being of a very interesting character. Among those present were the following: Bros. E. Smale, W.M.; Dr. Bowhay, I.P.M.; J. Northam, S.W.; N. R. Rosekilly, J.W.; G. Rowe, P.M., Chap.; H. Down, P.M., Treas.; R. R. Alford, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Bone, P.M.; W. Grills, P.M.; W. Coulter, P.M.; Major J. G. Shanks, P.M., K.M.; R. P. Couth, P.M.; and many other members of the lodge. Visitors: The W.M. and Wardens of Bedford Lodge, No. 282; the W.M. and Wardens of No. 557; Bros. G. T. Lakeman, P.M.; Endle, 189; W. Symons, P.M.; Dymond, P.M.; J. Goad, and many other distinguished members of the Craft.

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After the lodge had been opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bro. Shanks took the chair and conferred the Second Degree upon the brethren, doing the work in a most impressive manner. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Northam, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bros. Shanks and A. Bowhay, who divided the work between them; they performed the ceremony in admirable style, and are to be congratulated on the exemplary manner in which they rendered the beautiful ritual; several of the visitors remarked that they had never heard the work better done. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. E. Smale, I.P.M.; N. R. Rosekilly, S.W.; A. Andrews, J.W.; G. Rowe, P.M.; Chap.; H. Down, P.M., Treas.; R. R. Alford, P.M.; T. T. Bowhay, S.D.; C. Webber, J.D.; S. H. Slanbury, I.G.; J. Eade, D.C.; S. J. Hooper and J. Herring, Stwds.; J. Dawe, Org.; and J. Rickard, Tyler; a suitable address to each on receiving his collar being given by Bro. Shanks. The subject of the new lodge premises was discussed at some length, the result being that the necessary powers were given to the Building Committee as to the plans, and specifications, and inviting tenders for the erection of the hall. At the conclusion of the work Bro. Shanks presented eight beautifully chased solid silver jewels, for the officers' collars, to the lodge; these eight together with those given by him a year ago, forming a complete set; the jewels are very fine, each one bears an appropriate inscription, and they are considered to be the handsomest in the province. The box containing them was passed round the lodge, and the gift elicited the admiration of all the brethren. The W.M., in a very happy speech, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the donor for his magnificent present. This was warmly seconded by Bro. Bowhay, P.M., who took occasion to remind the members how much Bro. Shanks had already done for the lodge. The vote was unanimously carried, and Bro. Shanks replied in a few appropriate words, saying that do what he might, he knew he never could do *too much* for Cotehele Lodge, his feelings towards it were much the same as Coventry Patmore tells us in that beautiful poem, "The Angel in the house," he felt towards his wife—

"I never enough can honour her  
Who, past all bounds, has honoured me."

When the business of the meeting was concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Tamar Hotel, where Bro. Herring had prepared a sumptuous banquet.

The repast concluded, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, all of which were excellently proposed by the W.M.; Bros. A. Bowhay, Sowden, Rosekilly, Shanks, Smale, T. T. Bowhay, and others, most cordially received, and well responded to. The speeches were, indeed, well above the average after-dinner oratory, and we regret we have not room for all of them (especially that of Bro. Bowhay, P.M.). One, however, we must give *in extenso*, because the judicious remarks it contains are useful, not only for those who were present but also for the officers of other lodges.

Bro. Shanks, in proposing "The Health of the Wardens and other Officers," said the various offices in a lodge are, and ought to be, considered, posts of honour which every Mason (whatever his social rank might be) should deem it a privilege to fill and for which every one should strive to qualify himself from the moment of his initiation, because without previous preparation it is quite impossible to fill even the humblest office satisfactorily. If as a lodge we aim at, and hope for, a successful career it is most essential that we should at all times be well officered, that our officers should be brethren who will give the utmost possible attention to their duties, and set an example to all of zeal, fidelity, and devotion. On this point I do think we may congratulate ourselves to-day for it would be difficult indeed to find any lodge that is provided with a better staff. The Wardens are highly important officers, and upon them and their conduct much of the well-being of the lodge must depend, but if they perform their duties strictly, and constantly act up to, and live up to, the moral signification and teachings of their jewels of office, as I feel sure our present Wardens will, they will become bright examples for us all to imitate and follow. The junior officers are, perhaps, not quite so important, yet they hold very honourable positions, and should do their utmost to fill their posts with becoming dignity and zeal. Everyone who wears a collar should remember that none can be really good and efficient officers unless they study Freemasonry deeply, nor unless they understand and fully appreciate the sentiments and the esoteric meaning of what they utter. The work of a lodge in conferring any of our Degrees is a most important business—it is the performance of some of the most sublime ceremonies ever established by man—and should be so conducted as to leave that impression on the mind of the candidate. We trust and hope, brethren, that our present officers will strive by example and influence to keep the lodge what it now is—a temple wherein the purest Masonic spirit prevails; a temple second to none as to the excellence of its working; and that both within and without our sacred walls they will ever uphold the honour of the Craft. In this belief and with this earnest hope, brethren, I now ask you to drink with me to the health of the Wardens and other officers of the lodge.

Bros. Rosekilly, S.W.; Andrews, J.W.; and T. T. Bowhay, S.D., responded in brief, but very appropriate, speeches, all expressing their intention of carrying out their duties on the lines indicated by the proposer of the toast.

A most pleasant evening was spent, the intervals between the toasts being enlivened by songs and recitations contributed by members and visitors.

#### Leopold Lodge, No. 1571.

The installation of this prosperous lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant Masonic Temple on the 19th ult., Bro. George Horwill, W.M., presiding, supported by the following brethren: Bros. Morris, S.W.; Leach, J.W.; Morgan, P.M., Sec.; Carey, P.M., Treas.; Lee, S.D.; Farmer, J.D.; Whitefield, I.G.; Packer, P.M., Org.; Duffield, P.M., D. of C.; Down, A.D. of C.; Simmonds and Egles, Stwds.; Watts, P.M.; Meadows, P.M.; Longford, P.M.; Davy, Kirkpatrick, James, Joseph Durell, James Durell, Truckell, Good, Fleming, Hall, Pain, Foley, Barnes, Presland, and Young, Tyler. Also the following visitors: Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.I.G.; Harlow, P.M. 65; Brown, P.M. 1446; Duffill, 1424; Ward, 1348; R. Carey, W.M. 1444; Wallace, P.M. 907; Coming, 1251; Cooper, P.M. 1441; Holditch, 1348; Jones, P.M. 907; Hartley, Sec. 1441; Davy, 1348; Whitehead, W.M. 1329; Thompson, 144; Bird, 23; Barker, P.M. 1607; Berry, 898; Brook, 2454; Baker, 898; Taylor, W.M. 913; Stevens, 19; Tufnell, P.M. 700; Copper, 2762; Pembroke, 1155; Miles, 177; Witheridge, 2549; Johns, P.M. 1571; and Franklin Clive.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been read and confirmed and the statement of accounts for the past year reviewed and adopted, Bro. Charles Martin Morris, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Carey, P.M., Treas., in a masterly manner. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. George Horwill, I.P.M.; Percy Leach, S.W.; Robert Lee, J.W.; William Carey, P.M., Treas.; Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., Sec.; W. Arthur Farmer, S.D.; George Whitefield, I.D.; Hubert V. Down, I.G.; W. F. Packer, P.M., Org.; Thomas Duffield, P.M., D.C.; Alfred Simmonds, A.D.C.; Walter M. Egles and Joseph Durrell, Stwds.; and Young, Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Mr. A. B. Sell, and proving unanimous, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the newly-installed Master in a manner that elicited the highest praise by the company present.

Other business having been transacted and the sum of 10 guineas voted to the W.M. for his Stewardship at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

Dinner over, Bro. Morris, W.M., on rising to propose "The Queen and the Craft," was heartily received.

"The M.W. Grand Master" and "The Grand Officers" having been duly honoured, Bro. Horwill, I.P.M., presented the toast of "The Worshipful Master" in feeling terms.

Bro. Morris, in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him and for the uniform kindness extended to him since he became a member of the Leopold Lodge. While making no professions he would promise a faithful discharge of the chair which he had assumed, and would endeavour to maintain the best traditions of the lodge over which it was his good fortune to preside.

"The I.P.M., Bro. Horwill," next claimed attention, receiving at the hands of the W.M. a Past Master's jewel, and collar and jewel, and thanking the brethren for this mark of their confidence, which he should always highly value.

As Installing Master, Bro. Carey, P.M., Treas., was warmly received. He much appreciated the favour of installing his old friend, Bro. Morris, and was always ready to be of service to the lodge.

Bro. Sell, the initiate, thanked the brethren for his initiation into Freemasonry, and hoped that he might become a useful member of the lodge.

In giving "The Masonic Institutions," and announcing his Stewardship at the coming Festival of the Girls' School, the W.M. hoped that he might have the united support of the brethren, and with their assistance take up a list worthy of the lodge.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G., feelingly responded, and earnestly pleaded for the continued help of the Craft to its worthy Charities.

"The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were ably directed by Bro. W. F. Packer, P.M., Org.

#### Scientific Lodge, No. 88.

At the monthly meeting of this lodge on Monday, the 9th instant, after a passing and an initiation, the sum of 10 guineas was voted out of the lodge funds for the South African War Fund for Freemasons, and another sum of 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The W.M., Bro. F. J. Moden, proposed the following resolution: "That the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, in open lodge assembled at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on April 9, 1900, tender to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master their respectful and very cordial congratulations upon his happy deliverance from the dastardly attempt which was made upon his life in Brussels on the 4th instant, and this lodge humbly supplicates the Great Architect of the Universe that He may ever guard and protect our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and that he may long live in the hearts and affections of our great Fraternity, and for the well-being of the mighty empire, to the throne and government of which he is heir apparent." Bro. W. P. Spalding, P.M., acting J.W., in seconding the motion, alluded to the fact that close by his side stood a framed acknowledgment from the Home Secretary in answer to a resolution of sympathy sent by the lodge in the year 1882, upon the occasion of an attempt on the life of her Majesty the Queen. The motion was agreed to. Subsequently Bro. J. H. Moyes, P.M., who is going up as a Steward for the Masonic Girls' School, suggested that the best way of showing their sympathy for the Prince would be by subscribing to his (Bro. Moyes's) list, and although the meeting was an unusually small one, 33 guineas were subscribed.

#### Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. J. W. H. Littleboy, P.M., as W.M.; H. A. Whitburn, S.W.; G. J. Wooldridge, J.W.; Capt. J. Hoey, P.M., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; C. F. Waters, J.D.; J. B. Walker, I.G.; J. E. O'Connor, Stwd.; H. W. Gloster; R. Wasley; K. F. Gould, P.G.D. (Hon. Member); and others. Visitors: Bros. F. Dowse, P.M. 2101, and A. H. Gale.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Frederick J. Kemp—who had been elected at a former meeting and was in attendance—was admitted and initiated by Bro. Littleboy into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The "charge" was subsequently delivered with great force and solemnity by the Treasurer, Bro. Hoey. A ballot was then taken, and declared to be unanimous, in favour of, Bro. Harold Burgess Osborne, 2475, as a joining member.

The sum of one guinea was voted to the Woking Cottage Hospital, after which, there being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

The customary loyal toasts were briefly given by the W.M. in the chair, and duly honoured.

Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., returned thanks for the Grand, and Bro. Capt. J. Hoey, Prov. G.S.B., for the Prov. Grand, Officers respectively.

An excellent programme of music was improvised, and the brethren spent a very pleasant evening.

The much respected Secretary, Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., who had been absent from the two previous meetings through severe indisposition, was heartily congratulated by all present on his restoration to health, and the wishes of the brethren were earnestly expressed that he might continue for many long years to take a leading part in the work and management of the various lodges and chapters with which he has been so long and honourably associated.

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" King and Durell	5	5	0
" G. G. Symons, P.M. and Treas.	5	5	0
" W. G. Mills, P.M. and Sec.	5	2	6
" A. Bayman	1	1	0
" J. Briggs, D.C.	1	1	0
" F. Bristow, I.G.	1	1	0
" A. Hall	1	1	0
" B. Hall	1	1	0
" E. M. Hall	1	1	0
" C. Helby	1	1	0
" T. Oakelford, S.W.	1	1	0
" J. George-Powell	1	1	0
" J. H. Selmes	1	1	0
" E. J. Vidler, S.D.	1	1	0
" G. F. Ward	1	1	0
" J. L. Leslie	0	10	6
" Anon	0	2	6
" J. Cuer, P.M.	0	2	6
" A. L. Guitard	0	2	6
" E. E. Salt	0	2	6
Masonic Service in Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry, per Bro. R. G. Venables, Dep. Prov. G.M. Shropshire	8	0	0
William Preston Lodge, No. 766	6	6	0
Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1783	5	5	0
Alfred Lodge, No. 306	5	5	0
Bro. Dr. Kenneth F. T. Bueé, Lodge Loyalty and Charity, No. 1584	5	5	0
Cornhill Lodge, No. 1803	5	5	0
Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624	5	5	0
Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261	5	5	0
Lodge St. John and St. Paul, No. 615	5	5	0
Makerfield Lodge, No. 2155	5	5	0
Rowley Lodge, No. 1051	5	5	0
" Collected	3	10	0
Royal Navy Lodge, No. 429	5	5	0
St. George's Lodge, No. 1958	5	5	0
Wychwood Lodge, No. 2414	5	5	0
Abbey Lodge (Whalley), No. 2529	5	0	0
Atlingworth Lodge, No. 1821	5	0	0
Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, per Comp. J. M. McLeod, Treasurer	3	12	0
Lodge Anchor and Hope, No. 37	3	3	0
St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 803	3	3	0
" Collected	2	7	0
Acacia Lodge, No. 2321	2	2	0
Friendship Lodge, No. 100	2	2	0
Harmony Lodge, No. 220	2	2	0
" Charity Fund	2	2	0
Lodge Prudence and Industry, No. 1953	2	2	0
Bro. Toms	0	5	0
" Bramby	0	2	6
" Carthew	0	2	6
" Denning	0	2	6
" Derrick	0	2	6
" Dymond	0	2	6
" Gawler	0	2	6
" Gifford	0	2	6
" Jarman	0	2	6
" Judge	0	2	6
" F. H. Mitchell	0	2	6
" J. Mitchell	0	2	6
" Norrington	0	2	6
" Plank	0	2	6
" Plant	0	2	6
" Relleen	0	2	6
" Ross	0	2	6
" Small	0	2	6
" Symes	0	2	6
" Townsend	0	2	6
" Vaughan	0	2	6
" Warren	0	2	6
" Whitmarsh	0	2	6
" Yeomans	0	2	6
Sutherland Lodge, No. 451	2	2	0
Bro. F. R. Finkelmeier	0	10	6
" A. Hughes	0	10	6
" F. B. Marey	0	10	6
" G. A. Marsden	0	10	6
" Geo. Massey	0	10	6

	£	s.	d.
Victoria Lodge, No. 2671	2	2	0
Wellesley Lodge, No. 1899	2	2	0
Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer	0	18	0
Brondesbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 2698	1	1	0
Lodge Charity, No. 2651	1	1	0

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

Amount previously acknowledged—

	Shillings
Lodges	58,018
Lodges of Instruction	1962½
Chapters	4529
Mark	3227
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	147
Secret Monitor	30
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	120

No. LODGES. Shillings

1150 Buckingham and Chandos	420
2466 Cheerybles, Collected at Banquet (2nd Don.) Boys of the Royal Masonic School, per Bro. Rev. H. A. Hebb	198
2024 Raymond Thrupp	105
299 Emulation	63

**THE MANSION HOUSE REFUGEES FUND.**

Amount previously acknowledged—

	£	s.	d.
Lodges	265	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	2049	11	6
Chapters	32	9	0
Mark	8	8	0
Instruction	30	0	0
Rose Croix	1	1	0
Cryptic Masonry	10	10	0

No. LODGES. £ s. d.

District Grand Lodge of Barbadoes	21	0	0
Lodge of Union	10	10	0
2041 West Kent Volunteer	7	15	6

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**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, April 21, 1900.  
The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptorates, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15.**  
Logic Club, Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, W., at 11.15 a.m.

**MONDAY, APRIL 16.**  
CRAFT LODGES.  
1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.  
8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.  
907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.  
1306, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
1094, Imperial, Holborn Restaurant.  
2545, Iris, Hotel Cecil.  
2549, Benevolentia, Holborn Restaurant.  
2699, Wandle, Town Hall, Wandsworth.  
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.  
1366, Highgate, Beale's Restaurant.  
2060, La France, Cafe Royal.  
2202, Regent's Park, Anderton's Hotel.  
MARK LODGES.  
173, Temple, London Tavern.  
234, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17.**  
Board of General Purposes, at 5.  
CRAFT LODGES.  
30, United Mariners, Frascati Restaurant.  
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.  
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.  
255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.  
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.  
1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1695, New Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant.  
2022, Haven, Public Buildings, Falinge.  
2046, Wharton, Holborn Restaurant.  
2191, Anglo-American, Hotel Cecil.  
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.  
1017, Montefiore, Holborn Restaurant.  
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18.**  
Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.  
Board of Benevolence, at 5.  
Grand Stewards' Lodge.  
CRAFT LODGES.  
7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.  
169, Temperance, Tower Bridge Hotel.  
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.  
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.  
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.  
1044, Wandsworth, Municipal Buildings, Wandsworth.  
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.  
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.  
1571, Leopold, Holborn Restaurant.  
1673, Welcome, Cafe Royal.  
1681, Londesborough, Cafe Royal.  
2272, Rye, Holborn Restaurant.  
2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
2409, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.  
2687, Italia, Cafe Monaco.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19.**  
House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.  
Board of Management Boys' School at 2.30.  
CRAFT LODGES.  
6, Friendship, Criterion.  
23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.  
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.  
63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.  
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.  
657, Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant.  
733, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.  
1320, Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.  
1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.  
1716, All Saints, Offices of Board of Works, Poplar.  
1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.  
2551, Clissold, Great Eastern Hotel.  
2612, Navy, Hotel Cecil.  
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.  
9, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
1685, Guelph, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.  
MARK LODGES.  
Bon Accord, Criterion.  
357, Chiswell, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20.**  
General Court of Boys' School, at Freemasons' Tavern, at 12.  
CRAFT LODGES.  
975, Rose of Denmark, Horns Tavern.  
1062, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.  
2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.  
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.  
1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.  
1591, Studholme, Cafe Royal.  
MARK LODGE.  
251, Mount Moriah, Mark Masons' Hall.  
ROSE CROIX.  
10, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.  
137, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21.**  
General Court of Girls' School, at Freemasons' Tavern, at 12.  
CRAFT LODGES.  
715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1185, Lewis, Holborn Restaurant.  
1364, Earl of Zetland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1641, Crichton, Frascati Restaurant.  
2041, West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
2773, Assistance, Freemasons' Hall.  
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.  
142, St. Thomas, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE HOSPITAL SHIP *Orcana* has sailed from Durban for England with 200 wounded officers and men.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE have arrived at Lismore Castle, County Waterford, from Dublin.

LORD WINDSOR and the Executive of the Imperial South African Association will entertain the Australian delegates to dinner at the Criterion on Wednesday, May 9th.

BRO. EMRA HOLMES'S poem, "The Call to Arms," which recently appeared in our columns, has just been published in the *Cape Argus*, the *Hamilton Times*, Canada, and other papers.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JOSEPH C. DIMSDALE will preside at the annual General Court and spring election of the Asylum for Idiots on Thursday, the 26th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.

THE 52 prisoners captured by Bro. Lord Methuen near Boshof, have arrived at Kimberley. There are only three Dutchmen amongst them, the remainder being Frenchmen, Germans, and Russians.

BRO. SIR J. BLUNDELL MAPLE, M.P., has accepted the presidency of the committee organising a monster torchlight procession in St. Pancras in aid of the widows and orphans on the Queen's birthday.

ARRANGEMENTS have been concluded for the shipment of nearly 20,000 horses and cabs from Australia, Buenos Ayres, and New Orleans, conveyed by no fewer than 23 steamers, all due to arrive at Cape Town before the end of May.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT have given their patronage to a day and evening entertainment to be given at Leatherhead on the 19th instant, in aid of the fund for widows and families of officers who have fallen in the war.

A LODGE of English-speaking Freemasons has been opened in Paris, but is in no way connected with the Grand Orient of France. Information concerning it may be obtained from the Secretary of the Anglo-Saxon Lodge, 42, rue Rochechouart, Paris.

AMONG THOSE who will be present at the annual dinner of the Hardwicke Society at the Trocadero Restaurant on 25th inst. are the Speaker, Lord Rathmore, Lord Robertson, Lord Justice Collins, Bro. Justice Bigham, Sir R. Webster, Bro. Sir E. Clarke, and Mr. Lawson Walton.

ART IN THE CITY.—Free Exhibition at the Guildhall—On Monday, Bro. the Lord Mayor opened the exhibition of pictures by living British artists at the Guildhall, in the presence of a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. He was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Bros. Sheriffs Treloar and Bevan, and the Corporation officials.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer on W. Bro. Major R. H. Murdoch, D.G.S.B., a reward for distinguished and meritorious service in the Royal Artillery, on occasion of his retirement from the Army. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has also nominated Bro. Major Murdoch to be D.G.S.B. for the ensuing year.

BRO. TREE will present a tinted souvenir of his production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to every member of the audience present at Her Majesty's on the evening of Saturday, the 28th inst. This date marks the third anniversary of the opening of the theatre and the 120th consecutive performance of Shakspere's comedy—the longest run of the play on record.

AT A MEETING of the Board of Delegates of the Hospital Saturday Fund, the Lord Mayor of London (Bro. Sir Alfred Newton) was unanimously elected as President for the ensuing year. The report of the finance committee, which was presented by the secretary, and adopted, showed that the receipts from the workshops, &c., from January 9th to March 17th, had amounted to £2189 1s. 4d. The date of the Hospital Saturday for the present year was fixed for October 13th.

ON TUESDAY EVENING the result of the recent week of self-denial in connection with the Salvation Army, which closed on the 24th ult., was announced as £42,520, which is £6000 more than in 1899, and does not include the amounts received at headquarters or in connection with the Darkest England scheme. London heads the list with £10,004, whilst the Eastern Counties contribute £1790; the Midlands, £2948; Northern Counties, £2732; North-East, £4025; North-West, £3892; Southern, £2767; South Midlands, £3391; Scotland, £6154; Wales, £1895; and Ireland, £1000. Portions of the total will be given to the Army's South African War Fund and the Indian Famine Fund. The result is an agreeable surprise, as the chiefs believed there would be a decrease this year owing to the many claims on the public.

£6,000,000 FOR CHARITY.—Charitable persons send £6,000,000 every year to the secretaries of charities and missions in London. Of this sum, Rev. Charles Herbert tells us in *The Puritan*, £1,280,000 goes to foreign missions, and £405,000 to home missions. The sum of £930,000 goes to orphanages and children's homes; hospitals receive £869,000; to aid ministers, support their widows and educate their children £449,000 is spent; £220,000 goes to the aged poor; £184,506 is spent in the interests of sailors and their families; £119,000 goes in attempting to relieve and convert Jews; £111,000 is invested in training candidates for the ministry; £110,000 is spent in issuing religious literature; £106,000 is devoted to relieving general distress; £109,000 goes to the lifeboat service. These are some of the larger figures given.

AMONGST the members of the Australian Bushmans' Contingent, who left Sydney, N.S.W., by the troopship *Atlantian* on the 28th February last for the Transvaal, was Mr. Beresford F. Campbell, son of Bro. Beresford Geo. Campbell, J.P., I.P.M. of Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656 (E.C.), and Depute Grand Superintendent Royal Arch Masonry in New South Wales under Scotland. Bro. Campbell may fairly claim a military record, inasmuch as his grandfather served in the Peninsular War, and took part in the Battle of Waterloo; his father saw a great deal of active service in India, and was killed at Delhi, Indian Mutiny, his mother being one of the victims of Nana Sahib at Cawnpore, 1857. He, himself, served under the late Sir Robert Napier and General Wolesley (Sir Garnet); in fact, was brought up in the H.E.I.C.S. and H.M. Service, and now he has the satisfaction of seeing his son follow in his footsteps by going to South Africa. In all, since 1854 (including the Crimea), no less than 11 members of his family have been killed in action or died from the effect of wounds received in defence of Queen and country. Bro. Campbell was untiring in his efforts in the cause of English Masonry in respect to the now celebrated Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656 (E.C.), Sydney, N.S.W.

THE REEDHAM ORPHANAGE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.—The annual dinner of this charity was held at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole on the 3rd inst., Bro. John Aird, M.P., presiding. The institution at Purley maintains and educates more than 300 fatherless children, at an annual expenditure averaging £8000. For the income the Board mainly rely upon public donations, the yearly receipts that can be depended upon being less than £2300. During its 56 years' existence the orphanage has received more than 2000 children. The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, "A Song of the Vikings" was given by a choir of boys and girls from the orphanage with good effect. The Chairman toasted "The Reedham Orphanage," stating that the authorities were able to receive infants from three months of age, and in after years to give them a good start in life. They had now 360 boys, 90 girls, and 30 or 40 infants in their charge, the cost of each child being about £6 per annum. He was glad to say that educationally the boys had been pronounced excellent in type-writing and shorthand, and the girls had distinguished themselves in several subjects, including geography. In conclusion, he paid a high tribute to the officials of the orphanage, making special mention of the Master, Mrs. Rawlings, and Miss Hopson, and earnestly pleaded for a generous subscription list. Mr. H. Cosmo O. Bonsor, M.P., the Treasurer, announced that a sum of £1974 7s. 11d. had been already promised towards the funds; whereupon the Chairman made up the amount to £2000. Mr. C. W. Link proposed "The Corporation and Livery Companies of the City of London," emphasising the special interest taken by its members in the fatherless and widows. Mr. Frank Jolly responded. The toast of "The Treasurer, the Board of Management, Honorary Officers, Stewards, and Medical Staff" was proposed by Mr. T. H. Davidson, and acknowledged by Mr. F. J. Marnham.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—The last public supper of the present season of Lent was held on Thursday afternoon. Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, treasurer, presided.

BRO. SIR MATTHEW WHITE-RIDLEY arrived in London on Tuesday from Dublin.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF JERSEY left Middleton Park, Bicester, on Tuesday for Dublin.

BRO. LORD BRASSEY has arrived at Simon's Town on board his yacht, the *Sunbeam*, on his way home from Australia.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has received 1300 telegrams from all parts of the world congratulating him on his escape from assassination. According to present arrangements the Prince and Princess will leave Copenhagen next week.

HER MAJESTY has made the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order: To be Honorary Knights Grand Cross—Gustavus Ernest, Count of Erbach-Schönberg, K.C.V.O., and Freiherr August von Woellwarth-Lauterberg, Oberhofmarschall to his Majesty the King of Wurtemberg.

THE ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—The festival dinner of this institution, which was founded in 1857, was held at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole on the 5th inst., Bro. Lord Llangattock presiding. The secretary announced subscriptions amounting to £1050, which included a gift of £100 from Bro. Lord Llangattock. The chairman's list totalled £450, that of Mr. McHardy £350, and that of the Ladies £150.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND and Countess Cadogan have been entertaining the following party this week at the Castle, Dublin: Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, the Earl and Countess of Erne and Lady Mabel Crichton, the Earl and Countess of Carysfort, the Countess of Limebrick, Viscount Chelsea, M.P., Bro. Lord and Lady Clonbrock, Lord and Lady Rossmore, Bro. A. H. Smith-Barry, M.P., and Mrs. Smith-Barry.

THE LADY MAYORESS opened on Wednesday the bazaar held at Enfield for the purpose of raising a fund to liquidate the debt on the local Wesleyan Church. Bro. the Lord Mayor was unable to be present, but the Lady Mayoress was accompanied by Bro. Sheriff Sir Alfred Bevan and Miss Bevan. A very fine bouquet was presented to the Lady Mayoress by Miss Nella Williams. The effort was so successful that the entire sum needed was raised.

THE LONDON GENERAL PORTERS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—A numerous company of commercial men assembled at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole on Friday evening last to celebrate the 33rd anniversary dinner in aid of the funds of this association. Bro. Richard Burridge, of Harrod's Stores, Limited, presided, and was supported by Bro. the Lord Mayor. A record list of donations amounting to £605.4 was announced, the Chairman's own list accounting for by far the major portion of this sum.

THE QUEEN made known to the citizens of Dublin on the 10th inst. the delight which their second public reception gave her. The Duchess of Connaught, Princess Henry of Battenberg, Prince Leopold, and the Princess Victoria Eugénie of Battenberg visited the Children's Hospital, Dublin, which is under the care of the Sisters of Charity. The young Prince and Princess were enrolled members of the Boy Bell Children's Guild, in St. Agnes's Female Surgical Ward. The Superioress conveyed the thanks of the community to the Royal visitors.

A COPY of Coverdale's edition of the Bible, 1555, came up for sale on Monday at Messrs. Christie's, and was secured by Messrs. Pearson for £300. This book is of the greatest rarity, and no perfect copy has yet been recorded; the example sold was at one time in the splendid library of Sir William Tite, and at his sale at Sotheby's, in 1874, it realised £150. It has the title, the first two leaves of the dedication to Henry VIII., the contents of Genesis, folio ii., 12ap. and the last three leaves in facsimile, and in one or two other points it is not perfect, but, apart from these defects, it is a fine and sound copy, the leaves being pleasantly crisp and clean.

GOOD PROGRESS has been made with the work of replacing the statues of the Apostles who, for the last 200 years, have calmly watched from the roof of St. Paul's Cathedral the growth of London all around. St. Philip, St. Andrew, and St. Bartholomew, on the south pediment, are the first three to receive attention, for the disintegrating elements of the City's atmosphere have so eaten into certain portions of their anatomy that they have become positively dangerous, while for years their features have been altogether unrecognisable. Their successors have been modelled exactly on the lines of the existing statues, the only difference being that they have been built in three sections instead of five.

THE EAGLE SOARS HIGH.—Insurance companies are pretty persistent in placing their various advantages before would-be insurers, but there is one point which up till now they seem to have missed, viz., the inestimable opportunities they can offer young people who have had the forethought to insure, and can thus borrow money on their policies for trading purposes. How many enterprising would-be tradesmen are still serving behind counters working for employers, who had they but insured at the beginning of their careers might by this means have to-day been employers themselves. From the figures appearing in the balance-sheet it is evident that the "Eagle," whose new headquarters in Manchester are just about to be erected in Cross-street and King-street, has by no means neglected this class of business, and has thereby, no doubt, secured valuable business on young lives.

THE UNITED WARDS CLUB.—Bro. A. B. Hudson, C.C., the President, occupied the chair at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 4th instant, at the fortnightly meeting of the club. The business on the agenda paper was adjourned owing to the absence of the Secretary. Mr. Mark Fawcett read a paper on "The Reorganisation of the Army," and suggested the formation of a National Defence Committee to sit regularly, and the passing of a new Army Act to make military service compulsory. He advocated the three years' system of compulsory service, and that every youth should be required to join on reaching 18 years of age. The training, he suggested, should be done in the evenings and on Saturdays, so that men would not be drawn from their work. The training, in his opinion, should largely consist of athletics. The men should be compelled to provide their own uniforms, and should not be allowed to marry. Examinations of non-commissioned officers should be held annually with a view to commissioning those who were capable. Mr. A. E. Jarrett passed an adverse criticism on the paper, Mr. Val. Hunter supported a mild form of conscription, and Captain Hale (21st Middlesex) contended that the volunteer forces only required an improved method of handling to meet all that was necessary. The club then adjourned. In the course of the meeting the news was brought in of the attempted assassination of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness's health was drunk, and, the members upstanding, sang a verse of "God Bless the Prince of Wales," Mr. Val Hunter leading.

### EPITAPHIUM.

TO H.R.H. THE PRINCESS STEPHANIE.

Married to Count Elemer Loujaj, 22nd March, 1900.

Hail to thee, Princess! Happy be thy life!

We have a saying that "Love is lord of all;"

Thou hast known the meaning of sorrow and of strife—  
God's benediction on thee ever fall!

"Happy is the bride that the sun shines on;"

May the sun of happiness shine on thee!

The shadows of the past troubles all are gone,  
The clouds of suffering now have ceased to be.

As to thy future, I would bid thee hope,

The marriage of affection cannot ever fail;

We who have tasted it may with sorrow cope,  
But we are victorious, therefore say I—Hail!

EMRA HOLMES,

Author of "At the Oakenholt," "Valarian Varo," &c.