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THE 'FREEMASONS' CLUB, RICHMOND, SURREY, LIMITED.

There are those who never miss the opportunity of urging upon the brethren the desirability of cultivating, as far as in them lies, the social side of Freemasonry, not to the exclusion of those Charitable or other high purposes to which the best energies of the Craft are devoted, but rather as a valuable means whereby those higher purposes may be additionally served. Hence it is that in the United Kingdom and its colonies and possessions abroad the meetings of our lodges, be they of English, Irish, or Scottish origin, are almost invariably supplemented by some kind of social gathering at which the members and their Masonic visitors may spend an hour or two together, and so have greater facilities for knowing each other than are possible during the transaction of business in the lodge room. This supplement to the lodge work may be known as a banquet or dinner, high tea or supper—the name given to it is immaterial, but the purpose is not the undue enjoyment of the pleasures of the table but rather, as we have said already, that the brethren, who no doubt move in different spheres of life, may learn to know, and knowing, to respect each other better. Unfortunately for the furtherance of this very desirable object, lodges seldom meet more than once a month, and the majority of them perhaps not more than half-a-dozen times in the year. Hence in those of our large Provincial cities and towns which can boast of many lodges and other Masonic bodies, and wherever else it may be possible, the brethren have of late years elected to build or erect premises of their own, which not only serve the purpose of providing the necessary accommodation for lodge and chapter meetings, but are also available for use as clubs and for social meetings generally. In the north of England particularly this desire for private quarters has grown apace among the lodges, while in the important South-Western Province of Devonshire as many as three new halls have been dedicated during the present year, to say nothing of those previously existing in Exeter, the Three Towns, Exmouth, Barnstaple, &c., &c., &c. In and about the Metropolis, however, while there are ample facilities in all directions for lodge meetings, there are, in proportion to the number of lodges, fewer private halls and as a consequence fewer opportunities for the formation of Masonic clubs. Quite recently a prospectus has been issued for the formation of a company which is registered as "The Freemasons' Club (Richmond, Surrey),

Limited." The capital proposed to be raised is £2000 in £1 shares. The Board of Directors, consisting of Bros. ALFRED ALDIN (chairman) and STEPHEN ABELL, of Richmond; B. E. BLASBY, J.P., and G. H. BREADMORE, of Kew; Major-Gen. G. F. GUYON, Richmond; H. E. HORNBY, of Twickenham; and PERCY E. METZNER and FRANCIS R. ROBINSON, of Richmond; with Bro. T. SKEWES-COX, J.P., lately M.P., and a candidate for re-election, as Hon. Solicitor; and Bro. F. W. H. ANTEN, as Hon. Secretary, *pro tem.*, have arranged with Bro. R. HAMPTON to occupy part of the premises recently erected by the latter in the Sheen Road, and within three minutes' walk of the Station, at a rental, exclusive of rates and taxes, of £200 per annum, while a provisional agreement has been entered into by Bro. ALDIN on behalf of the Company with Bro. HAMPTON, which secures the Company the option within a certain time either of renting the whole of the premises or of purchasing the ground lease expiring in 1998. The portion of the premises which, in the first instance, it is proposed to occupy, comprises a number of club-rooms, including a billiard-room, 37 feet x 26 feet; library and reading-room, 26 feet x 21 feet; a lodge-room, 26 feet x 40 feet, with ante-room, &c., together with kitchens, cellars, &c., and the free use of the banqueting hall, 26 feet x 63 feet, on certain occasions, the whole of such portion being indicated on the plan accompanying the prospectus.

Already provisional promises have been made by some 200 brethren who will take amongst them more than £1200 of shares, and those who may desire to become shareholders must forward their applications to the Hon. Sec. (Bro. F. W. H. ANTEN) at the Company's registered offices (*pro temp.*), 2, King-street, Richmond, on or before Monday, 15th October, when the list will be closed, after which the scale of charges to joining members may be increased. The holding of shares and membership of the Club will be restricted to Freemasons, and the Directors are anxious that the shares should be distributed among as many brethren as possible rather than held by a few, and this point will be considered in making the allotment. A brother may apply for one share, which must be fully paid up, and will serve as a kind of Entrance Fee to the Club, and in addition such further number as he may desire, paying on these latter 5s. on application, 5s. on allotment, and the remainder on such calls as may be made. The annual subscription for membership of club is one guinea per annum, payable in advance. The directors anticipate that they will receive such a yearly revenue in subscriptions and for use of billiard and other rooms, &c., as will enable them to meet their expenditure, and at the same time suffice "to pay a dividend of six per cent. on the shares, form a reserve fund, pay for club improvements, and contribute to the Masonic Charities," nor, as far as we are able to judge, is there any reason why these anticipations should not be realised.

The club is intended more particularly for brethren residing in the Thames Valley, and as there are quite a number of lodges located there, including one at Kew Bridge, two in Richmond, five at Twickenham, one at Teddington, four at Kingston, 19 at Hampton Court, to say nothing of those at Staines, and other riverside places, and the Chapters, Mark Lodges, &c., all within easy reach by rail or road of Richmond, and having regard to the many alterations of this popular resort, it is difficult to see how so well-conceived a project should fail for lack of support. At all events, "The Freemasons' Club, Richmond, Surrey, Limited," has our best wishes for its success.

PRESIDENTS OF THE U.S.A. WHO WERE FREEMASONS.

Many of our American Exchanges, and among them the *American Tyler* in particular, have latterly been publishing brief accounts of those former Presidents of the United States of North America who are known to have been members of our Society. Exclusive of the present occupant of the Presidential chair—Bro. McKinley—the number of them is seven out of the 25 gentlemen who, at the regular stated periods of election, have been chosen to rule the great American Republic. These seven are Bros. George Washington, Andrew Jackson, James Knox Polk, Millard Fillmore, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, and James A. Garfield. More than one of them won distinction in our ranks, and especially in the case of George Washington and Andrew Jackson, evidence has again and again been produced showing that they always took a deep interest in the Order, Washington having presided over one of the early lodges in Virginia while that State was still a British Colony, and Jackson having served as M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. As regards the former of these distinguished men there is, to our mind, very little doubt that had the project which was suggested during the last decade of the 18th century of establishing a General Grand Lodge for the whole of the United States been carried to a successful issue, George Washington would have been elected to the office of General Grand Master. Jackson, however, ruled the Grand Lodge of his State of Tennessee with the same tact and ability that he administered the government of the United States as President, and, though the details of his Masonic career are of the scantiest, except such as relate to him as Grand Master, there are numerous anecdotes extant as to his love for the Craft. These anecdotes may or may not rest on a very sure foundation; but as there is no smoke without fire, so is it very unusual to find anecdotes circulated about people whose life and actions, generally, or in some particular sphere of duty, have not won for them respect and popularity.

Of the remaining five Masonic Presidents, we read in the *American Tyler* that Bro. Polk was initiated in Columbia Lodge, No. 31, on the Tennessee Register, in 1820, and served as J.W. the following year, and that he was also a Royal Arch Mason; and that on his death, which occurred in June, 1849, only a few months after his vacation of the Presidential office, he was buried, at his own request, with Masonic honours in the garden of his residence at Nashville, a monument being subsequently erected over his grave. Millard Fillmore is also known to have been a member of the Order, but "being of a sensitive nature," he "recanted during the anti-Masonic excitement of 1826-36, and it is not known that he ever after affiliated with the fraternity." James Buchanan, the 15th President of the U.S.A., was appointed on 27th December, 1823, by the M.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, District Deputy. Andrew Johnson, who became President on the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, shortly after the latter had been re-elected to office for a second term of four years, was also a brother, and so, too, was James A. Garfield, who was assassinated by Guiteau, on the 2nd July, 1881. Our worthy contemporary further mentions that a belief prevails that Lincoln proposed to apply for membership of a lodge on completing his second term as President, and also that General U. S. Grant is said to have been elected a member of a lodge when a lieutenant, and to have gone through the ceremony of initiation. Of the Vice-Presidents and defeated candidates for the Presidency or Vice-Presidency who were Masons the number given by the *Tyler* is considerable, and includes Aaron Burr, Daniel D. Thompson, Richard M. Johnson, George M. Dallas, John C. Breckenridge, and Garret A. Hobart, who served as Vice-Presidents; John Hancock and John Marshall, who were defeated candidates for the Presidency, and Henry Clay, Lewis Cass, John Bell, Stephen A. Douglas, Winfield S. Hancock, George B. McClellan, William H. English, and Arthur W. Sewall, who were also unsuccessful aspirants for one or other of the offices we have mentioned.

AT THE MEETING of the Croydon Corporation on Monday last the Mayor read the following telegram from Bro. Lord Roberts with reference to the decision to confer the freedom of the borough upon him: "Gladly accept the high honour proposed to be conferred on me.—ROBERTS." The message was received with loud cheers.

GRAND SECRETARY OF SCOTLAND.

In common with very many brethren at Home and Abroad, I have heard of the resignation, by my dear old friend Bro. D. Murray Lyon, of the office of Grand Secretary of Scotland, with great regret, especially as failing health is the cause.

Twenty-four years' occupancy of such an office has entailed an immense deal of labour and anxiety, and though all that long time Bro. Lyon has been blessed with good health until just now, one cannot but feel that if anyone has earned the right to retirement he has. Still, we have become so used to his occupancy of the office of Grand Secretary, all things have gone so smoothly and well, and the prosperity of the Grand Lodge has so increased by leaps and bounds, financially and generally, that we have almost forgotten that the chief moving spirit throughout all this period, who has brought order out of chaos, is, after all, subject to illness and infirmities, as well as his many admirers and friends.

Bro. Lyon, in his letter of resignation, gives expression to the deep gratitude he feels for the active help he has received from the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, the Grand Committee, and the office-bearers, as well as the Craft generally; their generous co-operation being warmly appreciated. I feel assured, when the time comes for the Grand Lodge to speak, there will be no doubtful sound as to the heartiest reciprocation of all such expressions, and that in his retirement he will take with him the love and respect of the whole Scottish Fraternity.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Ireland.

MASONIC SERVICE AT TEMPLEPATRICK, PROVINCE OF ANTRIM.

On the 16th instant, under the auspices of St. Paul's Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, No. 160, a special Masonic service was held in the Old Presbyterian Church, Templepatrick. A special train travelled from Belfast, and a number of brethren from the city took advantage of the opportunity of assisting their friends. The brethren met at the Masonic Hall, Templepatrick, and marched in procession to the church, which was filled to its utmost capacity. Amongst others there were present: Bros. C. K. Cordner, 10; J. H. Woods, P.P.J.G.W.; W. T. Braithwaite, P.S.G.W.; W. Mehafeey, P.P.J.S.D.; Arthur McKeown, M.E.K. 160; James Clarke, P.K., Reg.; Alexander Bill, P.M. 160; John Nelson, P.M. 140; Wm. Baird, P.M. 317; A. McClelland, P.J.G.D.; J. M. McCullough, J.W. 178; G. Gordon, 160; Nathaniel Gray, 160; David Boyd, 56; Robert Downey, 56; James Moore, 160 and 28; Wm. Gray, P.K. 64; Thomas McDuffin, 645; John Kerr, 645; R. B. Andrews, P.P.G.S.B.; John Moore, 160; Wm. B. Davison, 28; T. Coulter, H.P. 28; James Millar, W.M. 537; W. Hart, P.M. 74; George Reid, 28; George H. McKinney, 253; John Scott, 160; Gibson Barron, 160; H. R. Ashcroft, 160; W. J. Ritchie, R.A.C. 288; John Alexander, 103, R.A.C. 109; James Strain, J.D. 28; R. B. Fleming, 160; S. Stevenson, 160; W. Montgomery, 28; F. G. Barrett, P.M. 28; James Harrison, S.D. 513; Wm. Strainer, 56; Robert Auld, P.M. 74; Arthur Johnston, 181; Wm. Redpath, 186; Isaac Duffin, 160; Samuel Blair, 513; Thomas Blair, 513; J. Todd, P.M. 29; J. H. McKinstry, 335; James Cameron, M.A. 56; James Frazer, M.A. 140; J. Courtney, M.A. 140; James Ritchie, 160; J. Officer, 140; A. Reid, 160; Wm. Shannon, 160; J. B. Milroy, 160; J. H. Carson, 140; A. Caldwell, 140; H. Millar, 28; J. Atcken, 140; J. Ingram, 140; John Garrett, 258; W. O'Flaherty, 28; D. McEvel, 140; A. Peden, P.M. 160; W. J. Adje, P.P.G.S.; John Simpson, 28; John Hamilton, 140; Thomas Henderson, P.M. 258; Samuel Milliken, S.W. 276; Thomas Boyd, P.M. 276; R. Robinson, R.A. 276; Thomas K'Knight, R.A. 276; R. Carlisle, R.A. 276; Richard Allen, P.M. 140; A. Pameson, 22; D. McCrubb, 22; and Joseph Nutt, 28.

Rev. A. Turner chose for his text 1st Kings, vi., 7—"And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone, made ready before it was brought thither, so that there was neither hammer nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building." The origin of Freemasonry, let them freely admit, was, he said, lost in obscurity. The line of descent was not straight. Tracing backwards, they followed a zig-zag course, touching one corporation here, another there, until at last there was no path left, and they paused. To make the institution coeval with creation was beyond his power. But even so, its great antiquity was acknowledged and at least dated back to the time when men were first gathered together in numbers to build the grand architectural structures of the world. In the fact of the vast numbers employed lay, he thought, the beginning of the present institution. The first care of the architect was to provide for his men. Huts were built—frequently called lodges—wherein the workers might dwell, 10 men to a lodge, and one of the 10 was appointed warden or overseer over the remaining nine. These small groups doubtless fostered the spirit of brotherly love among themselves, and thus from the very beginning Speculative Masonry existed to some extent alongside the Operative kind. It was easy to imagine that a worker injured or maimed in the course of his work would be carried to his lodge and faithfully and tenderly cared for by the remaining members thereof. Charity of the highest description thus crept in from the commencement, and became an integral part of Freemasonry. A peculiarity about those old-time architects and builders was that they moved about *en bloc* from place to place, from country to country, to wherever especially good work was to be done. This travelling about in company unconsciously bound them together as a society, kept the lodges intact, with all their membership and office-bearers, and fostered a desire to keep within themselves the secrets of their craft, and about the year 1044 before Christ the Dionysiac Fraternity appeared in Asia

Minor—that is to say, about half a century before the building of Solomon's Temple. The Fraternity was established in Tyre, when King Hiram was called upon to assist King Solomon in his design. Accordingly a number of them were sent from Tyre, at the head of whom was Hiram, the widow's son, correctly known and styled in the Lutheran version of the Scriptures as Hiram Abif. To this band of workmen many attributed the origin of Freemasonry. In 926 A.D. the English Freemasons met at York, and under the title of the "Gothic Institutions" they adopted their rules and regulations. To this Craft they owed the magnificent Gothic religious edifices of the middle ages, such as the Cathedral of Strasburg, built between 1015 and 1349, and that of Cologne, founded in 1248. The abbey of Kilwinning in Scotland was raised by this Fraternity in the 13th century, and the Kilwinning and York lodges are held to be or to have been the most ancient on record. About the year 1714 the privileges of the Order were no longer restricted to operative masons, but extended to men of various professions, provided they were regularly approved and initiated. Sir Christopher Wren, architect of St. Paul's Cathedral, is said to have been at one time Grand Master. The Dionysiac Fraternity settled, as I have said, in Asia Minor about 50 years before the building of Solomon's Temple. Thence they made their way to Tyre, and thence sent help to build the Temple. Proceeding, Bro. the Rev. Turner gave a description of Solomon's Temple, which was one of the most magnificent structures of the ancient world. He drew particular attention to the methods pursued in the building of it—to the awful, the reverent silence which pervaded the work. No doubt the world had listened to a great deal of noise in the name of religion, but it was, perhaps, so-called religion, and one should discriminate between the reality and the semblance. In conclusion, he said he had to ask for their alms in the interests of their Masonic Institution in the village of Templepatrick. He need hardly point out that Masonry meant the greatest goodwill and Charity—so he asked them that afternoon to be as good and as liberal as they thought God had been to them.

The collection, which was then taken, amounted to £30 10s. 5d.
The service concluded with devotional exercises.

Scotland.

THE RESTORATION OF BRECHIN CATHEDRAL.

The memorial stone in connection with the restoration of the venerable Cathedral Church of Brechin, was laid on the 22nd inst. by the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., Grand Master Mason of Scotland, with full Masonic honours.

There was a large deputation from the Grand Lodge, among them being Bros. John Graham, Dep. G. Master; James Berry, P.G. Master of Forfarshire; Col. Lumsden, P.G. Master of Aberdeenshire; W. J. Sandford Thomson, P.G. Master of Kincardineshire; the Hon. C. S. Ramsey, S.G.W.; Major F. W. Allan, P.S.G.W.; the Rev. Colin Campbell, D.D., G. Chap.; and D. Reid, G. Treas.

After luncheon, the deputation from Grand Lodge were admitted into the Prov. G. Lodge, and thereafter the large procession was formed, the brethren marching to the Cathedral, all parts of which were crowded. The G. Master, accompanied by Bros. James Berry, Prov. G. Master of the province; the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, S.G.W.; and Major Allan, acting J.G.W., took their places on the platform, and a silver trowel and fine mallet having been presented to the G. Master, the ceremony was carried through in true Masonic form. After a short address by the G. Master, Bro. the Hon. James A. Campbell, M.P., on behalf of the Executive Committee, thanked Bro. the Hon. James Hozier and the members of the Craft for their attendance.

The movement for the restoration originated with the late Rev. Alex. Gardner, one of the ministers of the Cathedral, who, however, died before anything was done. The proposal was revived by Mr. James A. Campbell, of Stracathro, M.P., who offered a subscription of £1000; and a committee was then formed, and plans prepared by Mr. John Honeyman, who is an authority on Gothic architecture, and carried out a similar restoration of the ancient Collegiate Church of Linlithgow. The cost was estimated at £10,000, towards which the Baird Trustees agreed to give a grant of £1500. Subscriptions came in freely, and the whole sum was soon raised. But it was deemed advisable to make an addition to the scheme, involving a further cost of £2100. Towards this, £200 has been subscribed, and no serious difficulty is anticipated in raising the balance. The work of restoration has therefore been begun. Brechin is a very interesting old place. In the "Pictish Chronicle" it is described as having been a "great city" in 990. It is believed that previous to the introduction of Christianity into Scotland, Druidical rites were celebrated on the rocky knoll on which the present cathedral stands; and the disciples of St. Columba at a later date founded a cell there, and also a training college for priests and missionaries. The buildings then erected were probably mere wattle huts, similar to those which were put up at Iona and elsewhere. They would be superseded by more permanent buildings, but the only existing relic of the Culdees is the wonderful Round Tower, which has long been a subject of inquiry, and also of controversy, among archaeologists. The only other Round Tower in Great Britain is at Abernethy, in Perthshire, but both bear a resemblance to the Round Towers of Ireland. The Bishopric of Brechin was founded

about 1150, by David I., the monarch who was characterised by his descendant as "a saint sanct for the Crown;" and the present church was probably begun about that time. But the work in connection with the present restoration has proved that the building stands on the foundations of a much older edifice.

Unlike most of the ecclesiastical buildings of Scotland, Brechin Cathedral did not suffer much at the time of the Reformation. The inhabitants of the town were but cold Reformers, and were evidently not inspired by the iconoclastic frenzy which fired so many of their countrymen at that time. It was not till a later date that the cathedral was seriously damaged. According to a local tradition it was injured by the soldiers of Cromwell, but this legend is not trustworthy. What seems to have happened was that the cathedral was neglected, and fell into disrepair, and that, in Brechin, as elsewhere, the stones of the decaying parts were carried off for the erection of other buildings. This was quite common during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and even later. Arbroath Abbey, Dunkeld Cathedral, and many of the great ecclesiastical buildings of Scotland were long utilised simply as quarries. The most serious damage to Brechin Cathedral, however, was done in the beginning of the present century, when the church was "reconstructed." Philistinism then ran riot. The one object of the scheme was to make the building suitable for a parish church, and to secure the largest possible amount of sitting accommodation. No regard was paid to antiquarian or historical sentiment, to beauty of design, to style, or to a sense of proportion. The inner walls of the side aisles were removed, and the outer walls built up higher, the transepts demolished, and the clerestory windows in the nave hidden. The chancel arch was closed up, and some of the stones of the chancel utilised in the "reconstruction" of the edifice. Galleries were put all round the church, the pillars and walls of the nave being cut and defaced to admit the woodwork. To complete the destruction, a plastered ceiling was put across the whole building, hiding the roof and the beautiful tracery of the large west window, and the stonework of the nave was coated with plaster. The sapient architect who was responsible for this scheme even proposed to demolish the famous Round Tower and use the stones. But this economical proposal was prevented from being carried out. A neighbouring landed proprietor interfered, and threatened to hang from the top of the tower the first man who touched a stone!

The church consisted, in its original state, of a choir without aisles, and a bay, with five bays and side aisles. There is reason to believe that the first plans were not carried out fully, but what remains of the building shows that it had been designed on very tasteful lines. The chancel is now an ivy-covered ruin, but what is left is sufficiently well preserved to show that it was a fine example of Early English. Fortunately, sufficient remains, not only to prove its beauty, but also to serve as a guide in the restoration. The object of the present scheme is to preserve what is left of the old edifice, and bring back, by judicious restoration, as much as possible of its pristine beauty. Mr. Honeyman's plans provide for the complete restoration of the choir, the rebuilding of the aisle walls, the roofing of the aisles, the removal of the plaster floor, &c., and of the north, south, and east galleries, re-roofing the nave, and building a north porch and small south transept. The operations are already fairly well advanced. The plaster ceiling has been taken down, and it has been found that the old clerestory is, happily, almost uninjured. In the foundations of the west gable of the south aisle a number of carved stones have been found, which are believed to have formed part of a Norman building which stood on the site of the cathedral. Other pieces of Norman work have been found which still retain traces of coloured decoration. Several interesting relics, such as stone coffins, have also been discovered.

Craft Masonry.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.

The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Walter Cockerham, W.M.; J. T. C. Blackie, S.W.; Saml. Richards, J.W.; J. Schofield, I.P.M.; J. M. Moss, P.M., P.P.D.G.S.B., Sec.; O. M. Jones, P.M., Treas.; Buckley Carr, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. Brownhill, S.D.; George J. Critchley and W. Clewlow, Stwds.; E. Zoebell, P.M.; H. M. Massingham, P.M.; J. Irlam, P.M.; J. R. Ashworth, P.M.; R. Dottie, P.M.; W. Arnold, G. H. Tyler, E. A. Harrison, T. Thrutchley, C. G. Balls, and J. W. Whalley. Bro. Greenhalgh, 1126, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Thrutchley and Arnold having expressed their desire to be passed to the Second Degree, and having answered the usual questions satisfactorily, retired. The two ceremonies of passing were performed by Bro. Hugh Mortimer Massingham, P.M., in a most able manner. Bros. Harrison and Tyler having answered the usual questions, they were raised to the sublime Degree of M.M. by Bros. J. Irlam, P.M., and J. M. Moss, P.M., &c., who each performed a ceremony in their usual masterly style.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitor, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bros. Schofield, Richards, Blackie, Balls, Thrutchley, and Greenhalgh contributed to the harmony.

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Every one knows that unripe fruit has an acid taste, and that this taste is not entirely gone even in fruit that is perfectly matured. Added to the sweetness, due to sugar, this acidity gives to the ripe fruit a pleasant, refreshing quality, which is much appreciated during the heat of summer. By a long series of laborious researches, which date back to the last century, it has been discovered that all fruits owe their peculiar taste to the presence, in the pulp, of several acids, such as acetic acid (vinegar), citric, tartaric, malic acids, and some others of less importance. Generally one of these acids predominates in any given kind of fruit, thus the chief acid of the grape is tartaric acid, that of the orange and lemon is citric acid, whilst in the apple we find malic acid as well as citric acid. Acetic acid, also, exists in many fruits. Most of these fruit acids are solid substances, which dissolve easily in water; they are white and crystalline, like sugar, only instead of having a sweet taste, like the latter, they are extremely acid when placed upon the tongue. The ingenuity of the experimental chemist has detected some hundreds of these acids in various plants, and they form an interesting branch of study; but of all these citric acid and tartaric acid are not only the commonest, but by far the most important to mankind. No chemical product represents a much larger capital than that which is, at present, invested in the manufacture of citric and tartaric acids, the produce of the lemon and the grape. The process by which they are obtained is so similar that both these acids are generally manufactured by the same makers. They are both white crystalline acids, and very similar in their uses and properties, though, in many respects, decidedly different. Citric acid is much the dearest, being, at the present time about 1s. 6d. per lb., whilst tartaric acid is 1s. 2d. Of late the price of the latter has risen, and that of both acids fluctuates, of course, according to the supply upon the market. As they are put to different uses in the arts, manufactures, and in medicine, it was necessary to discover some delicate tests by which they may be readily distinguished, and the adulteration of the dearer by the cheaper acid was formerly much more common than it is since these tests were brought to light. Though the acidity of lemon juice was known to the ancients, it is only in comparatively modern times that some glimpses were obtained for the first time of the very remarkable substance to which this acidity is due. In 1774, a Swedish chemist, named Georgi, or Georgius (as it was the fashion in those days to Latinise the names of distinguished men), endeavoured to obtain the acid in a pure state. For this purpose he filled a bottle entirely with lemon juice, corked it and placed it in a cellar for four years. At the end of that time the mucilage and other impurities contained in the juice were found deposited at the bottom of the bottle. The liquid poured off from this deposit was put in a cool place, the temperature at the time being 28° Fahrenheit, or 4° of frost, which caused the water to freeze, but not the acid, and the liquid poured away from the ice was a strong solution of citric acid. It had never before been obtained so strong. But Georgi does not appear to have boiled down or evaporated this liquid to obtain the solid acid, just as solid sugar is got by evaporating the juice of the sugar cane; and had he done so, he would only have produced a very impure product, and have been puzzled and disappointed. It was reserved for another Swedish chemist, the immortal Scheele, to whom the science of chemistry owes a greater number of discoveries than to any other man—to obtain citric acid in the solid form, and to show that it was quite different from tartaric acid, which he had formerly discovered. It was in 1784, or just 10 years after Georgi's experiment, that Scheele made known his process for obtaining pure citric acid from the juice of the lemon, and it is that which is carried out at the present time. We cannot discuss the technical details of the manufacture; we will simply state that 20 gallons of good lemon juice will yield fully 10 lbs. of white crystals of citric acid. Citric acid is contained in a very large number of plants, besides oranges and lemons, and also the ripe fruit of the tomato. Enormous quantities of citric acid are used in calico printing, in pharmacy, and in the preparation of artificial lemonade. This is cheaply produced, and is much used as a cooling drink in fever hospitals. It has been used in the Navy as a substitute for fresh lemon juice in the treatment or prevention of scurvy, but has been much less efficient. In rheumatism, or rheumatic gout, the fresh juice of the lemon is preferred on account of the bicarbonate of potash which it contains. Pure lemon juice is also a valuable remedy in sore throat and diphtheria; cases have been recorded in which children have apparently been cured of this terrible disease by constantly sucking oranges or lemons. Pure citric acid possesses, like some other acids, the power of destroying the bad effects of polluted water used for drinking; but it is, perhaps, best to boil the water before adding a little citric acid to it. Besides the production of artificial lemonade, immense quantities of citric acid are annually consumed in the manufacture or preparation of pharmaceutical products, such as the effervescing citrate of magnesia, citrate of quinine and iron, and many other preparations which employ thousands of hands in all parts of the civilised world.

PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued).

The next painter on our list is a name of more note, celebrated in the lists of the great Italian masters; this was Frederic Zuccherò, the younger brother of Taddeo, and born like him at Vado, in the Duchy of Urbino, in the year 1550. Frederic was carried by his parents to Rome, where their elder son was then employed, and the younger improved so much in the space of six years, that, without his brother's assistance, he painted a picture of Helicon and the Muses, for a Roman nobleman, and executed the greatest part of a chapel, on which his brother was engaged. They worked for some time in concert, and, being at Florence, painted in four days the whole history of the Passion, which was bespoken in a hurry, for the decoration of

a church on Easter Sunday. Taddeo dying at the age of 37, Frederic finished his imperfect works, among which were the paintings at the magnificent palace, then lately built at Capravolo, by Cardinal Farnese. His picture, in distemper, of Calumny, borrowed from the description of one painted by Apelles, was supposed to be a tacit satire on that cardinal, with whom he had quarrelled on some deficiency of payment. Zuccherò's temper seems, by another instance, to have been pretty strongly tinged with resentment; while he was employed by Gregory 13th to paint the Pauline Chapel in the Vatican, he fell out with some of his holiness's officers. To be revenged, he painted their portraits with ears of asses, and exposed the picture publicly over the gate of St. Luke's Church, on the festival of that saint, the patron of painters. But for this exploit, he was forced to fly from Rome, and passing into France, he was, for some time, employed in the service of the Cardinal of Lorraine. Thence he went into Flanders, and made cartoons for tapestry; and in the year 1574, arrived in England. Another instance of a painter's loss of temper is related of Verrio, who, quarrelling with Mrs. Marriott, the housekeeper at Windsor Castle, drew her picture for one of the Furies. This was to gratify his own passion; to flatter that of the court of Charles II. he represented Lord Shaftesbury among the demons of Faction in St. George's Hall. The Queen sat to Zuccherò for her picture; so did the Queen of Scots, for that well-known portrait, at Chiswick, which has been engraved by Vertue. This portrait of Mary Queen of Scots is a copy by Zuccherò. She had been in England, and under the strictest confinement, since 1568, several years previous to the painter's arrival; and it is utterly improbable that any foreign painter should have been admitted to her presence under the then existing circumstances. The portrait of her which has the general suffrages for its authenticity is one preserved at Dalmahoy, the principal seat of the Earl of Morton in Scotland, from which an elegant engraving has been made. It is inscribed "Mary Queen of Scots, said to have been painted during her confinement in Lochleven Castle. The name of the painter is quite unknown."

(To be continued.)

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.

We have lately visited the above theatre, where Mr. Geo. Alexander has provided for his patrons a powerful social play, written by the well-known dramatist, Mr. Sydney Grundy. We shall refrain from criticising it at length; it may, and will no doubt, be admired by many, but it is not to our taste. There is but one conclusion we can arrive at—that cold, heartless selfishness can achieve its aim, attain to prosperity, and, at the end, remain unpunished. There is one bright spot in the drama—that of the simple, good-hearted, blundering friend, James Antrobus, admirably played by Mr. H. F. Esmond—which is depicted in the author's best style and forms a striking contrast to that of the worldly-minded O.C. If, as we cannot but believe, this was drawn with full intent by Mr. Grundy, we congratulate him upon his success. It is an original conception, well carried out. The leading part in a "Debt of Honour"—as the play is named—is enacted with his usual artistic skill, by Mr. George Alexander, who wisely endeavours to soften the more repulsive points of the role. We highly commend Miss Fay Davis for the great feeling she evinces as Gipsy Floyd; she elicits our sympathies in the warmest degree. The loving unselfish wife has a good exponent in Miss Julie Opp. Mr. W. H. Vernon, as Sir Jacob Holroyd, M.P., does his best with a character entirely out of his line; the clever actor has adapted himself to it. Mr. Hartley Manners, as the Rev. Absalom Baxter, gives us an amusing sketch. On the whole, "The Debt of Honour" is well staged, and without doubt well acted, but we like it none the more on this account, and regret that Mr. Alexander should not have chosen a more pleasing subject.

STRAND THEATRE.

There is a capital bill of fare just now at the little theatre in the Strand. First we have a smart piece, "Punctured," in which Miss Audrey Ford and Mr. James Welch are engaged. As may readily be imagined, it is founded on the dilemma of a fair cyclist, the tyre of her wheel being punctured when on the Chertsey Road, many miles from London. She is succoured by another cyclist of the sterner sex; the dialogue which ensues being very amusing. The chief attraction is "In the Soup," which, we are informed, is the posthumous play of Mr. Ralph Lumley. On the principle "De Mortuis nil nisi bonum" we shall not judge it severely. The title, "In the Soup," is suggested by a most laughable incident which occurs in the second act; it leads to some ingeniously contrived complications, which are satisfactorily explained at the end. Mr. James Welch has a part which entirely suits him. In his impetuous quintessence and rich drollery he reminds us of Edward Terry. Miss Cronyn acts with intelligence and discretion. Mr. Ayes, as the Frenchman, with insatiable appetite, does the best with his role. Bates, the butler, and his wife, the cook, who has an unpleasant habit of "giving a bit of her mind," as she says, find worthy representatives in Mr. Victor Biddecomb and Miss Maria Saker. The Indian Judge, who is the innocent cause of all the trouble, is capitally acted by Mr. John Beauchamp. A word of praise is certainly due to Mrs. Richard Edgar as Madame Moppert, while pretty Miss Audrey Ford, as the step-daughter, is delightfully piquante. We refrain from describing the story, so that those who would have an enjoyable evening may work it for themselves. If we are not mistaken, they will laugh as heartily as we did.

GENERAL NOTES.

The new Théâtre Français, Paris, will be opened for its first performance on Christmas Day.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt starts on her American tour with M. Coquelin on October 19th.



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There is no better delineation of complete charity than is given in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

It must have been from a pondering over this parable that the light of charity gleamed more brightly on our earth. But long before the English translation of the manuscript containing this story was given to the world, our institution had been born, to shed its glory on humanity; the circumstances narrated might possibly have been in possession of the learned Prelates, who were, in ages gone, active members of our body, as they, and they alone, could have had access to the ancient parchments to be subsequently rendered into English.

But before this translation of tongue there existed a Society or community of all classes, from the monarch on the throne, and the archbishop with his mitre—the Knight Templar on his war horse encased in mailed armour, down to the practical stone hewer and mason, and so on through all the classes of mechanics, who were banded together by the mutuality of vows and trade secrets, as craftsmen who were working out perhaps unknown, except to a few of them, the great moral lessons of Charity or love of one's neighbour.

It was a complete change from the Roman and Greek idea, where the State was the all and in all, and individuality almost unknown and uncared for.

They had no conception of such a thing as Charity or love of one's neighbour—the weak one always went to the wall—the oppressor ruled with iron rod all and sundry that stood in his way. Sick people were a nuisance, and were left to die on the roadside—weak infants were either at once put to death or else were left to expire as long as nature held out.

Slavery, with its black clouds ever hovering around the ancient horizon, was to the fore—the *Pater Familias* had the power of life and death over his children—the highest and lowest in Rome and Athens alike gloated over the cruelties of the gladiatorial show—men fought in the arena with wild beasts—there was no such thing as hospitals—surgery and medicine, the one barbarous in its rude cruelty, and the other absurd beyond idea in its prescriptions.

The whole dominant idea of the haughty Roman was expressed in the cry of "Civis Romanus sum," and the more cultivated Greek lost himself in the subtle intricacies of philosophy, ever searching out for some new thing.

No one cared for his neighbour, it was each for self and all for the State. The highest idea was to appease the gods by sacrifice, and the Roman's idea of a good man was one free from crime and upright in life.

There were no hospitals—these were originated in the foundation of several for the nourishment and treatment of warriors and pilgrims to the Holy Land—money our forefathers poured out on these pious uses, and willed their possessions and lands for the same purposes.

All along the lines in Europe the good work was quietly yet firmly being done—brother in trade secrets clasped the hand of a fellow-brother, and the din of mortar-spreading, brick-laying, and stone cutting and carving resounded along the aisles of the mighty cathedrals, now in our advanced scientific age objects of wonder and almost adoration.

We seldom pause to think, while travelling through the wards of a modern hospital, of the mighty pious dead, long since removed to the Grand Lodge above us all, into whose hearts came the inspiration of acknowledging that the man next door was not only a neighbour as far as mere location went, but was also one in birth—one in misfortune and one with them in a similar journey to the last place of all, where the golden bowl is to be broken, and the windows darkened.

Each neophyte had burned into his heart, as he entered the portals of Masonry, the lesson of charity, this had precedence over actual instruction in the secrets of his craftwork. Society, through our Order, was being leavened up from the idea of a mere status or position, as a unit in the commonwealth, to that of contract, as is so lucidly set out in Sir Henry Maine's work of *Ancient Law*.

It is true that no slave could become a Mason—a person must not only have been free from the chains of slavery, but he must have been born a freeman.

Serfdom and villeinage held millions in chains all over Europe and Asia and Africa, and for a man to become a Mason it was necessary that he should be at liberty to exercise not only a freedom of will, but also a freedom of choice. No slave or villein could do this, he was in bonds corporal and spiritual. He could hardly call his life his own, let alone be a member of a body that at that time were the sole possessors of the secrets of all kinds of handicrafts, and were beginning to make themselves a power in the community where they dwelt, to which monarchs had to bend their sceptres, and upon whom haughty prelates bestowed their benedictions.

Society, through our fathers, was beginning to foregather with smaller circles within the circumference of the wider circle of territory. Man joined hands with fellow man, and the state had to adapt itself to a new order of things.

It has nearly always occurred that societies spring into life amid the best intentions and the purest sources have in the going on of years gradually become luke warm as to good works, and covered with the barnacles of senile decay. Have we as Masons gone through this almost universal experience?

The answer is, with emphasis, by no means so—on the contrary, though venerable as to age, we are youthful as to vigour, though situated over all the vast world, yet acknowledging, as we always have done, that we do reverence to the One Great Architect of the Universe. We know we were from the beginning, are now, and shall be to the last day, under His peculiar care, and own that as Tennyson said:

"The whole round world is everywhere bound by gold chains around the feet of God."

Our aim from the inception of the Order has been not selfish, but generous; not mercenary, but charitable; not warlike, but peaceable; not man-hating, but man-loving; no wild and weird schemes of the anarchist are allowed to develop them in our tents, we are bound to be loyal and peace abiding, wherever our lot be cast. We have laid down all along the lines certain landmarks, chief among which has been the avoidance as a corporate body of all manner and description of politics, therefore we have never been and never can be smirched with the dirt or stench which adheres to and springs from the seething of the political cauldron of politics, be that European, Asiatic, or American. We never move as a political body, though years ago wicked politicians fiendishly assailed us, but the dirt thrown upon our white garments failed utterly to stain us.

Persecutions we have had and men are still alive who can remember the time when to be a Mason was to be subjected to a reproach. Time and the world's experience of our good conduct have healed all these wounds, and so brightly did we come out of the fire that it was as fine gold out of the crucible of affliction. No such thing is at all likely to occur again.

Society at large is not wholly conscious of all that it owes to our Order. No reflection is needed to see the bonds of cohesion which we knit among ourselves, binding millions into a spirit of reverence to the Most High—into the bonds of loyalty to one's country and government, avoiding on the one hand all and every the least interference with existing political institutions, instilling into the hearts of millions the idea of the one brotherhood of man, spreading over the earth the lessons of neighbourly conduct and charity, and this from morning to night of each rising sun, from the North Pole to the South Pole of our globe.

We do not vaunt our good deeds, we blow no trumpet in the market place. We only claim a modest credit for what we have done, are doing, and shall always do, for we are of no mushroom growth that flourishes and withers away.

We are founded on a rock which no time, no storm, can force into decay.

We arrogate to ourselves the pioneership of all the whole body of charitable institutions that cover the earth—they are merely our satellites—the light they diffuse they got from us. Where suffering is, we are; in peace and in war we are at hand with our ministry of mercy.

All the Red Cross Societies, all the ambulance corps, all the hospital works and buildings, had their origin with us, and yet we are not generally credited with it; but we are as careless of this as we are conscious of its historical truth.

If at the last the test shall be, not what we said, not what we professed, not what we preached, but simply: Did we give the cup of cold water? Did we visit those in prison? Did we feed the hungry? Did we clothe the naked? If we come up to these tests then assuredly we are safe. If we do not, then assuredly we are in peril.—P. Cameron, D.C.L., in the "American Tyler."

Craft Masonry.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

The election meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th instant at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, Bradford, Bro. Robt. S. Hird, W.M., presided, and there was a goodly attendance, amongst whom were Bros. Jas. B. Fearnley, I.P.M.; Alfred Stephenson, P.P.G.D.; John Niven, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Last, P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; S. A. Bailey, P.M.; Freas, S. Robinson, P.M.; John Morton, P.M.; Wm. Docksey, S.W.; J. S. Hedley, J.W.; T. H. Bedford, S.D.; R. B. Nicholls, J.D.; W. H. Townsend, as I.G.; J. S. Cooper Tyler; J. Wood, Org.; F. Betteridge, B.A., Chap.; W. Shaw-Smith, R. A. Hinchliffe, Josiah Lee, W. Sykes, I. Hardy, R. S. Town, A. H. Edwards, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O.; H. Lund, H. W. Whitley, W. Durance, T. P. Sykes, J. Harland, and R. F. Crow. Visitors: Bros. Rev. William Wilkinson, P.M. 1214, W.M. 2069, P.P.G.C. W. Yorks; Rev. Stephen L. Walley, W.M. 154, P.P.G.C.; F. G. Dimery, P.M. 2069, P.P.G.P. Somerset; Wm. Fitton, P.M. 2035, P.P.G.D.C.; Richard Mitchell, I.P.M. 2035; John H. Lee, P.M. 1019; Jas. Whitwham, J.D. 439; F. Hall, 439; Alfred Sutcliffe, P.M. 308; L. J. F. Watson, J.W. 2069; J. G. Mabane, J.D. 2069; S. K. Riley, Stwd. 2059; H. James, 2069; and J. T. Jones, 2069.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken and resulted in favour of Dr. B. H. Slater, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Wm. Sykes was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Last, P.M., Sec. The working tools were explained by Bro. Hedley, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. Bailey, P.M. Mr. B. H. Slater was afterwards initiated by Bro. Fearnley, I.P.M., the working tools of an E.A. being explained by Bro. Hedley, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. Docksey, S.W. The report of the Audit Committee regarding the Treasurer's accounts for the current year was submitted by the Secretary and adopted, and the balance-sheet ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. John Bland was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Bailey, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Cooper was also re-elected Tyler. After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors the lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and expressed the great pleasure it afforded him of entertaining so many distinguished guests on that, the last occasion, that he would preside during his year of office, he was particularly gratified to see so many visitors from Lodge Prudence, No. 2069, with the members of which the lodge had during several years enjoyed pleasant visits.

Bro. Rev. W. Wilkinson, W.M. 2059, P.P.G.C., responded, and at the termination of a humorous speech, extended a cordial invitation to the members of the lodge to visit Lodge Prudence, at Leeds, at the regular meeting in October.

Bros. Dimery, P.P.G.R. Somerset, and Fitton, P.P.G.D. of C. West Yorks, also responded.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Last, Sec., who congratulated the W.M. on the splendid meeting which marked the termination of his year of office. Such meetings were good for the lodge, and were appreciated by the members, who gladly co-operated with the W.M. in welcoming the guests of the evening, who had travelled from various parts of the province to be present.

Bro. Hird, W.M., said he sincerely thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast of his health had been received, as well as for the loyal support which they had given him during his term of office. It was most gratifying to him—notwithstanding the holiday season—to see such a good muster of the brethren and visitors.

"The Initiate," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and other toasts were subsequently duly honoured.

A most pleasant evening was spent, songs and harmony being contributed by Bros. Wm. Edwards, Sykes, Harland, Hall, and Whitwham.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1900.

Masonic Notes.

It is with very sincere regret that we have heard of the approaching resignation by Bro. D. Murray Lyon of the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This office he has held for the greater part of the last quarter of a century, and the ability,

tact, and judgment he has invariably exhibited in the discharge of his many and arduous duties have won for him the esteem and respect of the whole body of Scottish Masons. He was elected to office at a time when the affairs of the Grand Lodge of Scotland were utterly disorganised. Now its condition, humanly speaking, is one of assured prosperity. In the work of educating order out of chaos Bro. Lyon has played a leading part, and now that his health has given way and he is no longer able to stand the wear and tear of official duty, he finds it necessary to seek in retirement a repose which all his Scottish brethren will hope may be prolonged for many years.

It is to be regretted that Lord Blythswood Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, in his capacity of Prov. Grand Master of East Renfrewshire, was unable to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new parish church of Rutherglen, of which a full account appeared in our last week's issue. However, his lordship's place was ably filled by Bro. Major Allan, his respected Deputy, and as the weather was beautifully fine, those who had the privilege of witnessing the unusual spectacle must consider themselves highly favoured. There was a large attendance of the brethren, of members of other societies, and of the general public, and the whole thing passed off in a manner that left nothing to be desired. We congratulate the Province and Bro. Major Allan on the success of the proceedings.

We most cordially agree with Bro. Hughon as to the merits of "The Masonic Guide to South Australia." It is undoubtedly one of the best calendars of its class, be they home or colonial, which have come under our notice. The Grand Lodge of South Australia, by virtue of its earlier constitution, takes precedence of the other Australasian Grand Lodges, but though the senior in respect of age, it is far from being the strongest numerically. However, according to the "Guide," reviewed by Bro. Hughon last week, it now has 43 lodges on its register, with close on 2500 members, and under the government of Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Samuel James Way, Bart., who was elected and installed its first Grand Master in 1885, was M.W. Pro Grand Master during the Grand Mastership of Bro. the Earl of Kintore, and on his vacation of office was again elected, and still is M.W. Grand Master, there is every reason to hope and believe that the Grand Lodge of South Australia will continue to prosper. Bro. Sir S. Way, as Lieut.-Governor and Chief Justice of the Colony, is a man of influence; as a Mason he is both beloved and respected. Hence our anticipations that the Grand Lodge under his auspices will go on and prosper.

But this is not the only point in which we find ourselves in agreement with Bro. Hughon. He strongly advises the Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 363 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which is the only lodge that has remained in its old allegiance, to lose no time in casting in its lot with the rest of the lodges in the Colony and placing itself under the banner of the Grand Lodge. His arguments are precisely similar to those we used in the case of the Anglo-Montreal lodges. No reasonable objection can be taken to the Duke of Leinster Lodge with its Royal Arch chapter and Mark lodge remaining under the Irish banner; they have a perfect right to do so if they wish. But the cause of Freemasonry as a whole will be materially benefited when the whole of the lodges in South Australia are ranged under one Supreme Authority. Moreover, we are of his opinion that the present time is favourable for such a union. Bro. Sir S. Way, as we have said, is beloved and respected by the whole Craft of Masonry in the Colony, and it would, indeed, be a compliment to so eminent a brother, if the union he suggests were effected during his Grand Mastership.

And the course which he and we have suggested in this particular case and also in that of the three English lodges in Montreal, may with equal propriety be adopted in the other Australasian Colonies by lodges which have elected to remain in their old allegiance, that is, in allegiance to the Grand Lodges which granted them their respective warrants of constitution. In the old days, when we strenuously upheld the rights of English, Irish, and Scottish lodges to continue working under their original warrants, there were not a few of our Colonial contemporaries who charged us for so doing with the commission of all kinds of high crimes and misdemeanours against the majesty of Colonial Masonry, as well as with entire ignorance of the tendency of Colonial Masonic

opinion on the advisability or otherwise of founding independent Colonial Grand Lodges. But we have never deviated from the opinion we formed when the question of establishing independent Colonial Grand Lodges was seriously raised, namely, that though lodges of English, Irish, or Scottish lodges had an absolute right to continue working under their original warrants, it was to the best interests of Masonry in those Colonies where the Craft was practically unanimous in its desire for independence, that all private lodges should cast in their lot with the proposed new Grand Lodge. And this is the opinion we still hold.

Thus there is a lodge in Victoria which has elected to remain under the English Constitution, and there is another in New South Wales, which has adopted the same course. No one can question their perfect right to act as they have done, and we trust the number is very limited of those who would suggest any interference with the exercise or any curtailment of that right. But after all the interests of Freemasonry as a Society are paramount, and it will conduce more to the promotion of those interests if in those of our Colonies, which have Grand Lodges of their own, whose independence has been recognised by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, the local Grand Lodges exercise supreme authority over the whole body of Craft Masonry.

Bro. T. Sherlock Graham, Dist. Grand Master, presided at the annual Communication of the Dist. Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, Dunedin, on the 19th June last. Before the regular proceedings commenced the Dist. Grand Secretary read the letter which the Dist. Grand Master, on receipt of the news of the attempted assassination of the Prince of Wales, had ordered to be sent congratulating his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. on his providential escape. This having been done, Bro. Graham invited the brethren to join in a prayer of thanksgiving for His great mercy in preserving the life of his Royal Highness. The Board of General Purposes called attention in its report to the amount of dues and fees of honour that were outstanding, and expressed the hope that in future there would be an improvement in this respect. The matters referred to by the Dist. Grand Master in his review of the past year were, for the most part, of local interest, nor did anything of great importance present itself during the proceedings. Though the District is greatly reduced in strength, the meeting was fairly well attended, and the Dist. G. Treasurer had the satisfaction of reporting a satisfactory balance to the credit of the General Fund.

Let those who may be weak enough to attach any importance to the virulent attacks which every now and then are made upon Freemasonry by the Romish priesthood or in the organs of Roman Catholic opinion in this and other countries, read the short account we quoted a fortnight since from a Madras contemporary of the address delivered at Simla, on the 25th July, by the Metropolitan of India—Bro. the Rev. Dr. Welldon—on "The Grave and Gay Side of Freemasonry." More especially do we urge upon them to read, mark, and inwardly digest the full significance of the declarations made by Bro. Dr. Welldon as to the nature and objects of Freemasonry, and if they do this, we think any weakness of faith in the meritorious character of our Society will disappear at once and for ever.

There cannot be much to find fault with in a Society which the Roman Catholic priest habitually denounces when a learned divine of the Anglican Church, who is also one of us, remarks: "To myself, though the most earnest of Christians, the opportunity of meeting men of other beliefs than my own upon the common ground of faith in God and immortality has been a privilege of great utility and pleasure. So long," said Bishop Welldon, "as it is impossible that anyone shall become a Freemason without professing his intellectual and spiritual adhesion to sublime religious doctrines, and so long as no one can live worthily as a Freemason without developing the fruit of his doctrines in charity and philanthropy, Freemasonry will deserve the confidence of thoughtful and virtuous citizens, and will play a great and salutary part in human life." After such outspoken declarations as these from a Bishop of the Anglican Church, there should be no misgivings in the minds of Masons as to the excellent character of the Society to which they belong.

Correspondence.

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

THE INFLUENCE OF THE MASONIC PRESS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the article in last week's *Freemason* under the heading "The Influence of the Masonic Press," mention is made of the "Passing," "Raising," and "Reducing of Lodges." It is the first time I have ever heard of such a ceremony and I shall be obliged if some brother will kindly explain what it means.—Yours fraternally,

R.

September 24th.

THE R.A. AND OTHER MATTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have followed with much interest the correspondence which has lately taken place in your columns as to the best means of increasing the number of members in Royal Arch chapters. Whilst not agreeing with the drastic measures advocated by some, I quite agree with them that some step is necessary to stimulate the interest that should be felt in this Degree.

I have been waiting to see if anyone would suggest a plan which, I am told, is adopted in, at least, one lodge, and that is—that in all lodges to which a R.A. chapter is attached it should be a *sine qua non* that the designated W.M. should take the R.A. Degree before election as W.M. By this means there would always be a member in every chapter eligible for Third Principal, and the fact of the W.M. being a R.A. Mason would probably induce younger members to join. A slight alteration of the bye-laws to the effect that the W.M. elect must be a R.A. Mason is all that would be necessary.—Yours fraternally,

P.M. AND P.Z.

September 24th.

THE WEARING OF THE APRON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In a portrait in your issue of the 22nd, I notice the W.M. is wearing his apron with the coat over it. Is there not a regulation, or is it not unwritten Masonic law, that the apron should be worn as the absolutely outside garment?—Yours fraternally,

P.P.G.S.D.

September 24th.

THE GRAND TYLER OF ENGLAND.

On turning over the pages of the *Indian Freemason* for the 15th August, we lighted upon the following readable account of Bro. Sadler's career; and though most of our readers are doubtless familiar with his works, we have much pleasure in reproducing it for the benefit of those who are not:

In this issue we present our readers with the portrait of a Masonic celebrity, the Grand Tyler of the Mother Grand Lodge, Bro. Henry Sadler. Apart from this he stands out in bold relief among literary Masons of our age, and is further distinguished by his position as Librarian to the grand old Institution Masons in every age must reverence. Not a few of us from India recall the *Sanctum Sanctorum* of our brother as one of the most pleasing elements in a visit to the shrine of English Masons in Great Queen Street, for he is among all notoriety connected therewith the most approachable, the informed of all informers, a veritable walking cyclopaedia of the height, the length, the depth and breadth of Masonry, a knowledge acquired by a long sojourn among the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Our worthy brother first saw the light of Freemasonry in the Lodge of Justice, No. 172 (now 147), in 1862, and in 1865, he entered into the service of the Grand Lodge as Assistant to the then Grand Tyler, Bro. C. B. Payne. He was installed Worshipful Master of his mother lodge in January, 1872, the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, performing the ceremony. To this eminent brother, the subject of our memoir acknowledges his indebtedness for a thorough grounding in the ceremonies and lectures, which stood him in good stead when, a few years later he took up the duties of a Masonic lecturer. In 1881, he assisted in founding the Southgate Lodge, No. 1050, and four years later he was first founder and Worshipful Master of the Walsingham Lodge, No. 2148, at Wilmington, Kent, of which province he subsequently became Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. Sadler is a Royal Arch Mason of over 30 years' standing, and was appointed Grand Janitor of the Grand Chapter of England in 1879. He became Principal Z. of the Temperance Chapter, No. 169, Deptford, in 1880. He is also a Royal Arch Mason under the Scottish system, having joined Chapter St. Andrew, No. 83, Edinburgh, in 1895. This he did with a view of ascertaining the difference between the two systems.

He joined Mark Masonry in the Era Lodge, No. 176, in 1893, was installed Mark Master in 1896, and was appointed Grand Inner Guard in 1897.

He is also a member of the Eastern Star Lodge, having been initiated in 1895.

He was appointed Grand Tyler on the death of Bro. Payne in 1879. During his career in Grand Lodge he has served under five Grand Secretaries—Bros. W. H. White, W. G. Clarke, John Hervey, Col. Shadwell Clerke, and the present incumbent, Bro. Letchworth.

Bro. Sadler's literary labours have been of a vast and varied nature, but he is chiefly known by the now standard works—"Masonic Facts and Fictions," published in 1887; "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation," 1889; "Thomas Dunckerley: his Life, Labours, and Letters," 1891; and "Masonic Reprints and Historical Revelations," 1898. He has been a constant contributor of Masonic papers to numerous periodicals.

Besides his labours in this direction he has for the past 20 years devoted a large portion of what should have been leisure time to the improvement

and enlargement of the Grand Lodge Library and a creation of a Masonic Museum in connection therewith. Partly owing to his untiring energy the liberality of the Grand Lodge, and the generosity of individual brothers, the former has steadily increased from a few hundred books of no particular Masonic importance to an extensive and valuable collection, which has no equal in the United Kingdom, besides several Masonic MSS. of the Old Charges of the Operative Fraternity and other varieties, while the latter may be considered an accomplished fact, consisting as it does of a large assortment of engravings, medals, aprons, and other relics of antiquity, the whole now finding a permanent home in the handsome and commodious room recently erected for the purpose by the Grand Lodge of England.

The additional labour devolving upon him in connection with the new Library and Museum will, we fear, leave him little opportunity for further pursuit in the paths of literature, which will doubtless be regretted by many Masonic students who having read the publications emanating from his pen, are familiar with his terse and lucid way of marshalling his facts in a style which we venture to say is peculiarly his own.

Craft Masonry.

Clapton Lodge, No. 1365.

The installation meeting of this well-known and distinguished lodge was held by dispensation at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on the 20th instant, in consequence of the extensive alterations at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street. There were present Bros. T. T. Gething, W.M.; F. Orfeur, S.W., W.M. elect; F. J. Thayer, P.M.; J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; G. Schilling, S.D.; C. R. Campbell, J.D.; H. J. Dyer and A. W. Diamond, Stwds.; W. Finch, P.M.; W. H. Caton, P.M.; A. Tucker, P.M.; Arthur H. Church, P.M.; C. A. Johnson, J. Vincent, E. Wildash, T. Vaughan, Dr. J. N. Bredin, W. D. Seaton, H. Greene, J. Dolman, E. M. Edwards, E. J. Brooks, J. S. Shipman, F. W. Moore, F. Brown, S. T. Green, D. G. Zoers, C. Sienesi, E. Haslehurst, E. Horley, E. Sienesi, H. E. Prior, H. B. Sparrow, C. J. Storey, H. H. Bowen, E. F. Bowler, S. G. Shead, F. J. Thurston, J. E. Wall, J. Pearse, G. Taylor, and H. Martin, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. the Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, U.S.A.; U. Latreille, P.M. 1056; T. W. Peart, 11; A. Ruff, 1733; W. H. Lucas, 548; J. Bishop, 2705; S. A. Martin, 2521; N. Orfeur, 1312; A. K. V. Stephens, 2024; J. H. Haime, J.W. 1260; J. Dawson, 1724; J. Masters, P.M. 1446; J. J. L. Linton, S.W. 2411; H. H. Allen, P.M. 1733; F. Bishop, 1056; Frank Bridge, 1733; C. Long, P.M. 1920; S. Pocock, 2730; J. E. Hill, P.M. 1460; L. Breeze, 1079; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors submitted their report on the balance sheet, which was passed and adopted. Bro. Arthur H. Church, P.M., then occupied the chair and proceeded with the important task of installing Bro. F. Orfeur as W.M., which he did with much precision and dignity. The new W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. T. Gething, I.P.M.; F. J. Thayer, S.W.; G. Schilling, J.W.; C. R. Campbell, S.D.; F. G. Minter, J.D.; R. B. Chessum, I.G.; H. J. Dyer, D.C.; W. R. O. Cathrow, A. W. Diamond, and J. Brooks, Stwds.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Church, P.M., Org.; and H. Martin, Tyler. The installation ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. A. H. Church, P.M., who gave the customary addresses in a manner that made it impossible for them to have been better rendered, for which he received the hearty congratulations of the brethren. The W.M. then rose and stated that he had a most important and pleasant duty to perform, and, addressing Bro. T. T. Gething, he presented him with a Past Master's jewel, remarking that no brother had more worthily earned it, and that it was given as a small token of the great esteem in which he was held by the members and of their appreciation of the great things he had done for the lodge. Bro. T. T. Gething, I.P.M., in a few appropriate words, tendered his sincere thanks for their kindness to him, and observed that he was not given much to wearing jewellery, but the jewel he should always wear on every possible occasion, as he was very proud of it. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the Brethren of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, to Bro. Thos. T. Gething, P.M., in recognition of valuable services rendered by him as W.M. September 20th, 1900." Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after other business the lodge was closed.

A *recherche* banquet followed, which reflected the highest possible credit on the establishment, and it was well served under the personal superintendence of Mr. O. Meadows.

As a preface to the toasts the W.M., Bro. F. Orfeur, stated that his speeches would be brief, as they had a lengthy musical programme to get through.

The W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and afterwards "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were duly honoured.

"The Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed.

"The Health of the W.M., Bro. F. Orfeur," was proposed by Bro. T. T. Gething, I.P.M., who stated that no words from him were necessary to commend the toast, as the W.M.'s character was so well-known to them all, and there was no occasion to extol his many virtues, but he wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M., who was enthusiastically received, said he hardly knew how to respond as he was quite a new officer, and it remained to be proved if he could give them satisfaction, but if he could carry out his duties in a way to maintain the great prestige of the lodge, he would be more than gratified. He was honoured to be the Master of such an important lodge, and hoped that no one would ever have any cause to regret having placed him in his high position.

The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Gething," and said that if ever the lodge had had a worthy Master they had one in Bro. Gething, who had carried out his duties in an excellent manner, and they were all delighted with his great efforts.

Bro. Gething, I.P.M., on rising to respond was well received. He said it was not quite his farewell to office in the lodge, as he was the I.P.M. at present, but he thanked them for their very hearty reception. He had endeavoured to carry out his duties to their satisfaction, and his thanks were due to his officers for their able assistance. He was indebted to all who had subscribed to his list as Steward for the last Festival of the Boys' Institution, which enabled him to take up the substantial amount of £145, which placed him ninth on the list of Stewards for England.

The W.M. gave "The Installing Master, Bro. A. H. Church, P.M.," remarking that he could do nothing more forcible than remind them of the great work they had seen that evening, and the ceremony could not have been done better. He was a good Mason, and the worthy son of their esteemed Secretary, and on behalf of the members he tendered him his best thanks for his excellent services as Installing Master.

In response, Bro. A. H. Church, P.M., stated that it was a great privilege and pleasure to be allowed to work the beautiful ceremony of installation once again, and when he was asked by the outgoing Master, Bro. Gething, to act he was delighted to consent. If the brethren thought he had done it as it should be done then he was amply repaid for his services as Installing Master.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and said they were always pleased and honoured to have a large number of guests. He read out a list of those who were there, giving a kind word to each, and he associated the names of the following with the toast: Bros. the Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D.D., LL.D.; U. Latreille, P.M.; H. H. Allen, P.M.; Bishop, and J. Masters, P.M.

Bro. the Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot responded, and said it was a great pleasure to be there. He was indebted to his good friend, Bro. Seaton, for his kind invitation; he loved him before but he loved him better now. He found there were three Bishops present that evening and he was the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania. In his country a Bishop was considered as good as any other man if he behaved himself. He was charmed with the excellent working of the installation ceremony and he appreciated it very much. Freemasonry was a great thing in America and would stand for everything good. When he went back home he should carry the greetings of the Clapton Lodge to his own lodge. He came there as a stranger and they took him in and treated

him with a kindness, which he should never forget. He interposed his speech with some good stories which were received with great applause.

Bro. U. Latreille, P.M., also responded, returning his sincere thanks for the way the visitors had been received and entertained. His own enjoyment was enhanced by witnessing the installation of his son-in-law the W.M., and he congratulated him on his being installed as Master of such a distinguished lodge. At the end of his year of office he thought they would all regret that he had to leave the chair; the lodge would not lose any of its lustre under his reign, and he would deliver over to his successor the warrant as unsullied as he received it. (Great applause.)

Bros. H. H. Allen, P.M., Bishop, and Jesse Masters, P.M., also acknowledged the toast, bearing testimony to the excellent working, and congratulating the W.M.

In submitting the toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," the W.M. paid a well-deserved tribute to the past services of the Treasurer and Secretary.

Bro. W. Finch, P.M., responded for the Past Masters, remarking that the Installing Master, Bro. A. H. Church, reflected not only great credit upon himself but upon the Past Masters for his excellent working of the ceremony of installation, and they were all proud of him.

Bro. W. Blackburn, P.M., Treasurer, also responded, observing that the lodge was in a flourishing condition.

Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., Secretary, also acknowledged the toast in eloquent terms, and thanked the W.M. for appointing him to the office of Secretary, which he had held for many years.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," followed in high terms of praise from the W.M., and replied to by Bro. C. R. Campbell, S.D., who made the shortest speech of the evening.

The Tyler's toast ended a very pleasant night, and one that will long be remembered.

The musical arrangements under the able direction of Bro. Harry Greene, were of the very best, the following well-known artistes contributing to the harmony of the evening: Miss Edith Kingsford, Miss Esther Franklin, Bros. Lewis Breeze and Harry Greene, Mr. W. B. Steele, and Mr. Harry Raymond, who gave a whistling solo, which was much appreciated. Amongst such a galaxy of talent it would be a difficult matter to pick out *le premier artiste*, but whoever might be awarded that honour, Bro. Harry Greene would undoubtedly run a very close second.

Bushey Park Lodge, No. 2381.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. G. R. LANGLEY, P.P.G.D. MIDDLESEX.

The installation meeting of the Bushey Park Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 22nd instant. The members had on this occasion an opportunity of expressing in tangible form their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Bro. G. R. Langley as Secretary of the lodge since its consecration in 1890, and also of the high esteem and regard in which he is held by them. This opportunity was afforded by the resignation of Bro. Langley of the Secretarial duties, much to the regret of the members generally. Bro. Langley, however, has been for many years one of the most active and zealous Masons in the metropolis, and the Province of Middlesex is naturally of opinion that after a long tenure of office the heat and burden of the day should be shared by others equally anxious to do so. His services, however, will be long remembered, more especially as an elected member of the Board of Benevolence, as the first special Secretary for Elections in Middlesex, and as the advocate and pioneer of many successful elections to the Charitable Institutions hailing from South London. For many years Bro. Langley was the indefatigable Secretary of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, and he relinquished that post to take up the more arduous office of Preceptor, which post he still holds to the advantage and benefit of many brethren. All those who know our excellent brother will be fully assured that, although he has retired from several active offices, in a private capacity his energies will lose none of their former vigour, or his sympathies be less sincere for all charitable work and anything that pertains to the good of Masonry generally.

At the opening of the lodge Bro. B. Forster, P.M., W.M., was supported by Bros. W. T. H. Mayer, P.M., W.M. elect; A. Blenkarn, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; G. R. Langley, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; T. R. Porter, P.M., J.W.; J. J. Newland, P.M.; J. Joel, P.M.; A. Leighton, P.M.; D. D. Mercer, P.P.G. Eng.; G. W. Castle, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; F. H. Ford, P.M.; W. W. Lee, P.M., Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; J. Durns, M.D.; J. G. Galbraith, P. J. Kingsley, F. Jackson, P.M.; F. A. Stevens, and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. S. Barrett, 1426; F. J. Stevens, 2272; W. A. Daniel, 2222; A. Stanley, I.P.M. 2222; H. C. T. Hunt, W.M. 134; P. Morgan, 2744; E. B. Puzey, 2744; B. H. S. Butterworth, P.M. 2758; and Turle Lee, 2264.

The minutes were confirmed and the Audit Report adopted. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bros. H. F. Bing, Prov. G. Sec., Dr. Cock, P.P.G.D., and many others. Mr. P. J. Kingsley was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. W. T. H. Mayer, P.M., who was afterwards installed as W.M. by Bro. B. Forster, I.P.M. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. T. R. Porter, P.M., S.W.; J. W. Stevens, P.M., J.W.; A. Blenkarn, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Newland, P.M., Sec.; J. Joel, P.M., S.D.; A. Leighton, P.M., J.D.; J. H. Haine, I.G.; Geo. Swales, D. of C.; F. Jackson, P.M., and F. A. Stevens, Stwds.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. B. Forster, I.P.M., in recognition of his services, and was suitably acknowledged. The W. Master then rose to make the presentation to Bro. Langley, and in a few well-chosen words explained that the members had thought it their duty to present that brother with a short address in token of their respect, and of their gratitude for services rendered. Every member had enjoyed Bro. Langley's friendship and had to thank him for valuable assistance both in that lodge and in the Brixton Lodge of Instruction. He would read the address, which was as follows: "This testimonial is presented to W. Bro. Geo. R. Langley, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., &c., &c., by the undersigned brethren of the lodge as a token of their great appreciation of the services he has rendered as Secretary since its career, the individual regard of the members for him, and in recognition of his unfailing courtesy and friendship to all." Well knowing the many sacrifices Bro. Langley had made in his devotion to his Masonic duties and how often he had left his home and family, the brethren had also thought it their duty to present Mrs. Langley with a small token—in the shape of a gold bangle—of their appreciation. They sincerely hoped that Bro. and Mrs. Langley would live for many years in perfect happiness and be reminded of the members of the Bushey Park Lodge by these small presents. Bro. G. R. Langley, P.P.G.D., to whom the presentation was a complete surprise, briefly expressed his thanks on behalf of himself and his wife, and said that any services he had rendered, had been a labour of love.

Lodge was then closed, and after banquet, the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.P.G., returned thanks for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. G. R. Langley, P.P.G.D., in responding for "The Prov. Grand Officers," said that he was so non-plussed in the lodge that his remarks would necessarily be somewhat personal. The testimonial that evening was certainly one of the kindest things he had ever known occur in Freemasonry. The members evidently had in mind the remarks he made to them in July, for they had completely taken the wind out of his sails. He was sure his wife would feel very flattered at the great compliment paid her. He had always felt that Masonry should never interfere with the home, but in his own case he had on many occasions been out in Masonry at the desire of his wife who took a keen delight in the charitable work of the Craft. He could only thank them from the bottom of his heart, for he had never received anything but kindness from every member of this lodge. He was not going to say he had never had a difference of opinion but that had never interfered with friendship, and he hoped never would in their lodge.

Bro. B. Forster, I.P.M., gave the toast of "The W. Master," referring to Bro. Mayer, W.M., as an enthusiastic Mason, who possessed all the energy and ability necessary for a successful and popular W.M.

Bro. W. T. H. Mayer, P.M., W.M., returned hearty thanks, and said it must necessarily be a great gratification to any Mason to occupy the chair of such a lodge. He now presided over a lodge, the members of which were all personal friends, and would, therefore, support him during his year. He had to thank the I.P.M. for allowing him to initiate the candidate that evening, as he was his proposer.

"The Initiate" and "The Installing Master" were next given.

Bro. B. Forster, I.P.M., in reply to the latter toast, said he had naturally done his best, for in that lodge it was a *sine qua non* that every officer was expected to discharge his duty and also carry it out well.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged in kindly terms by several visiting brethren.

Bro. Blenkarn, P.P.G. Treas., Treasurer, in responding to a subsequent toast, said the Bushey Park Lodge had sent up no less a sum than 140 guineas on Stewards' lists to the three Masonic Charities.

During the evening Bro. F. A. Stevens, Org., rendered valuable assistance in the musical arrangements.

Ambleside Lodge, No. 2745.

The first anniversary of this young but flourishing lodge in Lakeland took place at the Queen's Hotel, Ambleside, on Thursday evening, the 20th instant. Very little more than a year ago the lodge was consecrated by Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., the R.W. Prov. G. Master, in the presence of a numerous and representative assembly of the Craft, who had been assisting at the annual communication of the province, at Kirkby Lonsdale, only the day before. Since then the happy auguries for the success of the Ambleside Lodge have been more than fulfilled, and one of the most substantial evidences of its usefulness is the circumstance that the W.M. and acting I.P.M. took up to London a goodly sum from the members to the last Festival of the Boys' School. Initiates of the right stamp have also been elected, and with the earnest and firm resolve to carry on the lodge as it began, there cannot be any possible reason for doubting that a much-needed requirement has been provided by the founders for this charming and much-frequented spot in the Lake District. And it is further pleasing to add that a petition has been forwarded to the authorities for a warrant to open a Royal Arch chapter in connection with the Ambleside Lodge.

There was a numerous attendance when the lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock, the following members being present: Bros. T. Taylor, P.M. 1705, P.P.D.G. D. of C. Hants and the Isle of Wight, W.M.; R. P. Hunter, P.M. 1073, P.P.G.D. of C., acting I.P.M.; J. Tolson, P.M. 2217, P.P.S.G.D., W.M. elect, S.W.; J. Tyson, J.W.; the Rev. H. Lafone, P.M., Chap.; H. Redmayne, Treas.; A. Horrax, P.M. 2217, P.G. Purst., Sec.; J. Cowperthwaite, P.M. 2217, S.D.; J. G. Simpkin, P.P.G. Std. Br. Leicester and Rutland, D.C.; A. Huddleston, P.P.G. Org., Org.; G. Walker, I.G.; G. Middleton, Stwd.; E. Lamb, Tyler; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G. Reg. Hants and the Isle of Wight; Rev. D. G. Douglas, P.G. Chap.; T. D. Jackson, W. D. Heelis, W. Asplin, A. Jackson, J. A. Jackson, and J. J. Astley. The visitors were Bros. W. F. Lamonby (non. member), P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; T. De Rome, I.P.M. 129, P.G. Reg.; J. H. Hogg, P.M. 129, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; H. Hoggarth, W.M. 129; J. J. Harrison, W.M. 2217; G. E. Cartmel, S.W. 127; E. Farrer, J.D. 129; and W. Bradley, 129. Apologies for inability to accept invitations were received from Bros. the Lord Bishop of Barrow, P.G. Chap. Eng.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B. Eng. Sec. R.M.I.B.; and others.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of three regular and emergency meetings read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Tolson, was presented and installed with the customary formalities, after which he invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Taylor, I.P.M.; J. Tyson, S.W.; H. Redmayne, J.W.; Rev. H. P. M. Lafone, Chap.; J. Cowperthwaite, P.M., Treas.; A. Horrax, P.M., Sec.; W. L. Mason, S.D.; G. Walker, J.D.; J. G. Simpkin, P.M., D.C.; A. Huddleston, Org.; G. Middleton, I.G.; E. Bousfield, Rev. D. G. Douglas, and J. A. Jackson, Stwds.; and E. Lamb, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the newly-installed W.M., on behalf of the members, presented to Bro. Taylor an ornate Past Master's jewel as a recognition of his able and energetic administration during the first year of the lodge's existence. It may here be interpolated that the entire ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Taylor with a precision, impressiveness, and effectiveness that earned him the warmest commendations of all the veterans present.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where an elaborate and well-earned repast awaited them.

That a very enjoyable evening was spent by each and everyone goes without saying.

BRO. R. E. GARBUTT, BLOEMFONTEIN.

Concerning annexed report from Bro. H. V. Cowan with regard to Bro. R. E. Garbutt, of the Rising Star Lodge, No. 1022 (E.C.), Bloemfontein:

On approaching Honingspruit, Garbutt noticed two Boers light two fuses. To stop would have meant utter destruction, and having some 200 officers and men on his train and a number of horses, he put on full steam. When approaching the lighted fuses, the line was blocked with stones and also a large mile-stone. This, with the speed attained, was thrown clear off the line, and the train with its living freight was thus carried into safety. Two minutes afterwards the dynamite did its work, and the line was blown up.

W. Bro. Lord Roberts sent for Bro. Garbutt, and had a long interview with him, congratulating him on his pluck, and presenting him with an autograph portrait of the Commander-in-Chief.

[COPY.]

IMPERIAL MILITARY RAILWAYS.

Army Head-quarters, South Africa,

Pretoria,

13th August, 1900.

Director of Railways.

The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has under consideration the report of the attempt to destroy the railway near Rhenoster River on the 28th ult., in which the conduct of R. E. Garbutt, the driver of the engine, was brought to his notice, and wishes to convey to R. E. Garbutt his lordship's appreciation of the promptness and pluck shown by him on that occasion, and by which a serious accident was in all probability averted.

The Field Marshal takes this opportunity of expressing his admiration at the excellent work done often under dangerous and trying circumstances by engineers, guards, and others, both military and civil, employed on the military railways.

By order

(Signed) H. V. COWAN, Lt.-Col.,

Military Secretary.

Instruction.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The weekly convocation was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 21st instant. Present: Comps. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., M.E.Z.; G. H. Lewis, P.Z., H.; Wal Jeffery, J.; T. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor; Chas. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Morris, S.N.; Frampton, P.S.; H. C. Turner, P. H. Garner, Hilly, Reed, Victor Turner, Stanley, Wm. Dawson, Ware, and Cornford.

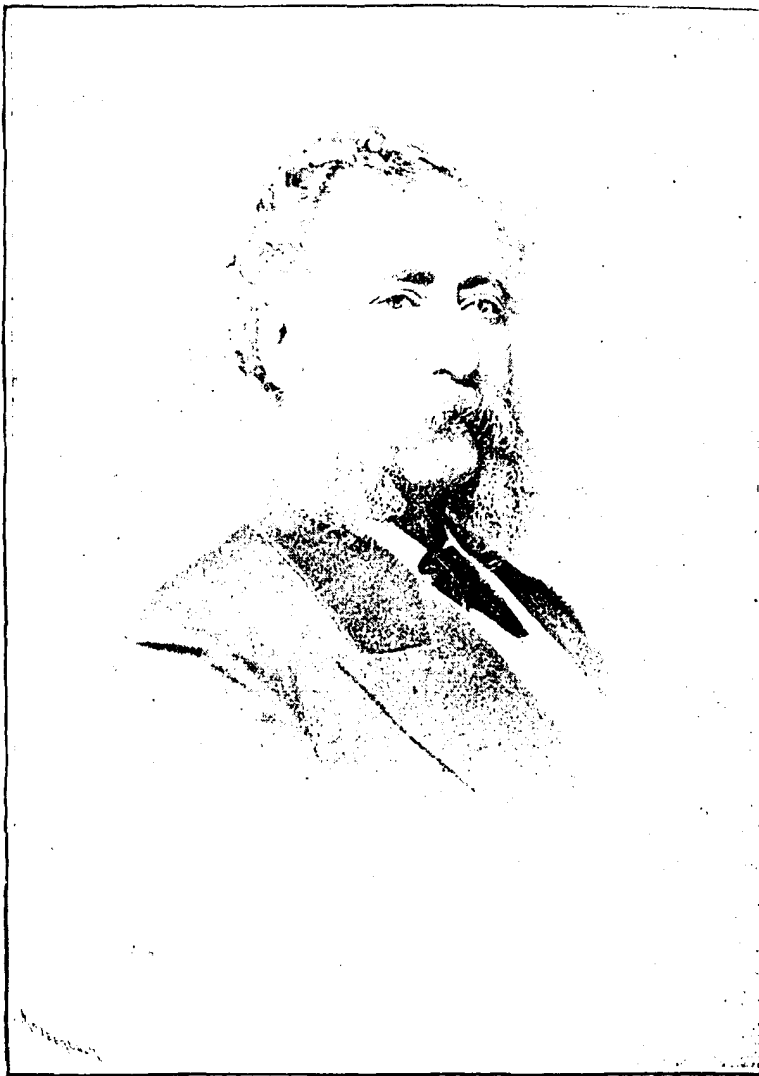
The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. T. D. Hill personating the candidate. Comp. H. C. Turner was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). It was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Harper on the lamented decease of her dear husband, Comp. W. H. Harper, P.M., P.Z. 2182, who was interred at Nunhead Cemetery that day, attended by many sorrowing companions and brethren of 2182 and other lodges. The brethren of 2182 rendered Stendale Bennett's "God is a Spirit" in a most impressive manner, under the guidance of Bro. T. Powell, S.W. 2182. The chapter was then closed.

Obituary.

FUNERAL OF BRO. ISSACHAR ZACHARIE, M.D., P. GRAND SUPREME RULER OF THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

We laid to rest on Thursday, the 20th instant, in the beautiful cemetery at Highgate, the remains of one who will long be remembered both in social and Masonic circles in London. Bro. Dr. Issachar Zacharie, who died on Sunday, the 16th instant, at his residence, 80, Brook-street, Grosvenor-square, was born at Chatham, England, in the year 1827, and after a lengthy professional career, which commenced with his appointment as a medical officer, while yet but a boy, in the U.S. Army of the West Californian region, and continued through the Civil War, when he was attached to the division under Grant, he settled in England, and quickly won both name and fame in the special department of surgery he had chosen to cultivate. While in California, which was then but thinly peopled, he practised our ancient and mystic rite, and was duly appointed the first Grand Master of the Craft in that region. When rooms were not available, the brethren held their lodge in secluded valleys, stationing sentries on the summits of the neighbouring hills, or on the tops of the hills themselves, under the open canopy of the sky. The remembrance of these stirring times have been a source of never-failing interest to generations of those who have gathered round his hospitable table, where he has entertained not only many of the *elite* of Masonry, but frequently many of the worthiest of England's nobility. Many are the social and State secrets that have been confided to his care, and numerous are the occasions when his astuteness, dexterity, and high diplomatic qualities have been brought into play to patch up a social quarrel, or to restore harmony between high personages who have, unfortunately, become estranged. But his delight was to see himself surrounded by a circle of true Masonic friends, and on such occasions the natural exuberance of his heart was manifested. Under the influence of the cheery glass, the stores of his memory were unlocked, and the relation of some of the vicissitudes of his chequered career would afford the liveliest entertainment to his guests. He was the trusted friend of President Lincoln, and his shrewd ambassador on many delicate errands, including, in some

We have met here to-day on a very sad occasion—I say sad, because it is the last on which we can possibly meet to do honour to a dear friend. We mourn the loss not only of an old friend, but of an eminent citizen and a highly distinguished Mason. Born in England, but very shortly after his birth taken to the great country on the other side of the Atlantic, Bro. Zacharie was in his early career the trusted friend of the late President Lincoln, and rose to high distinction in the Masonic world, becoming in due course the Grand Master of Freemasonry in California. Coming to England in 1875, with a great reputation gained in America, he rapidly rose to fame in his own special branch of surgical and medical science, and enjoyed the friendship and esteem of a large circle of illustrious patients, contributing also many articles of value to the medical press. It is now many years since a few Secret Monitors of distinction, hailing from distant parts of the world, accidentally discovered each other's Masonic identity in this Degree, and a subsequent meeting at his house led to the institution by Dr. Zacharie in this country of the Order in Masonry called by that name. Many of us remember with what enthusiasm the Order was received and adopted, and how it increased and multiplied under him as its first Grand Supreme Ruler. He was supported as such by the great ones of the Craft, and in due course of years was succeeded by its present illustrious chief, the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master of the Masons of England. We also remember with pride and pleasure how famous he became for the princely hospitality he dispensed at this his home in Brook-street, Grosvenor-square. Bro. Zacharie can now be but a memory with us, for never again in this life, can we look into his genial face, or give him the hand-shake of good fellowship; but he will still live in our memory, as we have so long known him—a kind and sincere friend—a cheerful companion, and a polished English gentleman. I feel that no mere words of mine can engrave his memory on your hearts more deeply than your own personal experience. I can only, finally, record that by his death we have each lost a dear friend, and that an able and distinguished man has gone from amongst us, and is now at rest. To his widow and the other members of his disconsolate family, we all of us offer our deepest sympathy, and trust that the recollection of his highly distinguished career, may be to them some consolation in their bereavement, and then Bro. Jas. Lewis Thomas, as one of the eldest friends of the family, almost overcome by grief, added a few words of love and respect before the coffin was borne to the



cases, the disbursement of large secret service State funds, necessary to effect certain operations arising during the internecine conflict in which he took so distinguished a part. He had friends on both sides, and could gain a hearing from the leaders when their ears were closed to every other voice. He knew and shared the counsels of those Masons who, while the conflict was still pending, and while the brethren on each side were afraid to trust each other, found in conclaves of Secret Monitors (originally a Dutch Order of Masonry), after the lodges, a means of meeting the difficulty arising from the freedom of access among Masons to each others' lodge. The lessons then learnt bore fruit later in the re-establishment, on this side of the water, in conjunction with the late Grand Secretary, Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Richard Eve, W. G. Lemon, alas! all, alas! already snatched from us by death, Judge F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Jas. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., and a few others, the now flourishing Order of the Secret Monitor, of which he was for so many years the beloved and honoured head. Since his serious illness some six years ago, the rule of the Order has devolved upon the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master of the Craft, but no meeting of the Grand Council has ever seemed complete, and few have taken place, without the presence of the venerable and still active figure of its first chief. The body lay in state during the afternoon of Wednesday, and as it was his dying wish that the solemn funeral service, characteristic of the Order, should be held over his remains before they were consigned to their last resting place, which wish was respected by his family, a *posse* of the members of Grand Council attended at the house before the funeral, and in the presence of his sorrowing friends, the beautiful ritual of the Order he loved, prepared for such occasions, was worked by Bro. W. J. Spratling, Grand Recorder, assisted by Bros. J. Tickle, J. J. Thomas, J. Kay, and F. E. Lemon, as Visiting Deacons; Bro. W. J. Songhurst, as Guide; and Bro. Harry Tipper, as Guard. The service being over, Bro. Tickle, Assist. Deputy Ruler of the Order, pronounced a short oration to the following effect:

waiting hearse. We give the following apt quotations from the funeral service, which exemplify in some measure the tenets of the Order:

"Non omnis moriar, multaque pars mei
Vitat Libitinam. Usque ego postera
Crescam laude recens."

"Absint inani funere noenice
Luctusque turpes et querimonie
Compescere clamorem, ac sepulcri
Mitte supervacuos honores."

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction, and to keep one's self unspotted from the world." Arrived at the cemetery the Burial Service was read by the Rev. J. Gregory, M.A., of Putney, in place of the Rev. Can Gray, an old and valued friend, who was on his holiday, and when the coffin had been lowered into the grave, and the brethren, including those named and Bros. C. L. Nelson, John Read, J. Joseph, and several others, had deposited their Masonic emblem upon the remains, the Guarder breaking the weapon he had been using at the previous service, threw it upon the coffin, and thus concluded the solemn rite. The display of beautiful wreaths spread out upon the grass was most striking, one seldom sees so many and such lovely floral tributes. The Grand Council of the Order sent an emblematic wreath, and there were those sent by the Premier Conclave, and by the Royal Sussex, No. 10, Brighton. One wreath bore the legend "Great Grandpapa," while others bore the names of intimate and distinguished private friends and relations. We are informed that a public (Masonic) "Conclave of mourning" is to be arranged at the headquarters of the Order—the Hotel Cecil—at an early date. Any Masonic friend of the late Dr. Zacharie will be able to obtain a ticket of admission on application. The date, when fixed, will be announced in due course.

SOUTH AFRICAN MASONIC RELIEF FUND.

A FUND from which the several DISTRICT GRAND LODGES under the English Constitution in SOUTH AFRICA may be assisted to RELIEVE THE DISTRESSES OF THEIR LOYAL MEMBERS, occasioned directly by the War in that quarter.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	9533	19	10
Rajputana Lodge, No. 2800, Collected	32	16	11
Alan Lodge, No. 2368	2	2	0
Cleveland Lodge, No. 543—			
Bro. W. L. Carrick, P.P.G.R.	1	0	0
„ F. E. C. Dobson, W.M.	1	0	0
„ E. H. Wynne Finch	1	0	0
„ J. H. Handyside, P.G.W.	1	0	0
„ A. Jones	1	0	0
„ J. P. Sowerby	1	0	0
„ W. M. Yeoman	1	0	0
„ T. Allison	0	10	0
„ G. Bradley	0	10	0
„ T. Fidler	0	10	0
„ A. Wynne Finch	0	10	0
„ Wm. Hodgson	0	10	0
„ R. W. Meade	0	10	0
„ B. Shepherd, P.M.	0	10	0
„ Wm. Thomas	0	10	0
„ G. W. West	0	10	0
„ S. Wiggins	0	10	0
„ J. W. Whitten	0	5	0

ERRATUM—Week ending September 22nd—

Hon. J. Norman Campbell, Collected from Lodges in Ceylon, should read: Adams Peak Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 133.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, October 6, 1900.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1.

CRIFT LODGES.

25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
69, Unity, Westminster Palace Hotel.
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.
188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
1625, Tredegar, London Tavern.
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.
2095, Harlesden, National Schools.
2242, Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club House, Stoke Newington.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

28, Old Kings' Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
61, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
1026, Victoria, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2020, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.
2511, St. John at Hackney, South Place Hotel, Finsbury.
2535, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

5, Mallet and Chisel, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Bromley, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.
Dalhousie, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Hotel, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
Eleanor, Red Lion, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E. at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Italia, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria, 9 to 11.30.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 1 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.
Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance).
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8.
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, Lord Brooke, Shernhall-st., Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Pantons-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Zoric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

CRIFT LODGES.

6, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
765, St. James', Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
1369, Duke of Edinburgh, Three Nuns Tavern, Aldgate.
1369, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
1367, Anerley, Clarence Hall.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1503, Cornhill, Cafe Monica.
2032, Richmond, Greyhound Hotel.

2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant.
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
2469, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.
2738, Army and Navy, Anderton's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1, Grand Masters, Hotel Victoria.
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

MARK LODGES.

315, Henniker, Mark Mason's Hall.
355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Egyptian, Salut tion, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Fuma-all's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Langton, The Eastcheap, Eastcheap, E.C., at 5.30.
Mount Edgcombe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Kembles' Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Temple, Upland Tavern, Crystal Palace-road, S.E.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W. at 8.
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

CRIFT LODGES.

511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.
1298, Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant.
1306, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.
1491, Athenaeum, Criterion.
1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.
1687, Rothesay, Frascati Restaurant.
2032, Richmond, Greyhound Hotel.
2484, Second Middlesex Artillery, Freemasons' Hall.
2615, Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham.
2739, Verity, Cafe Monica.
2764, St. Olave's, Tower Bridge Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1305, St. Marylebone, Cafe Royal.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion Restaurant.
2345, Duke of Fife, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGES.

Grand Master's, Mark Masons' Hall.
244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beach, London and South Western Railway Institute, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Claremont, Newland's Hotel, Peckham Rye, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Dorrie, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hammersmith, Wycombe House, 263, Hammersmith-rd., 7.45.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, The Whittington, 5 & 7 Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 7.30.
West Smithfield, City Scotch Stores, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.45.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.

27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.
45, Strong Man, Holborn Restaurant.
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.

227, Ionic, Criterion.
538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
826, Lily of Richmond, Inns of Court Hotel.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1210, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1425, Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant.
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
1765, Trinity College, Trinity College, Mandeville-place.
1772, Pimlico, Holborn Restaurant.
1790, Old England, Fine Art Gallery, Croydon.
1950, Southgate, Beale's Assembly Rooms, Holloway-road.
2202, Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.
2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.
2512, Fulham, Town Hall.
2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.
2665, Past and Present, Freemasons' Hall.
2675, Victoria Diamond Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Woodford.

CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—

1657 Aldersgate, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.

SECRET MONITOR.

2, University of London, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Countess, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
High Cross, Red Lion, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Half Moon & French Horn Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.30.
La France, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, at 8.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Ship Tavern, Kennington Road, S.E., at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

CRIFT LODGES.

554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.
2627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
2488, Eccentric, Cafe Royal.
2511, St. John at Hackney, South Place Hotel, Finsbury.
2772, Richard Eve, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGES.

8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.
454, Tuscan, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, at 8.15.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Westbourne Chapter, Town Hall Tavern, High-st., Kensington, at 8.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.

CRIFT LODGES.

1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
1022, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1949, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.
2400, Cherybles, Freemasons' Hall.
2661, Mendelssohn, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Windsor Castle, 135, Lower Clapton-rd., at 8.
Eburi, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.
Eccleston, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE left Devonshire House for Newmarket on Monday last.

BRO. DEPUTY JUDD (the chairman of the Penge bench of magistrates) and Mrs. Judd celebrated their golden wedding on the 26th instant.

THE HIGHGATE CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT, No. 1366, meets at New Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, every Thursday evening, at eight.

BROS. THE LORD MAYOR and the Sheriffs will pay a state visit on Tuesday to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. On Saturday, the 13th prox., a Masonic banquet will be given at the Mansion House.

THE 'Tranquillity Lodge of Instruction will re-assemble at Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford-street, at eight o'clock p.m. on the 4th prox., on which occasion Bro. J. Gerson, W.M. 185, will occupy the chair.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, who had stayed at Buckingham Palace overnight on their arrival from the Continent, left King's Cross on Sunday evening for Balmoral on a visit to the Queen.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS HENRY OF PRUSSIA, who arrived in London on Saturday morning last from Balmoral, left Paddington shortly after 10 o'clock on a visit to Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg, at Frogmore House.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS HENRY OF PRUSSIA and Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg came to town on Monday morning last from Frogmore House, on a short visit to the metropolis, and returned subsequently to Windsor.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Earl of Clarendon to be Lord Chamberlain, in the room of Bro. the Earl of Hopetoun, K.T., who goes out to Australia as the first Governor-General of the new Commonwealth.

BRO. THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH and the Marquis of Anglesey were amongst those who left for the Continent, *via* Dover and Calais, on Sunday last, while the Duchess of Devonshire arrived at Dover from Calais in the evening, and proceeded to London.

THE NET RESULT of the garden fete given by Bro. Alderman Sir Whittaker Ellis, Bart., and Lady Ellis at Buckleuch House, Richmond, in the interests of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldier's Widows was the benefiting of the charity to the extent of upwards of £350.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK, who is on a visit to Bro. the Marquis of Tweeddale at Yester, arrived in Edinburgh on Saturday last, accompanied by the Marquis and Marchioness. Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Provost, and drove to Holyrood Palace, where luncheon was taken, and other places of historical interest were afterwards inspected.

WE REGRET to learn that Bro. Richard Wilson, Dep. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, has met with an accident which will confine him to his house for some time. Bro. Wilson recently went to St. Petersburg on a holiday, but shortly before disembarking there he slipped on deck and sprained his ankle. He was brought back to England as soon as convenient, and is now under treatment at his residence, Westfield, Armley.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of the new musical novel (published by Sands and Co.) entitled "A439, being the Autobiography of a Piano," written gratuitously by "Twenty-five Musical Scribes." The profits go entirely to the Orphanage of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, which was founded at the time of her Majesty's first Jubilee. A letter, dated the 21st instant, from the private secretary to the editor, Mr. Algernon Rose, says that "The Queen desires her thanks to be returned for the book."

DURING the Queen's absence several noteworthy improvements are being carried out at Windsor Castle. In St. George's Hall, the east end of which adjoins her Majesty's private chapel, an ornamental parquetry edging is being laid on each side of the oak floor. The walls of the magnificent apartment have been re-coloured, and the banners representing those of the first 26 Knights of the Garter are being renovated. Other work is also in progress at the Royal residence, and the decayed balustrading at the south-west end of St. George's Chapel is being replaced by new masonry.

WIDESPREAD ANXIETY has been aroused by the report of a somewhat serious accident to Earl Cadogan, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, who is at present tenant of the deer forest of Killiechonan, in Lochaber. While out stalking recently he wounded a stag, and in hurrying over some rough ground to intercept it and get another shot, he stumbled against a boulder, and was forcibly thrown to the ground. With some difficulty he was lifted on to the back of a pony, and conveyed to his shooting lodge, ten miles distant. The homeward journey occupied five hours. A medical examination showed that a tendon had been ruptured, and the injury is such that his lordship will be unable to leave his room for at least a month. The distinguished patient is not suffering much pain. Earl and Countess Cadogan were expected to return to Dublin about October 15.

NOTTINGHAM RACES AND GOOSE FAIR.—In connection with these important events the Great Northern Railway Company are making special arrangements for the conveyance of passengers from London. On October 1st and 2nd special first and third class luncheon and dining car expresses will leave King's Cross (G.N.) at 10.33 a.m., and arrive Nottingham at 1 p.m., returning each day from Nottingham at 4.50 p.m., due King's Cross (G.N.) 7.39 p.m. On October 1, 2, 3, and 4, cheap excursions will leave King's Cross (G.N.) at 8.45 a.m. for 1, 2, 3, or 4 days, and on October 6th from King's Cross (G.N.) at 8.45 a.m., Finsbury Park 8.50 a.m. for 1 day. A special cheap half-day trip will be run from King's Cross (G.N.) at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 6th, arriving Nottingham at 4.10 p.m., and returning same night from Nottingham at 11.55 p.m. For this trip the special low third class return fare of 4s. 3d. will be charged.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, the Westminster Orchestral Society is about to commence its 16th season. At the forthcoming orchestral concert the programme will, as usual, include several new works of interest by British composers. In response to the wish of many music lovers resident in the country to assist in the patriotic and valuable work the society has so long carried forward, the committee have decided to enrol a limited number of country members at a nominal fee of half a guinea a year, in return for which subscription such members are entitled to receive the society's publications, and, when visiting London, the privileges of one guinea members. Applications should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. Algernon Rose, Town Hall, Westminster. Such membership should be found of especial benefit to conductors and secretaries of provincial musical societies desiring information concerning suitable orchestral works by British composers, or information regarding British soloists and players generally.

ON THE OCCASION of the Trafalgar Day celebrations, on the 21st prox., the Navy League will again decorate the Nelson column.

A PROCLAMATION was posted at the Mansion House on Wednesday announcing the formation of the Commonwealth of Australia from January 1st, 1901.

THE SPEAKER (Bro. W. C. Gully, Q.C.), and Mrs. Gully left Euston Station for Carlisle on Wednesday where they will stay until the election there is over.

It will be gratifying news that Mr. W. P. Frith, R.A., who has been lying seriously ill at his residence, 114, Clifton-hill, St. John's Wood, is making satisfactory recovery. On Sunday night he was reported to be much better.

THE WAR OFFICE announces that the General Officer Commanding in Natal has intimated that residents of Northern Natal will, on production of evidence to the Governor of Natal that they are bona-fide residents, be allowed to return to their homes.

BRO. THE EARL OF YARBOROUGH'S Brocklesby pack have had most successful cub-hunting, the scent having been excellent. The dry state of the country during the last week somewhat checked their career, but the 22 days on which they have been out yielded 18½ brace.

THE PRINTING of companies' prospectuses, plans, illustrations of industrial works, Masonic work of all description, &c., produced with rapidity. Fast machinery and every modern appliance for the production of large quantities at short notice. Freemason Printing Works, 16 and 16a, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM held its annual meeting on Tuesday, the 25th instant, presided over by Bro. Canon Tristram, who was supported by Bro. Lord Barnard and 400 brethren from different lodges in the province. The reports submitted were satisfactory. It is stated that Bro. Lord Barnard, P.G.W., will probably be the new Prov. G. Master for Durham. A full report will appear in our next issue.

MADAME ADELINA PATTI (Baroness Rolf Cederstrom) sang on Tuesday in a charity concert at the Royal Opera House, Stockholm, under the patronage of the King and Queen of Sweden, who were present. The great singer was greeted with intense enthusiasm, and in the Royal foyer, during the entr'acte, his Majesty decorated her with the Order "Litteris et Artibus," surmounted by the Royal crown in diamonds. The stage was literally covered with flowers.

MEMBERS of the Royal Yacht Squadron, of which his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is the commodore, have addressed a letter to the Duke of Abruzzi offering him their congratulations on the safe arrival of his expedition from the Polar regions, and on the highly satisfactory results attained. The Royal explorer is an honorary member of the squadron. He is expected to visit London in November, and open the season of the British Royal Geographical Society, with a paper on his Arctic experiences. An invitation to do so has been sent by the society, but no reply has as yet been received.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING, on the invitation of Colonel Ochiltree, formerly a member of the United States Congress, and other prominent Americans now in London, has arranged a special performance in aid of the sufferers by the Galveston disaster. Mr. Arthur Collins, managing director of Drury Lane, has kindly given the use of the theatre for the afternoon of Tuesday, the 16th prox., and has also promised a principal scene from "The Price of Peace." Mr. Charles Wyndham will appear in the famous third act of "David Garrick," and Mr. Beerbohm Tree will be seen in an act from "Julius Caesar"; Bro. Sir Henry Irving will play Corporal Brewster in "Waterloo," and will also recite "The Dream of Eugene Aram." This will be Bro. Sir Henry's only public appearance in London until April next.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—At the last meeting of the Grand Committee Bro. the Hon. James Hezler, M.P., was unanimously nominated for re-election as Grand Master Mason of Scotland. After holding the office of Grand Secretary since March, 1876, with much ability and success, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who is 81 years of age, tendered his resignation thereof. The Grand Committee accepted the resignation, and resolved that Bro. Lyon should still enjoy his full salary. When he was appointed Grand Lodge was in debt to the extent of £20,000, and now that had been cleared off and the assets are worth £80,000. Bro. Murray Lyon is a recognised authority on all matters connected with Freemasonry, and he is the author of a history of the Craft in Scotland. The candidates for the vacant office are Bros. David Reid, G. Treasurer; Allan Mackenzie, Edinburgh; and MacNaught Campbell, Glasgow. Bro. Captain Thomas Hope, of Bridgecastle, has resigned his office of Substitute Grand Master, and the Grand Master intimated at Brechin, on Saturday last, that he intends to appoint Bro. the Hon. Charles Maule Ramsay to that position.

MR. MOLLISON has so far advanced with the elaborate arrangements that everything will be satisfactorily completed at the Lyceum by the end of next week, so as to permit of the production of "For Auld Lang Syne" on the 6th prox. This is not a postponement of the opening, as until now no definite date had been announced for the first performance. Messrs. Seymour Hicks and T. Latham's play is in four acts, and herewith is the synopsis of the scenery: Act 1, a farm on the veldt near Camberley, South Africa—a night passes; act 2, vestibule of the Grand Hotel, Camberley—a year is supposed to elapse; act 3, interior of the Fellsdale Arms, Market Harden, England (New Year's Eve)—six months elapse; scene 1, the garden of the Fellsdale Arms, Market Harden (summer); scene 2, Lord Fellsdale's town house, a garret in Mayfair, London; scene 3, Captain Carey's chambers in St. James's-street. The artists engaged on the painting of these sets are Mr. Hawes Craven, Mr. Joseph Harker, and Mr. Walter Hann. The incidental music has been composed for "Auld Lang Syne" by Edward Jones, who, it will be remembered, also wrote the incidental music for "The Sign of the Cross."

Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. H. J. Dunaway, W.M.; J. E. Thomas, S.W.; E. Lucas, J.W.; W. Hardymont, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Harlyment, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; C. G. Zander, S.D.; S. Cload, J.D.; C. S. Hind, I.G.; R. P. Upton, P.M.; J. Birks, P.M.; C. Nicole, R. E. Maskall, W. Goring, G. Mortlock, A. Williams, A. Noel, and F. Linfoot, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Mortlock being the candidate. Bro. Linfoot was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

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