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### A BUSY TIME IN MASONRY.

In the course of the next few days there will be held quite a number of important Masonic functions, and the brethren who purpose taking part in all or a majority of them will have an exceptionally busy time, and will probably not regret when the last of the series of meetings has taken place. This (Friday) evening the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple meets at Mark Masons' Hall, and the officers for the ensuing year will be appointed and invested. To-morrow the grand function at Bushey will take place, and H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, K.G., M.W. Past G.M., attended and assisted by the Grand Officers, will lay the first stone of the new School buildings of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. On Monday there will be the annual fête and distribution of prizes to the children of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, the central figure in the interesting ceremony being the Countess of DARTMOUTH, who has kindly undertaken to hand the prizes to the fortunate winners. On Wednesday, the 16th instant, the Earl of DARTMOUTH, Prov. G. Master of Staffordshire, will preside at the 112th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at Freemasons' Tavern; and, lastly, on Friday, the 18th instant, will be held, also at Freemasons' Tavern, the annual general meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when the Committee of Management will present a report of their proceedings during the past year, and candidates will be elected to fill the vacancies that have occurred on the Male and Widows' Funds. As regards these several events, there is not much to be added to what has already appeared in these columns. In the case of the Boys' School function at Bushey to-morrow (Saturday), we have to announce that the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire, which had been called for that day, will not be held, the Provincial Grand Secretary having notified the brethren that "the difficulty of making suitable arrangements for the holding of Provincial Grand Lodge on May 12th at the site of the New Masonic School, Bushey, having proved insuperable," the Provincial Grand Master has "cancelled the meeting," and the summons is withdrawn. This is much to be regretted. It is manifestly the duty of the Province to greet his Royal Highness the Past Grand Master and the Grand Officers by whom he may

be accompanied on the occasion of their visit to a place within its borders; but as there appears to be an insuperable difficulty in the way of their rendering this simple courtesy to his Royal Highness, there is nothing further to be said, and our Hertfordshire brethren must console themselves, as best they may, with the reflection that what is insuperable cannot be overcome; that it is from no lack of will on their part to do honour to one to whom honour is due that they are not present to fulfil that duty; and that those of the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Province who have purchased the sanction of the School authorities to be present at the function will, as previously arranged, have seats on the dais. Thus, after all, Hertfordshire will be informally represented, though, as we need hardly be at the trouble of pointing out, there is a vast difference between this and the hearty welcome from the whole Province, which, but for the "insuperable difficulty" referred to but not specified by the Provincial Grand Secretary, would have been forthcoming.

As regards the Girls' School functions—the distribution of prizes on the 14th instant and the Festival on the 16th instant—there is every reason to hope that both will pass off successfully. Our forecast of last week that the Board of Stewards will number 700 ladies and brethren must be about realised, but as regards the result of their efforts, while we are as sanguine as ever that the total of the donations and subscriptions will be a big one, we prefer reserving a more definite pronouncement till next week.

The annual general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has this much to be said in its behalf, that the annuitants to be elected on the two Funds will be slightly more numerous than last year when 42 were elected, namely, 23 out of 55 on the Male Fund and 19 out of 68 on the Widows' Fund, while the applicants are fewer in number—46 men and 59 widows, or together 105. The number arranged to be elected in February was 18 men and 23 widows—the deferred annuitants being in each case included—or together 41; but since then sundry deaths have occurred and last year's figures will be exceeded. We notice also that a motion will be submitted by Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, Past D.G.S.B., providing that the names of candidates who fail to secure election after four trials shall be removed from the lists and not again replaced. It may be that not many cases occur in which a candidate who has failed four times is elected, but it seems a pity to deprive any of our old people of even the slender chance that remains of being ultimately elected to benefits which they have been adjudged worthy to receive.

### ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.\*

The contents of the first Part of the new Volume of these Transactions are as varied in character as they are excellent, and will be perused with interest by the members of both circles of the lodge as well as by the general Masonic public. As regards the brief sketch of the York Grand Lodge, by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, it has already appeared in our columns, the Secretary, with the concurrence of the author, having very kindly granted us the necessary permission to publish the paper in advance, so that our readers are already familiar with the particulars so ably narrated by Bro. HUGHAN. In the discussion that followed the

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reading of the paper comments were made or submitted by Bros. SPETH and CRAWLEY, and as regards those of Dr. CRAWLEY on the alleged claim of the "Ancient" or "Atholl" G. Lodge to have been descended from the York Grand Lodge, we say, unhesitatingly, we accept his view rather than Bro. HUGHAN'S. We have ourselves most carefully studied the whole of the "Ancient" records, and we submit, with all due deference to Bro. HUGHAN, that there is nothing in them to justify the contention that LAURENCE DERMOTT ever claimed for his "Ancient" Society a descent from or connection with the York Masons in any other sense than that the two Societies had in common the same principles and the same system of work. They were "York Masons" in the same sense that he might have described them as "Irish Masons," "Scottish Masons," "American Masons;" that is to say, they were an integral part of the ancient Masonic body, working upon precisely the same system, and inculcating the same principles as the other integral parts, while their London rivals of 1717 formation had sanctioned innovations of greater or less importance. But probably the contribution which, for obvious reasons, will most favourably impress the reader is that which Bro. HUGHAN has written "in loving remembrance of John Lane, P.A.G.D.C. (1843-1899)." That it is written in the kindest spirit is a matter of course; the two had been in almost daily intercourse for many years and had learnt to love and respect each other, and by reason of that close and intimate friendship were able to appreciate the efforts which each was constantly making in furtherance of the cause of Masonic literature. The paper is a credit to Bro. HUGHAN as it is to the virtues and ability of the distinguished Mason it is written to commemorate.

Among the other contents are two which stand out prominently and are certain to attract the sympathetic attention of the reader. These are Bro. R. F. GOULD'S sketch of "The Chevalier Burnes," being the eighth of his series of "Masonic Celebrities," and the paper by Bro. W. H. UPTON, Past G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in which are very fully described the contents of "Prince Hall's Letter Book." As regards the former, it will, perhaps, suffice if we state that Bro. GOULD has been as happy in this as in his former selections of a subject for his series of "Celebrities," Bro. BURNES having been one of the strongest, as he was also one of the ablest, promoters of Freemasonry in India and elsewhere to be met with in the records of the Craft. Of Bro. UPTON'S paper it will be enough to say that those who desire to know more about the founder of Negro Masonry in the United States cannot fail to benefit by a careful study of the article. Bro. UPTON, as our readers are aware, caused a terrible commotion in United States Masonry some two years ago when he induced his Grand Lodge to accord recognition to the Negro Grand Lodge in the State of Washington—a recognition which, however, has since been cancelled. This paper shows, at all events, that Bro. UPTON has made a careful study of the subject.

There are other papers, such as the account given by Bro. W. J. ALLEN of "The Third Masonic District of the State of New York," Bro. A. J. COOPER OAKLEY'S "Hindoo Temples," and Bro. ALBERT J. LANGE'S "Sketch of Norwegian Masonic History," which materially enhance the value of the Part, while the section of the "Chronicle" which is devoted to "Ireland" furnishes more information about the Craft in that country than is ordinarily vouchsafed to us, and for which we are extremely grateful. In short, the Part is in all respects admirable, and Bro. SPETH has done his part as Editor with his accustomed ability and success.

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### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

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[COMMUNICATED].

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In the course of our preceding remarks, the landmarks have been occasionally alluded to, and before we enter upon the rights and wrongs of the private brother or the private lodge, it will clear the ground if we discuss those landmarks which have not already been alluded to. A landmark differs from an ordinary rule or regulation, in that it cannot be removed or altered or suspended—and moreover no new one can be created.

It would, of course, be competent, by agreement among all sovereign Grand Lodges, to add to the list by *recognising* as such those practices and customs among Freemasons which could be proved to have existed from time immemorial. And it would be an advantage to the Craft if Grand Lodge were to publish, as an introduction to the Book of Constitutions, a list of what were admitted to be landmarks. As it is, in Article 4 Grand Lodge admits the limitation of its own powers by a reference to the ancient landmarks of the Order; but destroys the value of such admission by entirely omitting to say what they are.

In ordinary language, a landmark is a feature of a landscape by which it has always been recognised, a feature that has come into existence without human agency—or, at all events, has existed from time immemorial. Thus a young tree or a wall would not be a landmark. But an old oak or a wall covered with moss would be, so would a watercourse or a ravine or a hill. So in Freemasonry, those customs and practices which have distinguished Freemasons from the rest of the world, and which, good or bad, have existed from time immemorial, are landmarks. They cannot be local, or the product of legislation. The person who transgresses them becomes *ipso facto* a spurious Freemason, and out of the pale of Masonic intercourse until properly healed.

The first three refer to the ritual, and especially to the Hiram legend of the 3°. The next five refer to the Grand Master. Three lay down the religious aspect of the Order, and the remainder are concerned with the private lodge and the private brother.

First of all, there are the modes of recognition. Within recent years the question of ritual has been before Grand Lodge, both officially and unofficially. In September, 1869, the Worshipful Master of a London lodge was officially reprimanded for causing an announcement to appear in the lodge summons to the effect that "the new working as approved by the Board of General Purposes will be used." Grand Lodge informed the Worshipful Master that "the Board have not sanctioned or approved any form of working whatever, nor has the question in any way come before the Board." What the Worshipful Master probably meant was the working sanctioned by Grand Lodge at the Lodge of Reconciliation. If so, the announcement in the summons would seem to have been rather superfluous. His error, or rather that which brought him before Grand Lodge, was in attributing it to the Board, and the decision of Grand Lodge would have been clearer if such had been explained to him.

But a more important pronouncement was made in 1895, under the authority of the Grand Master.

In 1895 a certain lodge was warranted, whose name and number are immaterial.

In the ordinary course of things by-laws were drawn up and submitted to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for approval, through the usual channel. One of these by-laws ran thus—

All fees for degrees must be paid before the degree is conferred . . .

When they came back to the Worshipful Master, it was observed that this particular enactment had been deleted by the District Grand Master, and such deletion had been tacitly approved at headquarters. That is to say, the District Grand Master's explanation was passed without comment. That explanation was "By-law No. 5 is inconsistent with the ritual sanctioned and approved by Grand Lodge, which refers to the future payment of fees for initiation."

The Grand Secretary was written to on the subject and wrote under date January 22nd, 1896, practically confirming the District Grand Master's decision. In the course of his letter he said "The ritual referred to is that which was rehearsed and approved in Grand Lodge in 1813 and which, with but few modifications has ever since been the recognised ritual of English Freemasonry."

Here, then, we have the important statement, made with all the authority of the Grand Secretary, that there is an authorised ritual. The next question, of course, is, which is it? There are the Emulation working, the Oxford Ritual, the Scottish workings, &c., &c. Only one of these can be right.

Shortly after this correspondence, and possibly inspired by it, we do not know, the Preceptor of the Working Emulation Lodge of Improvement made a little speech after dinner (March 30th, 1896). He claimed that the Emulation working was the only "authorised" one, and quoted the revered name of Bro. Thomas Fenn in support of his contention. It seems pretty certain that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement sprang directly from the Lodge of Reconciliation, which was warranted at the time of the Union in order to draw up a ritual that might be acceptable. The new ritual was rehearsed in 1816 before two special meetings of Grand Lodge, the Duke of Sussex presiding on both occasions.

Granted then that there is an authorised ritual, why not have it worked under authoritative conditions, at such frequent intervals as shall ensure continuity and uniformity. There is of course the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, but it has no official *locus standi* that we know of. It is not safe to leave such things to tradition. Everyone knows how even the simplest statement of fact becomes distorted until unrecognisable, even in contemporaneous circulation, and it is easy to understand how our complex legends and teaching and ritual, handed down in one lodge for the best part of a century, may ultimately pass beyond the pale of recognition. There is a well-worn story of the Principal Sojourner of a certain chapter relating the story of Cyrus, King of Prussia, &c. The candidate, who thought he knew better, ventured to suggest that Persia was meant, but was told it had always been Prussia in that chapter, and was always going to be!

Some day we may have a "Grand Preceptor's Lodge," with a "Grand Preceptor" at the head of it. If our ritual is to descend through our many lodges in a pure and unsullied stream, all the more reason for the fountain head being pure. A correspondence on this subject appeared in the *Freemason* during April and May, 1869, and at Grand Lodge in December, 1869, Bro. Stevens proposed and carried a resolution appointing a committee to enquire into it. No agreement was arrived at, however, as to the constitution of such committee, and the matter eventually dropped.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has its authorised "School of Work," which corresponds in some measure with our Emulation Lodge of Improvement, the difference being that it is practically a Sub-Committee of Grand Lodge, and, therefore, all its proceedings are stamped with official approval. Its meetings are open, and are held on the day preceding the Quarterly Communication.

The second landmark affirms the existence of three degrees and no more. This is according to Mackey, whose list is generally accepted, but, as our readers are aware, much interesting discussion has been going on of late years as to whether there were not originally only two. In the face of Article I. such discussion, however, is only academic. There is no doubt but that the celerity with which the neophyte attains to the 3<sup>o</sup> has taken away much of the importance that used to be attached to the 2<sup>o</sup>, and the statement made to the Fellow Crafts in the Hiram legend, who yearned for advancement, as to the possibility of their patient continuance in well doing entitling them to it, seems to have little meaning, especially when the patient continuance referred to never exceeds a month, and may be reduced to seven days.

The third landmark affirms the genuineness of the Hiram legend, a question which does not lie within our present province.

Nos. 4 to 14 refer to questions already dealt with.

No. 15 affirms the necessity of every visitor, unless known or vouched for, being examined. It has been decided of late years, with reference to a case in South Africa, that neither examination nor being satisfactorily vouched for dispensed with the necessity for producing the Grand Lodge certificate if required.

This ought to be thoroughly understood, and it would add much to general Masonic efficiency if the examination were also compulsory. Vouching for a brother ought to be defined. Article 150 says, "Unless he be personally known to or well vouched for, after due examination, by one of the brethren present."

Vouching means that the brother who thus pledges his Masonic faith as to the *bona fides* of a visitor, has actually sat in lodge with him, or has strictly examined him, and such examination should only be made in one place, that is, in the ante-room of the lodge. It is quite within the Worshipful Master's province to enact that every visitor, attending his lodge for the first time, shall be examined. In such a case the vouching becomes simply a certificate of respectability. The rights and disabilities of visitors have been already treated of in these columns.

No. 16 says that a lodge must not confer degrees upon brethren not in membership. Article 191 affirms this as far as initiates are concerned. As regards candidates for the Second Degree and Third Degree, the spirit of the injunction is observed when a lodge declines to confer these degrees upon non-members, otherwise than at the special request of the lodge of which the candidate is a member. This is a frequent occurrence in the colonies.

There are nine more landmarks, but they have either been referred to in previous articles, or else have no bearing on our subject.

## MASONIC BROTHERLY LOVE.

[COMMUNICATED].

Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, a Mason of 44 years' standing, who completely broke down six months ago from the effects of overwork, is, we are glad to learn, now so much stronger that he is about to leave England on the 25th instant, by the advice of his medical advisers, for a voyage to Australia. Bro. Cooper's philanthropic work for poor, sick, and disabled clergymen is well known. During the last eight years he has founded, and now leaves in a prosperous condition, two valuable institutions—the Hostel of St. Luke and the Homes of St. Barnabas. In the last-named institution he arranged that special provision should be made for the reception of poor clergymen who are Freemasons. While Bro. Cooper was giving all his spare time gratuitously as secretary to the institutions he had founded, Mrs. Cooper worked as hon. lady superintendent and matron, living with the inmates, and caring for them both when they were well and when they were sick and dying. Nearly five years of such trying work brought on severe nervous prostration, rendering a complete rest and change absolutely necessary for wife as well as husband. Unfortunately, Bro. Cooper has not only had to give up all honorary work, but also has had to resign his connection with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, under which auspices he went out as a missionary to Australia in 1864. For 30 years he has worked in connection with the venerable society. As a pioneer missionary taking up new ground he has been very successful, and his work which was continuously carried on for 17 years at home as a deputation preacher and lecturer has received the highest commendation from the officers of the Society. When, in January last, Bro. Cooper's resignation took effect, he naturally applied to the S.P.G., in the service of which he had spent all the best years of his life, and contracted the diseases that incapacitated him, he was met with the cold formalities of unsympathetic officials and Committees, and this old and valuable servant of the Society was recommended to appeal as a pauper to the clergy Charities for help. The Standing Committee expressed the warmest sympathy with his sad case; but they felt they could not give him any pecuniary assistance, as there was no precedent for pensioning a "Deputation," and they dare not make one. It was, indeed, a matter of thankfulness for Bro. Cooper that he was a Mason as well as a Christian. On his applying to his Masonic brethren, they did for him what his mere Christian brethren refused to do; the Priests and the Levites passed by on the other side, but the Good Samaritans of the Craft are helping to pay Bro. Cooper and his wife's passage to Australia, in the hope they will return sufficiently restored to health and strength to resume the good work for which they are noted; thus illustrating the beautiful and practical principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth upon which the Craft is founded.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on Thursday, the 3rd instant. In consequence of a delay of trains the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. C. Letch Mason, was unable to take part in the earlier portion of the proceedings. Britannia, No. 53, under whose banner the province was meeting, opened a lodge about 4.15, and at 4.45 the W. Deputy and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge entered.

Those present comprised

W. Bro. John Barker, Dep. Prov. G. Master, acting Prov. G.M.; V.V. Bros. Geo. H. Parke, P.G. Treas., acting Dep. Prov. G.M.; W. W. Clayton, P.M. 374, Prov. S.G.W.; H. J. Garnett, P.M. 53, P.G.D., as Prov. J.G.W.; Geo. Martin, P.M. (T.I.), Prov. G.M.O.; S. Pegler, P.M. 398, Prov. G.S.O.; Wm. Flockton, W.M. 111, as Prov. G.I.O.; the Rev. J. W. Clough, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Wilkinson, P.M. 352, Prov. G. Treas.; A. J. Forsdike, P.M. 53, Prov. G. Reg.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 110, Prov. G. Sec.; T. G. Howell, P.M. 137 and 493, as Prov. S.G.D.; F. Bateman, P.M. 352, as Prov. J.G.D.; G. F. Carr, P.M. 457, as Prov. G. Org.; Geo. Edwards, P.M. 53, Prov. G.D. of C.; J. F. Dyson, P.M. 137, as Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; J. W. Blackburn, P.M. 111, Prov. G.S.B.; E. Billington, P.M. 127, as Prov. G. Std. Br.; Geo. Wragg, P.M. 53, as Prov. G. Org.; Joe Naylor, P.M. 137, Prov. G.I.G.; and C. E. Rose, P.M. 58, A. G. Mabin, P.M. 457, A. Rose, P.M. 493, and Wm. Chambers, P.M. 501, Prov. G. Stwds.

Others included

Bros. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 58, John Unwin, P.M. 53, Richard Hodgson, P.M. 58, M. J. Dodworth, P.M. 53, and W. E. Smithies, P.M. 137 and 493, P.P.G. Wardens; Thos. Norfolk, P.M. (T.I.), and Thos. Rowbotham, P.M. 53, P.P.G. Overseers; John Reed, P.M. 398, P.P.G. Treas.; Wm. Langbridge, P.M. 398, and J. P. Hewitt, P.M. 53, P.P.G. Registrars; and J. H. Pawson, P.M. 398, and A. Leach, P.M. 110, P.P.G. Dirs. of C.

There was a good attendance of W.Ms. and brethren from all parts of the province, Britannia Lodge, notwithstanding the absence of the W.M. who is travelling for his health, mustering strongly.

After the usual salutes, the Prov. G. Registrar called the roll, when it was found that all the 16 lodges of the province were represented, some very numerous. Of the 23 acting Prov. G. Officers only five or six failed to answer to their names.

The minutes of the half-yearly meeting held at Elland on the 15th November, 1899, were presented by the Prov. G. Secretary, put to the meeting and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Registrar, Bro. A. J. FORSDIKE, reported that since the last annual meeting two lodges had been added to the roll, the *Haywara*, No. 525, Harrogate, and the *Brontë*, No. 535, Haworth; that during the year ending 31st December, 1899, there had been 69 additional members added to the lodges; that through death and other causes 28 had been lost, showing an increase on the year of 41; that the total membership at the date named was 544; that the arrears were not worth mentioning, numbering four only, and that the condition of the province was harmonious and progressive.

The balance sheet, presented by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. R. Wilkinson, Mayor of Ripon, was, on the motion of Bro. T. ROWBOTHAM, seconded by Bro. THOS. NORFOLK, unanimously adopted.

Bro. R. WILKINSON then proposed, as his successor to the office of Treasurer, Bro. Benjamin Sykes Bailey, P.M. 374.

Bro. RICH. HODGSON seconding, described the qualifications of Bro. Bailey, and declared that he was eminently fitted for the position.

Bro. E. BILLINGTON also warmly supported the nomination.

No other candidate being named, the Chairman put the proposition, and it was carried unanimously.

At this stage of the proceedings, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master was announced. Escorted by Deacons and Stewards, Bro. C. Letch Mason entered the lodge and assumed his position.

At the call of the Prov. G.D.C., the brethren rose and cordially saluted the R.W. Prov. G. Master.

After apologising for and explaining his late arrival and expressing his pleasure at seeing so numerous a gathering, the PROV. G. MASTER gave the following address:

Brethren,—We meet to-day under the banner of *Britannia* Lodge, which was the first constituted in West Yorkshire by the Grand Mark Lodge of England. The date of its warrant is 1861, which is five years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England (1856) and 10 years before the constitution of the Province of West Yorkshire (1871). At the date when *Britannia* received its warrant there were two other lodges existing in West Yorkshire, both claiming T.I. authority. These were the *Old York*, Bradford, and *Prince Edward*, meeting at Bottoms, near Todmorden. To these warrants of confirmation were granted in 1873 and 1862 respectively, but to the former only was the T.I. distinction given. How, when, or under what circumstances these lodges arose has not yet been fully investigated. Such investigation involves much laborious inquiry, and is beset with great difficulty, as the records either do not exist or are not to be found. The history of the *Britannia* Mark Lodge when it comes to be written will be free from drawbacks of this kind, and will doubtless present many features of interest. Sheffield, as you know, brethren, is an old Masonic centre, its oldest Craft lodge, also called *Britannia*, dating back to 1765. In 1793 *Royal Brunswick* was formed, and both these lodges have successfully demonstrated their continuous existence for upwards of a hundred years, and have observed their centenary celebrations in the usual jubilant spirit. It is curious that after *Royal Brunswick* was chartered no further lodge sprung up in Sheffield for 75 years, not, in fact, until 1868, when the *Wentworth* Lodge was founded. Since that date no less than five Craft lodges have been added to the roll, so that Sheffield now possesses eight lodges, all, I believe, flourishing and prosperous. No second Mark lodge has as yet arisen. The needs of the Mark Degree have been sufficiently supplied apparently by the *Britannia* Lodge, to which, at some time or other, almost every eminent Mason in Sheffield has belonged. The founders of the *Britannia* Mark Lodge were Bros. William White, Ensor Drury, John Stephen Brennan, Graham Stuart, and Henry Webster. Of these one, I believe, alone survives—a brother whose name in Sheffield is a Masonic household word, and whose reputation stands high, as it undoubtedly deserves—I refer to Bro. Ensor Drury. Of these founders the first two—Bros. W. White and Ensor Drury—are registered as belonging to the *Phoenix* Mark Lodge at Portsmouth, a lodge which was visited by Bro. Thos. Dunkerley, and which, I am told, possesses the oldest minutes of a Mark lodge extant. The date of these minutes is 1769. In Bro. Howell's interesting book on the history of the *Phoenix* Lodge, a specimen is given of a series of Masonic minutes relating to the *Friendship* Royal Arch Chapter, which was attached to this lodge, and which were written in Masonic cryptogram, which cipher-writing, as some of you will know, is closely associated with the Mark Degree. It is an interesting fact, then, to know that two of the founders of *Britannia* were members of the oldest known Mark lodge. The remaining three founders, Bros. Brennan, Stuart, and Webster, are entered in the register as members of the *Albany* Mark Lodge. This is a T.I. lodge, and holds its meetings still, as it did in those days, at Newport, Isle of Wight. Thus Sheffield, apparently, owes its Mark Masonry not to any existing lodge in Yorkshire, but to brethren who hailed from, or at any rate belonged to lodges on the shores of the English Channel. The consecration of *Britannia* Lodge took place on the 21st January, 1861, and on the 8th March following there were three candidates for advancement. They were Bros. Henry Joseph Garnett, Wm. Henry Naylor and Gillam Moseley. The two last appear to have severed their connection with *Britannia* after some years of membership, but the first, Bro. H. J. Garnett, remains. To speak of Bro. Garnett's Masonic abilities and Masonic service in Sheffield would be superfluous indeed, so well known and so valuable have they been. Bro. Garnett is here to-day, and I am sure you will join with me in rejoicing to see the first candidate advanced in *Britannia* Lodge yet amongst us, now nearly 40 years a Mark Mason, and to wish him continued health and happiness. It is to the perseverance, the tenacity, and the energy of brethren like Bro. Garnett that many lodges owe their preservation, and *Britannia* will, I am sure, be glad to admit its obligation to Bro. Garnett and those other brethren who were inspired by his example. Ten years after the establishment of *Britannia* Lodge in 1871, the Province of West Yorkshire was formed. It comprised the lodges, *Prince Edward*, 14; *Britannia*, 53; *Fearnley*, 58; *Integrity*, 110; *Copley*, 111; and *Portal*, 127. In the same year, the *Truth* Lodge, No. 137, was founded, and in 1873, *The Old York*, T.I., joined in. The first Senior Warden of the newly-constituted Province of West Yorkshire was Bro. Henry Matthews, W.M. of the *Britannia* Lodge, No. 53, and the first Senior Deacon was Bro. Geo. E. Bennett, of the same lodge. It would appear then, brethren, that Sheffield came in for a fair share of Provincial honours from the first, and I think I may say that it has continued both to deserve and to gain a succession of those distinctions. There is one thing that will always redound to the credit of the lodge under whose banner we meet to-day and that is their consistent and generous support of the Mark Benevolent Fund. In the days before the West Yorkshire Charity Committee was formed and when the Mark Benevolent Charity was unheard of by some and not understood by others, *Britannia* was always to the front, and led on by the example of several most generous brethren, has vied with the rest of the province in helping the Mark Fund. In the coming July, the festival of 1900 is to be held, when the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, Lord Euston, will preside. He calls upon the lodges to support him, and judging from the list last issued, it is evident he will not call in vain, and Sheffield bids fair to take premier place upon that illustrious roll. Let us all do our best, and on this point I will only add that it would give me great pleasure if every lodge in the province would see that by some donation—be it small or large—it was represented in the list. When I had the honour of presiding in 1896 West Yorkshire raised the handsome sum of £741. Since then we have increased the number of our lodges, and added largely to our membership. I am, therefore, hopeful that we shall be able to contribute to Lord Euston's total a sum which shall be alike substantial in its character and creditable to the province. With regard to the general condition of the province, you have heard the report which has been made by the Provincial Grand Registrar. We have added 69 to our numbers during the year, and have lost through various causes 28, making our net increase 41. Of those whose names are removed eight were taken away by the hand of death. Whilst submitting to the inevitable, we cannot fail to mourn the departure of those worthy brethren, who have filled in all instances honourable and in some places prominent positions amongst us. Of the most noted of these are Bro. Francis Smith and Bro. Charles Phillips. Bro. Smith was a P.M. of *Prince Leopold* Lodge, at Ripon, a Past Warden of the province, and, along with Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis and Bro. E. J. Crowe, was a founder of *Prince Leopold* Lodge, and one who from its foundation, in 1885, took an active interest in all its concerns. Bro. Phillips was a much younger Mason;

he was a founder of the *Legiolium* Lodge, Castleford, passed the chair in that lodge, and filled, in 1898, the responsible position of Registrar of this province. He was in the very prime of life, and his loss will, I am sure, be deeply felt by the brethren of his lodge. And now, brethren, whilst thanking you for your salutations, let me add, in conclusion, that it is a great gratification to me to see the province in so harmonious and satisfactory a condition, and still more so to feel that I can confidently rely upon you all in helping me in maintaining that pleasant and brotherly spirit which so long has existed amongst us.

The retiring officers then advanced to the dais, and gave up their collars.

The Prov. G. Master appointed and invested, either actually or by substitute, the following brethren for the year:

Bro. Thos. Rowbotham, 53	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Wm. Flockton, 111	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" M. A. Brigg, 374	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" C. E. Rose, 58	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" W. C. Fox, 53	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" the Rev. J. L. Brereton, 127	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" B. Sykes Bailey, 374 (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Rowe, 137 and 493	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Joseph Matthewman, 110	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Jas. Simpson, 14	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. G. Mabin, 457	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Wm. Chambers, 501	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Robt. J. Smith, 111	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. F. Rogerson, 137	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Robt. Bridge, 398	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. J. Simcox, 525	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Joe Sykes, 137	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Joshua Hill (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Tom Ashworth, 14	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" S. Krakauer, 127	...	...	
" Theo. Barber, 398	...	...	
" W. Barstow Smith, 352	...	...	

The Prov. G. Secretary was then called upon to read the Fourth Annual Report of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee. This document, which is for circulation in West Yorkshire only, detailed the proceedings for the year and the success which had attended the efforts of the Committee, and made an urgent appeal to the brethren in support of the Chairmanship of the M.W. Pro Grand Master at the Mark Benevolent Festival in July.

Bro. W. E. SMITHIES, P.M., G. Stwd., Chairman of the Charity Committee, moved that the report be adopted.

This was seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Bro. T. ROWBOTHAM, Prov. S.G.W., and supported by the Prov. G. Master and others.

The report was received with much satisfaction.

The W. Deputy, Bro. JOHN BARKER, then proposed "That a vote of 10 guineas from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge be made to the Mark Benevolent Institution in support of the Chairmanship of Lord Euston, the same to be placed on the chair of the Prov. Grand Master."

This, seconded by Bro. G. H. PARKE, was carried *nem con.*

The two Wardens and three Overseers were chosen members of the Board of General Purposes.

The W. Deputy, Bro. BARKER, on being invited to address the meeting, said:

Brethren, my words at this stage of the meeting shall be few. The business virtually is over. You have heard from the Prov. G. Master, the Chairman of the Charity Committee, and the Prov. G. Registrar, so what is there left that I can add? There is one thing I can do however, and it is both a duty and a pleasure. I can tender the warmest thanks of a grateful heart to all those who have so kindly sympathised with me and mine during my recent illness. Brethren, I once thought, nay more believed, that it would never again be my pleasure and privilege to stand up before you in Prov. Grand Lodge. Through the mercy of the Great Overseer I have been spared to do this, and I trust I am humbly grateful. The numerous messages of kindness, and the anxious inquiries which were repeated to me as soon as I was in a condition to hear and bear them, filled me with an overwhelming sense of obligation. True, I had done my little best, but who knew better than myself the true value to be placed on such service? At any rate, it was far beneath the kindly recognition and personal concern which it called forth. Well, brethren, I am not strong yet, but I am improving, and if spared I hope still to be able to do good work in Mark Masonry, and to show to you by renewed service how deeply I appreciate the kindness I have so recently experienced at your hands. At present I will not say more, but once more thank you.

Bro. BARKER next proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren of *Britannia* Lodge for their excellent arrangements.

This, on being seconded and supported, was carried by acclamation.

Bro. GEO. EDWARDS, I.P.M., in the absence of Bro. W. C. Fox, suitably replied.

There were invitations for the autumn meeting from two lodges—the *Legiolium*, 457, Castleford, and the *Prince Leopold*, 352, Ripon. The first was supported by Bro. J. E. Mann, and the second by Bro. W. B. Smith, the W.Ms. respectively. The suggestion that ladies should be invited and a visit to Fountains Abbey be made was very temptingly put by the latter, and when the Mayor of Ripon added that the Mayoress would attend to the ladies whilst the business of Prov. Grand Lodge was being carried on, there seemed to be a consensus of opinion in favour of Ripon.

The Prov. G. Master pronounced to that effect and hoped that the *Legiolium* Lodge would renew its invitation next year.

There was no other business, and Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

About 50 brethren sat down to dinner later and a most pleasant evening was spent.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master presided. He was supported by his Deputy and many of his Officers, Present and Past.

The arrangements were excellent and reflected great credit upon the P.Ms. and brethren of the *Britannia* Lodge.

GENERAL SIR GEORGE WHITE has kindly promised to address the 350 boys of the Homes for Working Boys at the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, on the 21st instant. The boys will be entertained at dinner at 8 p.m., and at a subsequent meeting the Earl of Aberdeen will preside, at 9 p.m. As in the case of many other Societies, the War funds have injured the income of the Homes, and, unfortunately, the Committee have had to expend a large sum in fitting up a house in Queen-square, Bloomsbury, the lease of Rosse House in Lamb's Conduit-street having recently fallen in. It is hoped that the friends of the Home will approve of the dinner being given to the boys instead of to the subscribers, and will contribute freely to the special fund of £2500.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### REMARKABLE APPLICATIONS OF ELECTRICITY.

(Continued).

The use of electric motors, in lieu of steam or gas engines, is steadily increasing, and the more these new agents are employed, the more they are liked, for the advantages which they offer are great. Not very long ago, a large London paper announced on its contents bills that it was now printed by electricity, so it is evident that it is not only small machines which can be served by these motors. The working expenses will depend upon the price at which the current is supplied from the public mains, and this varies in different localities. In St. Pancras parish, London, where the vestry supply the current at 3d. per unit, the saving is considerable over either gas or steam. But setting the actual cost of the current aside, the cleanliness, absence of vibration, saving of space, constitute only a few of the advantages covered by the new method of supplying motive power. An ingenious method of lighting street gas lamps has been in use for some time. In connection with each lamp there is an electric battery, which can be put into action by the rising of a little gas-holder. This holder is normally held down by weights, and requires a momentary increased pressure from the gas-works to cause it to rise. This pressure is easily brought about by opening for half a minute a valve from the large gas-holders at the works direct into the street mains. The battery thus put into action, turns on the gas and lights it at the same moment. With equal ease it can be extinguished. The plan is full of ingenuity; but the mechanism for each lamp must be necessarily somewhat costly, and it must not be forgotten that gas for street lighting is being fast superseded by electricity. Among other industrial purposes to which electricity has been applied is that of tanning, in which it much shortens the time required in the ordinary way. Some measure of success has also attended experiments in purifying sewage by its use. The well-known attraction which light has for fish has induced ingenious fishermen to utilise the electric light as a bait, and it is said that this never fails to bring together large shoals of fish, which swim round the illuminated globe, and are easily caught. The ingenious Yankee is never behindhand in odd adaptations, and a patent has been taken out in the States for a mechanical pickpocket and coat-thief detector—an electrical apparatus, which automatically rings an alarm bell when the bearer's personal property is tampered with. Another inventive genius so combined electricity and photography as to secure a flash light photograph of thieves at work in his office. When they opened a glass case they completed an electric circuit, which exposed the camera and simultaneously kindled the flash light, to the great alarm of the depredators. There was exhibited some time back at the Royal Society an automatic harbour watchman, named the "hydrophore," which is so constructed that when a torpedo boat approaches within half a mile, or a man of war within a mile, the vibrations of the screw propeller are detected and transmitted to the signalling station. Electricity has further been used in the industrial processes of engraving, bleaching, dyeing, the reduction of ores, and the purification of metals. Mainly by its aid aluminium can now be produced at a price which is no longer prohibitive. Prior to 1855 it sold at 360 shillings per pound; by 1862 it had fallen to 20 shillings per pound; while now it costs only a shilling or two. The cheapest chemical methods of producing it cannot compare with the electrical. By the use of electricity in welding what is in effect a new power has been put into the hands of mechanics and constructors. It was formerly considered that only iron, steel, and platinum could be firmly welded, while now nearly every known metal and alloy has been successfully welded by the help of electricity. An electric ventilator has been devised for supplying buildings with fresh air, cold or warm, as may be desired. An electric motor sets the ventilator revolving, and the revolution sucks cool air in. When warm air is desired, a current of electricity is sent into a network of fine wire, through which the air must pass, heating the wires, and these impart their heat to the air. For the detection of underground ores, an "electrical finder" has been devised. The mechanism of this instrument includes a telephone, which is silent in the absence of metal or magnetic ore; but if such be present, induced currents arise, which produce sounds in the telephone which are recognisable by experts. What should prove a most useful industrial development is the application of electricity to the cleansing and preservation of boilers. The method employed is the sending of currents periodically through the shell of the boiler. By this means, the scale formed on shell and tubes, is disintegrated and easily removed.

### OUR EARLY ENGLISH ARCHITECTURE.

(Continued).

Great pains have been taken to ascertain the revival of architecture, after the destruction of the true taste, by the inundation of the northern nations; but the discoveries have by no means been answerable to the labour undertaken. Of French builders, there are found a few names, and, here and there, an Italian or German, but of English we do not meet with the least trace; while, at the same time, the founders of ancient buildings were everywhere recorded; so careful have the monks (the only historians of those times) been, to celebrate bigotry and pass over the arts. It may be taken for granted that these seeming omissions are to be attributed to their want of perspicuity rather than to neglect. It is, however, worthy of note that among the Cotton MSS. in the British Museum, is one of Gervasius a Benedictine, monk of Canterbury, relative to the building of that magnificent cathedral, after the fire in 1174. It includes a very minute account of Bishop Lanfranc's original structure, as well as of the restoration made under the superintendence of William of Sens and of William the Englishman, who completed the work, and who is the first architect, or, at least, master mason, a native of this country, concerning whom anything satisfactory is known; and that he was the first who boldly attempted to work the ribbed and vaulted ceiling in stone. As all the other arts were confined to cloisters, so undoubtedly was architecture, too; and when we read that such a bishop or such an abbot built such and such an edifice, we feel sure that they often gave the plans, as well as furnished the necessary funds; but as these chroniclers scarce ever specify when

this was, or was not, the case, we must not, at this distance of time, pretend to conjecture what prelates were, or were not, capable of directing their own foundations. England may be considered as nationally unfortunate, that, whilst the Great Italian, French, and German churches are indubitably ascertained as the work of architects whose names have been recorded and have reached us, we are left to strengthen our plausible conjectures as to the builders of almost all in our country by defective evidence. However, we have notices sufficiently authenticated of several eminent master masons—a term in those days equivalent to architects—(1) Henry Latomus (Lithotomus, stone-cutter), who rebuilt the church of Evesham, 1319; (2) Walter de Weston, St. Stephen's Chapel, Westminster, Edward III.; (3) Alan de Walsingham, the octagon and louvre of Ely Cathedral; (4) William Wynford, mentioned in the will of W. Wykeham as the architect of the nave of Winton Cathedral, 1403; (5) Nicholas Walton, temp., Richard II., master carpenter and engineer. In that reign the grand halls of Westminster and Eltham were completed, the stupendous timber-framed roofs of which were probably designed by and executed under the superintendence of the architect.

(To be continued.)

### CRITERION THEATRE.

In "Lady Huntworth's Experiment," now playing at the above theatre, Mr. R. C. Carton gives a play as entertaining as it is clever, and all the more so for the ingenuity evinced in combining the common places of melodrama and farce and disguising them as comedy behind clearly defined and well constructed character sketches, made amusing by their varied personalities, as well as by the keen sprightliness of their talk. The persecuted wife, tracked down to her secret refuge by her drunken husband, who suborned the false witnesses through whose perjury he divorced her in her poverty, now returns in the worst stage of squalor to claim and among his victim, suddenly and secretly restored to wealth—these are among our oldest acquaintances of the footlights. So is the sleek parson, of pedantic speech, meek under the thumb of his piously proper and severely prudish sister. How well we know that old maid; as familiar, though less welcome than the breezy, hearty, sporting captain, who, in his brusque way, helps with such a frank hand suffering virtue. The bashful hesitating curate, wooed by the arch damsel of a coming-on disposition, are another pair, as old, in their constantly renewed youth, as Modus and Helen. Nor would the comedy be completely peopled without the grumpy butler or the vulgar impish slavey, set in strong contrast with the smart aristocratic cook, in which domestic service the divorced Lady Huntworth hides her identity, but not her social rank. Such are the characters of the play, rendered conventionally consistent with its main incident in the captain, the vicar, the butler, the drunkard, and the cook, by secret and simultaneous assignments in the kitchen, resulting in the primeval device of the rabbit warren popping in and out of cupboards. Yet with such skill are these ancient elements compounded as lends not only to diversion but almost to dramatic surprises. The blot upon the otherwise well compiled story is too obvious to be overlooked, seen in the too glaring improbability of the innocent Lady Huntworth conniving, as she must have done, at a divorce, which, robbing her of name and fame, needs must wreck her reputation, without restoring her happiness. The last thing a woman of any social status gives up is her good name and standing, even if she be guilty; how much more would she cling to both, being innocent. The open-hearted loose-tongued Capt. Dorvaston fits Mr. Bouchier to a nicety, subtly indicating as he does through the stable slang, the man used to good society. Mr. Eric Lewis, as the phrase-making Rev. Audley Pillenger, also marked a type frequently depicted in stage fiction. The stolidity of Mr. Hendrie's humour lent a ludicrous aspect to the butler Gandy. Miss Gertrude Elliott endowed with her personal charm the lively ingenue Lucy Pillenger, whose humorous curate lover, the Rev. Thoresby, was well enacted by Mr. A. E. Matthews. Miss Pollie Emery quaintly personated the merry little kitchen drudge, Keziah. Miss Hannah Pillenger, the crabbed old maid, found an apt representative in Miss Coleman. It is strange that the only characters which fell short of simulative perfection, were the two principal ones. Miss Compton, in the invariable monotone affected by her, with little change of expression either in face, voice, or gesture, so that the spectator was not moved to feel for a woman, who evinced no feeling for herself. And, however, true to fact, as a study of dipsomania, the Caryl of Mr. D. Bouccault may be, it is artistically false, in that it is out of all proportion to the picture. In spite, however, of these blemishes, the reception of this really good piece, as well as its exponents, indicated an assured success.

### GENERAL NOTES.

A good many of us would have liked to spend the last few days in Stratford-on-Avon, had the thing been possible. It is not often that the Shakspear Festival has been so interesting. Mr. F. R. Benson being busily engaged at the Lyceum, was obliged to make up a special programme for his Warwickshire clients, and very well he did it, so well, indeed, that they may be inclined, in succeeding years, to cry out for more such entertainments. Mr. Benson's own company has many merits, but it does not include Hermann Vezin, John Coleman, Marion Terry, and Eleanor Calhoun.

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Successes at Stratford have also been made by a young actress of much promise—Miss Lily Brayton—who plays the Queen so well in Richard II., and who is, by a long way, the best lady elocutionist in the Benson company. It is a pleasure to listen to her clear, sweet, well-modulated voice. In the future Mr. Benson would do well to employ her more frequently and in more important parts.

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Talking of women and the stage, one is reminded of the promised visit to London of Signora Duse. This has been hailed with general delight, even by those who are not prepared to admit that she is all that her more fanatical admirers say that she is. The appearance in our midst of such foreign artists as Duse are a liberal education alike for our players, our audiences, and our critics. Did not the Saxe-Meiningen people help to reform our management of stage crowds? Was not Salvini's Othello a revelation? And has not Duse herself been the inspiration of many a young English actress, just as Bernhardt was before her?

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**Masonic Notes.**

We mention elsewhere that at no previous Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—excepting, of course, at its Centenary in 1888—has there been so strong a Board of Stewards as that which has been enrolled to assist the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G. Master of Staffordshire, as Chairman at the gathering which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 16th instant. But what is equally, if not still more gratifying, is to find that the area repre-

sented by the members of this Board is more extensive than we have known it for some years. Certainly one-fourth of the lodges located in the Metropolis send Stewards, among them being a large proportion of those that make a point of being represented at two of the three Anniversary Meetings of the year; and although there is a goodly number of Unattached ladies and brethren, they are not excessively numerous when compared with the roll of Lodge and Chapter representatives.

As for the Provinces, we have seldom seen so fair a list. Of the 46 into which our extra-Metropolitan Masonry is parcelled out, quite three-fourths have furnished Stewards, the Chairman's Province of Staffordshire mustering very strongly, and many of the lodges furnishing quite a number of Stewards. Indeed, it is not so very many years since that the Staffordshire contingent alone would of itself have been pronounced a strong Board. We wisely refrain from offering any opinion as to the amount that will be compiled by this formidable Board, but we feel tolerably certain that Lord Dartmouth will have every reason to be gratified with the result, not only as regards his own Province, but likewise the other represented Provinces and London. One thing is beyond all question—that every one will do his utmost to ensure the success of the 112th Anniversary's celebration.

The elections to fill the vacancies on the two Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as declared at the February meeting of the Committee of Management will take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers which will be held in the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 18th instant, when we are glad to say that a larger proportion than usual of the aged and indigent applicants will be chosen to receive the benefits of the Institution, the number of applicants being somewhat smaller. The candidates are 105 as against 122 in 1899, and 119 the previous year, there being 46 men compared with 55 in 1899, and 57 in 1898, and 59 widows as against 67 and 62 in the years 1899 and 1898 respectively. The decrease in the numbers on the two lists is an advantage which is further enhanced by the increase in the numbers to be elected.

Last year there were elected 23 men and 19 widows, or in all 42 out of a total of 122 candidates; and in February 18 men and 23 widows are ordered to be elected, three additional annuities on the Male Fund and five on the Widows' Fund having been created. But since then several annuitants have died, and probably about one-half of the applicants will be written off as successful in obtaining annuities either immediate or deferred, and the numbers left over for future ballots will be correspondingly reduced. For this we are indebted primarily to the generous support given by the Craft at the last two Festivals, the total of the Donations and Subscriptions reaching over £20,000 in 1899 and £22,000 in February last, and enabling the Committee of Management to augment the establishment by creating 16 fresh annuities—eight on each Fund.

Glancing at the composition of the lists we find that of the 46 applicants for the benefits of the Male Fund 20 have taken part in at least one previous election, while the remaining 26 have been placed on the list since May, 1899. Of the 20 old candidates one poor old man has been before the electors for 17 years, another for 11 years, a third for five years, and five for four years. Of the 59 Widow Applicants, 40 remain over from May, 1899, and 19 are new cases, one of the 40 having been on the list 17 years, a second 15 years, a third 13 years, No. 4 for 12 years, and Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8 for nine, eight, seven, and five years respectively. Of these poor people only a very very few bring forward any appreciable credit in the shape of votes, and it is to be feared that the majority will never be anything else than candidates.

The regular meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. John T. C. Winkfield, D.L., P.A.G.D.C., there being a full attendance of the members. The draft report of the past year was read and approved, and will be submitted in due course to the Annual General Meeting on Friday, the 18th instant. The death of one widow annuitant was reported.

We are glad to see that the South African Masonic Relief Fund is growing apace and still more glad to find that the English Craft in other parts of the Empire is joining freely in the subscription. Among the additional contributions that were announced last week were three sums from the District of Madras: the District Grand Lodge sending £66 8s. 1d., and the District Grand Chapter and District Grand Mark Lodge £33 4s. 1d. each, the total from this one District amounting to close on £133. Among the other donors were the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, which was entered for 50 guineas (£52 10s.); the Earl Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, £10; and 27 lodges amounts ranging from £10 10s. to £21. The list, in short, is an excellent one and carried the total considerably beyond £4500. Still a large sum will be needed, seeing that the number of brethren who will need relief will be very formidable.

Among the most interesting articles in the April number of the *Canadian Craftsman* is one from the pen of Bro. John Yarker on the subject of "Ancient and Modern Masonry." Without committing ourselves either to agreement or disagreement with the writer's views, we remark that in one part of the article, in referring to the Ancient Masons of England, he evidently holds the same opinion as Bro. Crawley as to the sense in which Laurence Dermott uses the term "York Masons." Says Bro. Yarker: "In England the tradition"—of the system of ancient rule existing at York and elsewhere in the North—"led to the establishment, in 1751, of a rival body who termed themselves Ancients or York Masons"—that is, they were York Masons merely because they were "Ancients;" and he goes on to remark that "the Grand Secretary of the 1717 Grand Lodge, writing to one of those who applied for relief, told him that his Grand Lodge"—that is, the 1717 Grand Lodge—"was neither Royal Arch nor Ancient."

The sixth Festival in behalf of the Educational Fund of the Province of North and East Yorkshire will be held at Harker's Hotel, York, on Monday, the 21st instant, under the presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Zetland, Prov. G. Master. The chair will be taken at 6 p.m., and it is greatly to be hoped that the gathering will be a successful one. The result of the preceding Festival in 1897 was so satisfactory that the Committee charged with the administration of the Fund considered themselves justified in increasing the yearly grants by £2 per child, and in the event of the meeting on the 21st instant being similarly gratifying, there will be a still further increase in the grants.

The Fund was established in 1877, since when there have been 58 children in receipt of its benefits. Of these nine have been elected into the Masonic Schools; 23 have ceased by age to be under its charge; and the remaining 26 are still on the Fund. The grants to the children vary according to age, from £8, £10, to £12, the total outlay being £271, while the income derived from investments—that is, the permanent income—is only £98 per annum. The whole of the money that is raised is appropriated to the objects for which the Fund was started, there being no establishment charges whatever. Owing to the generous manner in which the Fund has been supported, it has been found possible to accept all applicants for its benefits, and consequently there has been no need to issue voting papers for the election of candidates by ballot.

By way of adding to the attractions of the Festival, brethren attending it are invited by the Lord Mayor of York to be present at the meeting of the Charities Association of the Province which, on his Lordship's invitation, will be held at the Mansion House at 3 p.m. They will thus enjoy the opportunity of viewing many objects of interest and curiosity. Application for Festival tickets (price 5s. 6d. each) should be made to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. M. C. Peck, 2, West Park-terrace, Hull, on or before the 16th instant; otherwise seats cannot be guaranteed.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of N. and E. Yorkshire will be held at the Masonic Hall, Middlesborough, on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, at 3 p.m., under the auspices of the Marwood Chapter, No. 602. The chief business will be the appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year, and afterwards there will be a banquet—tickets, price 3s. 6d. each—at the Grand Hotel.

## Reviews.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSET, 1900-1901.—Bath: Printed at the *Chronicle* Office, 1900."—This is a very useful publication, and carefully edited by Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, P.G.D. of England, its issue being sanctioned by the Prov. G.M., the G. Superintendent, and Prov. G.M.M. of the Province. The frontispiece this year is devoted to Bro. W. B. Gregory, the esteemed S.E., and one of the most respected Craftsmen in the Province. There are 26 lodges in the Province, returning 1263 members, being an average of nearly 49 per lodge. The votes for the Central Masonic Charities total 4788, all of which are well arranged and described under the lodges. The chapters number 11, and the Mark lodges nine. There are also several K.T. preceptories and Rose Croix chapters. About all these and the lodges the information is ample, and details so systematically dovetailed, that the particulars are easily found for reference. These annuals are becoming quite a feature in the Provinces, and are of the greatest utility, especially for Prov. Grand Masters and Prov. Grand Secretaries, as they keep them in touch with all the brethren of the Provinces, officially and generally.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire took place on the 2nd instant at the Christ Church School Room, Stone, when upwards of 300 brethren were present under the banners of the following lodges, all of which were represented, a circumstance which speaks volumes for the vitality of Staffordshire Freemasonry, and the respect in which the Earl of Dartmouth, Provincial Grand Master, is held by the Craft: Staffordshire Knot, St. Giles, St. Augustine, Gordon, Sutherland, St. James, St. Matthew, Abbey, Marmion, Josiah Wedgwood, St. Martin, St. Peter, Sutherland Lodge of Unity, Honor, Portland, Dartmouth, St. Bartholomew, St. Edward, Tudor, Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, St. Thomas, Minerva, Smith-Child, Hatherton, St. Michael, Noah's Ark, Menturia, Foresters, Etruscan, St. John, Earl Shrewsbury, Lewisham, and Legge, 33 in all. These lodges have 1813 members, the St. Matthew, No. 539, scoring highest with 114; the Menturia, No. 418, running close with 112; the Etruscan being a good third with 98. The oldest lodge would seem to be the St. Martin, No. 98, which has 56 members, and the youngest the Legge, No. 2784, with 15. Other strong and flourishing lodges are the Noah's Ark (65 members); the Sutherland Unity, with 77; the Honor, with 79; the Portland, with 72; the Dartmouth, with 78; the Josiah Wedgwood and the St. James, each with 66; and the Staffordshire Knot, 65. The scene in the lodge room was very brilliant, and the work was very smartly done, the Provincial Grand Master especially eliciting universal admiration. Addressing the lodge as P.G.M.,

The Earl of DARTMOUTH, referring to the substance of his speech at the Provincial Grand Lodge at Handsworth on May 9th last year, which had been read by the P.G. Secretary as part of the minutes, said that it had occurred to him during the reading that his words had been mellowed and improved by time. (Laughter.) In any case, he thought he could not do better than repeat that part of his address which referred to the satisfactory condition of Masonry in the Province of Stafford. Referring to the attack on the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Prov. G.M. said one shuddered to think what might have happened if the bullet had been otherwise directed. They heartily joined in the resolution of congratulation passed by Grand Lodge. Referring to the P.G. Secretary, the P.G.M. said that all would congratulate Bro. J. Dunbar Steen on his return from abroad, whither he had journeyed on account of ill-health. He trusted that he might prove to be permanently restored. Referring to the Masonic Girls' School, he said that the 190 Stewards would bear with them something like £3000, which was highly creditable to the province, which had had many calls of late. After allusion to Freemasons engaged in the war, the P.G.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:

Bro. Colonel J. B. Morgan, V.D. ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. H. Spencer ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" the Rev. W. G. Mayne, M.A. ...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" the Rev. W. Solly ...	...	
" C. A. Newnham ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. Hallam ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Dunbar Steen ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. J. Pyatt ...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" A. E. Hart ...	...	

Bro. A. Boulton ...	...	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" George Willis ...	...	...	
" S. Mear ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" J. Carver ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. L. Biron ...	...	...	Prov. Dep. G.D.C.
" H. J. Steele... ..	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" J. E. Mitchell ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. C. Downes ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" T. W. Garland ...	...	...	
" John Copeland ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Lieut. T. E. Lowe ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" John Allerton ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" T. Wolverson ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" I. P. Watton ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. J. H. Horabin ...	...	...	
" F. Gothard... ..	...	...	
" W. Perry ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. Davies ...	...	...	

Bro. the Rev. G. W. Mayne, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain, delivered an address.

On the proposition of the Prov. G. TREASURER it was decided "That a sum of 200 guineas be paid from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the festival to be held on May 16th next."

The Prov. Grand Lodge then was closed in harmony and brotherly love, and a number of the brethren concluded with a banquet after the excellent and ancient Masonic custom.

The balance sheet of the Prov. Grand Lodge showed a prosperous state of affairs, and it was stated that the Foster-Gough Lodge, No. 2706, membership of which is only permitted to Masters and Past Masters of lodges, numbers 126. This feature of Staffordshire Freemasonry is, therefore, successful in a very high degree.

### OPENING OF A NEW LODGE AT COCKINGTON.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF THE THREE PILLARS, No. 2806.

On the 8th instant, another lodge of Freemasons was added to the Province of Devonshire, and Torquay's newest suburb, Cockington, will now have its name inscribed on the roll of this world-wide Fraternity under the title of the Lodge of the Three Pillars, No. 2806. For some time past it has been felt that there was room for a lodge holding meetings in the afternoon, where brethren of leisure, or comparative leisure, could meet and promote the grand principles of the Order. Bro. the Rev. J. Henning, vicar of Cockington, is not exactly a gentleman of leisure, for his time is pretty fully occupied already; nevertheless, his love for the principles of Freemasonry has induced him to add another tie to the place where he works so hard, and, with the assistance of Bros. the Rev. T. H. I. Child, P.A.G.C. Somerset; F. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G.O.; and others, to found a new lodge in the parish where his energies are devoted. So, on the 8th instant, the lodge at Cockington was duly dedicated and consecrated in the Parish Room by Bro. G. C. Davie, P.G.D. England, acting Prov. Grand Master (in the absence of Bro. Lord Northcote, now in Bombay), assisted by Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England, acting as D.P.G.M.; F. B. Westlake, P.D.G. D.C. England, Prov. S.G.W.; S. Jones, acting as Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. W. E. Windle, acting as P.G. Chap.; John Stocker, Prov. G. Sec.; and J. R. Lord, Prov. G.D.C.

There were also present—

Bros. Judge Woodfall, 2022, P.G.D. Eng.; Lord Churston, 248, P.P.S.G.W.; F. J. W. Crowe, 328, P.P.G.O.; F. A. Davson, 2641, P.P.S.G.D.; Geo. H. Header, 1138, P.G.O.; John Olver, 1138, P.P.G. Std. Br.; P. J. Dunn, 1205, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. E. Warren, 1358, P.P.G. Org.; W. L. Jones, 112, P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Taylor, 1402, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Harris, 406, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Col. James G. Chillingworth, P.P.G. Reg. Kent; E. Richards, 328, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. S. Wakeham, 328, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. C. Atherton, 328, P.P.G.C.; W. A. Gregory, 1254, P.P.G. Treas.; T. H. Wills, 1402, P.D.G.D.C.; Herbert Martin, 1138, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Bovey, 797, P.P.G.P.; J. H. Blackell, 1099, P.G.S.; W. M. Forty, 1222, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; R. E. Drew, 1358, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. R. Hearn, 1254, P.G. Treas.; Mark Whittle, 597, P.P.J.G.D.; T. A. Blackler, 328, P.G. Stwd.; Wm. Allsford, 202, P.P.G.T.; F. B. Westlake, 70, P.S.G.W., P.D.G.D.C. Eng.; M. Fortescue, 444, P.P.S.G.W.; J. C. Oldrieve, 797, P.A.G.D.C.; J. James, 248, P.P.A.G.S.; H. J. Coachaier, P.P.G.C. Warwick; F. C. Frost, 303, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; H. L. Friend, 1443, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Westlake, 666, P.P.G.P.; W. Vigar Harris, 230, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; T. W. Payne, 954, P.J.G.D.; W. J. Pearce, 2655, P.A.G. Purst.; W. Winget, P.M. 1402; J. G. Turle, I.P.M. 1402; C. Hill,

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A portion of the usual Masonic formula having been gone through, Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D. Eng., delivered an Oration, as follows:

Having in recent years delivered addresses at the Dedication of Masonic Halls for the Salem Lodge, Dawlish, and the Jordan Lodge, Torquay, which were mainly on the Principles of Freemasonry, and printed copies having been widely circulated, I purpose now (as a portion of the *Ceremony of Consecration*) in completion of my trio, to say a few words concerning the origin of the Society of which we are the lineal descendants, so as to illustrate the "Nature" of the Institution, rather than to dwell on its beneficent and fraternal character, and thus justify our claim to be considered the "Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons." In early days there were several organisations of Masons, more or less connected, but some quite independent. Of these a few continued to more modern times, one being the Fraternity to which we have the honour to belong. The Steinmetzen of Germany, the Comacine Masters of Italy, and the Trade Sodalities of France and other countries, existed side by side with our Institution, but, though formed in many respects, and of necessity, on similar lines, they never coalesced; hence in relation to my present aim, we have only to treat of one body, so long and so honourably known as the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. So far back as records and other evidences exist, it was exclusively Christian and organised under ecclesiastical influence, for the building of the great cathedrals and other noble edifices, the pride and wonder of the world. Many of their Regulations and Contracts are still preserved, as also (and happily) numerous copies of their venerable "Charges," dated from the 14th century, at which period they were deemed and stated to be old survivals of much more ancient documents. The traditions refer not only to the history of this country in the days of King Athelstane, who granted the Masons a charter, but to a period of much more remote antiquity, conveniently designated as "of time immemorial." Lodges are noted from 1370 at York—the Mecca of the English Craft—and Free Masons are met with in documents of the same decade. Evidently, then, the approximate purpose of the Society was to provide Rules and Regulations for the guidance and control of Operative Masons, known also as *Freemasons*, who were united on a moral or religious basis and grouped together to raise the magnificent fanes in which to worship the Most High. Their Laws were framed for the promotion of a high moral code, as well as to preserve the monopoly and secret of building, and it was on these ordinances that the first "Book of Constitutions" of the premier Grand Lodge was based. These Operative lodges received and adopted Speculative neophytes from the 15th century (and by tradition centuries before then), minutes of such receptions existing from the year 1600. The Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, Scotland—the oldest in the world—possesses a series of records of its meetings from 1599 down to the present year of grace, thus overlapping the "Revival" and Grand Lodge eras. There are many lodges which have preserved their minutes for 250 years or more. Precisely when lodges for speculative objects only were established is not quite clear. In England we meet with one under the wing of the "Masons' Company," of London, from 1620-1. Its grant of arms dates from 1472, and is ours, in part, by adoption. It was this lodge that was visited in 1682 by Elias Ashmole, who was admitted as a member of a Speculative lodge held at Warrington in 1646, as described in his famous *diary*—a class lodge really, and one of the earliest known. The oldest minute of the presence of a gentleman in open lodge as a member in Scotland was in A.D. 1600. The brethren so "made" in the Masons' Company Lodge were called "Accepted Masons," the meetings being described as the "Acception;" the Company until the sixth decade of the 17th century bearing the title of *Freemasons*, after which the prefix was dropped; hence for that and other reasons, we obtain the dual prefix of *Free* and *Accepted* Masons, though exactly when first used has not been elucidated, but probably some 200 years ago. Grand Lodges were formed on a cosmopolitan and unsectarian basis, as in England A.D. 1717, by certain of these old lodges; but others held aloof, preferring for a time to work under the operative régime, until eventually they either joined the two governing bodies or succumbed to adverse circumstances. One of these ancient lodges, with records from A.D. 1674, only joined the Grand Lodge of Scotland in my time, having preserved its independence for centuries. The Grand Lodge of England was established on the broad foundation of trust in God, and to promote the brotherhood of man. Freemasonry, which has penetrated into all parts of the habitable globe, and flourishes most in free countries, has for its real "nature" or essence, the symbolic use of the tools and designs of Operative Masonry, interpreted and enforced as moral lessons in a manner peculiar to the "Mystic Tie." Its superstructure rests on the purest principles of piety and virtue; but whilst it is open to men of all religions (even Roman Catholics, though the Pope has excommunicated us), provided they are just, upright, and free, of mature age, sound judgment, and sound morals (according to the Constitutions), the modern ritual is still indicative of its Christian origin, and without its numerous references to the Volume of the Sacred Law it would be lifeless, meaningless, and useless. Without an expressed trust in God no one can be admitted within our portals. A Godless and faithless Fraternity is simply impossible; hence Atheists cannot associate with us in Masonic fellowship. Let there be no mistake as to this. Freemasonry is impossible where a belief in God is not, and all societies, in France or elsewhere, termed Masonic, are so only in name, if they omit the necessary trust in an omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent Creator. Without such a necessary and absolutely essential pre-requisite, the Fraternity would become an emasculated nonentity, having a name, but dead. We, in Great Britain and Ireland, the Dominion of Canada, and the Colonies and dependencies of our beloved Queen, unite with the Grand Lodges in the United States, our natural allies, on this firm foundation, and we are only too glad to recognise and work with Grand Lodges on the continent of Europe and in South America who respect and acknowledge the same foundation. Lacking such indispensable condition lying at the root and nature of our Brotherhood, we are all determined (over a million brethren) as the heart of one man, to decline fellowship with all bodies who secede from this original and necessary landmark, which is for all time and must necessarily distinguish the Society to be entitled to the name of "Free and Accepted Masons." After a long and close study of the history of the Fraternity, I have no hesitation in declaring that I consider the continuity of the Society for at least 500 years can be, and has been, clearly proved by actual documents, that by tradition it is much more ancient, and that its nature and principles are such that so long as

brethren practise what they are taught in our lodges, Freemasonry is one of the oldest, most beneficent, loyal, patriotic, and fraternal institutions in the universe.

The oration was followed by an anthem, the first portion of the Dedication Prayer, the Invocation, the scattering of corn, the pouring of wine and oil, the sprinkling of salt, the Dedication, the Constitution, and the Benediction, the musical accompaniments being ably rendered by Bro. G. H. Hearder, Prov. G. Org.

This portion of the ceremony being completed, the next business of the newly-dedicated lodge was to instal Bro. the Rev. Jas. Henning, P.M., P. Prov. G.C., the first Worshipful Master, and this was very ably performed by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, I.P.M. 328, P. Prov. G.O., assisted by Bro. J. R. Lord, Prov. G.D.C.

The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Lord Churston, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., I.P.M.; W. Pierpoint Roberts, P.M., S.W.; W. E. Windle, P.M., P. Prov. G.C., J.W.; the Rev. T. H. I. Child, P.M., P. Prov. G.C. Somerset, Chap.; T. C. Lindop, Treas.; F. J. W. Crowe, P.M., P. Prov. G.O., Sec.; W. Sykes, S.D.; H. P. V. Wiggan, J.D.; H. Square, P.M., D. of C.; A. H. Dymond, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg., Org.; J. H. Jones, I.G.; A. H. Dymond, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg, Rep. C. of P. and Charity Steward; and J. Michelmores, P.M., Tyler.

The following brethren were unanimously elected honorary members of the new lodge: Bros. Lord Northcote, C.B., G.C.I.E., Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire; Col. G. C. Davie, P.G.D. (Eng.), Acting Provincial Grand Master; E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. (Eng.); and J. Stocker, Prov. G. Secretary.

The lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Western Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. J. B. Gilley, and participated in by over 40 brethren, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a pleasant evening was spent in peace and harmony.

The clothing, jewels, and most of the furniture were supplied by Bros. G. Kenning and Son, London.

## Craft Masonry.

### St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday last, when there were present Bros. T. W. Turner, W.M.; G. Smith, I.P.M.; F. H. Buckland, P.M., S.W.; J. W. Hainsworth, J.W.; J. Shires, Chap.; H. C. White, Sec.; C. Reasbeck, S.D.; J. Denison, J.D.; A. W. Fretwell, D. of C.; J. Hurst, I.G.; C. Porrett, Stwd.; J. Marsden and E. Pratt, Tylers; C. H. Woodhouse, P.M.; J. H. Pawson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; F. J. Forth, P.M.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Bentley, P.M. (Mayor of Doncaster); J. Mason, W. H. Ord, J.W., J. F. Hanson, W. C. Wright, F. King, J. Charles, J. W. Chapman, Thos. Sanderson, and S. W. Taylor. Visitors: Bros. M. B. Hick, 495; W. G. Moreton, 960; W. Langbridge, 2078, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Constable, 2259, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hirst, W.M. 2259; G. Eland, I.P.M. 2259; E. Simpson, S.W. 2259; Theo. Barber, P.M. 2259; H. A. Fenton, P.M. 2259; B. Maskill, S.D. 2259; J. Hardy, 264; C. S. Steavenson, Lodge of Edinburgh; J. Smith, 1802; M. Cole, 1306; J. B. Fenwick, 1802; T. Morrison, W.M. 2078; W. A. Charles, 1802, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Smith, 1802; S. Suckley, P.P.G.O., and others.

After the lodge had been opened, a letter was read from the Grand Secretary, thanking the brethren for their vote of congratulation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his escape from assassination, also one from the widow of the late Bro. J. Fitzgerald, thanking the brethren for their sympathy. The W.M. then called upon Bro. F. H. Buckland to act as Installing Master, and he having taken the chair appointed Bro. W. Langbridge, S.W.; J. Constable, J.W.; W. A. Charles, S.D.; Theo. Barber, J.D.; and C. W. Hoodhouse, I.G. Bro. Fretwell presented Bro. J. W. Hainsworth, J.W., the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The ceremony was beautifully and correctly performed to the great credit of the Installing Master, and the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Turner, I.P.M.; J. Shires, P.M., S.W.; C. Reasbeck, J.W.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M., Chap.; Geo. Smith, P.M., Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; J. Denison, S.D.; J. Hurst, J.D.; S. W. S. Taylor, I.G.; F. H. Buckland, P.M., D.C.; C. H. Woodhouse, P.M., Org.; J. Mason, Hon. Tyler; F. King, J. Charles, and W. H. Ord, Stwds.; J. Marsden, Tyler; and E. J. Pratt, Asst. Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the ante room where a banquet had been prepared, to which ample justice having been done, the usual toast list was gone through.

"Her M.G.M. the Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Grand Lodge," and "R.W. Bro. W. L. Jackson, P.G.M.; his Deputy, and Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," were all appropriately proposed by the W.M.

Bro. Constable responded for Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. Pawson gave "The W.M. of 242 and his officers."

Bro. Hainsworth responded, and most of his officers.

Bro. Charles gave "The Installing Master," to which Bro. Buckland responded.

The other toasts were "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," "The Visiting Brethren," and "The Masonic Charities."

During the evening the following contributed to the harmony: Bros. H. C. White (piano), Reasbeck (violin), Steavenson (occtorina), J. Smith (song, patriotic), and B. Maskill ("Soldiers of the Queen"). Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

### Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 16th ult. Among those present were Bros. R. W. Flack, I.P.M., as W.M.; Ross, S.W.; Jchu, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Gaunt, S.D.; F. Figg, Org.; H. J. Bond, P.M., Stwd.; and W. T. Peat, P.M., P.P.G.O.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The acting W.M. performed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Peat the ceremony of passing, and Bro. Bond initiated a candidate, the three ceremonies being admirably performed. The Secretary gave a notice of motion to vote five guineas to the South African Masonic Relief Fund. The lodge was then closed.

Upon the removal of the cloth the acting W.M. gave the customary toasts with commendable brevity.

Bro. W. T. Peat, P.P.G.O., responded on behalf of "The Prov. G. Officers."

"The Health of the W.M. and the I.P.M." followed. The proposer of the toast congratulated the lodge upon possessing a brother so well up in his Masonic duties as Bro. Flack undoubtedly was. The W.M.'s enforced absence abroad had thrown the responsibilities of the chair upon the I.P.M.'s shoulders, and well an I worthily he had discharged them.



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This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. in the chair briefly returned thanks.

The toast of "The Initiate" came next in order. The initiate, in his reply, expressed his acknowledgments to his proposer and second. He was proud of being a member of the ancient Order, and he had been greatly impressed with the ceremony of initiation that evening. He hoped in due time to become an active member in the Order.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given in very flattering terms by the W.M., in the chair. He particularly alluded to the services rendered that evening by two of that distinguished body, viz., Bros. Bond and Peat. Those brethren were always ready to respond to any calls made upon them. The Past Masters were the backbone of a lodge.

The toast having been acknowledged, "The Health of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Bros. Frank Figg, A. S. Jehu, David Jones, and others entertained the brethren instrumentally, vocally, and dramatically.

**Friendship Lodge, No. 750.**

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton. Bro. H. E. Hodgson, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers and the members of the lodge. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, in the absence of any other business, Bro. J. T. Last, P.M. 2321, P.P.G. Reg., at the request of the W.M., read an interesting paper on the "Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry," which was listened to by the brethren with attention, and at its conclusion a hearty vote of thanks—to be recorded on the minutes—was accorded to Bro. Last for his paper. A candidate was proposed for initiation at a future meeting.

After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together, subsequently spending a pleasant and convivial evening, during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**Loxfield Lodge, No. 2450.**

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Public Hall, Uckfield, on the 2nd inst., when Bro. Samuel Denman, P.M. 732, P.P.J.G.D., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M., Bro. S. R. Hunt, was voted a jewel in recognition of his services. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. Hollyman, S.W.; J. W. Gould, J.W.; H. M. Langdale, P.M., Treas.; W. Beaty, P.M., Sec.; R. L. Thornton, P.M., D.C.; Rev. W. J. Nesbitt, S.D.; E. J. Earp, J.D.; and W. Troy, I.G.

The banquet subsequently took place at the Maiden's Head Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Denman, W.M. There was a large attendance of brethren, the visitors including Bros. G. H. Arnold, W. Kedger, R. Weston, P.M.; G. W. Staden, S. Tanner, P.M.; W. Bennett, A. King, P.G.D.; R. Clowes, P.G.D.; C. J. Brown, A. Hunt, H. Knill, P.M.; W. Mead, H. Mauser, H. Jones, E. Rusbridge, C. Baguley, H. Tuft, P.M.; and J. Garrett, P.M.

After the banquet the usual toasts were submitted, and a musical programme was contributed to by Miss Mary Aukett, Miss Elsie Bruce, Bros. C. F. Perrot, Rev. W. J. Nesbitt, Earp, and Hunt, and Mr. Horace Jackson, the last-mentioned also playing the accompaniments.

**Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.**

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 4th instant, when there were present Bros. C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., I.P.M., in the chair; S. T. Klein, P.M., as I.P.M.; E. Conder, jun., S.W.; G. Greiner, J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, I.G.; E. Armitage, Stwd.; E. Macbean, P.M.; and W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B. There were also 54 members of the Correspondence Circle and 12 visitors.

The minutes having been confirmed, the W.M. in the chair alluded in feeling terms to the sad loss which the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B., had so recently suffered in the death of his eldest son, who was killed in an action fought to defend a Bloemfontein convoy. Much sympathy was expressed by several of the brethren, and the Secretary was directed to convey the condolence of the members to Bro. Whytehead and his family.

Six corporate bodies and 43 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Mankato Lodge, No. 12, Mankato, Minnesota; Stuart Lodge, No. 540, Bedford; Masonic Book Company, New York; Crescent Lodge, No. 109, Eumclian, Washington; General Lodge of Instruction, Birmingham; and Bros. E. D. Moore, 500, Indianapolis, Indiana; C. S. Lobingier, 25, Omaha, Nebraska; W. D. Pownall, Grand Master New York; D. T. Calhoun, St. Cloud, Grand Orator Minnesota; P. Nilsson, Concord Junction, Massachusetts; J. J. Veholi, 353, and E. McGuigan, P.M. 415, St. Louis, Missouri; H. Evekink, jun., Zutphen, Holland; W. W. Robertson, W.M. No. 1, Edinburgh; R. F. Atkinson, 111, Hawick, N.B.; Canon H. J. Gillespie, Borris-O'Kane, Tipperary; J. H. Beynon, 2657, Liscard, Cheshire; T. Taylor, Stafford; A. Dewsbury, Walsall; E. F. Taylor, W.M. 1040, and J. B. Denton, 1001, Leeds; F. G. Berry, P.M. 44, Manchester; H. W. Pawson, P.M. 296, S. Smith, 2263, C. A. Mays, W.M. 2263, and R. E. A. Wight, 2263, Sheffield; C. R. Foster, Hampton; S. H. N. Lare, 1402, Torquay; E. G. Fletcher, W.M. 1000, Southend; W. J. Pawsey, P.M. 2153, Gosport; J. N. Hodgkinson, 2420, Aylesbury; J. E. Sorrell, 19, Leytonstone; and in London—G. H. Dowsett, 79; W. Reeve, 901; A. Oliver, 263; A. L. Josephs, 181; J. W. Ward, 8; C. A. Gibbes, 1307; Rev. H. T. Cart, 2705; H. R. Appleton, 2508; I. M. Shields, 459; and E. R. Cleaton, W.M. 2077.

The Secretary announced that the following members of the Correspondence Circle had received Grand Office Rank at the recent Festival, viz., Bros. Harry Mansfield, G. Treas.; Daniel Mayer, S.G.D.; J. H. Whadcoat, J.G.D.; J. C. Fitzroy Tower, Dep. G.D. of C.; T. P. Dorman, A.G.D. of C.; and W. S. Whitaker, A.G. Purst. He was instructed to convey to them the congratulations of the brethren of the lodge. Letters of excuse for non-attendance were received from the following brethren: Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; E. J. Castle, O.C.; Dr. Chetwode Crawley, P.G.D. Ireland; Hamon le Strange, Prov. G.M. Norfolk; W. H. Rylands, P.A.G. D. of C.; G. L. Shackles; Admiral Markham, P. Dist. G.M. Malta; and the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B. Among the exhibits, which form an invariable feature of the meetings of the lodge, were an apron forwarded by Bro. le Strange, which had been sent to him by Bro. E. Neville-Rolfe, her Majesty's Consul at Naples, who had shortly before received it from a street sweeper, who had found it with some rubbish thrown away in the street. Bro. Rolfe suggested that as it appeared to be of French make it might be a relic of the French occupation of Naples under Prince Murat at the beginning of the century. Bro. Speth pointed out that although French in appearance it differed in many respects from any French apron he had ever seen. The W.M. wished it to be photographed for the "Transactions," but the Secretary stated that

owing to its nature this would be unsatisfactory, as the colours, spangles, and tinsel did not lend themselves to this process. He feared they must be contented with a hand-made and coloured drawing of it for the museum of the lodge. Bro. T. H. Hobbs sent for exhibition and presentation to the lodge a splendidly preserved print of the curious and a musing engraving called "The Freemasons surpriz'd, or, the Secret discover'd." It represented an alleged occurrence in a Canterbury lodge, the Masons being surprised by the sudden appearance through the ceiling of the lower limbs of the chambermaid, who, having hidden in the garret in order to surprise their secrets, had accidentally fallen through the lath and plaster. The print is well known to antiquaries, but somewhat scarce, especially if in good condition. The thanks of the lodge were given to the exhibitors and donor.

The paper for the evening was by Count Goblet d'Alviella, Past Grand Master of Belgium, and related to the "Quatuor Coronati in Belgium." It gave in great detail most interesting particulars of several corporations of the building trades in various cities of Flanders, with copies of their charges, &c., dating from the 15th century, which had assumed the name of Quatuor Coronati guilds, placing themselves under the protection of these saints. The paper was enriched by many curious illustrations, and will form a most interesting feature of the forthcoming number of the "Transactions of the Lodge." The discussion which always follows these papers was maintained by Bros. C. Purdon Clarke, G. W. Speth, E. Conder, jun., and the Rev. J. W. Horsley, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded our eminent Belgium brother.

The members, to the number of 50, subsequently dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

**Royal Arch.**

**Zetland Chapter, No. 603.**

The concluding meeting of the session of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Tofts, in Cleckheaton, on Friday, the 27th ult. In the unavoidable absence of Comp. Saml. Law, M.E.Z., the chair was occupied by Comp. J. T. Last, P.Z., who was supported by Comps. J. S. Clough, H.; S. H. Stocks, P.Z., as J.; C. F. Forshaw, P.S.; and other officers and companions. Visitors: Comps. J. R. Lee, M.E.Z. 1019; Wm. Ash, P.Z. 1019; W. Banks, 1019; T. S. Brierley, S.E. 658; and W. Durrance, 302.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Waddington, P.M. 603, who had been duly elected at the previous meeting, sent an apology for his inability to attend owing to a pressing business engagement. The lectures were then delivered by Comps. Last, P.Z., and Clough, H. A candidate for exaltation at a future meeting was proposed, and the chapter closed.

The companions subsequently dined together under the presidency of Comp. S. Law, M.E.Z., after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In responding for "The Visitors," Comp. Lee, M.E.Z. 1019, thanked the companions for the cordial welcome and hearty greetings they had received as visitors. It was most gratifying to visit the chapter and to observe the progress that had been made during the last two or three years and also to see the work so well and efficiently done.

**Farringdon Without Chapter, No. 1381.**

A meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ultimo. Among those present were Comps. F. P. Weinel, M.E.Z.; H. B. Marshall, J.P., C.C., H.; J. D. Webb, J.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; G. Newell, S.N.; T. L. Pewtress, 1st A.S.; J. Young, P.Z.; and T. Simpson, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It being election night, Comp. H. B. Marshall was unanimously elected M.E.Z.; Comps. J. D. Webb, H.; G. Newell, J.; Major Walls, P.Z., S.E.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas.; T. L. Pewtress, P.S.; and Rowe, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the M.E.Z., and a Past Principal's jewel voted to him. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A.; G. Herbert, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was then closed. Refreshment followed labour.

The preliminary loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured. In submitting "The Health of the M.E.Z.," the proposer congratulated the First Principal upon the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his position, but regretted that no candidate for exaltation had been forthcoming during the year. The M.E.Z. was a most able and zealous worker in the Craft, and doubtless would have shone with equal lustre in the Royal Arch Degree. It was to be hoped that ere he left the chair the M.E.Z. would have an opportunity of distinguishing himself.

The M.E.Z. having replied, gave "The H. and J." In the course of his remarks he mentioned that the Second Principal and M.E.Z. elect had been requested by a large number of brethren to present himself as a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer of England. Comp. Marshall had consented. The M.E.Z. elect—like his late popular and benevolent father—had been, and was still, a great supporter of all charitable bodies in London. He (the speaker) believed that Comp. Marshall's candidature would be crowned with success.

The H. and J. replied. The toast of "The Past Principals" was coupled with the names of Comps. Young and Simpson.

The toast of "The S.E., Treasurer, and Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Lardner, Walls, Newell, and Pewtress, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

**Dark Masonry.**

**Cumberland Lodge, No. 60.**

The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 1st instant at the Masonic Hall, Fisher-street, Carlisle, when there were present Bros. W. P. Gibbings, P.G.O., W.M.; D. L. Thorpe, S.W., W.M. elect; Jas. Batz, J.W.; R. A. Clarke, M.O.; Wm. Reid, S.O.; J. G. Iredale, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. Henderson, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; H. C. Marks, S.D.; E. J. Baber, J.D.; J. J. Skelton, I.G.; E. H. G. Parker, Org.; J. Wilson, Tyler; T. Long, W. G. Coulthard, H. Higginson, and others. Visitors: Bros. James Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G. Sec.; Thomas Atkinson, P.P.J.G.W.; John Armstrong, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire; and C. J. Nanson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Gibbings, and the usual business having

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been transacted, Bro. Gardiner, P.M., P.G. Sec., assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in a very impressive manner placed Bro. D. L. Thorpe, the W.M. elect, in the chair of A., where he was saluted primarily by a Board of Installed Officers, and then in the usual manner by the brethren of the lodge. To the great delight of the brethren Bro. John Armstrong, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire, an old member of the lodge, presented the working tools to the W.M. The W.M. at once proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. P. Gibbings, I.P.M.; R. A. Clarke, S.W.; H. C. Marks, J.W.; W. Reid, M.O.; E. J. Baber, S.O.; J. G. Iredale, J.O. and Treas.; T. Long, S.D.; J. J. Skelton, J.D.; E. H. G. Parker, Org.; J. Henderson, Sec.; W. G. Coulthard, I.G.; and J. Wilson, Tyler; the address to the W.M. being excellently given by Bro. Armstrong, and those to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. Thos. Atkinson, P.P.J.G.W. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M. to the Installing Master and to Bro. Armstrong, P.M., for his kindness in coming such a long distance to assist in carrying out the ceremony. Carried unanimously. The report of the Audit Committee, a most satisfactory one, was received and adopted.

The lodge was then closed, and the members and their guests then partook of an excellent banquet. The W.M. presided most genially.

### St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 413.

The installation ceremony was held on the 26th ult., in the lodge room of the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, when a goodly number of the members were present. After a candidate had been advanced to the Degree of M.M.—the work being most ably performed by Bro. A. J. H. Ward—Bro. C. E. Garr rd, P.P.A.G.D.C., was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. M. A. Sanders, P.M., the energetic Secretary of the lodge, who acquitted himself and performed the duties of Installing Master with his characteristic ability. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. J. H. Ward, I.P.M.; J. T. Ward, S.W.; W. Salter, J.W.; W. Groom, Treas.; S. R. Groom, M.O.; W. Johnstone, S.O.; W. C. Grice, J.O.; M. L. Sanders, Sec.; W. Beaumont, S.D.; J. Broadbent, J.D.; W. J. Norburn, D.C.; W. Hudson, R. of M.; J. Osborne, I.G.; C. R. Salter, Org.; T. Denney and C. Harrington, Stwds.; and J. Smith, Tyler.

The brethren then attended the usual banquet, which did great credit to Bro. Becker, the courteous host, at the Great Eastern Hotel, whose management of this fine hostelry is greatly appreciated by the numerous visitors, as well as by the public of Harwich.

The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, feeling mention being made of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and his recent happy escape from death at the hands of the Belgian assassin.

Bro. Emra Holmes, P.G.S. of W., responded for "The Officers of the Grand Lodge," and recommended Masonic students to consult Bro. Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry, for much interesting information relative to the Mark Degree, and he thought they would be quite justified in inducing their brother Craft Masons to join their ranks and become Mark Masons.

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

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. D. CHURCH, P.M.

The winding-up supper of the session of the members of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on the 27th ult. and was well attended. Bro. D. Campbell, P.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. W. D. Church, P.M.; W. Forty, P.M.; J. W. Martindale, P.M. 1685; A. H. Church, P.M.; E. F. Bowler, H. H. Bowen, F. Orfeur, G. Schilling, F. Moore, H. J. Dyer, C. E. Cove, I.P.M. 1599; S. A. Stanger, E. Brookes, F. C. Lintott, P.M.; C. E. Luker, P.M.; C. Stanger, J. Thurston, E. Sienesi, H. J. Cove, 1599; J. Shipman, T. T. Gething, W.M. 1365; C. Conway, 1423; and R. T. West, 1744.

At the conclusion of the substantial and well-served repast,

The President, Bro. D. CAMPBELL, P.M., as a preface to the toasts, stated that his first duty was to apologise for the absence of the Preceptor, Bro. W. Finch, P.M., who was to have taken the chair that night, but his wife's serious illness prevented him. He read a telegram from him sending hearty good wishes, and also telegrams from Bros. W. Blackburn, P.M., Treasurer of the mother lodge; and Paul Becker, to the same effect.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of Bro. W. D. Church, P.M.," the President, Bro. D. CAMPBELL, stated that it was the toast of the evening. Their esteemed brother had always been a zealous and hearty supporter of the Clapton Lodge. He was one of the oldest Past Masters, and his work of love as Secretary for many years not only in the mother lodge itself, but also in the lodge of instruction attached thereto, had greatly enhanced their prosperity and well-being. It was not often realised what amount of care and prevision was entailed by the duties of the office he had so ably occupied, nor the expenditure of valuable time, and careful and labricious occupation necessary for the fulfilment of his duties. He had been in every way a pattern to the lodge, whether as a man, a Mason, or an indispensable and energetic officer, and the value of his indefatigable labours called for their grateful acknowledgment, and that was the reason why they asked Bro. Church to kindly accept a silver tea and coffee service, with a tray, as a feeble expression of what they felt towards him for his valuable services.

The tray bore the following inscription: "Presented by the members of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, and of the Clapton Lodge of Instruction, to W. D. Church, Esq., as a memorial of high esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary for many years. 27th April, 1900."

Bro. W. D. CHURCH, P.M., on rising to respond, was received with acclamation. He said that words failed him entirely to thank them adequately for their great kindness to him, which he much appreciated. The splendid silver service he should for ever esteem, as would his wife, and he took it that the members felt towards him every good feeling. He hoped to be their Secretary for many years to come, and trusted that while he had health and strength to do his very best for the mother lodge and the lodge of instruction, and to always have the esteem of the members.

Bro. Church's speech was given with much emotion, but received with great applause.

The PRESIDENT gave "The Clapton Lodge," the mother lodge, which he did in very eloquent terms, and he coupled with the toast the name of the W.M., Bro. T. T. Gething.

Bro. GETHING, who had a hearty reception, responded, and after thanking the officers and brethren for making the lodge so great a success, said that he hoped their good efforts would continue, and that the lodge's success would be greater and greater, and that all the brethren would follow both inside and outside the lodge the beautiful tenets of Freemasonry.

The PRESIDENT submitted the toast of "The Clapton Lodge of Instruction," and said it had an efficient Preceptor in Bro. W. Finch, P.M. It had for its aim the benefit of Freemasonry, and he had no hesitation in stating that it had been of great value to the mother lodge and other lodges, and had turned out some excellent workers of the ritual, and he had much pleasure in associating the name of Bro. F. C. Lintott, P.M., with the toast.

In response, Bro. Lintott stated that he appreciated his name being coupled with the toast, but he was sorry that their Preceptor, Bro. W. Finch, was not able to be there to respond. They were all indebted to the President for the able manner in which he had made the presentation to Bro. W. D. Church on behalf of the 52 subscribers.

The PRESIDENT proposed "The Visitors," to whom he gave a very hearty welcome, making special mention of Bros. E. Brookes, Stanger, and R. T. West.

Bro. BROOKES responded, and said that he was pleased to be present that evening and to be associated with the well-deserved testimonial to Bro. W. D. Church, P.M. He felt he was not a stranger there as he had seen many of them initiated in the Clapton Lodge and several installed into the chair. The mother lodge was known for its excellent working and it was a lodge that they should be proud of.

Bro. STANGER also acknowledged the toast in a very eloquent speech, and Bro. R. T. WEST also responded.

In proposing "The Health of the President," Bro. W. D. CHURCH, P.M., stated that Bro. Campbell, P.M., had endeared himself to every member of the Clapton Lodge and they had never had a better W.M. or President, and his kind words in making the presentation to him (Bro. Church) would never be effaced from his memory. (Applause.)

Bro. D. CAMPBELL, P.M., on rising to respond was received with enthusiasm. He said that not only had the season of lodges of instruction come to an end, but that night had also come to an end. He heartily appreciated the very kind words of Bro. Church in proposing the toast and the way the members had endorsed them.

"Auld Lang Syne" brought a very pleasant and memorable evening to a close.

Bros. A. H. Church, P.M. S. A. Stanger, H. H. Bowen, F. Orfeur, J. W. Martindale, W. Shipman, and Mr. C. F. Lintott and Miss Lintott (son and daughter of Bro. F. C. Lintott, P.M.), vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren, but a word of praise is due to Mr. and Miss Lintott for their efforts, which were much appreciated.

## Instruction.

### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th instant, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E. Present: Comps. Growse, M.E.Z.; Cornford, H.; Everett, J.; T. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Morris, S.N.; W. Dawson, P.Z., P.S.; J. H. Cureton, Stanley, Higgs, Ballard, Dickinson, Randall, Green, T. R. Cass, W. T. Snodgrass, A. Christie, and G. J. Derham.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. S. W. Ballard personating the candidate. Comps. Thos. Green, Southern Star Chapter 1158, and Chas. Hy. Randall, Royal Jubilee Chapter 72, together with Comps. A. Christie and W. J. Snodgrass, of the Rose Chapter 1622, were also elected members. Comp. Hy. Cornford, H., was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Everett, J., for so ably performing the duties for the first time. Comp. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor, was congratulated upon the splendid attendance, which was certainly most gratifying, and speaks well for the Instruction so ably imparted. Chapter was then closed.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. E. N. Beningfield, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; H. J. Dunaway, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; J. E. Thomas, S.D.; D. Taylor, J.D.; E. Lucas, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; C. C. Renaud, C. Nicole, R. E. Maskall, G. Mortlock, H. J. May, F. H. Johnson, H. B. Harding, P.M.; H. B. Bower, and A. R. Greaves.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Mortlock being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Renaud, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Beningfield as W.M. elect. The investiture of officers followed. Bro. A. R. Greaves was elected a member. Bro. C. Nicole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

## Obituary.

### BRO. D. CAMPBELL, P.M., 1365.

It is with deep regret we announce the sudden death of Bro. D. Campbell on Saturday afternoon, the 28th ult. Our brother was initiated in the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, on the 19th May, 1887, and was installed W.M. on the 21st Sept., 1893. He was exalted to Royal Arch Masonry in the Islington Chapter, No. 1471, in which he was M.E.Z. for two years in succession. He was one of the best of fellows, a true friend, a splendid and earnest Mason, and most genial. He was known to us personally for many years, and we tender our respectful sympathy to his bereaved widow and family, and to the members of his lodges, who have sustained a great loss. His last Masonic function was to preside at the supper of the Clapton Lodge of Instruction—a report of which appears in another column—on the evening previous to his death, and no one who was present on that occasion would have thought that his end was so near. The funeral took place on the 2nd instant at Tottenham Cemetery, and at the grave were Bros. T. T. Gething, W.M.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; R. B. Chessum, E. Stanger, T. W. Vaughan, and E. Haslehurst, all of the Clapton Lodge; and the following Comps. of the Islington Chapter: E. Napper, P.Z.; J. Horst, and S. A. Stanger, First Assist. S. Both the lodge and chapter sent wreaths.

### BRO. SIR GABRIEL GOLDNEY, BART.

It is with sincere regret we announce the death, on Tuesday, the 8th instant of Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., who was for many years a prominent member of the Craft in the Province of Wiltshire and who, in addition, held many important positions in the county, among them being that of one of its representatives in Parliament. The deceased, who was 87 years of age, was the senior Past Master of the Landsdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham, was appointed Dep. P.G. Master of Wilts in 1873, under the late Lord Methuen, and retained the appointment till 1893 under the present Prov. Grand Master (the Earl of Radnor). In 1887, he was appointed a Past Grand Warden in recognition of his services to Freemasonry and in commemoration of her Majesty's jubilee. He was created a Baronet in 1880, and is succeeded in the title by his son, Bro. Gabriel Prior—now Sir Gabriel Prior—Goldney, who was born in 1843, has been City Remembrancer since 1882, and was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of England in 1883, and Asst. Grand Sojourner of Supreme Grand Chapter in 1894.

## Secret Monitor.

### Royal Sussex Conclave, No. 10.

A meeting of the above conclave was held at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, the 5th instant, when there were present Bros. John Mennich Mennich, G.C., S.R.; John Oliver Cook, P.G. Stwd., C.; E. Mitchell, P.S.R., P.G.C., Treas.; Louis Beale, P.G. Stwd., Stwd.; E. T. Cox, Org.; A. Upton, P.S.R.; Dr. G. T. W. Mugliston, P.S.R., G. Treas.; C. F. Goode, P.S.R.; and Henry A. Hughes, Sentinel.

The installation meeting was opened by Bro. John Mennich Mennich, G.C., who, so soon as the minutes had been confirmed, invested Bro. Dr. Mugliston, P.S.R., S.R., G. Treas., with a Grand Treasurer's jewel in recognition of the honour done to him by Grand Council and also his hearty services rendered to the conclave. The installation of S.R. elect, Bro. John Oliver Cook, P.G. Stwd., C., was proceeded with by the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Dr. G. T. W. Mugliston, P.S.R., Installing and Commissioning Officer. Bro. J. O. Cook was duly installed Supreme Ruler and then duly commissioned and proclaimed, and invested his officers for the year. The S.R. presented the I.P.S.R., Bro. John Mennich Mennich, G.C., with a Past Supreme Ruler's jewel from the conclave. The conclave was duly closed by the S.R.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN will hold a Council at Windsor on Tuesday, the 15th instant.

THE LORINERS' COMPANY.—Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton has become a freeman and liveryman of this company.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has consented to nominate a number of boys orphaned by the present war for admission to the Homes for Little Boys.

AT A MEETING of the York City Council on the 7th instant, it was resolved to confer the freedom of the city upon H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to the Royal Show in June.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, the Duke and Duchess of Fife, and Princess Victoria of Wales visited the Vaudeville Theatre on Tuesday evening, and witnessed the performance of "Kitty Grey."

TUESDAY NIGHT'S *Gazette* announces that H.R.H. the Princess of Wales will, on behalf of the Queen, hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace on Monday, the 14th, and on Friday, the 25th instant, at three o'clock.

THE LADY MAYORESS, with a view to encouraging Irish industries, has ordered a Court dress which will be composed of Irish poplin and trimmed with Irish lace. Her ladyship will wear it at the next Drawing Room, when she will be presented on the occasion of the Lord Mayor being created a baronet.

ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.—New York, May 3.—At the 132nd annual meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce the room in which the members assembled was decorated with American and British flags. The Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York has voted 2000 dollars for the sufferers from the Ottawa fire.—*Reuter*.

THE foundation-stone of a Freemasons' lodge at Limavady, Ireland, which is being erected in connection with St. Alban's Lodge was laid on the 10th ultimo. The new building occupies an elevated position in the picturesque and historic grounds of the Lodge Demesne, which is part of the ancient grant of James I. to one of 75 English families who were settled during his reign in this district.

CAPTAIN THE HON. HEDWORTH LAMBTON, of the Powerful, returned to his home at Lambton Castle, Durham, on Tuesday evening, with his brother, Bro. the Earl of Durham, and other members of his family. He was greeted at Chester-le-Street, where he left the train, by a large and enthusiastic crowd. The village was decorated, and in the two miles' drive to the castle crowds of people assembled by the roadside, and cheered the party heartily as they passed.

H.R.H. PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG, attended by Miss Bulteel and Col. Lord William Cecil, returned to Windsor Castle on Tuesday evening from Portsmouth, where her Royal Highness stayed at Government House, with Lieut.-General Sir Baker Russell, K.C.B. (commanding the Southern District). The Princess previous to leaving laid the foundation-stone of St. Barnabas Church and Schools, at Landport, and afterwards opened a bazaar in aid of the drill hall for the 1st Hampshire Royal Engineers (Volunteers).

BRO. THE DUKE OF PORTLAND presided over the 41st annual meeting of the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain Association at Grosvenor House on Tuesday. More than 500 fountains now exist, and are kept in condition either by the society or local vestries. Of troughs for horses and dogs there are some 700 in the City or provinces. Amongst those who spoke at the meeting were General Lowry, C.B., the Bishop of Peterborough, Mr. F. D. Mocatta, Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lockwood, M.P.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by Princess Victoria, were present on Monday morning at the inspection, on the Horse Guards' Parade, of the Naval Brigade of her Majesty's ship Powerful, under the command of Captain the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. Their Royal Highnesses afterwards lunched with the Right Hon. George J. Goschen at the Admiralty. Miss Knollys, Vice-Admiral Sir H. Stephenson, and Bro. Major-General Sir Stanley Clarke were in attendance. The Prince presided in the afternoon at the annual meeting of the governing body of the Imperial Institute. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught dined with their Royal Highnesses in the evening.

SOLDIERS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A.).—The annual public meeting will be held in the Lower Exeter Hall, on Tuesday afternoon, the 15th instant. The chair will be taken at 3.30 by Sir George Williams, Pres. S.C.A. A report of work at the front will be given by Mr. Arthur H. Wheeler, Gen. Sec. S.C.A., who has just returned from South Africa. Addresses will be given by T. A. Denny, Esq., Colonel Yates (Assistant Adjutant-General); Colonel Philips (Army Scripture Readers' Society); Colonel H. G. Macgregor (Hon. Treas.); and others. Tickets of admission can be obtained on application at the office of the S.C.A., Room 24, Exeter Hall, London, W.C.

THE MASTER, officers, and members of the Athole Lodge, 1004, Isle of Man Province, have just made an interesting presentation to their Senior Deacon, Bro. James Hardley, on the occasion of his removal from Douglas to Morecambe, as editor of the *Morecambe and Keysham Times*. The presentation took the form of a handsome dressing-case, richly mounted, and containing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. James Hardley by the Master and officers of the Athole Lodge, 1004, March, 1900." Accompanying the dressing-case was a testimonial describing it "as a small token of esteem for the interest you took in the lodge, and as an appreciation of your sterling worth. When you visit the island we will all be pleased to see you. With the best wishes for your future." The testimonial is signed by Bro. James Ritchie, junior, W.M.

IN ADDITION to her Majesty the Queen, the following members of the Royal family have given their patronage to the great matinee at the Drury Lane Theatre on Tuesday, the 15th inst., for the maintenance fund of the Soldiers' Homes: H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. The fact that the Queen had taken stalls instead of a box has induced Mr. Arthur Collins to specially remodel the whole floor of the auditorium, a broad centre gangway being formed, with a direct entrance from the grand vestibule and rotunda. Her Majesty's stalls will be placed centrally. This arrangement will, by-the-by, prevent the old theatre in the way it was originally intended to be used when rebuilt by the Duke of Bedford. The stalls are five guineas, except in the back rows, where they will be three guineas, and applications should now be made direct to the theatre, addressed to Miss Amy Bence, the hon. secretary, or to the box-office.

THE TOTAL of the *Daily Telegraph* Shilling Fund for our soldiers' widows and orphans is now 3,233,235 shillings, of which 6136 were added on Thursday.

THE DESIGN for the South African War Medal, which the authorities of the Mint were requested to submit to the Secretary of State for War, has been approved by her Majesty.

DOWN TO LAST NIGHT the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at Ottawa amounted to £45,000, the Transvaal Fund £900,300, and the Indian Famine Fund, £228,000.

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN is authorised to announce that H.R.H. the Princess of Wales will, on behalf of the Queen, hold the last Drawing Room of the season on Friday, the 25th instant.

MR. B. S. STRAUS, L.C.C., Mr. H. L. W. Lawson, L.C.C., Mr. W. C. Steadman, M.P., L.C.C., and Mr. W. Crooks, L.C.C., have accepted the position of vice-presidents in connection with the movement in East London to aid the *Daily Telegraph* Fund by the holding of a carnival.

THE KING of SWEDEN visited Sheffield on Monday in order to inspect the Armour Plate Works of Messrs. Cammel. His Majesty arrived in the city shortly after one o'clock, and, accompanied by the Swedish Minister and members of the Legation, was met at the station by Sir Alexander Wilson, managing director of the works.

OF MR. F. A. BOSANQUET, Q.C., the *World* remarks: "His appointment to the ancient office of Common Serjeant is most popular among his brethren at the Bar. His judicial mind and high legal attainments qualify him for the highest preferment, and his old-world courtesy towards those with whom he has come in contact from time to time has won for him hosts of friends."

WE UNDERSTAND that the formal purchase of the second half of the addition to the Postmen's Park, adjoining St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, will be completed by the parish in the course of a week or so. The balance needed has, it is true, not yet been raised, but it is understood that arrangements will be made with the parochial trustees for the ground to be thrown into the park in spite of the small sum still remaining to be collected. No date has yet been fixed for the opening ceremony.

THE HEALTH of LONDON.—In London last week 2737 births and 1675 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, the births were 38 below, and the deaths 65 above the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years. The annual death rate per 1000 from all causes, which had been 21.0, 20.6, 19.6 in the preceding three weeks, further fell last week to 19.0. During the four weeks ending on Saturday last the death rate averaged 20.1 per 1000, being 1.0 per 1000 above the mean rate in the corresponding periods of the ten years 1890-99.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION.—Bro. the Lord Mayor is making a special appeal on behalf of the City of London Branch Committee of the Royal Lifeboat Institution. The institution, his lordship points out, maintains 295 lifeboats at an annual cost of over £30,000, the whole of which sum has to be raised from voluntary contributions. Rewards have been granted for saving 41,342 lives since 1824. Cheques can be forwarded to the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, but cash should be sent to the city office of the institution, Bishopsgate-street Without.

THE NEW PALACE STEAMERS LIMITED.—In view of the controversy in the press regarding the smaller river steamer traffic, sea-trippers and holiday seekers generally will welcome the announcement that the popular steamers of the above Company will sail as usual during the coming season, starting on Saturday, the 2nd prox. with the Royal Sovereign and Koh-i-Noor sailing to Southend, Margate and Ramsgate. La Marguerite will begin her trips to Margate, Boulogne and Ostend on the 27th prox., and will no doubt enjoy the same popularity as she did last season, as every arrangement has been made to secure the comfort and enjoyment of her passengers, including special fares for excursionists wishing to visit the Paris Exhibition by this route. The catering, which gave so much satisfaction last season is again entirely in the Company's own hands and will no doubt maintain its prestige.

THE PRINTERS' PENSION CORPORATION.—The Council of this Institution met at the almshouses at Wood Green on Saturday, the 5th inst. There were present Mr. W. H. Collingridge, Trustee and honorary local visitor; Dr. W. E. Porter, Medical Officer; and the following members of the Council: Mr. F. J. E. Young, Chairman; Mr. J. F. Beck, Deputy Chairman; Mr. H. Garnon, Mr. G. P. Hanbury, Mr. H. F. Harding, Mr. J. A. Harvey, Mr. R. J. Hearnden, Mr. W. Hilton, Mr. C. W. Iveson, Mr. J. Pardoe, Mr. T. Scott, Mr. E. Southcott, Bro. C. J. Drummond, Mr. James Thompson, and Mr. Joseph Mortimer, Secretary. The monthly financial report was of a very satisfactory character. In connection with the recent bequest of £1000 by the late Mrs. Vincent Figgins, the Council resolved that one of the 32 houses comprising the almshouses should bear the name of the deceased lady.

A GRAND PATRIOTIC CARNIVAL is being organised, and will parade the streets of the Borough of St. Pancras on Thursday and Friday, the 24th and 25th instant respectively, the object of the demonstration being twofold—firstly, to commemorate the 81st birthday of her Majesty the Queen, who was born on the 24th May, 1819; and, secondly, to raise funds in aid of the widows and orphans of the soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the war in South Africa. Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, Bart., M.P., is President of the scheme, and among the Vice-Presidents are the Marquis Camden, Bro. Earl Carrington, the Earl of Mansfield, Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth, Captain Jessel, M.P., Mr. E. R. P. Moon, M.P., Bro. H. R. Graham, M.P., and Mr. T. Wrightson, M.P. Mr. E. Cox-Sinclair, J.P., is Chairman, and Mr. C. H. L. Barrett (Vestry Clerk), Hon. Secretary of the Central Executive Committee at the Vestry Hall, Pancras-road, N.W., and Bro. J. Barings, District Chairman, and Mr. G. W. Buckridge, District Hon. Secretary of the District Committee, Volunteer Headquarters, High-street, N.W.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SHERIFF SIR ALFRED BEVAN.—At the Mansion House on the 4th inst., an illuminated address was presented to Bro. Sheriff Sir Alfred Bevan by Sir M. M. Bhowanaggee, K.C.I.E., M.P., on behalf of the Association of Friendly, Trade, and Philanthropic Societies. Bro. the Lord Mayor occupied the chair, and there was a representative gathering; among those present being the Lady Mayoress, Lady Bevan (representing the Sheriff, who was absent through indisposition), Miss Ida Bevan, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Sir William Treloar, Mr. Hamilton Hoare, Mr. J. A. Dickenson (one of the hon. secretaries), and many others. In making the presentation, Bro. Sir M. M. Bhowanaggee gave a short history of the movement. He said that upon the announcement that Bro. Sir Alfred Bevan had been nominated by the incoming Lord Mayor, as one of the Sheriffs, it was felt by many working men that the event was one which should be celebrated by presenting him with some testimonial to show their gratitude for his large-hearted kindness to, and sympathy with, the working classes. Many Masons had also joined the movement to congratulate Bro. Sir Alfred on his appointment as Grand Treasurer. A meeting was therefore arranged of delegates for various friendly, trade, and philanthropic societies, under the patronage of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, and other gentlemen. An executive committee was appointed to obtain the illuminated address, and Mr. R. N. Hamilton Hoare was elected the president of the association; he himself (Sir M. M. Bhowanaggee) being chosen as the chairman of the executive committee, and Mr. A. J. Dear, Mr. J. Phipps, jun., Mr. W. Prior, and Mr. J. A. Dickenson as the hon. secretaries. It was afterwards decided to present Lady Bevan with a curio table. The execution of the address was placed in the hands of Mr. G. D. Stevenson, A.R.I.B.A., of King-street. The committee wished to congratulate Bro. Sir Alfred upon the honour conferred upon him by her Majesty. The societies represented included—The Morley House Convalescent Home, the Hospital Saturday Fund, the London Society of Compositors, the Hearts of Oak, various lodges of Foresters, Odd Fellows, and Shepherds, the Victoria and Albert Society, the Mutual Aid Society, and the Engineers. Bro. Sir Alfred Bevan had taken a personal interest in most of these philanthropic societies, and had helped them munificently and unostentatiously. He had freed the Morley Home from debt by a donation of some £7000, thereby enabling the committee of that home to open 50 additional beds for the benefit of the working classes. In conclusion, the speaker addressed Lady Bevan, and wished her husband a speedy restoration to robust health. Bro. the Lord Mayor next spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Sir Alfred Bevan, saying how greatly he had taxed his health in the many efforts he had made to assist charity. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Sir William Treloar also said a few appreciative words concerning his colleague. Bro. the Lord Mayor tendered thanks on behalf of Lady Bevan, and a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Hamilton Hoare, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Dickenson, then brought the gathering to a close.