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## THE PROVINCE OF SURREY.

Surrey, which, as a Masonic Province, dates from the year 1772, has, so far as it is possible to judge, been always most fortunate in its rulers. At all events, it would be difficult to name one which during the latter half of the present century has fared better in this respect. In 1850 its Provincial Grand Master was the late Bro. ALEXANDER DOBIE, whose first appointment to office in Grand Lodge was in 1838, when he received the collar of Junior Grand Deacon. From 1841 to 1849 he presided over the Board of General Purposes, while from 1846 to 1857 he held, and for part of the time concurrently with the presidency of the said Board, the important post of Grand Registrar. In the Royal Arch—and he was Grand Superintendent as well as Provincial Grand Master—he attained even greater distinction, and having served as Grand Scribe N. from 1838 to 1845, and as Grand Registrar from 1846 to 1856, was appointed Grand Third Principal J. from 1856 to 1858. Bro. DOBIE was appointed to preside over the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry in Surrey in 1847, and died in 1876, having, however, a few years previously resigned his offices. On his resignation, Bro. General J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B., who served as Senior Grand Warden in 1858, was, in 1871, appointed Provincial Grand Master, and, in 1873, Grand Superintendent, of Surrey; and after his death the late Bro. Col. G. NOEL MONEY, C.B., was installed as both Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent, in 1891. In 1895, a successor to the late Bro. Col. MONEY was found in the Earl of ONSLOW, G.C.M.G., who had been appointed Senior Grand Warden of Grand Lodge in 1880, and Grand Scribe N. in Supreme Grand Chapter in 1883, and his lordship was installed as Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent; but finding the claims upon his time in matters official and private too heavy, he announced at the last annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge that he had found it necessary to tender his resignation, which his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to accept, and that he was only retaining office until such time as his successor, Bro. Col. JOHN DAVIS, A.D.C. to her Majesty the QUEEN, was able to undertake the duties. On the 24th ult., Bro. Col. DAVIS was installed Provincial Grand Master by Lord ONSLOW, and the Province is now in charge of its new chief, under whose auspices it will, no

doubt, continue to prosper as it has done under those of his predecessors.

That this prosperity has been continuous and gratifying may be gathered from the following particulars relating to the lodges now on the roll of the Province—we take no heed of those which may have been warranted and become extinct or migrated to other quarters in the interim. When, in 1847, Bro. DOBIE became Prov. G. Master and G. Superintendent, there were five of the existing lodges on the roll, namely, the St. George's Lodge, No. 370, Chertsey, of 1823 creation; the Grove Lodge, No. 410, Sutton, and the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, Reigate, which were warranted in 1832 and 1834 respectively; and the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, and the Croydon Lodge of Concord, No. 463, both meeting in Croydon, and warranted, the former in 1838, and the latter in the following year. The number of Royal Arch chapters was three, comprising the Frederick Chapter of Unity, No. 452, warranted in 1839; the Grove Chapter, No. 410, in 1840; and the St. George's Chapter, No. 370, in 1843. Under Bro. DOBIE the roll of lodges was more than doubled, the Royal Alfred, No. 777, Guildford, warranted in 1859, being the oldest of the six lodges, and having been followed at intervals by the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, dating from 1861, which perpetuates the memory of his services, and is located at Kingston; the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1046, Farnham, warranted in 1864; the Dorking Lodge, No. 1149, meeting in the town of the same name, and founded in 1867; and the Lorne and Royal Albert Edward Lodges, Nos. 1347 and 1362 respectively, and both warranted in 1871, the former meeting at Sutton and the latter at Red Hill. There was also one chapter constituted, namely, the Croydon Chapter of Concord, No. 463, which was warranted in 1863.

Under the late Bro. General BROWNRIGG's auspices, there were constituted as many as 25 lodges and eight chapters, so that, whereas when he acceded to office, the Province contained only 11 lodges and four chapters, the numbers when death removed him were 36 lodges and 12 chapters respectively. There is no need for us to give the full list, but it may be well to mention that among the lodges will be found the Brownrigg, No. 1638, which perpetuates the fame of this genial and able ruler; the Arnold, No. 1981, named after a former Dep. Prov. Grand Master; the Greenwood, so designated in memory of the late Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, who for so many years was Prov. Grand Secretary; the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, after a late Prov. Grand Treasurer; the Frederick West, No. 2222, so-named after one who has served and is still serving the Province most ably as Dep. Prov. Grand Master; and the Onslow, No. 2234, which bears the honoured title of the retired Prov. Grand Master. The further additions made to the roll while the Province was in charge of the late Bro. Col. NOEL MONEY, consisted of six lodges and four chapters, the former comprising the Ebbisham, No. 2422, Epsom, and the Noel, No. 2444, Kingston, both founded in 1892; the Molesey Lodge, No. 2473, East Molesey, in 1893; the Gatwick, No. 2502, Horley, and the Noel-Money Lodge, No. 2521, Weybridge, both warranted in 1894; and the Ember Lodge, No. 2540, which was consecrated by the Prov. Grand Master early in 1895. In the Earl of ONSLOW's time, three lodges were warranted—the Albany, No. 2652, Kingston, in 1897; the Hatchlands Lodge, No. 2756, Addlestone, and the East Surrey Lodge, No. 2769, Oxted, both belonging to the year 1899. The Royal Albert Edward Chapter, No. 1362, Red Hill, entered upon its career in 1895.

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The result of these inquiries may be briefly summed up so far as the lodges and chapters now on the roll are concerned. In 1847, when the late Bro. DOBIE was appointed to office as Prov. G. Master of Surrey, there were five of the lodges and three of the chapters working; now the muster-roll comprises 45 lodges and 17 chapters. But Bro. Brig.-Gen. DAVIS, who had the honour of being appointed Dep. G.D.C. in Grand Lodge and G. Std. Bearer in G. Chapter, in 1858, is a Mason of long and tried experience. He was initiated under the Scottish Constitution in St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, Glasgow, in 1858. But in February, 1863, he joined our Britannic Lodge, No. 33, and has filled the chair of W.M. He was exalted in St. James's Chapter, No. 2, in 1877, and installed its First Principal in 1884. He has also shown his goodwill towards our Charitable Institutions by enrolling himself as a Life Governor of each. Thus he enters upon his post both with the respect and goodwill of those over whom it will be his duty to preside, and with such a knowledge of its duties as will carry him through his task successfully.

#### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening last. More than 500 brethren were present, and they were presided over by Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight. Bro. Lieut.-Gen. John Wimburn Laurie, M.P., Prov. G. Master of South Wales (W.D.), acted as Deputy G. Master, and Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, Prov. G. Master of Cheshire, as Past G. Master. Bro. Viscount Templetown was S.G.W., and Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton acted as J.G.W.

##### Among the brethren present were

Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.D.; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; H. Manfield, G. Treas.; Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G. Treas.; Dr. Arthur G. Sandberg, Vice-President Board of General Purposes; D. Mayer, S.G.D.; R. Loveland-Loveland, President Board of Gen. Purps.; E. Beaumont, Dep. G. Reg.; T. Lean Wilkinson, P. Dep. G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.W.; Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; E. M. Money; Ex-Sheriff C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.W.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G. C.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Frank Richardson, acting G.D. of C.; James Stephens, P.D.G.D. of C.; Imre Kiralfy, W. G. Kentish, A. C. Spaul, J. Henry Matthews, President Board of Benevolence; D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-Pres. Board of Benevolence; Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-Pres. Board of Benevolence; Captain N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; R. Clowes; W. M. Bywater, acting as G.S.B.; E. C. Mulvey, P.G.P.; and W. Fisher, P.G.P.

Grand Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of September 5 were read and confirmed.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH read the following letter from the Grand Master:

Marlborough House, S.W.  
Sir Francis Knollys is desired by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to thank the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons for their address and their kind and fraternal sympathy with him on the occasion of the recent death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

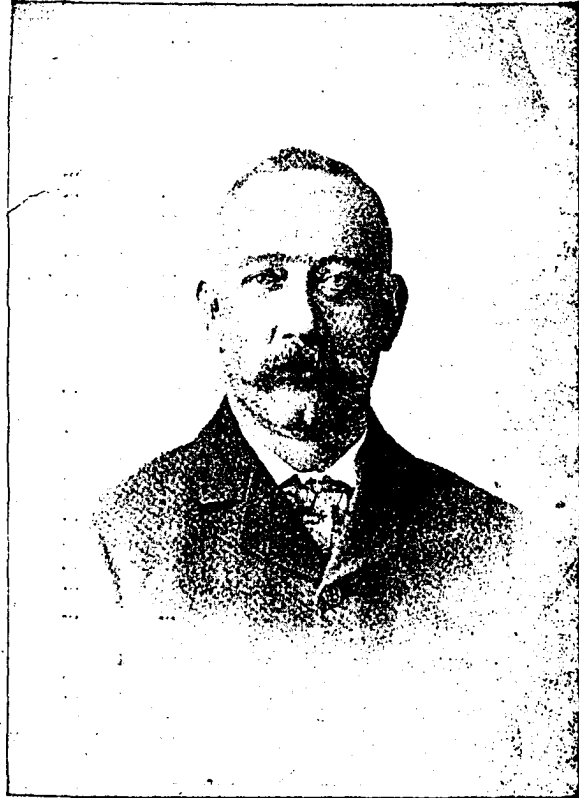
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E. Letchworth, Esq.

Bro. Maj. VESBY FITZGERALD, O.C., P.M. 502 and 2716, then rose, and said he had the honour to nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for re-election to the office of M.W. Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of England for the ensuing year. (Hear, hear.) For years past the brethren had been so used in their lodges to hearing the Grand Master's many qualities extolled, according to the ability of the brother who presided, that it was not necessary for him to dilate on the excellences of the Grand Master. Suffice it for him to say that during the years the Prince of Wales had been in office Masonry had flourished, and was still flourishing. They knew the dignity with which he occupied the office, and they felt that while he was willing to undertake to fulfil that office no brother could be nominated who would be so acceptable to the Craft at large. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He was sure that in proposing his Royal Highness that evening for re-election he had the assent and approbation, not only of the brethren present that night, but of that much larger Brotherhood—the brethren throughout the kingdom who were connected with the Grand Lodge of England. He need say no more. (Applause.)

Bro. Col. T. DAVIES SEWELL, P.G. Stwd., nominated for election as Grand Treasurer, Captain John Barlow, J.P., P.M. 1260, &c. He said he made this proposition at the instance of a large and influential committee, and brethren of the Craft who were members of Grand Lodge, and also because he thought Captain Barlow was a fit and proper person to fill the office. (Hear, hear.) He would claim the indulgence of Grand Lodge while he recited as shortly as possible some of the qualifications of this good brother for filling the office which he ventured to nominate him to. Capt. Barlow was one of those bands of brave heroes who had fought the battles of Old England in South Africa. (Applause.) The present Grand Treasurer represented the powerful Province of Northants and Hunts, and, therefore, it seemed that this year London had a right to nominate one from its midst. It had been considered in the minds of some brethren necessary to define what was a London Mason. Taken Masonically, it seemed to him that a man who had been initiated in a London lodge certainly had some claims to be called a London Mason. (Applause.) His nominee had these qualifications; he was initiated, passed, and raised, and filled all the offices—some twice over—in a lodge that met under the shadow of the building where the brethren were now assembled, and if any brother would like to hear it, the Treasurer of the John Hervey Lodge would tell them that Captain Barlow from the time he was initiated had been a subscribing member as well as having been Master of that lodge. (Hear,

hear.) Captain Barlow looked upon London as his Masonic home, having made his friends there, and he (Colonel Sewell) did not think the charge of wresting his qualifications could be raised against his supporters. Captain Barlow had never been absent from the John Hervey Lodge except twice since his initiation, and the reason he was then absent was that he was required as a Volunteer to be in the country. Being an old Volunteer himself, he (Colonel Sewell) could say that a large number of the service had a true appreciation of Bro. Captain Barlow as a good fellow, not only to the service generally, but to Masonry, and a great many of them who were Masons were anxious he should represent them as Grand Treasurer this



BRO. CAPTAIN JOHN BARLOW.

next year. What Bro. Barlow had done for the Craft—Captain Barlow was a reticent man—but he (Colonel Sewell) might say this—that Captain Barlow was personally qualified for the service. In the individual lodges to which he belonged he was idolised. The Treasurer of the John Hervey Lodge who was present could tell them what Bro. Captain Barlow had done. He begged to say that the V.W. Grand Secretary had received notice of the determination to nominate Capt. Barlow this time last year, but they were persuaded by brethren who were now Capt. Barlow's supporters' very good friends to allow Bro. Harry Manfield to be unopposed, and in order to show that they did not empty handed a large number of promises had been given to them for the nomination. He again apologised to the Grand Lodge for occupying so much time. Bro. Barlow was a London Mason. Bro. Manfield was a country Mason, and those brethren who on the last occasion supported Bro. Manfield were the first to assist Capt. Barlow now. (Applause.)

Bro. SLY, Treas. 1260, did not know whether he was in order in seconding the nomination. ("No. no.")

Bro. BEACH said no seconder was necessary.



BRO. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL.

Bro. Alderman ALLISTON rose to nominate Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall for election as Grand Treasurer. Bro. Marshall was a good brother, a true man, a loyal and conscientious Mason. (Applause.) Before proceeding

further he wished to clear the way against misapprehension. It had been said in a circular that a candidate might be induced to step aside, and not to proceed to election, and he would have it understood that if any brother retired from this contest it would not be Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall. (Applause.) In any case he would go to the ballot and rely upon the vote of his friends. And one other matter was that it had long been an unwritten law that the office of Grand Treasurer should be alternated between London and the provinces. Consequently this year London was entitled to a candidate. He would now offer to the brethren a few of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall's credentials. Bro. Marshall was a Dulwich boy and graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, with honours. He then entered the business of his father as a publisher and newspaper agent, in Fleet-street, and he became head of the firm. Therefore, he was a gentleman by education, and a business man by experience; he was a Justice of the Peace for the county of London, and a Deputy Lieutenant for the City of London. As to Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall's Masonry, he was initiated in Lodge 1777, and twice filled the chair of his mother lodge. He was one of the founders and the first Master of the Streatham Lodge, No. 2728, and during his year he initiated no less than 21 candidates into Masonry. He was one of the founders of the St. Bride Lodge; he was a member of 1745, and a Past Provincial Grand Warden of Middlesex. As regards the Masonic Institutions, he was Patron of all three, for which he had served 36 Stewardships. (Loud and continued applause.) His amiable wife, Mrs. Marshall, was also a Patron. (Applause.) He felt tempted to give a list of Bro. Marshall's connection with other Charities. ("No, no.") He was a large contributor to Charitable Institutions—the Orphan Working School, Reedham Asylum, London Orphan Asylum, Infant Orphan, Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, Cambridge Asylum, Brompton Hospital, and many others. He ventured to say if Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall was elected to this distinguished office he would regard it as the greatest honour he could achieve. He would not trouble the brethren with any further remarks, but would simply say that if elected Bro. Marshall would give the office full attention; prudence would direct his steps; justice would be the guide of all, and he would maintain in their fullest splendour the Masonic ornaments of benevolence and charity. (Loud applause.)

Bro. BEACH enquired if any other candidate was nominated; to which enquiry there was no response.

Bro. James Henry Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, having been re-appointed by the Prince of Wales, advanced to the throne, and was re-invested by Bro. Beach amidst cheers; and Bro. Beach then declared re-elected Bro. David Dixon Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-President.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., read the names of the following 12 Past Masters who had been nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence: Bros. James Block, P.M. 1158; William B. Caton, P.M. 1365; John Ellinger, P.M. 2222; S. H. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329; G. N. E. Hamilton, P.M. 1446; Fredk. W. Hancock, P.M. 548; William Kipps, P.M. 1275; Edwd. Nightingale, P.M. 87; E. W. Pillinger, P.M. 902; J. S. Pointon, P.M. 1861; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M. 507; and Robert Wallwood Ker, P.M. 194.

Bro. BEACH declared these brethren duly elected.

The following grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence were then confirmed, on the motion of Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, President of the Board, seconded by Bro. D. D. MERCER, S.V.P.:

A brother of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, London	£75 0 0
A brother of the Windrush Lodge, No. 1703, Witney	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, Windsor	75 0 0
A brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, Dunmow	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 985, Sutton Bridge	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, Feltham	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, London	50 0 0

On the motion of Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President, seconded by Bro. ARTHUR G. SANDBERG, M.D., Vice-President, the report of the Board of General Purposes—as given in the *Freemason* last week—was taken as read.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND moved the first recommendation of the Board in the report—

The Board further reports that, it having been brought to the notice of the Premises Committee that a freehold stable in New Yard, situate between freehold premises the property of Grand Lodge, and let on a yearly tenancy at a rental of £32 per annum, was to be offered for sale by public auction, two members of the Committee and the Grand Secretary had, on their responsibility, purchased the property at such auction for the sum of £760.

The Board recommends that Grand Lodge avail itself of the offer of the purchasers to make over the purchase to Grand Lodge for the amount so agreed to be paid.

He said some weeks ago it came to the notice of the Board that there were some stabling premises in between two stables belonging to Grand Lodge at the back part of the Hall, and in front of the offices of the Masonic Charities. There was a large mews there, and at the present time they were the property of Grand Lodge, except this particular stable. Two of them had come into the market, but one was now offered. There was no time to come to Grand Lodge to ask permission to buy the property, and it was very important it should be bought because Grand Lodge property was on the right and on the left of it, and the Premises Committee wished to utilise the mews for offices. The Premises Committee was called together, and they could only recommend Grand Lodge to buy the premises, and it would be three weeks before Grand Lodge met. Therefore, two brethren and the G. Secretary stepped forward, and determined that they would buy the premises, and hold them for Grand Lodge. One of those brethren attended the sale who was not known; if G. Secretary had attended he would have been known; but as an unknown bidder went into the room of sale he bought for £760. Some years ago the adjoining property was bought for £1000. The Board now recommended Grand Lodge to avail itself of the offer of these two brethren to convey the property bought to Grand Lodge for the amount they had given for it.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, acting G.D. of C., seconded the motion. The property was very valuable to Grand Lodge, and he thought Grand Lodge would do well to accept the offer.

The recommendation was adopted *nem. con.*

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND then brought up the recommendation contained in the following paragraph of the report:

The Board also reports that, on the recommendation of the Officers' and Clerks' Committee, it has approved the increase of the salary of Bro. Palmer, a clerk in the Grand Secretary's office, from £150 to £200 per annum, with a further increase of £10 a year until it reaches £250, and the increase of the salary of Bro. Leonard Cook, another clerk, from £150 per annum by annual increments of £10 until it reaches £200 a year.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, seconded by Bro. Dr. SANDBERG, the report of the Board of General Purposes was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, and the report was adopted.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

### MARK GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on Tuesday evening, at Mark Masons' Hall, London, the Earl of Euston, Pro G. Master, presiding. Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, Dep. G. Master, occupied the Dep. G. Master's chair, while the Senior G. Warden's seat was taken by Bro. Viscount Doneraile, S.G.W., and the Junior G. Warden's chair by Bro. Thomas Fenn.

The attendance was very large, and among the brethren present were

Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, P. Dep. G. Master; C. Letch Mason, Captain N. G. Phillips, Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; R. Loveland-Loveland, President of the General Board; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; J. Smith Eastes, John Smith, P.G.I.G.; J. A. Farnfield, Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; W. A. Scurrah, Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, Charles Belton, P.G.W.; J. Ernest Lane, Thomas Fraser, and J. H. Whadcoat.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, Bro. MATIER, G. Sec., read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of September 4th, which were then put and confirmed.

Bro. MATIER said that arising out of those minutes he had to read the reply of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the vote of condolence by Grand Lodge on the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha:

Sir Francis Knollys is desired by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to thank the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for their address and their kind and fraternal sympathy with him on the occasion of the recent death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

On the motion of Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., the Report of the General Board, as published in the *Freemason* last week, was taken as read.

On Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND moving, and Bro. F. RICHARDSON seconding, that the Report of the General Board be received and entered on the minutes,

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD said before that motion was put he would ask, with reference to the recommendation of the Board, that the Victoria Lodge, No. 301, and the Henniker Lodge, No. 314, be erased, whether it would not be desirable that the place where such lodges met should not be placed on the paper? He asked that for the reason that his mother lodge, of which he was a P.M., was named the Henniker, and it might be mistaken for the Henniker Lodge which was recommended for erasure, which was a lodge in Montreal. If Montreal were put after the name and number of the lodge, no mistake would occur. It was a small matter, but the omission might give rise to some misapprehension hereafter. He would move that the place where the lodge met might be inserted. Both these lodges met at Montreal.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND said that should be done in future.

The motion that the report be received and entered on the minutes was then carried.

The Earl of EUSTON then moved the first recommendation contained in the report: "That the thanks of Grand Lodge be offered to R.W. Bro. the Viscount Dungarvan for his valued and valuable services as Deputy Grand Master during the seven years ending June, 1900, and that he be asked to accept the clothing of his rank." Lord Dungarvan was his Deputy for the whole of seven years, and whenever he was called upon, whether in Grand Lodge or in private lodges, gave him always great assistance. He, therefore, now moved that this Grand Lodge do ratify this recommendation, and he would ask Lord Dungarvan to accept the clothing of his rank.

Bro. J. H. WHADCOAT seconded the motion, which was thereupon put and carried.

Viscount DUNGARVAN, having advanced to the throne, was invested with the clothing of Past Deputy Grand Master by the Earl of Euston. In acknowledging the vote and the gilt, he said it did not require any great stretch of memory to contrast the change of Mark Masonry from its former abode to the present Mark Masons' Hall, and the change from the past to the present he fully appreciated. During seven years he had assisted Lord Euston. Lord Euston and he were made Masons together. During the seven years he (Lord Dungarvan) was Deputy Grand Master of Mark Masons he had been able to do something for Mark Masonry, both in Grand Mark Lodge and in private Mark lodges. Gratitude was a great thing, but it was not shown in words, and he thought he could best show gratitude if he attended Mark Masons' lodges in the clothing that they had given him, and which he should always wear with equal pride and gratification.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND having asked whether any representatives of the Victoria Lodge, No. 301, and the Henniker Lodge, No. 314, were present, moved that these lodges be erased. The former had made no returns since 1890, and the latter not since 1892.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded.

The motion was carried.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND next moved—"That Bro. Edward Terry, Ruspini Lodge, No. 362, be confirmed in the rank and privileges of a Past Master." Bro. Terry was away at the installation meeting, and was not installed until the following regular meeting, and, therefore, had not served the office of W.M. for 12 months. They all knew that Bro. Terry had many professional engagements both in England and abroad. On the occasion in question it was not possible he should be here. He was such a worthy brother, that he (Bro. Loveland Loveland) was sure he was only expressing the feelings of all Mark Masons when he said he hoped they would confirm him in the rank and privileges of a Past Master.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said he seconded the motion with great confidence. It was not a question of idleness Bro. Terry being away; it was absolutely following his profession—a thing they all agreed every man ought to do; but he might say that during the rest of the year Bro. Terry did his work, and did it most admirably. However, he was obliged to be away for six months, or he would have done his work. That being the case, he thought Grand Lodge would see its way to exercise its prerogative.

The motion was carried.

The Earl of EUSTON then moved "That the thanks of Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Imre Kiralfy for the gift of specimens of ancient Japanese armour and a Zulu kaross." The brethren would see the armour at Grand Lodge that evening, and it was a very handsome gift.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. Imre Kiralfy, who was present, rose and bowed his acknowledgments.

After a recommendation that a grant of £25 to a widow, moved by Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, had been confirmed, the Report of the General Board was adopted, on motion and seconded by the same two brethren.

Bro. J. ERNEST LANE next rose, and said the extremely pleasing duty devolved upon him to propose the nomination of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year, and in performing it a very few words would be needed, for the virtues of his Royal Highness were well known, particularly to Masons and to Mark Masons. It was, he believed, now 16 years since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was first made Grand Master of this Degree, and he was sure that he echoed the wish of every one present when he said he hoped that his Royal Highness might be long spared to rule over Mark Masons in the future as he had in the past. It was not a year since a thrill of horror went through the heart of every Mark Master when they heard of an attempt being made on the life of his Royal Highness, and he was sure they all felt thankful to the Great Overseer of the Universe for his Royal Highness's delivery from the hands of an assassin. (Hear, hear.) Without further words he nominated his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for election as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. THOMAS FRASER nominated for election to the office of Grand Treasurer, Bro. Harry Manfield, of the St. Simon de Liz Lodge, No. 245. Bro. Manfield now filled the important office of Grand Treasurer in United Grand Lodge of England, and it required no words of his (Bro. Fraser) to recommend this nomination to the brethren's attention.

The Earl of EUSTON having inquired if there were any communications, Bro. MATIER said that at the meeting of Grand Lodge in June Bro. Frank Hanson was appointed Grand Deacon, but he was away on military duty, and was not then invested. However, he was now present.

The Earl of Euston then invested Bro. Frank Hanson as Grand Deacon, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE AND SALOP.

The installation of Bro. J. F. Pepper as Prov. Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of Staffordshire and Shropshire, took place at the Drill Hall, Wolverhampton, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. The ceremony of installation was conducted by the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, V.D., M.W. Pro Grand Master, who was supported by officers of Grand Mark Lodge and members of the Mark lodges of the united province, including—

Bros. C. Fitzgerald Matier, G. Sec.; Chas. Belton, P.G.W.; Colonel J. D. Murray, V.D., 158, 467, 490, P.G.O.; Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, G. Chap.; Charles Fendelow, P.S.G.D.; A. Woodiwiss, P.G.M. Derbyshire; G. Gordon Warren, P.P.S.G.W., Dep. P.G.M. North Wales; G. Williams-Freeman, Dep. Dist. G.M., North Africa; Colonel G. Walton Walker, P.G.D., P.G. Sec.; Dr. Newnham, P.G.O., P.G. Treas.; Rev. W. Trevor Parkins, D.P.G.M. Warwick; H. Percy Smith, Dr. Wolverson, Charles F. Perry, P.J.G.W.; W. Brickel, P.G.R. of M.; S. Leese, P.J.G.D.; J. Warrilow, P.G.D.C.; Archer B. Smith, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Baildon Wright, P.G.I.G.; A. Dalley, P.G. Tyler; J. Candelent, 318, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Trevitt, 318, P.P.G.S.B.; W. E. Thomason, 318, P.P.J.G.W.; S. Jenkins, 318, P.P.J.G.W.; W. T. Brooks, S.D. 318; J. J. Smith, 186, P.G.R.; J. J. Gittings, 318, P.P.J.G.W.; V. C. L. Crump, 444, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Belton, 444, P.P.S.G.W.; Col. J. B. Morgan, 290, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Cooksey, 444, P.P.S.G.O.; Major J. Wilkins, 290, P.P.G.S.B.; Felix P.M. 174, P.G.I.G., P.G. Sec. Warwick; L. L. Lloyd, 45; A. G. Uglow, 318; J. MacMahon, I.G. 318; A. D. Tomlinson, S.O. 186; W. J. Agg, 444; H. Richardson, 318; J. D. Southam, 444; G. Wormal, M.O. 541; J. Jackson, Org. 541; J. Riccalton, Stwd. 541; C. J. Morris, J.W. 318; J. Carver, P.M.O. 290; G. W. Freeman, 441; Capt. Longden, 290, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Booth, 318, P.G.M.O.; T. Patten, P.M.O. 45; G. Hadley, 318; G. Baker, 186, P.P.G.S.; Dr. F. W. Willmore, 186, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Dallow, 318; H. C. Owen, 186, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Oliver Howl, 290; and others.

The Pro G. Master and the G. Officers entered the lodge room in procession, and Bro. Lord Euston having assumed the chair, was saluted according to ancient custom. In the dignified and impressive ceremony of installation the G. Secretary acted as D. of C.

The patent of approval and appointment of Bro. Pepper by the M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was duly presented, and the Prov. G. Master designate introduced by the proper officers.

Bro. Lord EUSTON, in addressing the Prov. G. Master upon the nature of his duties and the qualification of his office, commended him for the good work which he had done for many years as Dep. Prov. G. Master, impressed upon him the high responsibility attaching to the great honour which had been conferred upon him by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and expressed the greatest confidence that he would faithfully, zealously, and impartially

fulfil the duties of his high office, and in every way uphold the prestige and the dignity of this advanced Degree in Freemasonry.

The PROV. G. MASTER having been proclaimed and saluted, expressed his acknowledgments for the unanimous desire which had been shown in the lodges for his appointment to this important office. He hoped they would see steady progress made in the Mark Degree in the united province. He appointed Bro. Colonel Walker as Dep. Prov. G. Master, and also made the following appointments:

Bro. R. G. Venables	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. P. Perry	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" C. L. N. Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Baxter	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" E. Booth	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Dr. C. A. Newnham	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Brickel	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. J. Gittings	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Major J. Wilkins	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" S. Leese	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Warrilow	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Dr. Freer	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Archer Smith	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. B. Wright	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" A. Dalley	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bros. Col. Morgan and J. J. Smith were elected Auditors.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed regret that Bro. Venables, P.G.D. Eng., was unable to be present. In his absence, Bro. Gordon Warren assumed his chair, and the Prov. Grand Master remarked that the adherence of these two distinguished brethren augured well for the cementing of the union of Staffordshire and Shropshire in Mark Masonry.

On the motion of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. Col. WALKER, a cordial vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was passed to Lord Euston and the other Grand Officers present.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER referred in feeling terms to the death of Bro. Dr. Charlesworth, of Hanley, who was a Past Officer of Prov. Grand Lodge, and moved that a letter of condolence be sent to his widow and family.

Bro. BRICKEL seconded the motion, and mentioned that many additional brethren from the northern part of the province would have been present that day but for the fact that they were attending Bro. Dr. Charlesworth's funeral.

The motion was passed *sub silentio*.

Following the proceedings in Prov. Grand Lodge, a banquet was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, excellent arrangements for which had been made by Bro. J. J. Smith.

After the loyal toasts had been honoured,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing "The Health of the Earl of Euston, warmly thanked the Pro Grand Master for his attendance on that occasion, and also for his presence at the consecration in September of a Mark lodge at Stafford.

Lord EUSTON, in replying, expressed his great satisfaction in knowing that Mark Masonry was gradually extending throughout England.

Bro. PERRY, in proposing "The Health of R.W. Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, D.G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge," said the province was deeply grateful to Lord Euston and the Grand Officers for having come from London to take part in that day's proceedings.

Bro. MATIER, who responded, said the progress made in the Mark Degree in 20 years had been very great. Then there were 220 lodges; now there were 540. Their monetary affairs had progressed in proportion, and they possessed in London one of the finest Masonic Halls in the world.

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Master" was proposed by Lord EUSTON, and cordially honoured.

The other toasts were "The Health of Col. Walker and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge" and "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Dr. NEWNHAM, and responded to by Bro. WOODIWISS.

It was the eve of Lord Euston's birthday, and the PROV. GRAND MASTER wished him "many happy returns."

Bro. Col. MURRAY gave the sentiment "Long may you live, happy may you be, blessed with content, and from misfortune free."

Lord EUSTON feelingly acknowledged the congratulations.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Prov. G. Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Thursday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., who was supported by the following officers: Bro. Thomas Cox, P. Asst. G.D. of C. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., who, in the absence of Bro. Okeover, P.G.W. Eng., through illness, acted as Dep. Prov. G. Master; and

Bros. John R. Rigby, P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; Jas. Odom Manton, P.M., Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. John Eayrs and the Rev. J. E. Jagger, P.M., Prov. G. Chaps.; W. Stenson Gillman, F.M., Prov. G. Reg.; Alfred Butterworth, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; Wm. Naylor, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; R. B. Wragg, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; W. Baker, P.M., Prov. J.G.D.; W. S. Fisher, P.M., Prov. G.D. of C.; W. Bentley, P.M., Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; George A. Tandy, P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; George Alcock, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. Harold Henry, Prov. G. Org.; Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; A. F. Pine, P.M., Prov. G. Purst.; T. A. Matthews, P.M., Prov. Asst. G. Purst.; Timothy Livesley, Edward Coates, and C. E. Birch-Thorpe, Prov. G. Stwds.; and A. Slinn, Prov. G. Tyler.

There were also present

Bros. J. H. Lawson, P.P.S.G.W.; E. C. Milligan, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Cutting, P.P.S.G.W.; Sir H. Bemrose, P.P.S.G.W.; Edgar Horne, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. (Mayor of Derby); J. B. Coulson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; John Walker, P.P.S.G.W.; C. F. Chamberlin, P.P.S.G.W.; E. R. Ward, P.P.S.G.W.; G. M. Bond, P.P.S.G.W.; N. J. Hughes-Hallett, P.P.J.G.W.; Septimus Stone, P.P.J.G.W.; John Howell, P.P.J.G.W.; Joseph Cook, P.P.J.G.W.; James R. Eastwood, W.M. 29, G. Steward England; A. G. Taylor, P.P.G. Treas.; A. Eaton, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Lovelock, P.P.G. Registrar; Chas. Webster, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Briggs, P.P.G.D.; Geo. Caldwell, P.P.G.D.; C. F. Wardley, P.P.G.D.; Richard Thornley, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Edmunds, P.P.G.D.; J. Bland, P.P.G.D.; C. D. Hart,

P.P.G.D.; W. Fletcher, P.P.G.D.; T. B. Smith, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; R. A. Little, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Elphinstone, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. A. Stamford, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Stockton, P.P.G.S.B.; H. B. Boag, J. W. Chambers, and Wright Booth, P.P.G. Std. Brs.; W. L. Dodd and W. H. Tutt, P.P.G. Organists; A. A. Greig, W.M. 253; A. R. Price, W.M. 353; R. H. Case, W.M. 506; Thos. Swire, W.M. 625; A. Walker, W.M. 624; R. S. Taylor, W.M. 681; T. J. Beck, W.M. 731; Isaac N. Woodiwiss, W.M. 787; W. Bennett, W.M. 802; David Dean, W.M. 850; G. Nelson, W.M. 884; E. Partridge, W.M. 1085; G. H. Sutton, W.M. 1235; A. Butt, W.M. 1179; A. J. Towlson, W.M. 1324; H. W. Tomlinson, W.M. 1495; E. K. L. Lawson, W.M. 1739; C. J. Fieldsand, W.M. 2129; James Sheldon, W.M. 2224; A. E. Mayer, W.M. 2355; G. E. Carline, W.M. 2373; Geo. T. Terry, W.M. 2425; E. F. Eames, W.M. 2583; H. H. Sharpe, W.M. 2630; R. T. Ingram, P.P.G. Treas. Notts; W. C. Pegg, P.M.; G. A. Tandy, P.M.; W. R. Bryden, P.M.; A. J. Dawes, P.M.; W. H. Bass, P.M.; H. Offiler, P.M.; A. C. Brentnall, P.P.G. Std. Br.; B. S. Jones, P.M.; Wm. Woodisse, P.M.; B. Toft, P.M.; F. L. Somerset, P.M.; W. Lingard, P.M.; and many others.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the Prov. Grand Master and his officers were saluted.

The Worshipful Masters of the various lodges read and presented their annual reports, which showed that the Craft continued to make steady progress in all parts of the province.

The report of the Masonic Hall Committee, which was read by Bro. THOMAS COX, stated that during the year Bro. W. S. Fisher had been appointed hallkeeper, and that the electric light had been extended to all the rooms in the building.

On the motion of Bro. COX, seconded by Bro. EDGAR HORNE, the report was adopted.

The report of the Charity Committee, which was read by Bro. PERCY WALLIS, stated that a case brought forward by the province from Belper had secured election at the Boys' School in April, whilst another case, from the Tutbury Castle Lodge, also supported by the province, had been successful at the October elections. The province had been represented at the various festivals during the year as follows: Girls' School (six Stewards), £200 10s.; Boys' School (eight Stewards), £338 5s.; Benevolent Institution (one Steward), £10 10s.; total, £549 11s.

On the motion of Bro. PERCY WALLIS the report was adopted.

Bro. A. BUTTERWORTH, Prov. G. Treas., read the report of the Audit Committee, which stated that there was a balance in hand amounting to £397 4s. 1d. He proposed its adoption, which was seconded by Bro. J. CUTTING, and agreed to.

The next business was the election of Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The only candidate nominated was Bro. C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085, P.P.S. G.D., proposed by Bro. E. PARTRIDGE, W.M. 1085, and seconded by Bro. T. COX.

Bro. HART was declared duly elected, and returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him.

The Masonic Hall Committee of Management and the representatives of Prov. Grand Lodge on the Charity Committee were re-elected.

The Prov. G.M. next proceeded to appoint and invest the following Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bros. J. A. Arnold, 731	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" R. A. Little, M.A., LL.D., 1688	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. E. Jagger, 2129	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. E. C. Collier, 625	...	...	
" W. A. Stamford, 2583	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. D. Hart, 1085	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Naylor, 253, P.P.S.G.W. Eng.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. W. Chambers, 2224	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. L. Somerset, 681	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Eaton, 802	...	...	Prov. G. S. of Wk.
" H. Offiler, 1085	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. E. Sutton, 1235	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. A. Holloway, 2425	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. Allfrey, 1324	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. Peet, 1028	...	...	
" Edwin Walker, 1952	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Percy Wallis, 253, P.P.S.G.W.	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Wild, 654	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. H. Bass, 1179	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" E. J. Hulse, 253	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. H. Snape, 253	...	...	
" R. Faulkner, 681	...	...	
" A. Harrisnn, 681	...	...	
" Allan Baum, 802	...	...	
" W. J. Holbrook, 802	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" A. Slinn, 253	...	...	

The Duke of DEVONSHIRE said that before the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed he should like to express the very great regret which they all must feel at the illness which prevented Bro. H. C. Okeover, Deputy Prov. G.M., from being present that day. The whole of the Masonic Fraternity in that province were deeply indebted to him for the services which during a very long series of years he had rendered to the Order. No one was more indebted to Bro. Okeover than he (the Duke), inasmuch as he had been good enough to relieve him from almost the whole of the labour and responsibility attaching to the office which he held. He trusted that Bro. Okeover's indisposition was only of a temporary character, and that he would soon be enabled to resume his duties in connection with Masonry. He moved that an expression of the brethren's sympathy be sent to Bro. Okeover in his suffering.

This was seconded by Bro. W. NAYLOR, and carried.

The DUKE also referred to the necessity for enlarging the Masonic Hall, which had recently become the property of the Prov. Grand Lodge. He hoped that the Masonic Hall Committee would give the matter their early consideration.

A sum of 25 guineas was voted, on the motion of Bro. PERCY WALLIS, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

At the close of Prov. Grand Lodge the annual banquet was held in the Lower Hall, his Grace the Duke of Devonshire presiding over the function.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—The Great Western Railway Company announce that arrangements have been made for the collection and prompt delivery of Christmas parcels in all the principal towns on their system. The charges for the conveyance of parcels for short distances are lower than those by parcel post, while in the case of longer distances the rates by parcel post are not exceeded.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### Palestine Chapter, No. 29,

The installation meeting of the above chapter was held at 33, Golden-square, W., on the 27th ult. There were present Ex. Bros. H. Saunion, M.W.S.; Dr. S. Lloyd, High Prelate and M.W.S. elect; J. Stephens, 1st Gen.; W. G. A. Edwards, 2nd Gen.; W. B. Fendick, P.M.W.S., Treas.; W. S. Bunting, Recorder; F. Kedge, Gd. Marshal; T. Whitford, Raphael; C. O. Burgess, Almoner; J. R. Cleave, D. of C.; Walter Scott Miller, Herald; F. Barnes, Capt. of Guard; W. J. Batho, Org.; George Scott Miller, Stwd.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M.W.S.; J. L. Thomas, P.M.W.S.; T. W. Lambert, P.M.W.S.; J. J. Thomas, P.M.W.S.; P. Blair Black, P.M.W.S.; J. Mason, John P. Robinson, Imre Kiralfy, Millner Jutsun, D. C. Robinson, Louis Verdier, J. W. Burgess, G. Mentasti, L. Foppoli, H. U. Olver, J. H. Catten, and V. T. Hantke; Ill. Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M.W.S. 3; John Read, 30; and Geo. Austin, 30, Equerry (hon. members). Visitors: Ill. Bros. Captain W. P. Dadson, 33; W. A. Scurrah, 30, 140; W. Metcalfe, 30, 107; and P. F. R. Saillard, 30, 101; Ex. Bros. Prof. F. W. Driver, P.M.W.S. 3; J. J. Simcox, 142; John Williams, P.M.W.S. 142 and 101; A. W. Scurrah, 140; W. M. Stiles, 140; Thos. Fraser, 43; and Harry Nicholls and E. C. Mulvey, unattached.

The chapter being opened by the M.W.S., and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Camillo Fumagalli and Ricardo Malpaga. It proved favourable in both cases. Being present, the brethren were perfected in an admirable manner by the M.W.S. The installation of the M.W.S. elect, Ex. Bro. Dr. S. Lloyd, then took place. The ceremony was performed in an able and impressive way by the outgoing M.W.S., Ex. Bro. H. Saunion. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year: Ex. Bros. H. Saunion, I.P.M.W.S.; J. Stephens, High Prelate; W. S. Bunting, 1st Gen.; F. Kedge, 2nd Gen.; W. B. Fendick, P.M.W.S., Treas.; W. G. A. Edwards, Recorder; T. Whitford, G. Marshal; C. O. Burgess, Raphael, J. R. Cleave, Almoner; W. Scott Miller, D. of C.; F. Barnes, Herald; W. J. Batho, Capt. of Guard; G. Scott Miller, Org.; Bruce Morrison, Stwd.; and Geo. Austin, Equerry. The alms were collected. The M.W.S., in a brief, graceful speech, presented a P.M.W.S. jewel to Ex. Bro. H. Saunion, I.P.M.W.S., for his distinguished services during his past year of office. Ex. Bro. Saunion, in a few appropriate words, returned thanks to the chapter for the honour conferred on him. The 3rd Point was then held, after which the chapter was closed.

The brethren adjourn'd to the Café Royal, and after an excellent banquet the M.W.S. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In giving "The Queen and Rose Croix Masonry," the M.W.S. observed that her Majesty was the perfection of monarchy, and Rose Croix was the perfection of Masonry.

"God save the Queen" was sung as a solo and chorus. "The Supreme Council of 33" was next presented, the M.W.S. saying he knew nothing about the members of the highest Degrees, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite; he had, however, many friends in the 30.

"The M.W.S." was proposed by the I.P.M.S. The M.W.S., in reply, said the great point in the Palestine Chapter was that there was such a fraternal union among the brethren, which he entirely appreciated, and for which he thanked them.

In proposing "The Perfectees," the M.W.S. said the ceremony by the I.P.M.W.S. was simply perfect, he assured the perfectees that they would be kindly received by their brethren, "perfect harmony" was the motto of the Palestine Chapter.

Ex. Bro. Prof. F. W. Driver gave his Rose Croix poem, "Perfection." The perfectees briefly replied. "The Visitors" having been given by the M.W.S., Ex. Bros. Scurrah and Stiles replied.

Bro. Colonel Probyn, who had just entered the banquet room, spoke last. He said how delightful it was for him to meet so many friends that he had long known. He came as a visitor and stranger, and yet felt quite at home amongst those who were true and dear to him. He alluded to the son of the M.W.S.; he was a Westminster boy, later on he joined his father in his profession, but did not remain in it. He served in her Majesty's Volunteers in South Africa, he proved his courage on many occasions, he showed his surgical skill, while in its exercise he met a brave soldier's death. His father, their M.W.S., wrote to General Baden Powell asking for the sad details. His Masonic apron and certificate were returned to his father by Colonel Ward at the request of General Baden Powell. It was a consolation to a good father to have had so brave and worthy a son. Col. Probyn gave "The memory of Frank Lloyd," which was drunk in solemn silence.

"The Health of the Installing Master," was given by the M.W.S., who said how well Bro. Saunion performed his Masonic duties was well known to all the brethren.

Ex. Bro. Saunion replied. He said although the brethren praised his work, he, himself, was not satisfied with it. He had always the interests of the brethren at heart. He condoled with the father on the loss of his son, but his memory would be ever green; the M.W.S. might rest assured that he possessed the esteem and regard of his brethren.

"The P.M.W.Ss. of the Chapter" having been toasted, Ex. Bros. J. L. Thomas and T. W. Lambert spoke of the kindness and liberality which was shown by the I.P.M.W.S. during his year of office.

"The Treasurer, Recorder, and Officers of the Chapter," was replied to by Ex. Bros. Stephens and Edwards, and Bro. Louis Verdier, as acting Marshal, on this and on many other occasions, said he was always happy to render service to the chapter. This concluded a most enjoyable evening.

## Craft Masonry.

### Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. F. G. DIVE.

The installation meeting of this provincial lodge of Sussex took place at the Gildredge Hotel, Eastbourne, on Monday, the 26th ult., when there were present: Bros. J. Andrews, W.M.; F. G. Dive, S.W. and W.M. elect; F. Pike, J.W.; W. N. Willis, Chap.; J. Creighton, P.M., Sec.; A. E. Smith, S.D.; R. H. Trickey, J.D.; G. Fowler, P.M., D.C.; H. Thwaites, I.G.; V. A. Wormald, Org.; D. Dendy, Stwd.; C. Tones, P.M.; C. W. Tones, P.M.; C. H. Haine, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Wright, P.M.; J. Easter, P.M.; A. A. Oakden, P.M.; F. L. Lewis, P.M.; J. Wood, and a numerous assembly of the brethren of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., P.G. Sec.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. Farncombe, P.P.G.W. Sussex; and several W.Ms. of the province.

Bro. F. G. Dive, S.W., the W.M. elect, was duly presented to the W.M. to receive from him the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed by the W.M., Bro. James Andrews, in a highly impressive manner, the Board of Installed Masters numbering 35. The new W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Andrews, I.P.M.; F. Pike, S.W.; A. E. Smith, J.W.; W. N. Willis, Chap.; H. Sutton, P.M., Treas.; J. Creighton, P.M., Sec.; R. H. Trickey, S.D.; H. Thwaites, J.D.; G. Fowler, P.M., D.C.; D. Dendy, I.G.; F. A. Bourne and P. J. Marchant, Stwds.; and W. Pennington, Iyler. The three addresses were excellently rendered by Bro. J. Andrews, I.P.M.; J. Easter, P.M.; and F. R. Terson, P.M. The W.M. then, on behalf of the lodge, performed what was to him a very pleasant duty, that of presenting a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Andrews, in recognition of his valuable services. Bro. Andrews suitably expressed his thanks to the lodge for its kindness.

Business being ended, the brethren, to the number of about 80, adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. E. Kemsley, after which the W.M. and others gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, that of "The Charities" being responded to by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., R.M.B.I., in the most eloquent manner.

An excellent programme of music had been arranged, both vocal and instrumental, by Bros. J. Easter, P.P.G. Org., and V. A. Wormald, Org., solos and duets being exquisitely rendered by Miss Edith Welling and Miss Alma Jones; Miss Connie Terson, a juvenile artiste, won great applause by her recitations, as also did Bros. Bourne and Junman for their mirth-provoking songs. Bros. Thwaites and J. Easter also assisted.

The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable evening.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1900.

**Masonic Notes.**

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, as G. Master. There was a good attendance, and as will be seen from our report in another column, the business on the Agenda was promptly disposed of. The recommendations in the Report of the Board of General Purposes were adopted, and two strong candidates in Bros. Captain John Barlow and Horace Brooks Marshall were nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer in 1901-2.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for England and Wales, &c., was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, the 4th instant, under the presidency of the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master. The only incidents that occurred to which attention need be drawn were the adoption of a cordial vote of thanks to Viscount Dungarvan for his services to the Degree as Dep. G. Master during the last seven years, accompanied by a gift of the clothing of his rank, which his lordship

briefly but gracefully acknowledged; and the nomination of Bro. Harry Manfield for the office of Grand Treasurer for the year 1901-2.

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Another important event in Mark Masonry, which occurred at Wolverhampton on the 27th ult., will be found recorded in our columns this week. We allude to the installation of Bro. J. F. Pepper, lately Dep. Prov. G.M.M., whom his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Mark Master has appointed Prov. G. Mark Master of Staffordshire and Shropshire, in succession to the late lamented Bro. Col. G. S. Tudor. The ceremony was performed by the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro G.M.M., who was assisted by the G. Secretary of the Mark and other Grand and Prov. Grand Officers. When Bro. Pepper had been inducted into office, and his officers for the ensuing year invested, the brethren dined together at the Star and Garter Hotel, and the courtesies of the day exchanged between the local and visiting dignitaries of the Order.

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The half-yearly meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory of the Order of the Temple will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, the 14th instant, at 4.45 for 5 p.m. At the conclusion of the business, a chapter of the Great Priory of the Order of Malta will be opened under the banner of the Preceptory of St. George, when any Knight Templar who may have signified his desire will be admitted, the fee for admission, with certificate included, being one guinea. At 7 p.m. the customary banquet will be served at the Freemasons' Tavern, tickets for which, at one guinea each, should be applied for of the Great Vice-Chancellor not later than Monday, the 10th instant.

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The Report of the Council of the Order which will be submitted for the consideration of Great Priory in the course of the proceedings is in every respect a most satisfactory document. As regards the finances of the Order it appears that the total invested capital on the General Fund now amounts to £4200 and on the Benevolent Fund, £2500. It is also shown towards the end of the said Report that the Great Treasurer's accounts as audited to the 31st August last, show balances in bank of over £311 on the General Fund, and over £72 on the Benevolent Fund, or together, upwards of £383. The Council also state that the United Orders are in a flourishing state, and have increased "not only in numbers, but also in influence and prosperity," and that Great Priory is on terms of the most amicable and fraternal character with every legitimate Body of the Temple in the world.

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The greater part of the Report, however, is taken up with particulars of the fifth Annual Conference of the Great Pories of England and Ireland and the Chapter General of Scotland, which was held in London on Thursday, the 10th May last—the day preceding the summer half-yearly meeting of Great Priory—under the presidency of the Earl of Euston, M.E. and Supreme G. Master. One of the important questions discussed at this conference bore upon the admission of candidates who, by the Statutes of the Order, must be Royal Arch Masons. Nothing, however, was laid down in the Statutes as to what was intended by the term "Royal Arch," and having regard to the importance of the question, the Conference agreed "not to offer any opinion at this time, but to consider it until next Conference"—which has been arranged to take place in Edinburgh in April, 1901—"and meanwhile to inquire what is the practice of the American Pories."

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It is gratifying to learn that only six Preceptories abroad are in arrears in the payment of their dues, and of these three are in arrear for only one year. We also are told that a warrant has been granted for the constitution of a new Preceptory at Brisbane in the Colony of Queensland, under the style and title of the Duke of Albany, No. 171. Under the above circumstances those who attend the meeting of the Order at Mark Masons' Hall next week will have every reason to be pleased with the progress that has been made during the past half year.

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Hardly a week passes but the sad duty devolves upon us of chronicling the death of some prominent member of our Society. The other day it was Bro. C. H. Driver, Past G. Supt. of Works. Last week we reported the funeral in St. Paul's Cathedral of Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, Past G. Organist, deceased on the 22nd ult. This week it is the death of Bro. Sir Francis G. M. Boileau, Bart., who died at his seat of Ketteringham Park, Norfolk, on Sunday, in his 71st

year, which we have to record, and which will be so sincerely mourned by all English Masons, but especially by our Norfolk brethren, with whom, for nearly 30 years, he had been so closely in touch, and by whom he was so highly respected. Our late brother was appointed S.G. Deacon in Grand Lodge and Principal G. Sojourner in Supreme Grand Chapter in 1897. The following year, on the installation of Bro. Hamon Le Strange as Prov. G.M. of Norfolk, *vice* Lord Suffield, Sir Francis was appointed Dep. P.G.M., and the same year he was installed Grand Superintendent, in place of Lord Suffield. Even in the short time that has since elapsed our late distinguished brother discharged his duties with infinite credit to himself and to the great advantage of Norfolk Masonry. We offer our most respectful sympathy to the family who are mourning and the Province which has lost so able and kindly a member.

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Since the foregoing Note was written we have received information that the Earl of Donoughmore died at his town residence on Tuesday from the effects of a paralytic stroke a few days previously. His lordship was appointed S.G. Warden of Grand Lodge and Grand Scribe N. in Grand Chapter in 1876, and was Dep. G. Master of Grand Mark Lodge from 1878 to 1880. His lordship, who was only 52 years of age, is succeeded by his son, Viscount Suirdale, now on service in Hong Kong, to whom, and to his widowed mother and his two sisters, we offer our most respectful sympathy.

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We must reserve such further remarks as we desire to make on the subject of "Confirmation of Minutes" till we are less busily engaged. In the meantime we hope Bro. Prince will disabuse his mind of the notion that we do not respect the opinions he is fully entitled to hold. We commenced one of our last week's Notes on the subject with the expression, "With all deference to Bro. E. Prince, P.M., &c.," and the words "it is absurd," which are very commonly used in the demonstration of propositions, were not intended to convey anything offensive. We agree with him and also, it seems, with Bro. Hughan that an authoritative definition of the sense in which the word "confirmation" is used is desirable. We do not go so far as to say that such a definition is necessary. As Bro. Hughan tells us in his note elsewhere, Grand Lodge itself "has several times *non-confirmed* minutes that have been correctly recorded." We do not agree with him that this is a "misfortune," but it is a fact, and a very material fact, in favour of the opinion we have expressed that the "confirmation" and "verification" of minutes are not one and the same thing.

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Here is a case in point in evidence of Bro. Hughan's statement that Grand Lodge has *non-confirmed* minutes of its proceedings at a previous meeting. Some 20 or 25 years ago, the late Bro. James Stevens, P.M., brought forward in Grand Lodge a motion in favour of uniformity of ritual, and it was passed. At its next quarterly meeting, however, that portion of the minutes relating to the motion was *non-confirmed*. Again, in March, 1897, the late Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, on behalf of the M.W. Grand Master, moved—"That the sum of one thousand guineas be voted to the Indian Famine Relief Fund," and the motion, according to our report, "was carried unanimously, amidst loud and general applause." Thereupon Bro. W. H. Bailey, the then Grand Treasurer, rose and said: "Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I shall have the greatest pleasure in paying the amount at once, and not wait for the confirmation of the grant at the next Grand Lodge in June;" and we are given to understand that this announcement was received with "renewed cheering." May we take the liberty of suggesting—*albeit inferentially*—that there would have been no need for Bro. Bailey to make any such statement if "confirmation" meant nothing else than "verification."

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There is one part of Bro. Prince's further letter, which we published last week, that has amused us not a little. We allude to the sentence in the second paragraph beginning "Of course, if, upon reading the minutes a dispute were to arise as to who was actually elected Master which the brethren present were unable to settle." It is not every day we read of a staid P.M. of wide experience humorously suggesting that the brethren present at a lodge election meeting might be unable to remember whom they had elected Master. Lodges are generally held before not after dinner, or Bro. Prince might have gone further, and suggested that the brethren did not remember having attended any meeting at all. What about the minutes then?

## 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—the discussion.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have to-day received a letter from the mother of the boy, Cyril Alexander Herapath, who was elected to receive the benefits of this Institution on 12th October last, which, I think, will be of interest to your readers.

All friends who supported this "waif" Colonial case will, I am sure, join with me in particularly mentioning the splendid work done in its aid by W. Bro. Alfred J. Thomas, P.M. of Ionic Lodge, No. 227, and Treasurer of the Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772, who was instrumental in polling a large majority of the 8691 votes, which placed this boy second on the poll.—Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. M. McLEOD,  
Secretary.

6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,  
November 29th.

The following is the letter :

"Northcote, Auckland, N.Z.,  
"29th October, 1900.

"Dear Sir,

"It was with a feeling of deep gratitude I received a cable from Lord Onslow (on the 15th inst.), who with such generous thoughtfulness apprised me immediately from the 'Poll Office' to the effect 'Elected'—Onslow.

"Added to this, an unknown friend mailed to me an issue of the *Birmingham Post* from the London office, dated 12th ult., containing an appeal (addressed to the Masonic brethren I take it) for substantial help in the case of the lad Herapath, graciously identifying us with the Colonies who have manifested a practical love for the Mother Country during the troublous times in South Africa, and showing it to be deemed a fitting opportunity to pay a courteous tribute to New Zealand.

"What an unexpected honour to be the recipients of this historical token of the goodwill and unity existing between distant peoples! Mere lingual symbols fail to give an adequate idea of our gratitude.

"One thing I am well assured, we have your sympathy in the result, and, indeed, we owe very much to you for the great good resulting from the late election. Accept then, please, our sincere thanks for your disinterested kindness throughout.

"Kindly also convey to all our unknown friends in England, in the most fitting manner our appreciation of their goodness to the fatherless and widow, so, that we exclaim 'The good hand of our God is upon us.'—I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

(Signed) "CLARA HERAPATH.

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"London."

## "THOSE TERRIBLE HOLIDAYS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,

Will you permit me through the medium of your valuable paper to plead on behalf of a class whose needs and miseries are very acute, though but little known to the public in general. I refer to the wives and children of prisoners; they are innocent, but they suffer, and their punishment is often greater than that of the offender. He, at any rate, is lodged, clothed, and fed; his wife and children, all too frequently, have neither lodging, clothing, nor food until we step in and assist them in their dire necessity.

We have been engaged in efforts for the mitigation of their misery for many years, and just now we are making especial efforts to brighten their lives during the Christmas holidays, "those terrible holidays," as not a few term them, because while they last they can earn nothing at all. Of course, we do not confine our attention to this class only, but we also have distributed, annually, for the past 40 years Christmas dinners, food, firing, clothing, &c., to hundreds of deserving poor families.

Contributions are much needed, and should be sent to our Treasurer, F. A. Bevan, Esq., D.L., J.P., at 54, Lombard-street, E.C., or to yours faithfully,

WM. WHEATLEY,  
Superintendent.

St. Giles' Christian Mission,  
4, Ampton-st., Regent-sq., London, W.C.  
December, 1900.

## THE MASONIC CHARITIES AND YOUNG MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A friend of mine and a young member of the Craft joined a lodge of instruction and also subscribed to a "Charitable Association" (in connection with the Masonic Charities) attached thereto.

After having paid in a little over £2, he was informed he had drawn the £10 10s. in the ballot.

After a little consideration, he decided to stand "Steward" for one of the Charities, and intimated his decision to the Secretary of the Fund, when he was very curtly informed that the £10 10s. had already been placed on another brother's list, and that he "ought to be satisfied with the fact that he had been made a Life Governor of the Charity although he had only paid about £2."

He was not satisfied, and wants to know what his course of action in the matter should be, as he regards it as a piece of rather sharp practice.

Should he decline to pay the balance, or demand another chance in the ballot, or should the matter be reported to Grand Lodge?

Perhaps some of your readers may know of similar cases; but I hope not.—Yours fraternally,

JUSTITIA,  
P.M., P.Z., &c.

5th December.

THE LORD MAYOR (BRO. ALDERMAN GREEN) presided on Tuesday over the last Court of Aldermen of the present year and century. Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis was re-elected a trustee of Sir John Soane's Museum, and Bro. Sir Joseph Savory a governor of Holloway College. Bro. Sir Alfred Newton (late Lord Mayor) was appointed an Almoner of Christ's Hospital.

## THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

On the 1st instant the annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Durham, when there was a large attendance. Comp. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., was to have been installed as Grand Superintendent of the province, but owing to a bronchial attack which confined him to his room, the ceremony of his installation had to be postponed. Comp. John Holt, Prov. G.H., was acting Grand Superintendent; Comp. C. S. Lane, P.P.G.H., was acting Second Principal; and Comp. Richard Luck, P.P.G.H., was acting Third Principal.

Comp. R. HUDSON, P.G.S.E., expressed the regret which all felt at the absence, through illness, of the Rev. Canon Tristram.

The financial statement was presented by Comp. T. Harrison, and was adopted.

Grants were passed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the motion of Comp. C. S. LANE, and to the Durham Masonic Education and Hudson Benevolent Fund.

Comp. Charles Cox was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, on the motion of Comps. THOS. ROBINSON and E. LAUTEBACH; and Comps. J. C. Moor and G. B. Hall were re-elected Auditors.

Comp. R. Hudson then presented statistics showing the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in the province, and gave a short historical sketch of the Province of Durham. Their number was steadily increasing and now stood at 554.

The acting G. Superintendent, Comp. John Holt, then invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. W. E. Moffett	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" R. Hudson (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" R. Hauxwell	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Charles Cox	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. W. B. Heslop	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. R. Grimes	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" E. H. Tilley	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" John Walton	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" W. McBride	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" William Hutchinson	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. Lautebach (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" M. Cohen	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" J. M. Moore	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. T. Johnson (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Thomas Grieve (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. RICHARD LUCK, M.A., made feeling reference to the great loss the province had sustained in the death of Sir Hedworth Williamson, G. Superintendent, who took such a deep interest in Freemasonry.

Comp. LANE seconded a motion that a record of the loss the province had sustained be entered on the minutes, which was carried.

Prov. G. Chapter was then closed.

The members afterwards sat down to dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel, Comp. John Holt presiding.

The officers of the Durham Chapter were thanked for their excellent arrangements.

In the course of the evening a message of sympathy was despatched to Comp. the Rev. Canon Tristram by Comp. R. Hudson, Prov. G.S.E., expressing the hope that he would be speedily restored to his usual health, which expressed the unanimous desire of all present.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE

The half-yearly meeting of the above Prov. G. Lodge was held on the 30th ult. in the Town Hall, Salford. The Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord Stanley, M.P., being still in South Africa with Bro. Lord Roberts, his lordship's deputy, Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, presided, and the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. C. D. Cheetham and G. Norris Midwood. Bro. Kershaw, P.P.G.W., acted as Dep. Prov. G. Master. There was a large attendance, the whole of the 113 lodges in the province being represented.

Bros. W. E. Clegg, J. Holden, and Archie Wilson were elected Auditors of the Prov. G. Treasurers' accounts.

Bro. JAS. NEWTON, Prov. G. Sec., read the Report of the Charity Committee. It recorded that in May last the Committee succeeded in electing two old brethren upon the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and also polled 1100 votes for a third candidate, whom they hoped to place on the funds of the Charity next year. In October last they succeeded in electing three boys to the Royal Masonic School for Boys.

Bro. CHEETHAM, P.S.G.W., in moving the adoption of the Report, made an urgent appeal for strenuous efforts on the part of the lodges to carry the election of Bro. Captain John Barlow, of Bury, as G. Treasurer of England. The office is the only one in the Grand Lodge which is open to election, and which is not filled by selection on the part of the M.W.G. Master. Bro. Barlow was being opposed by an excellent brother from Middlesex, said Bro. Cheetham. There had been an unwritten law under which the Grand Treasurer's office had been held alternately by a London brother and a provincial brother. A year ago Bro. Barlow stood aside for a provincial brother, and it would only be right this year to elect him as a London brother, because, although connected with their own province of East Lancashire, he was a London Mason by initiation and by many ties. It was hoped that as many representatives of lodges in East and West Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, and other Northern provinces as possibly could would go up to the election in March next, and secure Bro. Barlow's return. On the subject of the elections secured by the Charity Committee during the year, Bro. Cheetham mentioned that the votes of the province for the Boys' and Girls' Schools combined amounted to only some 7000. Seeing that 17,000 votes were needed to elect the three boy candidates from East Lancashire, it showed that the representatives of the Committee did their work right well in the way in which they obtained the return of votes formerly borrowed from them and borrowed votes from other provinces.

The motion having been seconded and agreed to, Bro. CHEETHAM further moved that the sum of 100 guineas be granted from the Prov. Grand Lodge Funds to the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. He said the Institution appealed very feelingly to them because, although they were occasionally without boy or girl candidates, he believed they had every year one candidate or more in the form of an old brother or a brother's widow. There was not a province in the country that held more votes for that Institution than their own, and the donation which he proposed would mean an addition of 40 votes.

The ACTING DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER seconded the motion, and it was agreed to.

Bro. CHEETHAM had yet another motion, of which he had given notice. It was that £20 be voted to the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Education and Benevolent Institution. He spoke of the Festival to be held next year in aid of this local organisation, stating that Bro. Lord Stanley had promised to preside on the occasion, and reminding them that by a festival of the kind in 1895 a sum of £4413 was raised, which amount it was hoped would be considerably increased in 1901. In connection with the undertaking a concert had been promised by the members of the Minnehaha Minstrels Lodge.

This motion was adopted, and after a few words from the Prov. Grand Master in the chair, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

## Scotland.

### GRAND LODGE.

#### ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

The annual meeting of the above Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 30th ult., for the election and installation of office-bearers. The Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., presided over a large attendance of members.

On the motion of Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE, M.P., Past G.M. (who acted as Installing Master), the Hon. James Hozier was unanimously re-elected Grand Master, and was installed with the customary ceremonial.

The G.M. then nominated Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, as his Depute Grand Master, and Bro. the Hon. Charles M. Ramsay as Substitute Grand Master.

Bro. HOZIER next thanked the brethren for that renewed mark of their confidence, which he appreciated now even more than he did when first elected to the chair last year.

The other Grand office-bearers were elected as recommended at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, and were installed by the Grand Master. The following is this year's list:

Bro. Lord Saltoun	...	...	Past G.M.
" John Graham, of Broadstone	...	...	Depute G.M.
" Hon. C. M. Ramsay	...	...	Substitute G.M.
" A. A. Speirs, of Elderslie	...	...	S.G.W.
" W. Munro Denholm	...	...	J.G.W.
" David Reid	...	...	G. Treas.
" Rev. W. Lee Ker	...	...	} G. Chaplains.
" Rev. Percy M. Herford	...	...	
" John Carruthers	...	...	S.G.D.
" William Phillips	...	...	J.G.D.
" Alexander Skirving	...	...	G. Architect.
" Alexander Brown	...	...	G. Jeweller.
" William Scott	...	...	G. Bible Bearer.
" James Gunn	...	...	G.D.C.
" Daniel Macfarlane	...	...	G. Bard.
" Robert N. Johnston	...	...	G.S.B.
" James C. Dibdin	...	...	G.D. of Music.
" Arthur J. Curle	...	...	G. Org.
" John O. Stewart	...	...	G. Marshal.
" William Falconer	...	...	G.I.G.
" George Hay	...	...	G. Tyler.

The only other business was the granting of new charters to Lodges Vale of Alford, Alford, Aberdeenshire, and Dolphin, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

The members of the Grand Lodge, along with deputations from daughter lodges in the provinces, afterwards dined together in celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew. This gathering has hitherto been generally held in the Freemasons' Hall, but the accommodation there was too limited for the company on this occasion, and the banquet took place in the Music Hall, to which the members of Grand Lodge adjourned after the business meeting. There was an attendance of over 400, a large contingent coming from the Grand Master's own province in Lanarkshire and other districts of the west. The assemblage was one thoroughly representative of Scottish Freemasonry. The Grand Master, Bro. Hozier, occupied the chair, being supported on the right by

Bros. Lord Provost Steel, Captain Towse, V.C.; Lord Newlands (father of the Grand Master); Sir David Richmond, ex-Lord Provost of Glasgow; the Rev. W. Lee Ker, Sir James Buchanan, Bart.; the Rev. Dr. Gray, Colonel Ivison Macadam, James Berry, P.G.M. of Forfarshire; and Captain Ramsay, Rhodesian Volunteers; and on the left by Bros. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P.; the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.; Sir Mitchell Thomson, Bart., ex-Lord Provost of Edinburgh; Arthur Morton, M.P. for Deptford; the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, Substitute Grand Master; Treasurer Cranston, Colonel Hozier, C.B.; Admiral Fletcher Campbell, C.B., of Boquhan; the Rev. Dr. Macadam Muir, and Provost Mackie.

At the second platform table were—

Bros. C. Kincaid Mackenzie, Advocate; James Williamson of Westsidewood; Sheriff Vary Campbell, Rev. Dr. Watt, Provost Macfarlane, Adam L. Gillan, J.P.; James Russell, Principal City Officer; Colonel John Campbell, the new Governor of Edinburgh Prison; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Dr. James Carmichael, Councillor Robert K. Inches, William Officer, S.S.C.; Dr. T. Murray Lyon, and Dr. George Dickson.

The Croupiers were Bros. A. A. Speirs of Elderslie, S.G.W.; W. Munro Denholm, J.G.W.; H. J. Humphreys, President of Grand Stewards; and Miles M'Innes, Vice-President of Grand Stewards.

The GRAND MASTER, in giving the toast of "Queen and the Craft," said there was the great bond of boundless sympathy between Queen Victoria and the Freemasons, and never in the history of this country had sympathy been more required from Queen and Brotherhood alike than in the present year, which, begun in darkness, was now ending in comparative light. (Applause.)

The G. MASTER next proposed "T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family."

Bro. TREASURER CRANSTON, in giving "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces," said that almost from time immemorial the history of the navy of Great Britain had been one of honour, success, and glory, not even stained in the most remote degree with a single blot on its glorious escutcheon, and as it had been in the past, so it was at the present day. As regarded the army, he could say there was none like it in the world. Some people, who scarcely deserved the name of Britons, were fond of finding fault and throwing dirt on our soldiers during the war. He had followed the whole story of the war, and he could say that the tradition of the British soldier was not one whit less honourable or brave than the traditions of those who had gone before him. Our soldiers had done their work as soldiers and as honourable men, and there should be an end of these slanders. Speaking of the Volunteers, he said he could appeal to them with confidence whether the civilian part of the army had not done their duty and shown that their patriotism and gallantry were not behind those of their brothers-in-arms of the regular forces. (Applause.) He coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Admiral Fletcher Campbell, Captain Towse, V.C., Colonel Ivison Macadam, and Captain W. B. Ramsay, of the Rhodesian Volunteers.

Bro. Admiral FLETCHER CAMPBELL, in responding for the Navy, said he was excessively proud of the deeds of their comrades in South Africa and elsewhere.

Bro. Captain TOWSE, who was enthusiastically received on rising to reply for the Army, said there was a great deal of luck in warfare as in other things. During his life he had not, he said, been exceptionally lucky, but luck came to him in South Africa, and he had tried to do his duty, but he had only done what any other officer would have done if he had been in his place. (Hear, hear.) In this war the army had to play a weapon of which nobody in the world knew what it could do. It was true the army had used the weapon in Chitral in 1895, but it had not been used against ourselves, and that was a very different thing. Our generals had to contend with a style of warfare which nobody had ever played at—(hear, hear)—against men armed like our own soldiers, fighting in their own country and among their own friends, and with practically no lines of communication and no difficulty in getting food. There were practically no roads in the country, and the line of railway was a single line, every yard of which had to be guarded, even in Cape Colony, for in the north of Cape Colony there were certain people who would have done their best, and were even now doing their best, to bring disaster on any small bodies of troops. The war was not yet actually over, and he was afraid it would be some months before the country would be in a complete state of quietness. Most of the leaders of the Boers having fled, the country had no head, and was simply in a state of rebellion, and until those people could be got to look at matters in a sensible light the war would not be finished. The war had been carried through at great cost to the country, but the people had shown their practical sympathy with those who had suffered from the war, and he was glad to say that the Freemasons throughout the country, who were always at the head of Charity, had done their best to comfort and alleviate the bereaved widows and orphans.

Bro. Col. IVISON MACADAM having replied for the Volunteers, who had, he said, held their own in South Africa, Bro. Capt. RAMSAY acknowledged the toast on behalf of the Colonial Volunteers in South Africa, and said they had there, when Britain required their services, some of the finest fighting material which the world could produce.

Bro. Sir MITCHELL MITCHELL-THOMSON, in proposing "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," said the Grand Master had already told them that they were associated very much with sympathy, and if they were to go on upholding the traditions of the Grand Lodge, which had been handed down to them by those who had gone before, they must keep the tone high. They had heard a good deal about our soldiers, and he could not forget that at the last convivial meeting he attended in that hall, the colonel of Captain Towse's regiment sat beside him, and they had present with them that night the man who carried the late Colonel Downman off the field. He (Bro. Sir Mitchell) could not believe that a soldier would not be a better soldier if he was a Freemason, for he could understand that in battle and in camp Freemasonry must bind men together. Politics had no place there, but he was sure that as Freemasons they were united in their desire to use their best endeavour, in their various spheres, to preserve the peace of the world. If Grand Lodge was in the future to do possibly more than had been done in the past, it must have a good head, and that it had in Bro. Hozier. It must also have a good working Secretary, and that it had in Bro. Murray Lyon, who had rendered yeoman service to Grand Lodge and to the cause of Freemasonry. In selecting a successor to their retired Grand Secretary, he asked them to cast aside everything, even friendship, and do their best to choose a man of high tone, of ability, and of earnestness, and imbued with the highest ideals of the principles of Freemasonry. (Applause.) He coupled the toast with the name of the Grand Master.

The GRAND MASTER, who was most cordially received, in acknowledging the toast, said that last year he had to ask for their support and forbearance, and this year he had to thank them for their generous support and their more than generous forbearance. It was said that a man who made no mistakes never made anything. He was well aware that he had made plenty of mistakes, but he had also tried to make himself as efficient a Grand Master Mason as circumstances would admit of. Having recalled some of the leading Masonic events in which the Grand Lodge had taken part during the past year, he referred to the loss which they had sustained in the resignation of Bro. Murray Lyon, and he read a letter from the Grand Secretary thanking the brethren for all their kindness. Going on to speak of the position of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master said the year just ended had indeed been the record year in respect to the prosperity that had attended Grand Lodge affairs. There had been enrolled as entrants 7058, as compared with 7513 in the year 1899, and with 7068 in 1898, then the highest point reached in all previous years. What an advance since 1832, when 661 was the number of entrants. Now they had thousands for hundreds then. (Applause.) The income of Grand Lodge had been £7364, as against £7211 in the previous year—an increase of £153. In 1900 the grants from the Benevolent Fund amounted to £738, and the Annuities to £1305. Since the formation of the Annuity Fund

in 1889 the sum of £12,000 had been paid in annuities. Eleven new charters had been issued during the year. The General Fund amounted to £19,246, the Benevolent Fund to £8035, and the Annuity Fund to £29,652, making a grand total for the three funds of £56,934, exclusive of the heritable and moveable property, which was valued at £25,400. Including its heritable and moveable property, the assets of the Grand Lodge came to the princely sum of £82,334. What a contrast to the state of affairs in 1877, when the Grand Lodge was saddled with a debt of some £20,000. It had fallen to him to have had the honour to be Grand Master in the year in which the Grand Lodge had attained an unprecedented prosperity. But to Grand Committee, its Finance Committee, and other standing Committees must be attributed much of the success that had in the past 20 years attended the administration of the business of the Grand Lodge; and the Visitation Committee had wrought a wonderful improvement upon lodges in the Metropolitan District. Scottish Freemasonry was making rapid strides in the Colonies of Queensland and Western Australia. During the year two new lodges had been erected in Queensland, one in Syria, five in Western Australia, and they had erected another lodge in India. Altogether Scottish Freemasonry at home, in India, in the Colonies, and in foreign parts was at present in a highly prosperous condition—(applause)—and it was no exaggeration to say that in this year 1900 there were upwards of 100,000 Masons hailing from lodges under the Scottish Constitution. (Loud Applause.)

The GRAND MASTER next gave the toast of "The Grand Lodge of England."

Bro. the Hon. ALAN DE TATTON EGERTON, M.P., Prov. G.M. Cheshire, responded.

Sir DAVID RICHMOND, in proposing "The City of Edinburgh," said he came from a village in the west, where they thought they were somebody, and he was delighted to come there and express his admiration of that beautiful and well-governed city of Edinburgh—a city of which he thought every Scotsman had good reason to be proud. A very intimate friend of his had just been elected Lord Provost of the city, and he was happy to say that Lord Provost Steel's predecessor in office and Sir Mitchell-Thomson's two predecessors in office were all intimate friends of his. He knew what it was to have a well-governed city, and he was glad to have that opportunity of complimenting the Corporation of Edinburgh on the happy and successful manner in which all their civic duties had been performed.

Lord Provost STEEL, in acknowledging the toast, said it gave those who were performing the city's duties great pleasure to be supported by such a worthy assemblage as that. Having spoken of some of the schemes which the Corporation have at present in hand—such as the new water supply, gas and electric lighting, the cable tramways, and improved dwellings for the poor—his lordship said the position of representatives of the citizens in the Town Council was no sinecure. He had only had experience in office for a few weeks, but although there was no end to the demands made on the time of the Lord Provost, he would endeavour to overtake the duties to the best of his ability.

The other toasts were—"Deputations from Daughter Lodges" (of which 32 were present), by the GRAND MASTER; "Past Grand Masters," by Bro. the Hon. C. M. RAMSAY, and replied to by Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE, who proposed "The Grand Master Depute, Substitute Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and other Grand Office-bearers," Bro. the Hon. C. M. RAMSAY responding; "The Guests," by the GRAND MASTER, and acknowledged by Bros. Lord NEWLANDS, ARTHUR MORTON, M.P., and Provost MACKIE; and "Provincial Grand Lodges at Home, Abroad, and in the Colonies," by Bro. Sir JAMES BUCHANAN, and responded to by Bro. Colonel IVISON MACADAM.

The proceedings terminated, and the Grand Lodge was closed shortly before 10 o'clock.

During dinner music was supplied by Bro. H. Dambmann's band, and in the course of the evening a flashlight photograph of the company was taken.

#### THE GRAND SECRETARYSHIP OF SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

The Special Committee appointed by Grand Lodge to consider the applications for the vacant office of Grand Secretary for Scotland, in succession to Bro. D. Murray Lyon, agreed on Friday, the 30th ult., to present the following list of six from 16 candidates, to the special meeting of Grand Lodge called for Thursday, the 13th inst., to make the appointment: Bros. J. McNaught Campbell, Past G. Bible Bearer, Prov. G. Sec. of Glasgow City; Capt. George Hearn, late the South Staffordshire Regiment, Past G.S.B. of Scottish Freemasonry in India, and Past G.S.B. of England; Allan Mackenzie, Chairman of the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge; John M. Martin, P.P.G.M. of Dumbartonshire; David Reid, G. Treas., P.P.G. Sec. of Glasgow City; and D. Crauford Smith, Prov. G. Sec. of Perthshire East.

#### PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DUMBARTON.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. COL. DENNY, M.P., AS PROV. GRAND MASTER.

On Saturday, the 1st instant, there was an imposing function in the Masonic Hall, Dumbarton, when a visit was paid to the Province of Dumbarton by the Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. Jas. Hozier, M.P., accompanied by a large number of the Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Stewards, and others. The visitors were received with due honour by the Prov. Grand Lodge, and the chair resigned in favour of the Grand Master, Bros. Munro Denholm, acting S.G.W., and J. Carruthers, acting J.G.W. The others of the deputation included: Bros. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., P.G.M.; David Reid, G. Treas.; Wm. Phillips, J.G.D.; Alex. Brown, G. Jeweller; Jas. Gunn, G. D. of C.; J. O. Stewart, G. Marshal; and William Falconer, G.I.G. The installation ceremony was performed by the Grand Master in favour of Bro. Col. J. M. Denny, M.P., as Prov. Grand Master; Provost McFarlane, Prov. G. Master Depute; and David Thomson, Sub P.G.M.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the Elephant Hotel, where dinner was served.

The toasts which followed, included "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Royal Family," and "The Grand Lodge of Scotland."

In response to the latter toast, Bro. HOZIER, G.M., referred to the large deputation of Grand Lodge members, including Sir Charles Dalrymple, who had come as much to honour Colonel Denny as to support him in his duties as Grand Master. He expressed the special pleasure it had been to him to be there that day and in performing the ceremony. Grand Lodge had never been in a more prosperous position than at the present time. Amid the sorrows of the year about to close, the Grand Lodge had reason to rejoice, and in rejoicing had done much, as also her daughter lodges, to relieve the wants of those in sorrow. The Grand Master included in his reply "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbarton," and spoke in very flattering terms of Colonel Denny, and his popularity among both parties in the House of Commons.

Bro. Colonel DENNY acknowledged the compliment in a speech which was well received, and remarked that as Prov. Grand Master he had a position which had been so well filled by his predecessors, that it would be impossible to improve on, and difficult to equal. With the excellent staff of office-bearers and the strong province placed in his care, however, he had confidence that success would follow their efforts in the interests of Masonry.

#### Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1.

An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held recently in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, for the purpose of conferring honorary membership on Bros. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts of Kandahar and Captain Hearn, late the South Staffordshire Regiment, Past G.S.B. of Scottish Freemasonry in India, and Past G.S.B. of England. There was a large attendance of the brethren, including Bros. the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, W. Munro Denholm, Councillor Inches, and Admiral Fletcher Campbell. Bro. W. W. Robertson, R.W.M., presided.

On the motion of the R.W.M., seconded by Bro. Dr. Dickson, honorary membership was unanimously conferred on Lord Roberts and Captain Hearn, and the latter took the customary obligation. The Secretary, Bro. R. Wood Hawks, then read the following letter from Lord Roberts:

"Army Headquarters, Pretoria,  
"October 21st, 1900.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"I am in receipt of your letter of September 14th, and must apologise for being obliged, owing to press of work, to send you a dictated reply. I am much honoured by your request that I should become an honorary member of your ancient lodge, and most gratefully accept. I shall hope to be able to visit Edinburgh before very long, and have an opportunity, when signing the roll, of thanking the members of your lodge personally for the honour they have done me.

"Believe me, yours very truly,

(Signed) "ROBERTS."

Bro. Capt. Hearn (who is a candidate for the vacant office of Grand Secretary for Scotland) afterwards delivered a lecture on "Freemasonry in Ladysmith during the Siege, and in Northern Natal." The Captain was present at the battle of Talana Hill, and after the retreat from Dundee he was shut up in Ladysmith throughout the siege. He was Secretary of the Craft lodge there, and W.M. of the Mark lodge, which held their meetings regularly during that trying time. He narrated his experiences during the siege, and gave extracts from his diary and from the minutes of the Masonic meetings which were held. On one occasion, he said, 80 members were present at the meeting, and almost all wore her Majesty's uniform. During the early part of the bombardment the charter of the lodge was left in charge of one of the office-bearers, Bro. Lieut. A. C. McLachlan, of the 18th Hussars, and the books were buried, but on a representation by many enthusiastic brethren, the books were disinterred, and meetings were held at stated times during the siege. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Capt. Hearn for his address.

At the close of the lecture a collection was taken for the Grand Lodge Annuity Fund.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

At the meeting on the 29th ult., of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. Charles Pulman, P.M. 720, P. Prov. G.D. Northumberland, gave notice of his intention to submit the following motion at a special General Court of Governors, which will be convened for the purpose on an early day in January: "That the Laws relating to Election be and are hereby suspended for the purposes of the Election, with a view to her immediate admission to the Institution, of Audrey Rennett, a duly qualified candidate, in consideration of the fact that her father died of enteric fever during active service in South Africa, and she is hereby elected accordingly, subject nevertheless to all the Laws and Regulations pertaining to Girls after Election."

## Craft Masonry.

#### Claremont Lodge, No. 1861. INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. ROGERS.

This lodge, is rising to be one of the largest and most influential in the Province of Surrey, and has been of good reputation since its formation in 1880 for its working and support of the Charities of the Order. But lodges, like individuals, are liable to adverse fortune—"Now up, now down, like a bucket in a well"—and the Claremont is no exception to the rule, for it was at low ebb when the fickle dame sent Bro. J. S. Pointon to the rescue, and the lodge owes its present prosperity principally to that brother's energy, tact, and skill.

The installation ceremony took place on the 26th ult. at the Greyhound, Croydon, when a large number of brethren gathered to greet the new Master, Bro. W. Rogers P.M., S.W. The members present were Bros. E. W. T. Hoare, W.M.; J. R. Dickason, J.W.; H. E. Frances, P.M., Sec.; W. Greenland, S.D.; H. Gurney, I.G.; B. Williams, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; J. S. Pointon, P.M.; Bowler, P.M.; Philp, Underdown, A. H. Portch, Day, Simms, Overton, Wood, H. A. Portch, Lees, and Pett. Among the visitors were Bros. Pow, P.M. 1901; Whimble, P.M. 1901; F. Swinford, P.M., P.P.G.O. Middx.; Williams, P.M. 463; Wheeler, P.M. 2054; Notley, 1922; White, 1541; Lightfoot, P.M. 1901; Bint, 1704; Smith, P.M. 1393; Hopkins, S.W. 138; Roberts, 1556; Weeden, 1597; Pointing, 1622; Shealey, 1901; Pitt, 1441; and Rose, 619.

After the opening of the lodge, a ballot was taken for the office of Treasurer (vacant by the resignation of Bro. Terry Horsey, P.M.), when Bro. J. S. Pointon, P.M., was declared unanimously elected. A satisfactory balance sheet was read and adopted. The chair was vacated in favour of Bro. Pointon, P.M., and Bro. W. Rogers, P.M., was duly presented and installed, appointing and investing his officers as follows, viz.: Bros. T. R. Dickson, S.W.; W. Greenland, J.W.; J. S. Pointon, P.M., Treas.; H. E. Frances, P.M., Sec.; B. Williams, P.M., D.C.; H. Gurney, S.D.; A. H. Portch, J.D.; A. Wood, I.G.; A. Bridge, A.D.C.; and Underdown and Day, Stwds. Bro. J. Bailey was invested as Tyler. The usual addresses were then given, the entire ceremony being most correctly and impressively rendered by Bro. Pointon, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Bro. Pett, 212, was elected a joining member. The next business was the initiation of Mr. F. Bullen, F.R.C.S., and Mr. C. Syers into the mysteries of the Order, most ably performed by Bro. Rogers, W.M., and the Claremont Lodge is to be congratulated on placing on its roll two such worthy members. Bro.

Frank Bullen is well known as an eloquent lecturer, and rapidly rising star in the literary horizon, and is with it one of the most genial and kindly of men. Both candidates afterwards expressed the deep interest they took in the ceremony they had heard. The W.M. then presented the lodge with a handsome banner and received a cordial vote of thanks, and also presented Bro. E. W. T. Hoare, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel voted by the members, which Bro. Hoare in a few expressive words suitably acknowledged.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet. After the usual loyal toasts, those of "The W.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," were, in due course, eloquently given and responded to. Bro. Frank Bullen being particularly felicitous; while Bros. Pow, Lightfoot, and others testified to the pleasure they felt on being present, with warm wishes for the prosperity of the lodge. Bro. Pointon, P.M., was particularly happy in his reply, and Bro. Frances, as Secretary, was listened to with hearty brotherly feeling.

The excellent musical programme and the exigencies of the train service made it an imperative necessity that the speeches should, at least have one virtue—brevity, which left much that could have been said unsaid. Bro. Wheeler charmed the company with some excellent ballads, Bro. Frank Bullen ably recited Bro. Kipling's poem "Our Mother Lodge." Bro. Hopkins drew sweet music from the silver bells, and Bro. E. W. Smith, by his marvellous command over the Japanese fiddle, drew forth such tunes that nothing was to be desired except he changed it for an English one. Bro. Frank Swinford, P.G.O., was, as one might expect, simply perfection as pianoforte accompanist.

The Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to an end, leaving the memory of it an enjoyment for aye.

### Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259.

The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. The W.M. took the chair at 4 o'clock, and the following brethren were present: Bros. C. W. Chandler, W.M.; J. H. Wilson, S.W.; T. Sweeting, J.W.; D. Gower, S.D.; D. G. Lusty, J.D.; R. J. Court, I.G.; C. Wakefield, A.D.C.; C. R. Warde, J. Johnson, and T. Lewthwaite, Stwds.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; George Parrett, P.M., Sec.; Frank Adams, P.M., D.C.; R. O. Hinderwell, I.P.M.; J. R. Omer, P.M.; W. J. Trappitt, P.M.; John Coote, P.M.; John Lusty, P.M.; J. W. Westmoreland, P.M.; H. Warner, P.M.; N. Graves, acting Org.; H. J. Whiffen, J. Holmes, R. J. Smith, W. J. Parsons, S. A. Clements, J. Harrington, T. Fisher, C. A. Wood, C. Bamford, W. Woolley, W. Munro, jun., J. W. Kitson, Edward Smith, J. Mankey, H. E. Mansell, W. G. Crabb, George Arnold, J. W. Flood, D. McPhee, John Martin, J. D. Ryan, J. R. Mayer, and others. The visitors included Bros. John Joaquin, P.M. 508; John Faulconbridge, S.D. 1382; H. Ives, 1716; W. E. Taylor, 1409; G. Chivers, 65; and G. C. Webb, 72.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes, having been read by the Secretary, were confirmed. Bros. Arnold and Holmes, having undergone a satisfactory examination, were raised to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M. This being the first occasion that the W.M. has had an opportunity of working any of the ceremonies from the chair, it is but fair to state that the skill and ability shown was repeatedly referred to during the evening, and was duly appreciated by the whole of the brethren present. Mr. H. A. Jones was initiated by the W.M., and after further business the lodge was closed.

During the evening the W.M. announced that he should hold a ball at Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday, January 22nd, 1901, when he hoped to have the support of the brethren to make it a success.

The banquet, being the next item on the programme, received the whole of the attention of those present. It was served in an admirable manner by Bro. G. A. Roberts.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the pleasures of the evening enhanced by the W.M., who had prepared a capital programme, which was successfully carried out by the energetic and genial Secretary, Bro. Geo. Parrett.

Continued illness precluded the Organist from being present, but the wish of the brethren is that he (Bro. T. F. Noakes) may be with them at their next merry meeting.

### St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2586.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEORGE H. ELGAR.

The annual installation banquet of this lodge was held at the Spa Private Hotel, Scarborough, on Monday, the 3rd instant. The installation took place earlier in the evening, Bro. George H. Elgar being installed W.M. by Bro. G. W. Tindall, P.P.A.G.D.C. The other officers were appointed as follows: Bros. J. H. Delday, I.P.M.; W. Wildon, S.W.; E. W. Davis, J.W.; W. S. Meek, P.P.D.G.D.C., Chap.; R. Forster, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; G. W. Tindall, P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C., and Charity Representative; J. J. Smith, Sec.; E. H. Matthews, S.D.; C. K. Lumb, J.D.; J. W. Chapman, I.G.; J. S. Parker, Org.; W. R. Land, E. G. Whittaker, and F. Ryding, Stwds.; and C. Travess, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

The W.M. presided at the banquet, and among the brethren present were: Bros. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; John Clare, P.M. 200; Fras. Goodricke, P.M. 200; J. Shaw, I.G. 643; C. Freer, J.D. 660; J. T. Miller, S.W. 660; John Whitehead, W.M. 1760; G. J. B. Hope, S.W. 1760; T. W. Longdin, J.W. 1760; E. Catt, W.M. 1248; J. Bolton, S.W. 1248; M. B. Wellburn, J.W. 1248; J. D. Leigh, S.W. 1618; R. McBean, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Douglas Malcolm, P.M. 301; and S. Firth, 1789.

Amongst the letters of apology was one from Bro. Lord Bolton, D. Prov. G.M. Songs were rendered during the evening by Bros. F. Ryding, J. M. Gibson, P. Vernon, Wells, Eliot Nelson, A. Smith, G. Gowthorpe, E. W. Davis, Hagyard, and Whittaker, Bro. J. S. Parker accompanying.

## Instruction.

### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th instant, at which a strong muster of the brethren were present.

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that "This Lodge of Instruction do move from its present quarters to the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, and that the next meeting be held there on the 12th instant at seven."

The esteemed Preceptor, Bro. D. Harlow, P.M., was unanimously elected to occupy the chair of W.M. at the first meeting at the new address.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. M. Relph, W.M.; H. J. May, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Horstead, S.D.; D. Taylor, J.D.; E. P. Fischer, I.G.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; J. Berks, P.M.; C. Nicole, T. Brown, M. Cohen, S. Cload, M. Miroy, E. Lucas, A. Hess, R. E. Maskall, G. Mortlock, and J. Jackson.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cohen being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Miroy, who gave the autient charges. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Nicole being the candidate. Bro. Albert Hess was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. May was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The usual vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Relph on his occupancy of the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

### SELWYN CHAPTER, No. 1901.

The regular fortnightly convocation of this South London chapter of improvement was held at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, on Monday, the 3rd inst. Present: Comps. H. C. Turner, M.E.Z. 1901, M.E.Z.; J. Smith, H.; J. S. Pointon, J. 1901, as J.; T. Grummant, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, Preceptor; Chas. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. Wimble, P.S.; and J. Ellinger.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Ellinger personating the candidate. Comp. J. Smith, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the 17th inst. All R.A. companions will be most cordially welcomed.

The chapter meets the first and third Mondays in every month, Bank holidays excepted.

### METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1056.

A successful meeting was held on Friday, the 30th ult. Bro. James Terry, P.G. S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., occupied the chair, and gave an impressive rendering of the ceremonies of consecration and installation. The Lyric Vocal Quartette rendered the musical parts of the ceremonies.

The lodge meets every Friday evening at the Mail Coah, 60, Farringdon-street, at seven o'clock, and is carried on under the Preceptorship of Bro. F. P. Weinel. New members will always be welcomed.

## Royal Arch.

### Denison Chapter, No. 1248. INSTALLATION OF COMP. T. RAVEN.

The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough, on the 5th inst. Present: Comps. T. Raven, P.Z., M.E.Z. elect; T. Bell, H.; P. Vernon, J.; G. Chambers, P.Z., S.E.; C. H. Dodsworth, S.N.; Henry Chapman, P.S.; G. E. Martin, P.Z., Treas.; W. Ascough, P.Z.; G. H. Elgar, H. Wildon, M. B. Wellburn, H. A. Chapman, J. W. Chapman, E. H. Matthews, M. C. Peck, P.Z. 250; J. E. Lupton, P.Z. 200; J. Knaggs, P.Z. 200; Jno. Clare, H. 200; and Eliot Nelson, S.N. 200.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. A conclave of First Principals was formed, and Comp. T. Raven was re-installed into the chair of M.E.Z. The conclave of First Principals was closed, and a conclave of Second Principals was formed, and Comp. Percival Vernon was installed into the chair of H. The conclave of Second Principals was closed, and a conclave of Third Principals was formed, and Comp. Henry Chapman was installed into the chair of J., after which the officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows: Comps. G. E. Martin, P.Z., Treas.; G. Chambers, S.E.; J. D. Leigh, S.N.; Chas. H. Dodsworth, P.S.; W. Wildon, 1st A.S.; M. B. Wellburn, 2nd A.S.; J. W. Chapman, Org.; and C. Travess, P.Z., Janitor.

The business ended, and the chapter closed, the companions adjourned to the refectory to an excellent dinner, supplied by the Steward of the Masonic Club.

## Knights Templar.

### All Souls Preceptory, No. 31.

The annual meeting for the election of the E.P. for the ensuing year took place at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, on Thursday, the 15th inst., under the presidency of the E. Preceptor, Sir Knight F. W. Hetley, and with a goodly gathering of officers and members.

The minutes of the last preceptory having been read and confirmed, and apologies from absentees received, the next business was the election of the E.P., which resulted in Sir Knight Sidney Spark Milledge being unanimously elected. Comp. Joseph Old was obligated as Serving Brother, or Guard, and invested with the russet gown and insignia of office. A vote of 10 guineas was made to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The fitments of this preceptory have been overhauled and are now in excellent state and condition.

At the invitation of the E.P., the members dined together, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

It is hoped that an emergency meeting will be held in January for the installation of one or two new members prior to the installation of the E.P., which takes place the third Thursday in February, when the officers will also be appointed.

### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BRO. PROFESSOR SHUTTLEWORTH.

A large and influential meeting was held on Monday afternoon at St. Paul's Chapter House for the purpose of setting on foot a subscription for a memorial to the late Bro. Professor Shuttleworth, rector of St. Nicholas Cole Abbey. In the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of London, the Bishop of Stepney presided, and among those present were Mr. Leonard Courtney, Bro. Alderman Sir William Treloar, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, Mr. G. W. E. Russell, and Dr. Wace.

The Bishop of STEPNEY explained that they were met to do honour to a man of a remarkably lovable character, possessed of wonderful zeal and energy. Moreover, the professor was an exceedingly generous man, and was inclined to spend perhaps too freely when appeals for help were made to him. All felt that his great services to the Church and to the social life of the City claimed a public acknowledgment, and as his premature death had placed his family in circumstances in which assistance was much needed, their thoughts naturally turned in that direction.

Mr. LEONARD COURTNEY spoke of the propriety of a memorial. To all the professor was known as a thorough Cornishman, and they in London knew what pains he took in gathering around him men who had migrated from that county, and in securing the success of the annual Cornish dinner. When he came to be incumbent of a City church they saw something of the zeal with which he drew people to the services. Whatever he found to do, he did it with his might.

Bro. Alderman Sir WILLIAM TRELOAR hoped they would do something to show their appreciation of their late friend and their interest in those he had left behind.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff VAUGHAN MORGAN proposed that the form of the memorial be a fund to make provision for Professor Shuttleworth's wife and family.

Prebendary WACE seconded, saying that, besides the other virtues already attributed to him, Professor Shuttleworth possessed a most generous faculty of self-effacement.

Mr. G. W. E. RUSSELL said that his friendship with the professor dated from their undergraduate days at Oxford. Just previous to his death, Professor Shuttleworth expressed to him a fervent desire that his son should have the benefit of an Oxford education.

Dr. BAKER supported the resolution, which was unanimously carried.

To promote the objects a committee was formed. Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair was appointed chairman, and Mr. R. Petherbridge (St. Paul's Chapter House) hon. secretary. Subscribers to the fund already include the Bishops of London, Truro, and Stepney, Bro. J. Passmore Edwards, the Mayor of Falmouth (Mr. F. J. Bowles), Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, Bro. Alderman Sir W. Treloar, Mr. Leonard Courtney, and Mr. J. L. Barrett.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### LOCAL DAINTIES.

Peculiar honours have long been accorded to certain localities by epicures, and those versed in culinary lore, for the savoury viands and dainty dishes they supply. In some cases such delicacies have been immortalised in a local proverb or folk-rhymes, while others have gained an equal reputation from their historic associations. Thus the Downs, near Sutton, Banstead, and Epsom produce delicate, small sheep, a luxury which could delight even a royal connoisseur; for Richard Sutton is reported to have said, "How the King (Charles II.) loved Banstead mutton!" Despite the lapse of years the meat of the small Southdown still retains its wonted flavour, and it is as delicious as it was in the days of the Merry Monarch. The Dartmoor sheep, which produces the esteemed Okehampton mutton, is a small breed; and a Northumberland rhyme reminds us of

"Rothbury for goat's milk,  
And the Cheviots for mutton."

From time immemorial Kent has been noted for its brawn, that made at Canterbury being sent to all parts of the country. It would seem, too, that Sussex was once famous for this dish, for an old entry tells how Henry VI. directed the Sheriff of Sussex to buy for a Christmas feast "ten brawns with the heads." Of English sausages the finest are produced at Lipping, Norwich, Oxford, and Cambridge. Soyer speaks in high praise of some presented to him by Sir George Chetwynd, and which were made by a country pork butcher at Atherstone, a small town near Greendon Hall. Bologna and Göttingen are celebrated for their savoury sausages, and in Theodore Hook's amusing *Adventures of Peter Priggins, the College Scout* will be found a recipe for the manufacture of Oxford sausage meat, which has earned a well-merited distinction. According to an old Cornish rhyme, which is quoted in Dr. King's *Art of Cookery*, the following dainties were once proverbial:

"Cornwall swab pie, and Devon white pot brings,  
And Leicester beans and bacon fit for kings."

Melton Mowbray has long been in repute for its pork pies; and a world-famed luxury, known to most epicures, are the *Patés de foie gras*, made at Strasbourg, long esteemed so great a delicacy as to be sent to distant countries as presents. Speaking of such savoury dishes, it appears that the Salters' Company were, in days gone by, noted for their game pies, the recipe for the making of which, as preserved in their books, is deserving of notice: "Take a pheasant, a hare, a capon, two partridges, two pigeons, and two rabbits; bone them, and put them into a paste in the shape of a bird, with the livers and hearts, two mutton kidneys, force meats, and egg-balls, seasoning spice, ketchup, and pickled mushrooms, filled up with gravy from the various bones." A pie was so made by the company's cook in 1836, and was found to be excellent. For years past the city of Gloucester has had a lucrative trade in lampreys; and from a very early period until the year 1836 it was customary for the city to send, at Christmas, a "lamprey pie with a raised crust" to the Sovereign, entries of its regular transmission appearing in the Corporation Records. During the Commonwealth it appears, from the subjoined minute, that the pie was sent to the members for the city: "Paid to Thomas Suffield, cook, for lamprey pies sent to our Parliament men, £8." Indeed, a well-stewed lamprey has long been esteemed a rare delicacy by most epicures, and, as such, it is said, almost excused the royal excess which carried off Henry I. at Rouen. In 1530 the Prior of Llanthony Abbey, at Gloucester, sent "cheese, carp, and baked lampreys" to Henry VIII. at Windsor, for which the bearer received 20 shillings. The Berkshire breed of pigs is one of the best in England, and York House, Bath, has long been famous for the mild flavour of the hams dressed there. The fine quality of Yorkshire hams has often been attributed to the superiority of the salt employed; while Wiltshire bacon has always been in request, on account of its delicate taste. On the continent, there are the so-called hams of Bayonne, cured at Pau, in the Lower Pyrenees; while the Spanish hog meat, and Westphalia hams, are generally considered to owe "much of their peculiar excellence to swine being fed on beech-mast, which our limited forests cannot, to any extent, allow." A genuine *hure de sanglier*, or wild-boar's head, from the Black Forest, would, it has often been remarked, elevate the plainest dinner into dignity. A late king of Hanover used to send one to each of his most esteemed friends in England every Christmas; and "it was a test of political consistency, to remain long upon his list, for all who abandoned his Majesty's somewhat rigid creed of orthodoxy in Church and State were periodically weeded out." Among specialities, regarding birds, may be mentioned the capon of Surrey and Sussex, and the turkeys and geese of Norfolk and Suffolk. Passing through Essex, one may see whole "herds" of geese and ducks in the fields there, fattening without thought of the future. Most of these birds, writes Dr. Doran, "are foreigners. They are Irish by birth; but they are brought over by steam in order to be perfected by an English education, and when the due state of perfection has been attained, they are transferred to London."

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### MINOR PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued).

Vicentino was certainly in England in this reign, and carved many portraits in cameo. Several very small bas-reliefs of histories by this artist, cast in copper, are preserved in a frame in the British Museum. Dr. Meade had a fine bust of Queen Elizabeth on onyx, alto-relievo in profile, and very large, by the hand of this master. Walpole had a jewel by him, containing the head of Lord Treasurer Burleigh affixed to the back of an antique intaglio of Caracalla, and pendant to it a smaller head of the Queen, both in cameo, on onyx. The Duke of Devonshire has several of his works; two profiles, in cameo, of Queen Elizabeth; another gem with the head of Edward VI., cameo on one side and intaglio on the other; and two pieces of crystal, with intaglio of several figures from the antique. To these two last is the sculptor's name. The Duchess of Leeds has a singular curiosity by this hand—it is a pebble in the shape of an oblong button, the upper side brown and very convex, the under red and white and somewhat concave. On the top is a profile of Queen Elizabeth, encircled with foliage; at the bottom a knight completely armed in the act of tilting; on the background the front of a castle with columns, on the bases of which are the syllables

Es—sex, intimating the earl to be her Majesty's knight. In the Museum Trevisanum is a medallion of him in marble, another smaller in copper, on the back of it Valerio Belle Vicentino, and a third of his son, dated 1572. Among the Harleian MSS. is a list of jewels belonging to Queen Elizabeth. "Item, a flower of gold, garnished with sparkes of diamonds, rubyes, and ophals, with an agate of her Majesty's visnomy, and a perle pendante, with devises painted on it, given by eight maskers, in the Christmas week, anno regni, 24." The agate was, perhaps, the work of Vicentino. It is certain, though the Queen's economy or want of taste, restrained her from affording great encouragement to genius, that the riches and flourishing situation of the country offered sufficient invitations to the arts. Archbishop Parker retained in his service at Lambeth a printer, a painter, and more than one engraver. Of the latter the principal were Berg or Hoyer Berg, and Lyne, who was probably his painter, too. To the archbishop's Life, printed at Lambeth, is a cut of his grace, inscribed R. Berg; f. Above 20 books were published by the archbishop, from his own printing house, but 2 only have this head. At Rucholt, in the parish of Lowlayton, in Essex (the mansion of the Hicks), was a large genealogy of the Kings of England from the Conquest to Queen Elizabeth, with all the line of France and England, under these two titles—Linea Valesiorum, et Linea Anglice; at bottom the workman's name Remigius Hogenbergius, serous D. Mat. archiep. Cant. sculpsit 1574. There was another genealogic chart, entitled Regnum Britannic, tandem plenum in Heptarchiam, reductum a Saxonibus, expulsis Britannis, &c., Anno 686, executed in wood, very plain and well; the name Richardus Lyne, serous D. Matth: archiep Cant., sculpsit 1574.

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### CONTINENTAL GALLERY, 157, NEW BOND-STREET, W.

There is a bright little collection of pictures by Hector Caffieri, R.I. No. 1, On the Pier. This is the property of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and is exhibited by her gracious permission. It is certainly good, but there are others which we much prefer, notably Nos. 6, Young Neptune and Granby; 8, Toilers of the Sea—these are full of life and power; 11, Fireflies—fanciful; 12, A Sea Maiden; 16, Fishing Craft (The Herring Season), Boulogne; 19, Two Warm for Work. We consider these excellent. Nos. 5, The Close of Day; 21, Blackberrying; 23, The Busy Quay, Boulogne; 25, The Sunny Shrimping Season; 30, Out of Deep Water. These possess great merit, and are worthy of notice. Mr. Caffieri is a pleasing painter, he evidently is fond of colour; he draws his inspiration from living subjects, which he portrays very successfully. He has made Boulogne his home, and delights in reproducing the inhabitants of that seaport.

### THOMAS RICHARDSON AND CO., 43, PICCADILLY, W.

Here we have some fine examples of famed modern artists, both at home and abroad. It is a choice collection. We select a few which especially attracted our notice. Nos. 7, Divided Attention, by J. Weilandt; 12, Morning—Glen Eck, Argyllshire, by Wm. Watson—a remarkably fine work; 14, Mother's Darling, by Arthur Drummond; 16, The Valley of the Rother, by E. M. Wimperis, F.P.R.I.—very beautiful; 21, The Bag, by Stephen Lewin; 30, Rio St. Barnabé, Venice; 39, Analfi. These are the work of the well-known artist, F. R. Unterberger; they are bright and sunny, with a clear atmosphere. 32, The Pool of London, by W. L. Wylie, A.R.A.—a busy scene; 34, An Awkward Incident, by H. G. Glindoni, R.W.S.; 37, Revolutionists, by John A. Lomax—this is apparently a noisy meeting of a Republican club—it is full of vigour; 41, Cliffs at Gurnards Head, Cornwall; 73, Dark Cliffs, Grey Sky—these two pictures are by J. A. C. Millar—fine sea pieces; 63, Voices of Spring, by Professor Menzler; 68, La Fileuse, by Joseph Israels; 71, Dans les Marais, by J. B. Corot—in his well-known style.

### HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

The author, Mr. Stephen Phillips, has written a powerful play. It deals with the sterner of the human passions; jealousy is the pivot on which the action moves. The love for Mariamne which Herod exhibits is fierce and dangerous; it carries him beyond the bonds of reason; the murder of Mariamne's brother, which takes place in the first act, and which is the cause of the tragic catastrophe, may be attributed to the great affection which Mariamne entertained for her young brother, and of which Herod was so jealous that it urged him to the crime which wrecked his domestic happiness. The character is well conceived by Mr. Tree; he gives the varied phases of Herod's character, and especially the absorbing one, in a masterly manner. The catalepsy with which he is seized in the last act, and which concludes the play, is, no doubt, true to nature, but it is horrible to see. The acting of Miss Maud Jeffries as Mariamne is, on the whole, good; at times she exhibits great force and energy, but her elocution is defective; her voice is pitched in too loud a key, and yet it is indistinct and difficult to follow. Mr. C. W. Somerset, as Gadias, and Mr. F. H. Macklin, as Sohemus, brought out their characters into strong prominence. Cypros, the mother of Herod, found an able exponent in Miss Bateman (Mrs. Crowe), and Miss Eleanor Calhoun had a magnificent appearance as Salome, sister of Herod, and, thankless as her part was, she infused a great deal of intelligent vigor, which was of material assistance in the action of the play. We need not dwell upon the plot—the story is told in the excellent booklet which is given to visitors. It dwells upon Herod's character—the important part he occupies in history—the sources of the play. We will only add further, that the single scene which is represented, is a beautiful picture, some of the effects of light are cleverly managed. The costumes and the accessories are most artistic, and the general mounting of the piece is in the usual liberal manner which characterises Mr. Tree's productions on the stage. The music, by Mr. T. Coleridge Taylor, is singularly appropriate and effective.

### GENERAL NOTES.

The 150th performance of "The Private Secretary," at the Great Queen-street Theatre is rec'ded, to be followed, at an early date in December, by a revival of the perennial "Charley's Aunt."

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Mr. Wm. Mollison will play Pistol in his revival of Henry V., at the Lyceum. Miss Lily Hanbury will also be seen in the play, probably as the Princess Katherine. Mr. Raymond Rose is composing the incidental music.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, December 15, 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.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9.**

Logic Club, Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, W., at 11.15 a.m.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
- 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
- 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.
- 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1305, St. Marylebone, Criterion.
- 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.
- 2394, Galen, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2454, Guildhall School of Music, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2505, Royal Rose, Head Quarters 3rd Volunteer Battalion Royal Fusiliers, Edward-street, Hampstead-road.
- 2632, Byfield, Great Eastern Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.
- 58, Felicity, Prince's Restaurant.
- 1118, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 410, Eclectic, Mark Masons' Hall.

**LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8
- Brondesbury, 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, Bristol Room, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., 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, 2 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, Bishopgate-street, at 8.
- Walthamstow, Lord Brooke, Sernhall-st., Walthamstow, at 8.
- Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
- Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
- Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
- Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
- 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.
- 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
- 235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel.
- 781, Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse.
- 834, Ranelagh, Criterion.
- 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1199, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 1694, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1693, Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1709, Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1909, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2546, Rahere, Frascati Restaurant.
- 2612, Beach, Horns Assembly Rooms.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Tavern.
- 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- 185, Tranquillity, Frascati Restaurant.
- 2395, Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 223, West Smithfield, Mark Masons' Hall.

**LOGES 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 8.
- 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, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
- Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
- Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
- Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station S.W.
- 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.
- Mount Edgcombe, Kockingham 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, Walham 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.
- Strand, The Salisbury, 91 & 93 Strand, at 7.
- Temple, Upland Tavern, Crystal Palace-road, S.E.
- Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
- 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.
- Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
- Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, at 6.30.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.**

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
- 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
- 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
- 136, Good Report, Albion Tavern.
- 548, Wellington, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 1228, Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel.
- 1766, St. Leonard, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1815, Penge, Clarence Hotel.
- 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 2410, Aesculapius, Cafe Royal.
- 2581, Empress, Cafe Royal.
- 2620, Cavendish, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington.
- 2698, Brondesbury, Earl Derby, Kilburn.
- 2765, Earl's Court, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 205, Israel, Holborn Restaurant.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 480, United Service, Mark Masons' Hall.

**LOGES 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.
- Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Crouch End, Christ Church Schoolroom, Edison-road, Crouch End, at 8.30.
- Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
- Doric, 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, 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 Rites, 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.
- Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Peckham, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
- Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
- Prosperity, Manchester Hotel, 145, Aldersgate-st., E.C., 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, 27, Knight-rider-st., E.C.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Popplin'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.
- Domatic 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, DECEMBER 13.**

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
- 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.
- 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
- 800, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1708, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, North Finchley.
- 1791, Creaton, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1804, Coborn, Bow Vestry Hall.
- 1820, Sir Thomas White, Cafe Royal.
- 1987, Strand, Hotel Cecil.
- 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall.
- 2722, Edward Terry, Cleveland Hall, Barnes.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
- 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.
- 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.
- 1321, Emblematic, Criterion.
- 1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
- 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill.
- 1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.

**CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.**

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

**MARK LODGE.**

- 86, Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

**LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Burdett-Coutts, 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.
- Earl's Court, Gryhound Hotel, Kensington-sq., W.
- 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.
- La France, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, at 8.
- Langton, Simpson's Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand Court, E.C., at 5.30.
- 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.
- Highgate Chapter, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.
- Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham at 8.30.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.**

GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES, Mark Masons' Hall.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
- 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel.
- 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1559, New Cross, Hotel Cecil.
- 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.
- 2399, Ordnance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.
- 2552, Stoke Newington, Assembly Rooms.
- 2593, Hugh Owen, Frascati Restaurant.
- 2730, Nil Sine Labore, Criterion Restaurant.
- 2749, Comrades, Holborn Restaurant.

**LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
- All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
- Clough, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill, at 7.30.
- Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, IN
- Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
- Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
- Crusaders, Northampton Arms, 205, Goswell-rd., E.C., at 8.30.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbrooke-grove, Notting-hill, 7
- 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, Farrington-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.
- Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
- 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.
- Grand Masters' Mark Lodge, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6 p.m. sharp.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1139, South Norwood, The Pavilion.
- 1641, Crichton, Frascati Restaurant.
- 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.

**LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30
- Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
- Duke of Connaught, The Windsor Castle, 135, Lower Clapton-rd at 8.
- Ebury, 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.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its regular meeting for the current month at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 4 p.m.

THE CITY DISPENSARY.—The number of cases treated at this dispensary last week was 592.

BRO. SIR SQUIRE BANCROFT gave his famous reading of Dickens's "Christmas Carol" to the boys at Christ's Hospital on the 4th instant.

THE St. Pancras Borough Council have accepted with thanks the offer of Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, Bart., M.P., to present the mayoral insignia.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR will preside on Tuesday next at the Myddelton Hall, Islington, at the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of Penrith School, Stamford Hill.

THE MERCERS' COMPANY have given £3 to the fund being raised by Bro. Alderman Sir William Treloar for the entertainment of 500 crippled children at Christmas.

BRO. PROFESSOR SHUTTLEWORTH MEMORIAL.—About £500 has already been received by the committee organising a fund for the benefit of the widow and family of the late Bro. Professor Shuttleworth.

THE SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON give notice that at the meeting of the Court of Assistants on Tuesday, the 17th instant, it is proposed to admit some 10 licentiates to the freedom of the society.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire will be held at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge, this (Friday) afternoon, at 5.30 p.m. We hope to give a report of the proceedings next week.

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE that the illness of Bro. Henry Russell, the popular song writer of more than 50 years ago, terminated fatally on the 6th instant. We hope to give an account of his Masonic career next week.

BRO. UNDER SHERIFF J. D. LANGTON has been obliged to remove from 12, New-inn in consequence of the premises being required for the purposes of the new street from Holborn to the Strand. He has therefore removed to 2, Paper-buildings, Temple.

PROSPERITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 65.—On and after the 12th instant the above lodge of instruction will meet every Wednesday night, seven o'clock, at the Manchester Hotel, 145, Aldersgate-street, E.C. (near the Metropolitan Railway Station), instead of the Whittington.

A CABINET COUNCIL was held on Tuesday at the Foreign Office, among the Ministers present being the Marquis of Salisbury, Bro. the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Right Hon. A. Balfour, Bro. the Right Hon. G. Balfour, the Lord Chancellor (Bro. the Earl of Halsbury), the Lord Chancellor of Ireland (Bro. Lord Ashbourne), the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart.), Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, Bro. the Right Hon. W. H. Long, Bro. the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, and the Earl of Selborne.

THE session 1900-1 of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction is now in full swing, and on Wednesday, the 12th instant, the ceremonies of raising and installation will be rehearsed. The lodge meets at the Blue Anchor Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 7 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesdays in every month, and at the Green Man Hotel, Essex, at 8 p.m. every Tuesday. The session will last till the end of May, and the lodge will resume its duties in September, 1901. Further particulars of Bro. S. W. Heaton, Secretary, 13, Booksellers'-row, Strand, W.C.

THE ILLUSTRATED HANDBOOK to "The Riviera for a £10 Note," just issued by the Brighton Railway Company, gives a series of inexpensive Riviera tours *via* New-haven and Dieppe. By a ticket costing £10 first class, and £7 7s. second class, it is now possible to visit the whole Riviera coast, including Marseilles, Cannes, Nice, Monte Carlo, San Remo, &c. The journey can be broken at Paris in both directions, thus saving the fatigue of the long through journey between London and the Mediterranean.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES presided on Tuesday morning at a meeting of his Council of the Duchy of Cornwall, at the offices in Buckingham-gate. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria, attended by Miss Knollys and General Sir Dighton Probyn, left Marlborough House for Sandringham. Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue has succeeded the Hon. Sidney Greville as Equerry-in-Waiting to the Prince of Wales, who later in the day left London by special train on a visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Pirbright, at Henley Park. As his Royal Highness passed through the village bells were rung, and the Prince was enthusiastically cheered by the inhabitants who had assembled to greet him.

THE CANCER HOSPITAL (FREE), FULHAM-ROAD, LONDON, S.W.—We desire to draw the attention of our readers to the claims of this valuable special hospital on their support. Founded in 1851, the institution is just completing its 50th year, and the result fully proves the necessity for establishing such a special refuge for those suffering from this most terrible malady, for over 54,000 persons have sought relief within its doors. One great feature of the hospital is that it is absolutely free to all poor persons, irrespective of nationality or creed, suffering from cancer, tumours, or allied diseases, no letter of recommendation being required. Applicants are seen each week day at two p.m. There are several beds set aside for life cases, so that their few remaining weeks may be rendered as happy and comfortable as possible under the circumstances. To continue this good work involves a heavy expenditure, and we would strongly urge the generous public to heartily support this much-deserving charity. The Secretary, Mr. Fred. W. Howell, will be glad to receive and acknowledge all contributions.

REDUCED RATES FOR CHRISTMAS PARCELS.—In connection with the Christmas and New Year traffic, the Midland Railway Company will make the most complete arrangements for the collection, quick transit, and prompt delivery of Christmas parcels in all the chief towns on their system, and for their conveyance at the reduced rates. Special trains will be run and through vans attached to the principal express and mail trains to accommodate the parcels traffic, which, it is anticipated, will be much heavier than before, in view of the low rates applicable to both English and Scotch towns (now in some cases less, and in no instance higher, than the parcels post rates). As a timely reminder to many sending parcels at the "owner's risk" rates, such as game, poultry, tobacco, cakes, cheese, &c., it may be stated that the minimum as to weight has been abolished, and the charges are now based on the actual weight of the packages. It is requested that all parcels should be fully and legibly addressed, and the address cards firmly attached. As an extra precaution, a duplicate label should be enclosed in each package, so that the name of the consignee may be ascertained in the event of the outside address becoming detached or defaced.

A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held at the Town Hall, Chester, on Monday, the 17th instant, when Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., will be installed Provincial Grand Master in succession to Earl Egerton of Tatton resigned.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR DAVID EVANS, K.C.M.G., who a fortnight ago had a severe accident in the hunting field, is getting on well, and although still confined to his bed, hopes soon to be out again. His escape from a fatal disaster was little short of miraculous.

WE UNDERSTAND that the practice of our late Bro. Chas. Henry Driver, F.R.I.B.A., A.I.C.E., of 17, Victoria-street, Westminster, is to be carried on by his eldest son, in conjunction with Bro. Stanley Barrett, architect (son of our Bro. J. Leach Barrett). The practice will be transferred to Bro. Stanley Barrett's office, 53, Blomfield-road, Maida Vale, W., under the style of Barrett and Driver.

A BEAUTIFUL SPECIMEN OF CHINESE MASONRY.—In the Imperial Gardens at Peking is a stone boat built in a lake. It is supported on a grey granite bed laid down in the lake, which is not very deep. Great sums of money and much time were expended on the beautifying of the Imperial pleasure, and the cost of building the stone boat must have been heavy. Banquets and concerts were held on the boat in the happier days of China. On summer nights with the full moon above, and the lotus flower rising from the sparkling water around the glistening boat, the scene was one worthy of inclusion in the story of Aladdin.

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT FREEMASONS are invited to subscribe towards the fund for purchasing a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be named the "Beach Perpetual Presentation." The appeal is being made in connection with the Festival of the School to be held in June next, over which Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the popular Prov. G. Master, will preside. The cost of the presentation is estimated at £1000. Those brethren who intend to serve as Stewards are asked to send their subscription of 10 guineas to the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Commander H. G. Giles, R.N., Alverstoke. A grant will be asked for from the Prov. G. Lodge funds, and it is expected that not less than £500 will be received from this source. The long and valuable services of the Prov. G. Master have gained for him the affection and esteem of every member in the province, and it is confidently expected that the appeal will produce a very much larger sum than is required for the presentation.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS TRAFFIC.—The Great Northern Railway Company have made special and complete arrangements for the collection, quick transit, and prompt delivery of Christmas parcels' traffic to and from all towns on their system. Through vans will be attached to many of the express trains, and special parcels' trains will also be run to meet the additional demands made upon the company at this period of the year. The reduced rates, which are now in operation for the conveyance of parcels' traffic, are in no case higher than the rates by parcels' post, while in some cases they are lower than the latter. The "minimum" weights formerly charged on packages of perishables at "owner's risk" rates have been abolished, and these parcels are now charged at actual weight. Special frequent collections of parcels will be made from receiving offices in London by the company's vans, and the traffic will be despatched from King's Cross by first trains after receipt. Full particulars as to charges, which will in no case exceed those in force by any other route, can be obtained on application at any Great Northern Station or receiving office.

PROVINCE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.—The 17th annual report was presented to a meeting of the Association last Tuesday, and was laid before Provincial Grand Lodge to-day (Friday). Another successful year is recorded. There is an increase of 57 members subscribing to the Association, the total now being 210, distributed as follows: Scientific Lodge, 61; Three Grand Principles, 49; United Good Fellowship, 29; Isaac Newton, 14; Alma Mater, 2; Etheldreda, 25; St. Audrey's, 14; other Brethren, 15; and Lady, 1. The contributions from the Prov. Grand Lodge, lodges and chapters in the province, during the year to the Masonic Charities through the Association, were: Provincial Grand Lodge, £10 10s.; Scientific, £12 10s.; United Good Fellowship, £5 5s.; Etheldreda, £10 10s.; St. Audrey's, £10 10s.; Pythagoras Chapter, £10 10s.; Total, £59 15s. The following were the contributions on Stewards' List, paid through the Association, during the year: Bro. J. H. Moyes, P.M. 88, £115 10s.; Bro. F. H. Potts, J.W. 2107, £101 5s.; Bro. O. Papworth, P.G. Sec., £102 18s. This £319 13s. added to the £5737 4s. 3d. paid since 1883, makes the total in 17 years £6056 17s. 3d. The report gives a list of the recipients of the Charities who are directly or indirectly connected with the province; and, in conclusion, the Committee thank all who have rendered support. Particular mention is made of Bros. W. J. Armitage, J.W. 859; W. Briggs, 45; G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; and E. M. Money, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., for their generous gift of votes. Bro. Oliver Papworth, Prov. G. Sec., is the energetic Secretary of the Association.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME.—The fundamental idea of the Children's Home is that of the Christian family. From the day, more than 30 years ago, when Dr. Stephenson took two ragged lads from the New Cut into a poor cottage in Church-street, Waterloo-road, until to-day, when the Home shelters 1150 children, this family system has been essential. And the result justifies it entirely. The girls and boys grow up with an affectionate feeling towards the home of their childhood, and come back to it in later life to tell how God has prospered them. Many of the former inmates of the Children's Home are Christian workers at home and in other lands. Several are ministers and missionaries whilst a number are teachers in elementary schools. The majority, of course, occupy humbler stations in life, but the percentage of those who are "doing well" is very high. The Children's Home is peculiarly elastic in its administrations. No iron bound rules restrict the admission of children. The one condition is that the child is in need. Many of them are "waifs and strays," many have been committed to the Farnborough Branch, which is a certified Industrial School by magistrates; others are victims of the cruelty and neglect of parents, and of others many have been sent through the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The Princess Alice Orphanage near Birmingham is specially dedicated to the care of the orphan children of Christian parents and amongst them—as at other branches—are children whose parents have been earnest and faithful workers in the Church of Christ. The Lancashire Branch, near Bolton, affords a splendid training ground for the stronger girls and boys, and from this branch some of the most successful young emigrants have gone to Canada and other Colonies. The seaside branch at Alverstoke, near Gosport, shelters a number of delicate children. Here a new house for incurable cripples is about to be opened. A suitable house has been purchased, which will accommodate 16 children. Smaller branches of the home are situated at Ramsey, in the Isle of Man, and at Chadlington (Oxon). Dr. Stephenson has recently retired from active association with the work, under the pressure of medical advice, and the home is now under the direction of the Rev. Arthur E. Gregory, who will be glad to furnish information or to receive contributions. A special appeal is now being made for the removal of the debt of £12,000 on the first day of the new century. Communications should be addressed to the Principal, Rev. Arthur E. Gregory, The Children's Home, Bonner-road, London, N.E.

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