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## FREEMASONRY ABROAD.

The news that reaches us from time to time relating to Freemasonry on the continent of Europe is, as a rule, extremely meagre. In some countries, such as Russia, Austria, &c., the brethren are interdicted from forming lodges and observing any of the rites and ceremonies peculiar to the Craft. In the Latin states of Italy, Spain, and Portugal there are Grand Orients and Grand Councils, and other kinds of Masonic organisations, but not much is known of the character of the Masonry they profess, while in France it is Masonry with the fundamental principle of belief in God and future state omitted, and is, therefore, unrecognised by our Grand Lodge. In Hungary and Greece there are Grand Lodges or Orients, and in Switzerland the Grand Lodge Alpina, with which our Grand Lodge exchange representatives. But it is chiefly in Germany—which has some eight Grand Lodges—Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and the Netherlands that Freemasonry has firmly established itself, and where the principles it professes are in harmony with our own. In Sweden and Norway King OSCAR and the Crown Prince are the heads of the Craft; in Denmark it is the Crown Prince who is Grand Master, while of the three Grand Lodges in Berlin Prince FREDERICK LEOPOLD of Prussia is the Protector. On the 18th November a new Masonic Hall in Berlin was inaugurated, and as the intercourse between our own and the Berlin G. Lodges has been always of the most friendly kind, and as the Duke of CONNAUGHT is representative of the latter at our Grand Lodge, and the Prince Protector of the Berlin G. Lodges, one of our Past G. Masters, the important function of last month was attended by a deputation from the Grand Lodge of England, the principal members of which were the Earl of WARWICK and the Prov. Grand Masters nominate—who have since been installed in office—of Cheshire and Surrey. It may also be mentioned that a Third Volume of the elaborate Work on Medals, of which two have already been published under the auspices of the Hamburg Correspondence Circle, is in course of compilation, and will no doubt be issued when the needful support has been obtained. But beyond these facts, and a few others, there is not much in the way of information relating to Masonry on the European continent that is worthy of being recorded.

As regards Freemasonry as it is organised under independent Grand Lodges in the British Colonies and Possessions abroad and in the United States of North America, the case is far otherwise, and it would not be difficult, had we space and time at our disposal, to write an elaborate and lengthy account of what has happened during the year 1900 in these numerous jurisdictions. In British North America alone there are as many as seven independent Grand Lodges, comprising those of Canada (Province of Ontario), Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and British Columbia. The most powerful of these is the Grand Lodge of Canada, which has between 350 and 400 lodges in active working, with an aggregate membership of some 27,000 brethren. This has fared most prosperously during the past 12 months, and so have the Grand Chapter, the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple, the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite, and the other organisations there existing. Quebec and the other Grand Lodges have also prospered, though, as they are less imposing in respect of numbers, their progress attracts less notice. Still, it is worthy of remark that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, which till within the last few years was one of the least numerous among the Masonic bodies on the continent of North America, has increased latterly to a considerable extent. At the Antipodes there are now, including the newly-formed Grand Lodge of West Australia, six Grand Lodges, which are all recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, and in nearly every case progress has been the order of the day. But, after all, it is in the United States of North America that Freemasonry has been, and still is, making such marvellous strides. Here there are 50 Grand Lodges, with an aggregate subscribing membership which very largely exceeds 800,000; 45 Grand Royal Arch Chapters, under a General Grand Chapter; 43 Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar under a Grand Encampment of the United States, which meets triennially, and of which Sir Knight REUBEN H. LLOYD is the M.E. Grand Master; and 34 Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, under a General Grand Council. In addition, there are the Supreme Councils 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the United States respectively, with Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland, "Shriners," &c., &c., and, to crown all, the Order of the Eastern Star—of which the late ROB MORRIS was the founder—for women who take kindly to the Masonic Order. Indeed, everything connected with Freemasonry is on a magnificent scale as regards numbers in the United States, and it is greatly to the credit of the American Craft that the work of the Order is, as a rule, most ably carried out. Some of the Grand Lodges are very strong, such as those of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, Iowa, &c., &c., and the number of important Masonic functions that are held yearly all over the States is almost beyond calculation. Every now and then we lay before our readers particulars relating to one or other of the more influential Grand Lodges, so that what is, passing, Masonically, among our American brethren, is not entirely lost sight of; but it would be beyond the compass of our ability, as regards time and space, to give anything like an adequate idea of what is being done annually by the Grand Lodges and other Supreme authorities. It is enough to remark that Freemasonry appears to have taken a firm hold of the Americans, and that in nearly all the States and Territories the Craft is prospering. And this has all sprung, directly or indirectly, from our Grand Lodge formed in 1717.

## MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]  
VISITATION.

This subject may be considered under the two heads, private and official. The latter again may be divided into visits of courtesy, paid by invitation, and visits paid by the head of the province or district (or brother appointed by him, Articles 147, 148) to report upon the condition of a lodge or to investigate complaints.

Articles 149, 150, 151, 152, and 204 refer to the right of private visitation. This question was dealt with in an article by the present writer in the *Freemason* of March 10, 1900, and the following statement was made: "It should be understood clearly that, welcome or unwelcome, every Freemason has an inalienable right to visit any and every lodge he pleases."

Correspondence followed regarding this statement, and it was editorially referred to in a subsequent number, but nothing appeared which could be said to traverse it.

This right of visitation is safeguarded. Evidence of identity is, of course, necessary. This can be given by one of the brethren present, and in the case of a stranger, by comparison of signature with that in the Grand Lodge certificate. If the visitor be well known, or has visited the lodge before, then he is generally "vouched" for. Vouching is a serious matter, and it is a serious matter also that there should be such want of uniformity as exists in this respect. The writer has on many occasions been admitted into a lodge on his bare statement, and that in a town where he had not a single acquaintance to vouch even for his respectability, and on the other hand the examination has lasted a considerable time, and on one occasion his right to wear the purple was not admitted till he had produced his patent of appointment. It may be safely laid down that vouching means that the voucher has sat in lodge with the brother (degree of working to be specified), or that he has put him through an examination. And in the latter case the Worshipful Master should be assured of his competence to conduct a "due examination." Some brethren resent being put through their facings in this manner, but as a matter of law, their feelings do not come into account.

The proposing visitor may be called upon to show his certificate—whether he be vouched for or not. On June 5, 1895, Grand Lodge had before it an appeal from the Worshipful Master of No. 956 (South Africa). He refused to admit a visitor, who "was vouched for after due examination," but who had no documentary evidence. The District Grand Master ruled that he had no right to refuse admission, but Grand Lodge confirmed the Worshipful Master's action. The debate is worth reading in full, inasmuch as Bro. Bucknill, Deputy Grand Registrar, laid down the law very clearly.

Mere possession of the secrets, he said, is nothing. He may have been expelled, or be under suspension. He may be registered on the rolls of a Grand Lodge not in communion with our own.

"It appears that mere possession of our signs, without more, should give no title of admission. Our Masters must see the jurisdiction whence they hail, that it is a regular recognised Body, before they can be sure the qualifications of the applicant are complete in all respects."

Article 15 of the Master's obligation affirms this, and the Master fails to perform his duty who neglects to insist on documentary evidence. Surely, if a brother takes the trouble to visit a lodge where he is not known, there is no additional trouble involved in carrying with him his certificate?

In the particular case referred to, subsequent discussion proved that the wording of Article 150 might be a little more explicit—"or until he has produced . . ." under what circumstances should "or" be read "and"? However, this is rather an academic question, and Article 150 may be read side by side with the 15th clause of the Master's obligation.

But after all these precautions taken, examination passed, identity proved, certificate produced, there are still more. Article 151 gives the Master a wide discretionary power, and Article 152 restricts the right of unlimited visitation in the case of brethren who have ceased to subscribe to a lodge. Were it not for Article 152 there would seem to be no reason why a brother should be at the expense of a lodge subscription at all.

In an article in this journal on August 26th, 1899, on "The Tyler," the Tyler's obligation was referred to—an obligation imposed on a visiting brother to guarantee that he had never been expelled or excluded. The legality, and even the existence, of such obligation was questioned in subsequent correspondence. It is, however, referred to by Mackey ("Lexicon," p. 442), and is universal in America. Bro. Woodford ("Kenning's

Encyclopædia," p. 652) also refers to it, and Oliver ("Jurisprudence," p. 126) mentions it. It runs as follows:

"I, A.B., do hereby and hereon solemnly and sincerely swear, that I have been regularly initiated, etc., in a just and regularly constituted Lodge of M.M., and that I do not stand suspended or expelled, and know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic communication with my brethren."

The right of visitation only extends to ceremonial work, such as is common to all lodges, and the right of a non-subscribing member to visit any lodge *once*, is based on the supposition that he is in search of a Masonic home, and is desirous of comparing the work of one lodge with another. (Mackey, p. 367).

As far as the chief officers of the lodge are concerned, visiting is enjoined (Article 149). The term "official" visiting, is sometimes erroneously used to describe the class of visit just referred to. It is customary, on the occasion of an installation, to invite the presence of the W.M. and Wardens of some of the sister lodges in the same town, but such invitation does not confer any status on the visitors further than that enjoyed by any ordinary visitor. The visiting W.M. and Wardens, for instance, would not wear their collars and jewels of office, though Past Masters might wear the particular collar referred to in Article 301, otherwise there would be confusion. "How is the Master known?" "By the square." "By which square?" The only occasions on which the Master and Wardens may wear the insignia of office outside their own lodge, are the communications of Provincial and Grand Lodge, and, of course, under special dispensation.

Other limitations of the privileges of visitors, and their demeanour, are so obviously in accord with the dictates of common sense and good breeding, as not to require further discussion.

We pass on to the subject of official visitation, by which is meant the attendance, invited or otherwise, of the Provincial ruler or some person representing him.

The right of the Provincial ruler or his Deputy, and, of course, the Grand Master or his Deputy, to visit any lodge under his jurisdiction, when he wishes, is absolutely without limitation, as also his right to preside on the occasion, and to direct proceedings. The Grand or Provincial Grand Wardens, are, whilst he is so presiding, to occupy the chairs in the West and South. In American lodges, Mackey states that the whole of the officers of the lodge surrender their seats and their duties to officers of the Grand Lodge during the course of a visitation.

This is not the prescribed custom in England, though the writer has seen it done. Ordinarily, the Provincial or Grand Master visits a lodge by invitation, on the occasion of an installation or other interesting ceremony.

The procedure is practically uniform in all lodges. The lodge should be opened in the Third Degree, and the Provincial Grand Master, attended by his officers, should enter in due procession, brethren standing to order. The W.M. descends from his pedestal and tenders the gavel to the distinguished visitor, who returns it with some appropriate compliment. When the business is ended, some short speech is made having reference to the condition of the lodge, and the procession being re-formed in the reverse order, leaves the lodge.

Visits of this interesting kind, however, need no detailed reference. The lodge is glad to show the ruler of the province how well it is working; every member and officer is on parade, as it were, and the visitor is glad to be able to say words of commendation.

But we now come to official visits of another description, in which the object is to report on the working of the lodge—and not always on account of any evil report. In some of our districts lodges are hundreds of miles apart, and seldom gratified by a sight of the purple; all the official knowledge of their proceedings possessed at head-quarters is that found in the returns. In such cases the District Grand Master is glad to hear of any of his officers who at any time may be travelling within reach of such remote lodges, and will give to such officer a commission worded in a general form. The writer quotes from one in his possession:

"Dear Brother . . .

The District Grand Master, learning that you are going on tour in . . . , will be glad if you will visit such lodges as you conveniently can, and report to him on their condition and working.

Yours . . .

. . . District Grand Secretary."

In the case of a lodge being the subject of complaint, and an investigation being necessary, probably something more official than the above would be desirable, but we shall come to that shortly. What should be the procedure of the brother furnished

with such a "roving commission"? He should remember that his duty is not one of investigation, nor should he visit a lodge with the idea that his business is to pre-suppose irregularities, and then try to verify his supposition. He has no right to investigate lodge accounts. The Grand Master himself has no right to do that. A lodge may spend its money as it pleases, and it appoints its own Auditor. He can, however, make a general statement, e.g., he may refer to the absence of a Charity fund, but even then only by way of affording information. But he may, and ought to, refer to defaulting brethren, unpunctuality in paying dues, because these are matters which come in the returns.

In some foreign jurisdictions it is the custom for the visitor to take the chair and invite complaints from any brother who may have a grievance against the W.M. or Wardens. It is to be deprecated, however, even though it be but a convention. It is not his business to stir up strife.

He should carefully watch the ceremonial working and his remarks on this head when he addresses the lodge will not only be interesting but valuable. He should allow himself time to read the minute book at leisure, and he should also inspect the attendance book—ascertain that declarations have been duly filed and also—most important—that a signed declaration exists for every initiate. It is not unusual—even in English lodges—to find that this has been omitted, and the writer has been in an influential lodge where the declaration was solemnly signed, in open lodge, at the same time that the Grand Lodge certificate was handed to the candidate. Nothing in the lodge should escape the visitor's notice, inasmuch as in remote districts, the most extraordinary errors get perpetuated. Officers are adorned with each others' jewels, the warrant put away safely somewhere and not seen for years, the Tyler not even a Freemason at all, no Book of Constitutions in lodge, columns mixed up, candidate passed to the Degree of a F.C. without the lodge having been opened in that Degree, or, at all events, without any intimation of the fact appearing in the minutes, candidates for joining, balloted for, "pending production of their papers," and, in one case, "pending payment of fee." All this, and much more, has the writer seen, and, therefore, he repeats that nothing in the lodge is too unimportant to be noticed, if the visitation is to be a real one.

(To be continued.)

## Knights Templar.

### GREAT PRIORY.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, the 14th instant, when there were present—

Sir Knights the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., M.E. and S.G. Master; Captain N. G. Philips, G.C.T., Prov. Prior East Anglia; the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., K.G.T., Prov. Prior Cheshire; the Rev. Canon John Walker, G. Prelate; R. Loveland Loveland, Q.C., G.C.T., G. Chan.; Rev. Canon Brownrigg, G.C.T., as 1st G. Constable; Richard Clowes, P.G.C., as 2nd G. Constable; R. Clutton, G.C.T., G. Treas.; Frank Richardson, G.C.T., G. Reg.; C. F. Matier, K.C.T., G. Vice-Chan.; C. Belton, K.C.T., G. Marshal; Ven. Archdeacon W. McDonald, Sinclair, G. Almoner and Chaplain; E. O'Connor Terry, G. Herald; Felix S. Knyvett, G. Std. Br. (Beau.); B. A. Smith, G. Std. Br. (V.B.); A. Woodiwiss, K.C.T., as G. Master's Banner Br.; Major T. W. Richardson, as G.S.B.; A. Sidall, G. Aide-de-Camp; J. C. F. Tower, as G. Aide-de-Camp; H. Nicholls, and G. C. Kent, G. Captains of Guard; H. R. Rose, G. Org.; Rev. H. G. Morse, G.C.T., Rev. C. E. L. Wright, and Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, P.G. Prelates; F. H. Goldney, Capt. H. W. H. Elwes, and Col. G. Walton Walker, K.C.T., P.G. Heralds; Baron de Ferrieres, K.C.T., and H. H. George, P.G. Std. Brs.; A. C. Haycraft, P.G. Master's Banner Br.; R. A. B. Preston, P.G.S.B.; Col. J. D. Murray, K.C.T., and W. B. Lethbridge, P.G. Aide-de-Camps; A. H. Bowles and W. J. Ebbetts, P.G. Captains of Guards; and others.

The knights having formed the arch of steel, the Most Eminent and Supreme G. Master, attended by the Great Officers, entered and ascended the throne.

A Chapter of Great Priory was opened in ample form.

The GREAT REGISTRAR called the muster roll.

The minutes of the meeting of Great Priory of the 11th May were read by the GREAT VICE-CHANCELLOR, and declared to be correctly recorded.

The GREAT VICE-CHANCELLOR: Before we proceed with the consideration of the Report of the Council, may I, most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, ask you to have the honour of reading the gracious reply of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the vote which this Great Priory passed on the last occasion of its meeting, congratulating his Royal Highness on his escape from assassination:

Marlborough House,  
Pall Mall, S.W.

Sir Francis Knollys is desired by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to thank the Grand Master and Knights of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and Hospital in England and Wales for their kind address of congratulation on his merciful preservation upon the occasion of the recent attempt on his life.

May 24th, 1900.

The GREAT CHANCELLOR: I beg to move that the gracious reply of his Royal Highness be entered upon the minutes.

The GREAT MARSHAL: I beg to second the proposal.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of the GREAT CHANCELLOR, seconded by the GREAT REGISTRAR, it was resolved to take as read the following:

### REPORT OF COUNCIL.

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master,

Your Council have the honour to report that in accordance with the unanimous recommendation of the Finance Committee, the sum of £400, at a cost of £398 11s., has been invested in India 8 per cent. Stock, on behalf of the General Fund, making the total invested capital £4200 on that account.

There is also invested in Metropolitan 2½ per cent. Consolidated Stock the sum of £2500 on behalf of the Benevolent Fund.

Your Council beg to report with the utmost pleasure, the continued increase, not only in numbers, but also in influence and prosperity, of the United Orders, and are happy to say that this Great Priory is on terms of the most amicable and fraternal character with every legitimate Body of the Temple in the world.

The fifth Annual Conference of the Three Governing Bodies in the United Kingdom of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, was held in London, on 10th May, 1900.

The Chapter General of Scotland was represented by: Sir Knights Sir James Buchanan, Bart., K.C.T., G. Constable; Col. James T. Stewart, K.C.T.; G. Almoner; Major F. W. Allan, K.C.T., G. Chancellor; L. Mackersy, K.C.T., G. Secretary, &c.; Herbert B. Ezard, K.C.T., G. Chamberlain; W. W. Robertson, K.C.T., G. Beaucennifer; and Robert K. Inches, K.C.T., G. Std.

The Great Priory of Ireland was represented by: Sir Knights Lt.-Col. A. V. Davoren, G.C.T., G. Chancellor; Col. M'Cammon, K.C.T., G. Marshal; Sir James Creed Meredith, K.C.T.; and R. H. Walker, Vice-Chancellor.

The Great Priory of England was represented by: The Supreme Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, G.C.T.; Sir Knights the Earl of Lathom, G.C.T., Great Seneschal; Capt. N. G. Philips, G.C.T., Prov. Prior; Frank Richardson, G.C.T., Great Registrar; Ralph Clutton, G.C.T., Great Treasurer; J. Woodall, Woodall, K.C.T., Prov. Prior; and C. F. Matier, K.C.T. (Scot. and Eng.), Great Vice-Chancellor.

The Conference was presided over by the M.E. the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., Supreme G. Master in England, &c.

The minute of last Conference was read.

The delegates from Scotland reported that the Chapter General had adopted the unanimous recommendation of the last Conference, and had enacted and declared that no countenance should be given to the spurious body styling itself, the Great Priory of Victoria, Australia, or to any one belonging to it, and that notice of this was given in their Annual Report.

A similar report was made by the delegates from Ireland.

The Conference then resumed consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee upon the Ritual of the Degree of Knights of Malta. The delegates from Scotland reported that, as the English and Irish Great Priorities, as well as those of America and Canada, were agreed as to the password from the Mediterranean Pass, they were prepared to recommend the Chapter General, for the sake of uniformity, to adopt the same password.

A question of some interest was then discussed, and it was as follows: By the Statutes of the Temple, no one except a Royal Arch Mason can be received as a candidate or admitted into the Order of the Temple, but these Statutes do not define which Royal Arch is meant. There are two Degrees of that name. One conferred by the Grand Royal Arch Chapters, and which, without being numbered, comes after the Third Degree of Craft Masonry. In England this Degree is conferred upon Master Masons. In Scotland it must be preceded by the Mark Master's Degree and the Excellent Degree. In Ireland, it is believed, a similar practice to that of Scotland prevails. In America, there is a Degree called the Super-Excellent, which, it is believed, also comes before it. The Second Royal Arch Degree is the 13th of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. It differs in many respects from the other Degree of the same name. In the diplomas issued by the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland, the candidate, say for the 18°, is described as a Royal Arch Mason, and the question was put—If a candidate presents to a preceptory his diploma as a Royal Arch Mason from a Supreme Council, is he entitled to be admitted, or must he take the first mentioned Degree? Undoubtedly, this position of matters creates an anomaly, and it would place the Supreme Councils in an invidious position were their diplomas disregarded. It is evidently a matter for arrangement, and there should be a declaration by the Great Priorities either (1) that only one of the Degrees qualifies, or (2) that either Degree is sufficient. This question does not affect the Great Priory of Ireland, as no one can be admitted to the 18° until he be a Knight Templar, therefore, he must take the Royal Arch under Grand Chapter; but in England and Scotland matters are different. In these countries, a Master Mason can apply for the 18° without reference to the Temple, and should he afterwards apply for the Temple, he may produce his diploma from the Supreme Council certifying that he is a Royal Arch Mason. In view of the importance of the question, it was resolved not to offer any opinion at this time, but to consider it until next Conference, and meanwhile to inquire what is the practice of the American Priorities.

It was resolved that the next Annual Conference should take place at Edinburgh in the month of April, 1901.

On the motion of V.E. Sir James Buchanan, K.C.T., seconded by V.E. Lieut.-Col. Davoren, G.C.T., a cordial vote of thanks was given to the Supreme Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, for presiding.

On the following day the V.E. and E. Knights from Scotland and Ireland were received at the half-yearly chapter of Great Priory, and were most heartily welcomed by the Grand Master.

They were afterwards entertained at a banquet presided over by the Earl of Euston, which was very numerously attended.

The following gracious reply has been received from his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., G.C.T., Most Eminent Sovereign of the United Orders, in answer to the unanimous resolution of Great Priory at the last meeting:

"Marlborough House,

"Pall Mall, S.W.

"Sir Francis Knollys is desired by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to thank the Grand Master and Knights of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and Hospital in England and Wales for their kind address of congratulation on his merciful preservation upon the occasion of the recent attempt on his life.

"May 24th, 1900."

You have been pleased to make the following appointments and promotions:

To be Honorary Knight Grand Cross:

His Royal Highness Prince Joachim Charles William Frederic Leopold of Prussia, Past Grand Master England, and Protector and Grand Master of the Grand Lodges at Berlin.

And you have been pleased to appoint the V.E. Knight the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., K.C.T., Provincial Prior for Cheshire, to be your Representative and the Representative of Great Priory for the purpose of investing his Royal Highness with the Ribbon and Star of the rank.

To be Knights Commander:

The V.E. Knt. Lt.-Col. James Daniel Murray,  
The V.E. Knt. Lt.-Col. George Walton Walker.

The Patents being in each case dated on the day of St. Matthew the Apostle, Evangelist, and Martyr, 1900.

You have been pleased to grant a warrant for a new Preceptory to meet at Brisbane, Queensland, and to be called the Duke of Albany, No. 171, which will immediately commence its labours, and will be largely instrumental in increasing the numbers and influence of the United Order in Australia.

Your Council have been informed by the Executive Committee of the Red Cross of Constantine that Bro. Arthur Henry Bateman has been suspended from the privileges of that Order for the period of 12 months from the 11th October, and that such suspension had also taken effect in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and in the Supreme Council, 33°.

Your Council have therefore suspended the aforesaid Bro. Arthur Henry Bateman from all privileges of the United Orders for a concurrent period. Care must therefore be taken that admission shall be refused to him should he claim to enter a Preceptory.

The following preceptories abroad are in arrear :

Name.	Years.
Connaught and Strathcarran ... ..	3
Royal Deccan ... ..	3
Vasco de Gama ... ..	2
Diamond of the Desert ... ..	1
Johannesburg ... ..	1
Himalaya ... ..	1

Your Council beg to recommend that the sum of £50 be voted from the Benevolent Fund to a former member of the Prudence Preceptory, Ipswich.

The Great Treasurer's accounts have been audited to 31st August, 1900, and show the following balances, which are in the London and Westminster Bank, Bloomsbury Branch.

General Fund ... ..	£311 3 9
Benevolent Fund ... ..	72 10 6
	£383 14 3

By order of the Council,

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND,  
Great Chancellor.  
C. FITZGERALD MATIER,  
Great Vice-Chancellor.

12th November, 1900.

On the motion of the GREAT CHANCELLOR, seconded by the GREAT REGISTRAR, it was resolved that the report be received and entered on the minutes.

The GREAT CHANCELLOR proposed and the GREAT TREASURER seconded, that the report be adopted.

The V.E. Knight the Hon. ALAN DE TATTON EGERTON, M.P., K.C.T., Provincial Prior for Cheshire: Before that motion is put to Great Priory, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, perhaps this is the proper moment to inform you, and through you the Knights here assembled, that in reply to the mandate which you conveyed to me I attended at Berlin and duly invested Prince Joachim Charles William Frederic Leopold of Prussia with the Jewel and Star of an Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders.

The motion for the adoption of the report was then agreed to.

The GREAT CHANCELLOR: I have now, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, to propose to Great Priory the only motion which arises out of the report, viz., that the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted from the Benevolent Fund as recommended.

This was seconded by the V.E. Knight Capt. N. G. PHILIPS, G.C.T., Provincial Prior for East Anglia.

The V.E. Knights Lieut.-Col. James Daniel Murray and Lieut.-Col. George Walton Walker, were respectively invested as Knights Commander of the Temple, the Grand Master thanking the former for what he had done for the Order in the Province of Lancashire and the latter for his services in Staffordshire.

Alms amounting to £5 7s. were collected.

The GREAT VICE-CHANCELLOR read the following letter:—

Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U.S.A.  
Office of the Committee on Christmas Observance,  
Portland, Maine,  
November 15th, 1900.

Dear Frater,

The following sentiment has been prepared for the coming Christmas:

"To our Most Eminent Grand Master, Reuben Hedley Lloyd: A merry Christmas, and may the coming century fulfil the golden promise of Peace on Earth and Good Will toward men."

The Grand Master sends the following response:

"Templars: I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. When all keep the new commandment of our Redeemer, the golden promise will be fulfilled. You are obligated to labour unremittingly to bring to pass that perfection of man's moral and intellectual development.

"In the Gospel of St. John, xiii. chapter, 34th verse, you will find the new commandment."

Will you join in these sentiments on Tuesday, December 25th, at noon Eastern Standard time (equivalent to 5 p.m. Greenwich), and will you extend the invitation to your command, as well as to all true Templars and their friends, wheresoever dispersed, on land or sea?

Courteously and fraternally yours,

STEPHEN BERRY,  
Committee,

Portland, Maine.

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Pacific " " ... ..	120° W. ...	9 "
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Eastern " " ... ..	75° W. ...	12 m.
Greenwich " " ... ..	0° ...	5 p.m.
Philippine Standard Time 120° E. 1 a.m. Dec. 26th.		

Please acknowledge the receipt of this.

The GRAND MASTER: I think, sir knights, we should agree to this. The request is made each year, and as we wish all these brethren well, I hope we will all remember to wish them God speed on Christmas Day. ("Hear, hear.")

Great Priory was then closed in ample form.

ORDER OF MALTA.

Great Priory of Malta was opened in ample form.

The M.E. and Supreme G.M., the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., occupied the throne.

The G. Chancellor, Sir Knight C. F. MATIER, K.C.T., read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed.

The G. CHANCELLOR then said that he had received the commands of the M.E. and Supreme G.M. to announce that he had made the following appointments:

Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland, Q.C., G.C.T.	G. Prior.
" Sir Edward Stock Hill, K.C.B., M.P.	G. Capt. Gen.
" John Strachan, Q.C. ... ..	G. Lieut. Gen.
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" F. Sumner Knyvett ... ..	G. 2nd Lieut.
" Rev. Canon Walker ... ..	G. Prelate.
" Charles Belton, K.C.T. ... ..	G. Mareschal.
" Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair ... ..	G. Hospitaller.
" B. A. Smith ... ..	G. Admiral.
" W. S. Sutton ... ..	G. Conservator.
" E. Coulton Rogers ... ..	G. Baillie.
" A. W. Siddall ... ..	G. Turcopolier.
" C. F. Matier, K.C.T. ... ..	G. Chancellor.
" Ralph Clutton, G.C.T. ... ..	G. Treasurer.
" John Barker ... ..	G. Banner Br.
" Dr. W. H. Kempster ... ..	G.S.B.
" Harry Nicholls ... ..	} G. Captains Outposts.
" G. C. Kent ... ..	
" H. R. Rose ... ..	G. Org.

The following Knights of the Order of the Temple then received the Mediterranean Pass, and were admitted into the Order of Malta, the Accolade being given by the M.E. and S. Grand Master: George Phillips Parker, St. George's Preceptory; George Adams Harradon, St. George's Preceptory; Lieut.-Col. John Skene, All Soul's Preceptory; Edward Manville, Bard of Avon Preceptory; Philip Dawson, Bard of Avon Preceptory; Albert George Francis Gartside Neville, Bard of Avon Preceptory; John Farquharson Roberts, Bard of Avon Preceptory; Arthur Ernest Baker, Faith and Fidelity Preceptory; Richard Stafford Charles, Faith and Fidelity Preceptory; Thomas Henry Newsome, Fearnley Preceptory; Charles Rolls Foster, Holy Palestine Preceptory; Archibald Edward Young, Sussex Preceptory; Benjamin Hunting Howell, Tancred Preceptory; and William Maurice Powell, Tancred Preceptory.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., afterwards presided at the banquet, supported by the V.E. Prov. Prior for Cheshire, the Great Officers, many Past Great Officers, Preceptors, and other Knights, and the visitors from the United States of America.

Scotland.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

There was a large and representative meeting of Royal Arch Masons in Edinburgh on Wednesday, the 18th instant, on the occasion of the opening of a home for the Grand Chapter, the first since its establishment in 1817. The architect was Comp. Peter L. Henderson, Past M.E.Z. of No. 1 of Scotland, and the work has been admirably carried out. The property, entering by 75, Queen-street, has been entirely gutted and re-constructed. The sunk floor, include the caretaker's house, kitchen, and store rooms, on the ground floor are the offices for the Grand Scribe E., and chapter hall or dining-room; on the first floor are the Royal Arch temple, assembly hall, clock room, retiring rooms, &c. The entrance from Queen-street is protected by an Ionic porch, projecting out to the pavement, with a pediment over the front. The chapter hall, in which a company of over 100 dined on the above date, is capable of seating about 200 persons. The hall is elaborate in design, with pilasters at intervals, each console has two lions couchant, on the heads of which is a deep abacus, supporting the beams of the upper floor. The staircase is extremely handsome, being seven feet wide, of solid granite concrete steps, with mahogany balustrades in Ionic columns of a Venetian type, supporting some circular arches. The "temple" on the upper floor is Egyptian in style, and has a row of small columns at each side, with suitable alicke and clerestory above, while the supports of the recess at the dais or throne are in rows of tall columns. The details are simple and massive rather than elaborate, and have been arranged with a view to an extensive scheme of mural decorations, to be carried out during the summer months.

A very large number of representatives from chapters all over Scotland were present on the 18th inst., to attend the quarterly communication and assist in the consecration of the Temple to Royal Arch Masonry. The ceremony was solemnly performed, the emblems of consecration being corn, wine, oil, and salt, the ceremony was practically the same as used at the consecration of the Chapter in 1817. Col. W. Iveson McAdam, Depute First Grand Principal, presided, and with the assistance of other officers, including Comps. Capt. Thos. Hope, Second Grand Principal; W. Munro Denholm, Third Grand Principal; and R. S. Brown, Grand Scribe E., performed the ceremony of consecration with all solemnity. The business of the chapter included the granting of charters for a Mark Master Lodge in Australia; and for a chapter in Fauldhouse, Linlithgowshire. Votes of thanks were accorded to the sub-committees which had so successfully carried out the work entrusted to them in getting the building consummated. The companions present were photographed in the temple after the chapter was closed.

A banquet was held in the hall on the ground floor, at which Comp. Col. Iveson McAdam presided; Croupiers Comps. W. Milroy Kelly and R. A. Peacock, and among others present were Comps. Dr. Auchinleck of the Irish Constitution; Dalrymple Duncan; David Reed, Grand Secretary; C. C. Nisbet, Munro Denholm, W. Watson, Carthew Yorkston, P. L. Henderson, T. W. Cunningham, Jas. McCombe, Colin Young, Provost Kirkwood, A. A. Murray, and R. S. Brown.

The toasts were all loyally responded to, and songs were given at intervals during the evening.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### CHRISTMAS DAY.

The festival of Christmas is regarded as the greatest celebration throughout the ecclesiastical year, and so important and joyous a solemnity is it deemed that a special exception is made in its favour whereby, in the event of the anniversary falling on a Friday, that day of the week, under all other circumstances a fast, is transformed to a festival. That the birth of Jesus Christ, the deliverer of the human race, and the mysterious link connecting the transcended and incomprehensible attributes of Deity, with human sympathies and affections, should be considered as the most glorious event that ever happened, and the most worthy of being reverently and joyously commemorated, is a proposition which must commend itself to the heart and reason of every one of His followers who aspire to walk in His footsteps, and share in the ineffable benefits which His death has secured to mankind. And so, though at one period denounced by the Puritans as superstitious, and to the present day disregarded by Calvinist Protestants as unwarranted by Scripture, there are few who will seriously dispute the propriety of observing the anniversary of Christ's birth by a religious service. A question, however, has long been eagerly agitated. Is the 25th of December really the day on which our Saviour first showed himself, in human form, in the manger at Bethlehem? The evidence which we possess regarding the date is not only traditional, but likewise conflicting and confused. In the earliest periods, at which we have any record of the observance of Christmas, we find that some communities of Christians celebrated the festival on the 1st or 6th of January; others on the 29th of March, the time of the Jewish Pasover; while others, it is said, observed it on the 29th of September, or Feast of Tabernacles. There can be no doubt, however, that long before the reign of Constantine, in the fourth century, the season of the New Year had been adopted as the period for celebrating the Nativity, though a difference in this respect existed in the practice of the Eastern and Western churches, the former observing the 6th of January, and the latter the 25th of December. The custom of the Western Church at last prevailed, and both of the ecclesiastical bodies agreed to hold the anniversary on the same day. Though Christian nations have thus, from an early period in the Church, celebrated Christmas about the period of the winter solstice, or the shortest day, it is well known that many, and, indeed, the greater number of the popular festive observances by which it is characterised are referable to a much more ancient origin. Amid all the pagan nations of antiquity there seems to have been a universal tendency to worship the sun, as the giver of life and light, and the visible manifestation of the Deity. Various as were the names bestowed by different peoples on this object of their worship, he was still the same divinity. Thus, at Rome, he appears to have been worshipped under one of the characters attributed to Saturn, the father of the gods; among the Scandinavian nations he was known under the epithet of Odin or Woden, the father of Thor, who seems afterwards to have shared with his parent the adoration bestowed on the latter as the divinity of which the sun was the visible manifestation; whilst with the ancient Persians, the appellation for the god of light was Mithras, apparently the same as the Irish *Mithr*, and with the Phœnicians, or Carthaginians, it was Baal or Bel, an epithet familiar to all students of the Bible. Concurring thus as regards the object of worship, there was a no less remarkable uniformity in the period of the year, at which these different nations celebrated a grand festival in his honour. The time chosen, appears to have been universally the season of the winter solstice, from which the New Year was frequently reckoned. This unanimity in the celebration of the festival in question, is to ascribe the general feeling of joy, which all of us experience, when the gradual shortening of the day reaches its utmost limit on the 21st of December, and the sun, recommencing his upward course, announces that mid-winter is past and spring and summer are approaching. On similar grounds, and with similar demonstrations, the ancient pagan nations observed a festival at mid-summer, or the summer solstice, when the sun arrives at the culminating point of his ascent, on the 21st June, or the longest day.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

The decking of churches, houses, and shops with evergreens at Christmas, springs from a period far anterior to the revelation of Christianity, and seems proximately to be derived from the custom prevalent during the Saturnalia, of the inhabitants of Rome ornamenting their temples and dwellings with green boughs. From this latter circumstance, we find several early ecclesiastical councils prohibiting the members of the church to imitate the pagans in thus ornamenting their houses. But in process of time, the pagan custom was like others of a similar origin, introduced into, and incorporated with the ceremonies of the church itself. The sanction of our Saviour, likewise came to be pleaded for the practice, He having entered Jerusalem in triumph, amid the shouts of the people, who strewed palm branches in his way. It is evident that the use of flowers and green boughs as a means of decoration, is almost instinctive in human nature; and we accordingly find scarcely any nation, civilised or savage, with which it has not become more or less familiar. The Jews employed it in their Feast of Tabernacles, in the month of September; the ancient Druids and other Celtic nations hung up the mistletoe and green branches of different kinds over their doors to propitiate the woodland sprites; and a similar usage prevailed, as we have seen, in Rome. In short, the feeling thus so universally exhibited, is one of natural religion, and, therefore, not to be traced exclusively to any particular creed or form of worship. Stow—that invaluable chronicler—informs us, in his "Survey of London," that "against the feast of Christmas, every man's house, as also their parish churches, were decked with holme (the evergreen oak), ivy, bayes, and whatsoever the season of the year afforded to be green. The conduits and standard in the streets were likewise garnished; among the which I read that in the year 1444, by tempest of thunder and lightning, towards the morning of Candlemas Day, at the Leadenhall, in Cornhill, a standard of tree, being set up in the midst of the pavement, fast in the ground, nailed full of holme and ivie, for disport of Christmass to the people, was torne up and cast downe by the malignant spirit (as was thought), and the stones of the pavement all about were cast in the streets, and into divers houses, so that the people were sore aghast at the great tempest." The favourite plants for church decoration at Christmas are holly, bay, rosemary, and

laurel. Ivy is rather objectionable from its associations, having anciently been sacred to Bacchus, and employed largely in the orgies celebrated in honour of the god of wine. Cypress, we are informed, has been sometimes used, but its funereal relations render it rather out of place at a festive season like Christmas. One plant, in special, is excluded—the mystic mistletoe—which, from its antecedents, would be regarded as about as inappropriate to the interior of a church as the celebration of the old Druidical rites within the sacred building. A solitary exception to this universal exclusion is mentioned by Dr. Stukeley, who says it was one time customary to carry a branch of mistletoe in procession to the high altar of York Cathedral, and thereafter proclaim a general indulgence and pardon of sins at the gates of the city. We cannot help suspecting that this instance recorded by Stukeley is to be referred to one of the burlesques on the services of the Church, which, under the leadership of the Boy-bishop, or the Lord of Misrule, formed so favourite a Christmas-pastime of the populace in bygone times. A quaint old writer thus spiritualises the practice of Christmas decorations: "To our churches and houses decked with bayes and rosemary, holly, and ivy, and other plants which are always green, winter and summer, signify and put us in mind of His Deity, that the child that now was born was God and man, who should spring up like a tender plant, should always be green and flourishing, and live for evermore." Festive carols, we are informed, used to be chanted at Christmas in praise of the evergreens, so extensively used at that season. The decorations remain in the churches from Christmas till the end of January, but in accordance with the ecclesiastical canons, they must all be cleared away before the 2nd of February, or Candlemas Day. The same holds good as a custom with regard to private dwellings, superstition in both cases rendering it a fatal presage if any of these sylvan ornaments are retained beyond the period just indicated. Aubrey informs us that, in several parts of Oxfordshire, it was the custom for the maidservant to ask the man for ivy to decorate the house, and if he refused or neglected to fetch in a supply, the maids stole some article of his dress, and nailed it up to the gate in the yard or highway. A similar usage prevailed in other places, when the refusal to comply with such a request incurred the penalty of being debarred from the well-known privileges of the mistletoe.

### GENERAL NOTES.

It is difficult to realise that the professional services of Mr. Edward Lloyd are, henceforth, lost to the musical public, almost as completely as those of the three great artists, Sims Reeves, Sir Arthur Sullivan, and Henry Russell, who have quitted this world during the last two months. But while there is life there is hope, and it is possible that, without a return to active professional life, Mr. Lloyd may be occasionally induced to emerge from his self-sought retirement to delight his countless admirers with his matchless voice and singing. While reluctant to part with our great English tenor from the concert and oratorio platform, it is impossible to quarrel with his determination to retire while still in full possession of his powers. Mr. Lloyd's voice is as beautiful and mellow as ever, and shows no sign of fatigue or wear, although he has used it; almost incessantly, since he was a choir-boy of 11, at Westminster Abbey, some 45 years ago. The many thousands to whom his singing has been a source of pleasure and delight will ever remember him in his prime, and their good wishes will always be with him.

Siegfried Wagner's new opera, "Herzog Wolfgang," is now completed, and its production will take place at the Royal Opera House, Munich, on 15th February. The libretto, written by the composer, is founded on an old German legend, in which the scapegrace duke of the title is the principal personage. The opera is a mixture of the comic and serious elements. Arrangements are being made for the work to be produced in London in the course of next autumn.

Steps are being taken to raise funds for a suitable memorial of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan, to be erected in London, and most of the heads of the musical profession will be associated in the scheme. Sir Arthur had much to do with the foundation of an orphanage for the children of deceased British musicians, and it is probable that his memory will be perpetuated in this manner, or in musical scholarships. Of course, the amount of the funds raised will decide the matter. Meanwhile, the British Colony, in Nice, have already subscribed for a tablet to be fixed in the English church, where the deceased composer was such a constant worshipper.

Ere long, "Twelfth Night" will be produced at her Majesty's Theatre, with Mr. Lionel Brough as Sir Toby, Mr. Norman Forbes as Sir Andrew Agnecheek, and Mr. Courtice Pound as the singing clown. These are all excellent engagements, and to the Malvolio of Mr. Tree, we can all look forward with pleasurable anticipation. As to the ladies, Olivia should be assigned to Mrs. Tree, who would, however, make a charming Viola, if that part has not already been allotted to Miss Lily Brayton.

### THE NEW YEAR.

Now, when glad Yule-tide fades into the past  
We ne'er forget its teachings nor its ways;  
And still Heaven's Architect Divine we praise—  
Still at His feet our worldly burdens cast.  
Masonic deeds can never be surpassed,  
If we in prayer our humble voices raise,  
And in the thralldom of our heartfelt lays  
Ask Him to guide and guard us to the last.  
Ask Him that we may be for e'er imbued  
With Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude;  
And through the Year, fast coming to our Earth,  
Instil us with a sense of truest might,  
That when our Year dies out into the night,  
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1900.

**Masonic Notes.**

Yet once again the agreeable duty devolves upon us of expressing the hope that the year on which we are about to enter may be one of happiness and prosperity to all our friends and readers. For many years we have had the privilege of fulfilling this duty, but on this occasion we do so with all the greater pleasure because the year which begins on Tuesday marks the commencement of a new century, and not only we, but everybody else, must earnestly pray that the progress which has attended this country during the 19th century may be continued, and even increased, during the century that is on the eve of beginning.

Above all, must we wish that in the next few months we shall find that Peace once again reigns supreme in our colonies and dependencies in South Africa, and that with the restoration of Peace those colonies and dependencies may be able to resume that career of prosperity which some 14 or 15 months ago was so rudely and disastrously interrupted by the outbreak of the Boer War. We trust the leaders of the present guerilla may soon be brought to realise the futility of continuing a resistance which most people regard as hopeless. When this happens, the New Year will be indeed a Happy one, and the auguries for the future of the 20th Century equally so for the whole of the British Empire.

The New Year's entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon will take place on Wednesday next, when, we doubt not, the worthy old brethren and ladies in residence there will as thoroughly enjoy themselves as they have done at similar gatherings in the past. We have every reason to believe that Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, has had an excellent programme prepared for the occasion, and that both residents and visitors will spend a pleasant evening.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 3rd January, when the officers of the Board will be appointed, and the preliminary arrangements made for the celebration. We shall have occasion to refer to the subject in the course of the next week or two. In the meantime, however, we may state Bro. Terry has no reason to be dissatisfied with the progress he has made so far in enlisting the services of ladies and brethren as Stewards, but, as owing to the continuance of the war in South Africa, the circumstances attending the Festivals of our Charitable Institutions in 1901 will pretty closely resemble those of 1900, we shall probably have larger Boards than were known 10 or a dozen years ago engaged in raising the necessary supplies for the year. About 300 have responded to Bro. Terry's invitation, but in hard times money takes more raising, and therefore, the more Stewards, the greater the chances of success for next year's Festivals.

A stated meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 4th prox., under the presidency of Bro. Conder, W.M., and the brethren will afterwards dine together at the Holborn Restaurant. In the course of the proceedings a paper will be read by Bro. W. H. Rylands, P.A.G. D.C., on "The Alnwick Lodge Minutes." We may add that we have received Part 3 of the current Volume of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," and the St. John's Card; and as we hope to be more at leisure now, we shall lose no time in reviewing them and Vol. IX. of the "Antigrapha."

There are not many brethren who can point to so remote a Masonic ancestry as Bro. Sir Norman R. Pringle, Bart., is in a position to do. Sir Norman was installed W.M. of the Moira Lodge, No. 92, on the 6th instant, and, in acknowledging the toast of his health, he was able to congratulate himself not only on being in the chair of the lodge of which his father before him was an initiate and Past Master, but also on the fact that one of his ancestors—Sir John Pringle—was elected Master of the Lodge at Kelso, in Scotland, in 1702, and that Walter Pringle, advocate, an uncle of the same Sir John Pringle, was passed F.C. in the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, on the 14th June, 1670. We can well understand the pride which the newly-installed Master of No. 92 must feel in finding himself a ruler in the Craft with which his family have been connected for 230 years.

We publish in another column a full report of the proceedings at the half-yearly meeting of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, the 14th instant. From this it will be seen that there was a full attendance of members, that according to the Report of the Council, which was laid before the meeting, the Order is in a more flourishing state than ever, and that the recommendations it contained were adopted *nem. con.* We trust that next year may witness still further progress in the Order of the Temple.

The printed proceedings of a regular convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasonry in India under the Scottish Constitution, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, on the 3rd September last, under the presidency of Comp. K. R. Cama, Grand Superintendent, have reached us, and from them it appears that Scottish R.A. Masonry has no reason to complain of its present position. It does not appear to have gained in numerical strength, but it has sustained no loss, while, on the other hand, one of its chapters, formerly meeting at Lucknow, which had been in abeyance for some time, has been resuscitated at Bombay, with a fair prospect of success. Moreover, the funds standing to the credit of Prov. Grand Chapter show a substantial increase as compared with the amount so standing in the previous account. In the course of his address the Grand Superintendent referred to the great loss sustained through the lamented death of Comp. James W. Smith, Past Dep. G. Superintendent, and a resolution of sympathy with his widow in her bereavement was passed in solemn silence.

The usual entertainment which is given to those of the children of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls who remain at school during the Christmas holidays will take place at the Institution, Battersea Rise, on Thursday, the 3rd prox., under the auspices of Bro. A. C. Spaul, Chairman of the month. The programme includes an exhibition of the cinematograph, dancing, and a comical entertainment. The proceedings are timed to commence at 5 p.m., when tea and coffee will be served.

We are indebted to the November number of the *Canadian Craftsman* for several items of special interest, foremost amongst them being a short editorial note in praise of Bro. R. B. Hungerford, who was installed M.W. Grand Master of Canada (Province of Ontario) last summer, and whose portrait serves as the frontispiece to the number. Another item is the report of a presentation of plate to Bro. E. T. Malone—whom Bro. Hungerford has succeeded—in recognition of his eminent services to the Craft during the two years he occupied the chair of Grand Master, and in fulfilment of a resolution of the Grand Lodge that such a testimonial should be given to its retiring chief. The presentation was made on behalf of Grand Lodge by Bro. Hugh Murray, Past G.M., the Grand Treasurer, in the presence of a numerous gathering of brethren from all parts of the Province, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Malone.

Again, there is a report of a meeting of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, in Ottawa, on the 13th November, when one of its officers, Bro. Captain C. F. Winter, who had served in South Africa as Adjutant of the Royal Canadian Regiment, was heartily welcomed home. Bro. the Rev. Thos. Garrett presided, and among those present were Bro. Major S. M. Rogers, who commanded D. Company of the first contingent, a number of Present and Past Grand Officers, representatives of the Craft from the jurisdictions of Quebec, British Columbia, and Connecticut, and Bro. Col. Turner, U.S. Consul-General. The guest of the evening, and also Major Rogers, both of whom were most heartily acclaimed on rising to speak, paid a very high tribute to the work accomplished by Bro. Col. Otter, who commanded the battalion, and deprecated in the strongest terms the reports circulated by the Press as to there having been anything like disunion or dissension among the officers of the regiment.

There is also a very full account of the centenary celebration of the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into Toronto. The meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, under the auspices of the St. Andrew and St. John R.A. Chapter, No. 4 on the roll of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and among those present in honour of so momentous an occasion were Comps. W. G. Reid, First Grand Principal Z.; Kivas Tully, Past Grand Z.; George J. Bennett, G. Scribe E.; J. K. Kerr, Q.C., Past G.J.; George C. Patterson, Past G. Prin. Soj., &c. In the course of the proceedings Comp. Henry T. Smith, H. of the chapter, delivered an historical sketch, in which he traced the steps taken by the then Rawdon Lodge in 1800, with a view to introducing the Royal Arch into the city of York (now Toronto), and the progress subsequently made by the Degree in the Province, a hearty vote of thanks being passed by acclamation to the lecturer for his able record.

## Correspondence.

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

## ROYAL ALFRED AGED MERCHANT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,

At this season of the year when you cheerfully give space to appeals, I beg a kind word for our aged and destitute British seamen.

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J. BAILEY WALKER,  
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## Reviews.

"NAVE'S INDEX-DIGEST OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES" (Henry Frowde, Oxford University Press Warehouse, Amen-corner, London, and at Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Belfast). This is a most marvellous compilation of the Scriptures by the Rev. Orville J. Nave, D.D., LL.D., and is the extraordinary result of "fourteen years of delightful study of the Word of God," aided by the wife of the author, and undoubtedly has been so thoroughly done that it is exhaustive and wholly reliable in character. The volume is in large 8vo, and runs to over 1600 pages in double columns, and is so printed and arranged as to help the student in every way possible. The Topics and sub-Topics exceed 20,000 in number, and are in large capitals, so that with such distinctive features and a hundred thousand references duly classified, together with the appropriate headings and an Index; running to over 150 pages, large as the work is, any word or subject, as well as all cross references, are found with the greatest of ease. Even the columns are noted in the Index, so that absolutely there is nothing wanting in this wonderful Book, in the way of information, or reference, or plan of classification. The publisher, Mr. Henry Frowde, on application, will send a sheet to show the class of work, and its admirable arrangement, and copies may be had from any bookseller of this invaluable volume for 15s. in cloth, and in various leather bindings.

THE LATE BRO. WILLIAM SIMPSON, R.I.,  
(P.M. "QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE," LONDON.)

Bro. Edward Macbean, P.M. of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge," No. 2076, London, delivered an address before the members of his lodge on the 6th October, 1899, *In Memoriam* of his friend and brother, William Simpson, the celebrated artist, and since then his admirable monograph has been printed in book form, with a striking likeness of the deceased Craftsman. Bro. Macbean sent a special copy to her Majesty the Queen, and another to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the following replies have been received. We heartily congratulate the Author on his affectionate tribute being so graciously received by Royalty.

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Buckingham Palace, S.W.

The Private Secretary is commanded by the Queen to thank Mr. Edward Macbean for his letter of 6th inst., and for the accompanying "Memoir of Mr. William Simpson" which he has kindly presented to her Majesty.

14th December, 1900.

[COPY.]

Marlborough House,  
Pall Mall, S.W.

Dear Sir,

17th December, 1900.

I am desired by the Prince of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to express his best thanks to you for the Sketch, which you have kindly sent him, of the life of Mr. Simpson (for whom he had a great regard), and which his Royal Highness has had much pleasure in accepting.

I remain,

Yours truly,  
FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

## Craft Masonry.

## United Mariners Lodge, No. 30.

The last meeting of the century was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on the 18th inst. In this case the end of the W.M.'s period of office synchronised with the end of the century, but neither of these important events appeared to unduly depress the large number of brethren who entered an appearance. The visitors included Bros. H. J. Weston, 1310, P.P.S.G.W.; H. P. Hewson, S.W. 2427; W. H. Dixon, 27; P. C. Watts, 1817; C. J. Poppin, 1624; and M. J. Carey, 2170 (Colomb). The agenda was a lengthy one, and included not only the election of the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, but also the initiation of Mr. A. E. Mitchell and the passing of Bro. K. B. Krotzschmar. Bro. George Fagg, P.M., again demonstrated his acquaintance with the ritual, and performed the two ceremonies in such an exceedingly able manner as to call forth the marked approval of the visitors from the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. F. C. Foster, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. Smith, P.M., Treasurer. Bro. L. G. Reinhardt was duly re-elected Tyler.

The business before the lodge having been disposed of, an adjournment was made to one of the spacious banqueting halls in the restaurant, when ample justice was done to supper. After the usual loyal toasts, a capital impromptu programme was gone through, including items by Bros. Remington, P.M.; Couldrey, P.M.; Dixon, Hewson, Robson, T. Smith, P.M.; Poppin, and Mitchell.

## Bank of England Lodge, No. 263.

Thursday, the 13th instant, was a high day in the annals of the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263, its members and many interested friends meeting at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, to celebrate the occasion of the granting of the centenary warrant, the lodge having been founded so far back as the year 1788.

The following members and distinguished guests were present: Bros. R. M. Minton Senhouse, W.M.; A. Leighton, I.P.M.; S. H. Waterhouse, S.W.; E. L. Keates, J.W.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.M., Treas.; H. Pritchard, P.M., Sec.; E. R. T. Croxall, S.D.; J. H. Jenks, I.G.; J. Sharpe, P.M.; J. W. Drysdale, P.M.; O. Spearing, A. Oliver, W. E. Boutches, H. P. Blencowe, John Keates, M. S. G. Gambier, L. Barker Bennett, and L. Holland, supported by the following distinguished guests: Bros. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; John Tower, D.G.D.C.; W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C.; J. T. C. Winkfield, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. G. Kentish, P.G. Std. Br.; Percy Sloper, P.G. Stwd.; J. Russell, P.G. Stwd.; E. J. Anning, H. P. Bannerman, F. H. Callingham, T. P. Cooper, Clifton Davy, P.M.; R. Finlayson, W.M.; Vesey Fitzgerald, O.C.; Walter Fell, W. H. Hillman, D. Hughes, P.M.; R. Hughes, P.M. 14; H. T. C. Hunt, W.M.; W. P. Hill, J. Johnson, G. L. Kennaby, P.M.; James Kennedy, P.M.; P. J. Morgan, F. Orchard, P.M.; Page, 45; Wm. Pickford, O.C., P.M.; M. T. Piggott, P.G. Stwd.; Pocock, P.M.; E. W. Frosser, George Rankin, P.M.; M. Roberts, D. N. Samson, and D. D. West, P.M.

The lodge having been opened, minutes read and confirmed of the previous meeting, and the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler proceeded with, the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the W.M., who was most ably assisted by Bro. H. J. Jenks, I.G., whose brilliant rendering was greatly appreciated by all present.

Bro. Henry Pritchard, P.P.G. Treas. Middx., then proceeded to the event of the evening by reading the centenary warrant granted to the lodge by the M.W. the G.M., which is as follows:

(Signed) Albert Edward, G.M.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, WARDENS, OTHER OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND LODGE, NO. 263, LONDON, and all others whom it may concern.

Seal.

WHEREAS it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge that on the 24th day of June, 1788, a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorising and empowering them and their regular successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street, London, and which was then No. 526, and named the "Bank of England" Lodge on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, which said Warrant was afterwards confirmed by a Warrant of Confirmation dated the 20th day of November, 1870, and Whereas in consequence of the Union of the Two Grand Lodges on the 27th day of December, 1813, the said Lodge became No. 499 on the said Register, and Whereas in consequence of the general Alterations in the numbers of Lodges in the years 1832 and 1863 the said Lodge became and now stands on the Register as No. 263 meeting at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate, London, under the Title or Denomination of the

## BANK OF ENGLAND LODGE

And Whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge are desirous (when it shall have completed) the Centenary of its existence to be permitted to wear a Jewel commemorative of such event and have prayed our sanction for that purpose.

NOW KNOW YE that we having taken the subject into our consideration have accorded and in virtue of our prerogative do hereby give and grant to all and each of the subscribing Members of the said Lodge, being Master Masons, permission to wear in all Masonic Meetings, suspended to the left breast by a Sky Blue Ribbon not exceeding one inch and a half in breadth, a Jewel or Medal of the pattern or device that we have already approved of as a Centenary Jewel. But such Jewel is to be worn only by those Brethren who are bona-fide subscribing Members of the said Lodge and for so long only as they shall pay their regular stipulated Subscription to the Funds thereof, and be duly returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England.

Given at London the 3rd September, A.L. 5900, A.D. 1900.

By Command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c.

(Signed) E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.

After an interval in which members and guests were entertained by the strains of the capital band provided by Bro. James Hamilton, the company proceeded to take part in a very *recherche* banquet.

From the commencement of the toasts the *mot d'ordre* was "brevity," so all of the speeches were commendably short.

"The Queen and Craft" and "M.W.G.M." being just given and drunk with acclamation.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst; the Dep. Grand Master, Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with it the name of Bro. Letchworth, G. Sec., and the other Grand Officers present, whom he thanked for devoting the time to attend.

Bro. Letchworth, in responding, said that the Grand Officers did all they could to advance the welfare of the Craft, and congratulated the lodge on this auspicious occasion; and reverting to the history of the lodge, told how in years past it had met at the old Guildhall coffee-house, the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, and in conclusion, wished the lodge prosperity for another 100 years.

The I.P.M., Bro. Albert Leighton, in proposing "The Health of the W.M." in flattering terms, remarked that if there was not much work in the lodge, still quality rather than quantity was what they sought.

The W.M., in response, said that he could not make his listeners feel the sensations he was actuated by in having the great good fortune and luck in being Master for the centenary year. Although conscious of many shortcomings, there was one point he was satisfied upon—he had fulfilled his promises, *i.e.*, obeyed all lawful summons, and had never been absent at the opening of lodge. The lodge had a grand history of 112 years, and many illustrious men in science, politics, and arts had been amongst its Masters; he knew it would keep up its reputation, and continue to be what they all knew it to be—"the best lodge in London." He had throughout had the support of the Past Masters, and he then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," coupling with it the name of Bro. Sharpe, P.M.

Bro. Sharpe, P.M., replied that there were other Past Masters more worthy than he to be called attention to, and thanked all for the hearty way in which they had responded to the toast for the Past Masters.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said there was no need to read out their names and rank; with the toast he gave the names of Bros. Vesey Fitzgerald, Pickford, and Piggott, who all three briefly, suitably, and humorously responded.

With regard to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said the lodge depends on those useful officers, and for many years this lodge had rejoiced in the same Treasurer and Secretary, and it was due to Bro. Sudlow they were there that night; he had got the warrant granted by putting his shoulder to the wheel, and as Bro. Pritchard had arranged all the details of the evening, the success of it was due to both those hard-working brethren.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, replying, said he was very proud to occupy his position in the lodge, the fact of being Treasurer of the Bank of England Lodge had a very soothing sound, and was suggestive of untold wealth, &c., and as he had not mentioned the balance in hand, its wealth was untold, but in case his hearers should think that by a little ingenuity of speech he had been hiding a deficit, he wished to say that as in years past they had an exceedingly good balance. He was delighted as to what the W.M. said regarding Bro. Pritchard, as he recognised thereby his invaluable labours. He begged to thank the W.M. very heartily for the toast as far as regarded himself personally.

Bro. Henry Pritchard, P.P.G. Treas. Middx., Sec., said what pleasure it gave him to respond after 13 years of the same duties, and commented on the many difficulties which may not be apparent with which a Secretary had to combat. The Treasurer and Secretary ought always to work in perfect harmony as Bro. Sudlow and himself did. Although they were not the Bank of England itself, yet he hoped they had sufficient to make their guests happy.

In toasting "The Officers," the W.M. said how excellently they all did their work, and specially mentioned and thanked the I.G., Bro. J. H. Jenks, who was to be highly commended for the admirable way in which he worked the lecture.

Bro. Sudlow had proposed that he, the W.M., should do some work, and suggested



Bro. Jenks to assist him, but, as a matter of fact, he should think that he assisted Bro. Jenks by putting a few questions.

After Bros. E. R. T. Croxall, S.D., and Jenks, had suitably and modestly replied, the Tyler's toast closed the official portion of the proceedings, and a pleasant evening relapsed into a more homely form of amusement.

A capital programme of vocal and instrumental music was furnished by Bro. James Kift, Miss Edith Blanchard, Bro. Arthur Strugnell, Bro. Jas. A. Hamilton, Bro. H. J. Baynton, and Bro. Ophermin.

### St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. S. SPARKES.

The annual installation festival and anniversary of St. John was duly observed by the brethren of the above lodge at the Masonic Hall, Soane-street, Ipswich, on the 12th inst., and the event passed off with an *eclat* never surpassed in the history of the lodge. The fourth oldest lodge in the Province of Suffolk, St. Luke's for several years has been making rapid progress, both financially and numerically, but the year just ended has been one of unparalleled success, and Bro. H. J. Brook (who accepted the W.M.'s chair in unexpected circumstances) is to be congratulated upon his year of office having proved a record one—so much so that the lodge was on this occasion enabled to vote out of its funds 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

There was a crowded attendance of members and visiting brethren to witness the installation of the popular S.W. of the lodge, Bro. Sergt.-Major Sparkes, and, in addition to the lodge officers and 30 members, the following Past Masters signed the presence book: Bros. G. Abbott, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Talbot, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Snow; A. W. Cook, P.P.G.P.; J. A. Pettit, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. P. Price, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. J. Whitehead, P.P.G.P.; W. H. Cook, P.A.G.P.; S. Skerritt, P.G. Stwd.; W. Rumsby; and G. W. Senton, P.G. Std. Br. The visitors included the following: Bros. V. D. Colchester, W.M. 114, P.P.S.G.D.; C. E. Tempest, Sec. 114, P.P.J.G.D.; F. G. Bond, 114; G. Turner, 376, P.P.J.G.D.; G. R. Chilver, 376; A. C. Hayward, 376; E. G. Dale, 376; C. Grayson, W.M. 959; E. Hills, P.G. Std. Br.; W. F. Odlum, W. Watson, R. H. Unsworth, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. E. Whitmarsh, A. Goff, A. T. Shepherd, and G. A. Aylward, all of 959; and C. A. Brasted 2063. The esteemed Prov. G. Sec., Bro. N. Tracy, and several other well-known brethren were unavoidably absent.

The lodge being duly opened, Bro. S. Sparkes was installed into the W.M.'s chair by Bro. Walter Rumsby, who discharged his onerous task with much ability. The newly-elected W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bro. H. J. Brook, I.P.M.; R. Miller, S.W.; Jas. Howlett, J.W.; J. Talbot, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; G. P. Price, P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; R. D. Taylor, S.D.; W. J. Christie, J.D.; A. W. Cook, P.P.G.P., D. of C.; W. Parker, Org.; A. E. Senton, Asst. Org.; A. Mills, I.G.; E. B. Lewcock, H. B. Clarke, F. G. Fisk, J. Burkitt, A. J. Howard, W. W. Fulcher, and C. A. Cundall, Stwds; and George Gould, Tyler.

After the closing of the lodge, the members and visitors adjourned to the banquet-hall, where a most enjoyable evening was spent, under Bro. Sparkes's presidency.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M. mentioning, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," that he had now served her Majesty for 37 years.

Bros. Senton, P.M., and G. Abbott, P.M., responded for "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Rumsby, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Worshipful Master," who happily responded, and toasted "The Installing Master" in suitable terms.

Responding for "The Masonic Charities," ably submitted by Bro. G. Abbott, P.M., Bro. G. P. Price, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.M., Sec., expatiated on the value of Charity votes to lodges, and said he hoped, with the 50 guineas which the lodge had so generously voted that evening, to present a sum of 100 guineas when he went up to London in February as Charity Steward of St. Luke's. (Applause.)

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. V. D. Colchester, G. R. Chilver, C. A. Brasted, and F. G. Bond, the latter paying a well-deserved tribute to the services rendered by the W.M. to the Ipswich Companies of the 1st V.B.S.R.

"The I.P.M." and "The Officers of St. Luke's Lodge" were also honoured and responded to, the following brethren contributing to the harmony of the proceedings: Bros. Copeland, Brasted, Abbott, Talbot, Unsworth, Chilver, and H. Anderson (accompanist).

### Empress Lodge, No. 2581.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. G. D. COLEMAN.

The members of this lodge were surrounded by a large and influential gathering of visitors at the installation meeting, held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 12th instant. During its short career the Empress Lodge has enjoyed considerable success, and from the very character of the proceedings under notice there seems every prospect of a continuance in the future.

After the opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, the Audit Report, which showed a very healthy financial state, was unanimously adopted. Bro. Chas. I. Kiralfy, the retiring Master, then ably installed Bro. G. D. Coleman as the W. Master for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed: Bros. G. C. Breeze, S.W.; J. S. Bhungara, J.W.; Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Percival Dixon, Sec.; G. R. Blades, S.D.; G. G. Kirchner, J.D.; N. F. Bhungara, D.C.; W. H. Bond, I.G.; W. F. Allvey, B. Dawson, M.D., and W. H. Jeffcoat, Stwds.; and S. Ellis, Tyler. Bro. C. I. Kiralfy, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his valuable services in the chair. Bro. Kirchner was heartily welcomed back to the lodge after a serious illness, and expressed his acknowledgments for the sympathy and kindness shown to him. An interesting letter was read from Bro. Will Chapman, P.M., in South Africa, which was ordered to be inserted on the minutes. A resolution affecting the bye-laws was adopted, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the customary toasts were proceeded with, "The Queen and the Craft" being first heartily received.

In giving "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said they were favoured that evening with the presence of some of the most illustrious lights in Freemasonry. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., an honorary member of the lodge, and Bro. Loveland Loveland, a very old friend.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., in his response, said the toast included something that seemed incongruous—"the rest of the Grand Officers." They had no rest, being always bustling about. The brethren could never go to a good lodge meeting held in a good restaurant, but they found the Grand Officers well to the front. He would say one word about the W.M. Four or five years ago a small parcel was sent from Madras to England and arrived at the Royal Masonic Girls' School. That parcel contained a little girl which was taken care of by the W.M. and his wife, and she was now growing up and doing well. This only showed what a good Mason the W.M. was, but he would make no further remarks on this subject, fearing to take the wind out of the sails of the I.P.M.

Bro. Loveland Loveland, President of the Board of General Purposes, said he had known the W.M. for many years, and was proud to see him in his present position—the chair of a very fine lodge—a post which he would fill admirably. The W.M. always did everything thoroughly, and he congratulated Bro. Coleman and the lodge on their respective positions.

Bro. Charles I. Kiralfy, I.P.M., then proposed "The W.M.," and said the lodge considered itself extremely fortunate in having such a man for W.M. as Bro. Coleman. Both in and out of Masonry, Bro. Coleman was one who carried Masonry with him through his daily life, being entirely imbued with the spirit of it. To sum up his good qualities, he was the right man in the right place, and everything he did was done with a grace and a certain amount of modesty that was most delightful to observe.

Bro. G. D. Coleman, W.M., in his reply, said that, as they might imagine, after the very hearty reception given him, he felt nervous in getting on his legs to return thanks. He thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind and far too flattering manner in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for receiving the toast so well. He should, indeed, be the wrong man in the wrong place if he did not appreciate the kindly sentiments of his predecessors. He felt this so thoroughly that he had forgotten what he ought to say. The task he had before him in that chair was a difficult one, for, un-

fortunately for him, his predecessors had done their duty exceedingly well. In succeeding them he had qualms of conscience, but he would do his best, and if he could give them satisfaction he should satisfy himself. The I.P.M. had said so many kind things of him that he was afraid they would expect far more from him in the work than he could fulfil. He would, however, do his best, and thanked them heartily, for he felt more than he could say after their hearty reception.

The W.M. then gave "The I.P.M.," remarking that Bro. C. Kiralfy had proved himself a worthy son of a distinguished father. They had excellent work from Bro. Imre Kiralfy, and his son had taken note of that good example. Bro. Chas. Kiralfy, I.P.M., had worked the Degrees with that ability which inspired confidence in his officers. The I.P.M. carried with him the affectionate remembrance of all the officers, and if the rest of the Masters of the lodge were as good the lodge would continue to prosper.

Bro. C. I. Kiralfy, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for their support, and took this opportunity of thanking them for the beautiful jewel presented to him that evening. It would not only be a memento of the lodge and its associations, but a souvenir of the brethren individually and collectively. It would be an individual souvenir of the W.M. as having come from the W.M.'s hands, and he would prize it as such. It would be a souvenir of the officers for the able, pleasing, and delightful way in which they had supported him. It would be a souvenir of the initiates he had brought into Freemasonry. The soldier valued his Victoria Cross, the sportsman his blue riband, and the Past Master his jewel as something beyond everything else. Life was made up of sunshine and storm, and it was just such a souvenir as this, when they were far away, that the signification of the emblem reminded them that they could not be friendless. On such an occasion it would be an encouragement to try and leave the world a little better than he found it.

For "The Visitors" Bros. Glaiser, P.M. 34; Dr. Beresford Ryley, P.P.G.W. Middx.; and Sir Montagu Nelson responded.

Bros. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, M.P., P.M., and Imre Kiralfy, P.M., Treas., answered for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Breese, S.W., for "The Officers."

A pleasant entertainment was given under the direction of Bro. James Kift, assisted by Miss Ethel Bevan, Miss Ethel Marsh, and Bros. Walter Churcher, Franklin Clive, and Fred Russell.

Amongst the large company present were Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; J. H. Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; J. L. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.W.; R. Loveland Loveland, President of the Board of the General Purposes; T. Poulton Griffin, P.G.D.; Gordon Miller, P.G.D.; Sir Arthur Trendell, P.A.G.D.C.; Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. J. Beresford Ryley, P.P.G.W.; C. E. Birch, P.P.G.W.; A. R. Bilby, P.P.G.W.; Sir Montagu Nelson, T. Fraser, W.M. 2488; W. S. Hooper, P.M.; A. Tite, A. J. Thomas, P.M.; J. H. Dimsdale, P.M.; E. C. Fisk, W.M. 2323; G. Greiner, P.M.; F. A. Nash, J.W. 1768; Dr. R. J. Maitland Coffin, P.M.; F. W. Barrett, and many others.

## FREEMASONRY IN BERKSHIRE.

### DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT NEWBURY.

One of the oldest structures in the ancient town of Newbury, which can trace its Mayoral list back unbroken to the days of Queen Elizabeth, has been in the hands of the builders and restorers for some time past, having been purchased by the Loyal Berkshire Lodge, and converted into a handsome Masonic Hall, with a convenient suite of ante-rooms. The premises originally formed an oak-panelled house of superior character, which stood in its own grounds, near the main thoroughfare now known as Northbrook-street, so named from a rippling brook which formerly ran down the north side of the street, but which for many years has been covered over and lost to sight. For a lengthened period the premises in question, which are approached by a flight of stone steps leading to a hall, from which a handsome oaken staircase connects the basement with the upper floors, were occupied by successive legal firms, and prior to the erection of the present block of Municipal buildings in the Market-place, were regularly used for police court purposes by the county justices.

The conversion of the structure has been carried out in accordance with the Masonic ritual, and the hall is to be dedicated early in the new year by the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Berkshire, Bro. Morland (Mayor of Abingdon). Bros. Lord Wantage, V.C., John W. Martin, Prov. G. Sec.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; and other distinguished members of the Craft will also take part in the inauguration ceremony.

The position of W.M. of the lodge has been held for two years by Bro. Col. Gerald Ricardo, who, however, has been represented by the I.P.M., Bro. Stephen Knight, jun., during the past 12 months, having been on duty with the Berks Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa.

## Mark Masonry.

### Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.

A meeting of this lodge was convened at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 20th ult. Among those present were: Bros. E. Bond, W.M.; E. Hawkins, S.W.; F. F. Bonney, J.W.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., P.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; G. Newell, S.D.; A. Tisley, P.A.G.D.C., P.M.; T. B. Dodson, P.M.; F. W. Driver, P.G.S., P.M. (hon. mem.); Bro. Walter Crombie was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. W. Crombie for joining, and for Bro. Chapman of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, for advancement, and it was unanimous, but the latter, through indisposition, was unable to be present. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. J. V. Sherrin, M.O.; T. L. Pewtress, S.O.; and A. Read, J.O. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed. After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. Bros. A. Tisley and F. W. Driver responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed, in flattering terms, by Bro. Dodson, P.M.

The W.M., in reply, regretted that the candidate for advancement had not been able to attend that evening. The Prince Leopold Lodge, although numerically small, was a most happy institution. He always looked forward to its meetings, and he felt confident that every other member did. There was such a spirit of good fellowship manifested, and long might that continue.

The toast of "The Joining Member" followed. Bro. W. Crombie, in reply, expressed his great acknowledgment to his proposer and seconder. He hoped to be of some service to the lodge. He had a great desire to progress in Freemasonry, and he had to thank one of their members for so kindly assisting him to achieve that end.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and was coupled with the name of Bro. T. B. Dodson, P.M., who made a humorous reply in response.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" followed. Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, in reply, briefly said that he quite endorsed the remarks of the W.M., who, in the earlier part of the evening, had spoken of the harmony and good-fellowship which always attended the meetings of No. 238. Personally he felt proud of belonging to it, and it was one of those Masonic bodies that he should be very sorry to leave.

Bros. Hawkins and Newell having replied to the toast of "The Officers," the proceedings terminated.

## Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 450.

## LADIES' NIGHT.

The members of this lodge entertained their lady friends and other visitors at a banquet in the Duke's Salon, Holborn Restaurant, on the 13th inst. Bro. W. J. Hiam, Prov. G.I. of W. Surrey, W.M., presided, and the whole of the arrangements proved eminently satisfactory and enjoyable, thanks to the exertions of the energetic Secretary, Bro. Apelt.

The visitors on arrival were received and welcomed by the W.M. and Mrs. Hiam, and after banquet each lady was presented with a choice bottle of scent as a souvenir of the occasion.

kindly remarks, said he had not done as much for the lodge as he would like to see done. He certainly took a deep interest in the lodge, and was glad of its success. He hoped to be connected with it for many years, and be present at many such pleasant evenings.

The W.M. then proposed "The Ladies," and expressed the delight of the members at seeing them present. The majority of the company present knew that Freemasonry possessed three of the largest institutions in the world, in the support of which ladies had helped very considerably. There were two ladies present—Mrs. Hiam and Mrs. Apelt—who had done great work for these institutions, and the latter was wearing some of her Steward's jewels.

Bro. J. Farnfield responded in a humorous speech, in which he referred to the



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The musical arrangements were well carried out by the English Glee Singers (Bros. P. C. Fellatt, G. Lupson, A. W. Harris, and W. Ottewill). Bro. Reginald Yarrow presided at the pianoforte, and Bro. George Schreider was in his happiest and most humorous vein.

A few toasts were given.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Apelt, Sec. He said that if he were to praise the W.M. too much, Mrs. Hiam would have more trouble to rule and govern her husband than ever before. He would, however, say that ever since Bro. Hiam had been associated with the lodge he had materially contributed to its success. They hoped that when the W.M. became a Past Master he would continue to work for the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. W. J. Hiam, W.M., briefly replied, and having thanked the Secretary for his

anxiety of the ladies to get into Freemasonry. They had enjoyed themselves immensely that evening, and hoped to be invited again. Bro. Dawson and Mr. Macdonald answered for "The Ladies," and Bros. Farnfield and Apelt for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Amongst those present were Bro. W. J. Hiam, P.G.I. of W. Surrey, W.M., and Mrs. Hiam; Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.M., G.S.O.; Bro. E. Apelt, P.M., P.G.M.O. Surrey, Sec., and Mrs. Apelt; Mr. and Miss H. Trotman; Bro. J. Leach Barrett, P.M., P.G.I.W. Surrey, and Mrs. Barrett; Bro. C. Woodrow, P.M., P.G.S.B. Surrey, Mrs., and Miss Woodrow; Bro. John Mayo and Mrs. Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. Bard, Bro. and Miss Lupson, Bro. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Bro. and Mrs. Osman, Bros. Good and Gedge, Bro. and Mrs. Green, Bro. and Mrs. Hill, Bro. and Mrs. Shead, Bro. and Mrs. Knutt, Bro. and Mrs. Stephen Lee and Miss Lee, Mr. McCulloch, Bros. Simpson and Romerly, and others.

## Instruction.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. D. Taylor, W.M.; C. S. Hend, S.W.; R. E. Maskall, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; W. A. Evans, S.D.; M. Relph, J.D.; J. Jackson, I.G.; C. Nicole, C. G. Zander, H. J. May, E. Lucas, E. P. Fischer, D. Meredew, and H. J. Dunaway.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Zander being the candidate. The ancient charge was given. The ceremony of passing was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Fischer being the candidate. Bro. Hend was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

## Royal Arch.

### Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88, INSTALLATION OF COMP. A. E. CHAPLIN.

The half-yearly convocation of this chapter, attached to the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on the 13th inst. The attendance included Comps. Colonel R. Townley Caldwell, Grand Superintendent; G. J. McKay, Rev. Dr. Cunningham, W. Bray, J. Royston, T. W. Allsop, Falkner, A. Cumberland, and other visitors. There was a good attendance of members.

The installation of Principals took place at 4 p.m., when Comp. A. E. Chaplin, P.P.G. Treas., was for the second time placed in the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. B. Chennell, P.Z., P.P.G.J., after which Comps. W. Sindall, P. 1st Asst. G. Soj., and J. H. Moyes, P.G.S.B., were installed as H. and J. respectively, by the outgoing Second Principal, Comp. Frank Figgott, P.Z., P.P.G.H. Upon the opening of the chapter, the other officers elected on June 27th, were invested. The list of officers for the year is as understated: Comps. A. E. Chaplin, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas., M.E.Z.; W. Sindall, P.A. 1st. G. Soj., H.; J. H. Moyes, P.G.S.B., J.; J. Gordon Chennell, P.P.G. Sid. Br., I.P.Z.; Oliver Papworth, P.Z., P.P.G.H., S.E.; A. H. Langridge, P.G.D.C., S.N.; T. Hunnybun, P.P.G. Sid. Br., Treas.; W. Purchas, P.S.; T. Leader, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Bester, 2nd Asst. Soj.; B. Chennell, P.Z., P.P.G.J., D. of C.; H. A. Chapman, Org.; J. V. Pryor, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., Stwd.; and G. A. Allen, Janitor. Bros. E. Stanley Wood (raised in No. 1258) and J. Walker, 88, were balloted for and elected. Bro. Walker was unable to attend. Bro. Stanley Wood was exalted by Comp. Chaplin, M.E.Z. The work of the P.S. was well done by Comp. W. Purchas, in conjunction with Comp. B. Chennell, P.Z. After the historical and symbolical lectures, Comp.

Chennell described the pedestal, and gave the signs in his usual impressive style. Other business having been transacted, the chapter was closed.

The G. Superintendent and Comp. G. J. Mackay were among the speakers after the banquet.

Comp. B. Chennell said he had inherited the old traditions of the chapter from very expert R.A. Masons, and he had endeavoured for many years to hand them on to successive First Principals.

Some of the visitors said that, although the same principles were enunciated, and they arrived at the same goal, there was much in the working they had just witnessed which was new to them, and well worthy of imitation.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.

The installation meeting of this old chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 9th ult., when there were present Bros. A. W. Humphreys, M.W.S.; T. E. Biddlecombe, Prelate, M.W.S. elect; H. J. Adams, 1st Gen.; Major Baldwin, 2nd Gen.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; H. Hills, J.P., 30°; T. Bigg; L. Carrick; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; Dr. Victor Jagielski, P.M.W.S.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A.; W. Crombie, F. F. Bonney, J. V. Sherrin, and W. Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Ex. Bro. Biddlecombe, having been presented, was most ably installed by Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner. Among the officers appointed were Bros. Adams, Major Baldwin, H. Hills, C. Slater, Bigg, Carrick, Capt. Carpenter, the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, H. J. Lardner, Major T. C. Walls, Dr. E. M. Lott, 31°, Egbert Roberts, and Dr. J. W. Hinton. The Report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to the I.P.M.W.S. Votes of condolence were passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to the respective families of Bros. G. Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S., and W. Maple, deceased. A vote of thanks was passed, with acclamation, to Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner for his services as Installing Sovereign. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Major J. E. Anderson, 31°, P.M.W.S.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A.; Capt. G. Carpenter, C. F. Matier, and many others. The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Cafe Royal, Regent-street, and the M.W.S. presided most genially.

In submitting the toast of "The Past Sovereigns," the M.W.S. feelingly alluded to the loss that the chapter had sustained by the death of two of the oldest "perfectees" in it. In consequence of continued ill health they had not seen Bro. W. Maple for years, and, therefore, his demise had not created such a shock as did that of Bro. Graveley's, whose genial presence and zeal in Masonic matters had delighted his friends to the very last. The Past Sovereigns were an important body in the old Mount Calvary, and he trusted that many years would elapse before there would be another loss

to mourn. He coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Humphreys, Driver, and Dr. Jagielski, who respectively replied.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Recorder" and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a termination.

During the evening the M.W.S. provided an excellent musical programme, and Bro. F. W. Driver as usual contributed some original pieces of poetry.

### LADIES' FESTIVAL OF THE JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

It was, indeed, a night of nights, and was certainly a great success, and the W.M., Bro. Edward T. Pearce, and his able Stewards (Bros. F. Varley, P.M.; J. J. Cornell, S.W.; L. Sommerfeld, Chas. Varley, Walter Evans, and W. Clement), and the energetic Secretary (Bro. J. R. Reep, P.M.) are to be commended and congratulated upon the result of their efforts, which gained the unanimous commendation of the members of this well-known and distinguished lodge and of their ladies and friends who had the good fortune to be present at the very pleasant gathering at the Holborn Restaurant on the 12th instant, that the aptly described *Ladies' Festival* was perfection.

Among those present were the W.M., Bro. Edward T. Pearce, and his niece, Miss Baird; Bro. Capt. John Barlow, J.P., I.P.M.; Bro. J. J. Cornell, S.W., and Mrs. Cornell; Bros. J. H. Haine, and J. Waud, and Mrs. Haine; Bro. J. B. Sorrell, P.M. Treas., and Mrs. Sorrell; Bro. J. R. Reep, P.M. Sec.; Bro. C. Varley, S.D., and Miss Varley; Bro. W. Evans, J.D., and Mrs. Evans; Mrs. Burgwin (of the *Referee* children's dinner fund fame); Bro. E. G. Packham, P.M.; Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Kent; Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Cockerton; Bro. and Mrs. J. Buckmaster; Bro. and Mrs. W. Walker; Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Rowse and Miss Rowse; Bro. F. Varley, P.M., and Mrs. Varley; Bro. and Mrs. F. French; Bro. and Mrs. Geo. Gally and Miss Gally; Bro. Thornber; Bro. R. Hill and Miss May Hill; Bro. F. Dangerfield, P.M., and Mrs. and Miss Dangerfield; Bro. and Mrs. Walter Potter; Bros. W. Clement and J. R. Smythe; Bro. and Mrs. Corfield Smith; Bro. Henry Evans, P.M. and Mrs. Evans; Mrs. Holthusen; Mrs. Andrews; Bro. and Mrs. G. Evans; Bros. G. Collins and Wolverson; Bro. and Mrs. E. A. R. Adams; Bro. and Mrs. Pitt Smith; Bro. and Mrs. Cunis; Bros. Tom Browne and Beals; Bro. and Mrs. Cameron; Bros. Thompson and Sommerfeld; Bro. and Mrs. Dixon; Mrs. Weakley; Bro. J. Freeman, P.M., Tyler; Bros. Capt. Simpson, 2425; Fitzgerald, P.M.; R. D. Cummings, P.M. 2168; R. T. West, 1744; and many others.

The brethren and their ladies were received by the W.M., Bro. E. T. Pearce, and Miss Baird.

After ample time had been given for introduction and conversation, the company adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The W.M., Bro. Pearce, presided at the banquet table, having on his right his charming niece, Miss Baird, and Mrs. Burgwin on his left, and was well supported by the officers of the lodge.

When ladies honour Masonic circles with their presence it is only right that they should be studied in every way, and in making the toast list a short one the W.M., no doubt, had this view in mind, as it goes without saying that the fair sex are not lovers of hearing long speeches, especially when there is a good entertainment to follow.

The W.M., Bro. Pearce, on rising to propose the first toast, was received with great enthusiasm.

In giving "The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family," the W.M., in eloquent terms, referred to her Majesty's many acts of kindness during the present year, and since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been at the head of the Craft it had flourished, and would continue to do so, and H.R.H. the Princess did her utmost for the Charities of the country.

The W.M. proposed "The Ladies," observing that it was, undoubtedly, the most important toast of the evening, which would be received with every honour due to them. (Applause.) When he was installed he thought it was a great honour and a proud moment of his life, but that occasion was another proud moment, and a great honour for him as W.M. to receive the ladies. As the ladies might think it strange and not the thing that the members were not in Masonic clothing and unadorned, he explained the reason why. He was particularly in favour of ladies coming into Masonic circles as often as possible, as they could see, if he might say so, that they were a good body of men. He hoped the ladies had enjoyed themselves, and in the name of the John Hervey Lodge he tendered them a hearty welcome, and they were delighted to have them there, and he trusted to see them again at the earliest opportunity. He was honoured by having as his guest Mrs. Burgwin—(great applause)—whom he had the honour of knowing for 20 years, and he had very much pleasure in associating her name with the toast.

The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Mrs. BURGWIN, on rising to respond received an ovation. She said she rose with all humility on behalf of the ladies to thank them for the very ample manner they had honoured the toast. If in entertaining the ladies the members were breaking away from tradition, she hoped they would get absolution—that is, if they did anything in that way. What a thing it would be if they could carry their thoughts back to the beginning of the century instead of the end of it. What would her great grandmother have thought of one of her lady descendants venturing to respond at a banquet? She had been reading about Masonry, and she found they went to lodges of instruction. What did they do there, and what alter? (Laughter.) She looked up Mrs. Caudle to know what she said when her husband came home late from a banquet. The members could have no excuse now for being late, as they could get home early by the Twopenny Tube. Things, however, had improved, as there was evidence that evening that the sisters would not be neglected as they had been in the past. It was very wrong of their Worshipful Master to give her away by saying he had known her for 20 years; but, nevertheless, it was true, and he was then, what he was now, a man of honour, and she felt he would sustain the dignity of the lodge. A moment, there must be no fire that evening. (Laughter.) She did not know what it meant, but, of course, the members did. In eloquent terms she referred to the three Institutions, remarking that she admired Freemasons because they never forgot the Charities, and took in their arms their deceased brothers' children, and while they did that the Craft would continue to prosper. She had been in Russia, and saw something there which reminded her very much of what she had seen in Masonry, and she remarked it to an officer there, who said they had plenty of Masons in Russia. If the ladies in the ensuing century started a Maria Hervey Lodge, and she was connected with it, the members should have an invitation. In conclusion, she said they were delighted to be there, and they hoped the members would invite them again.

In giving "The Masonic Visitors," the W.M. stated that the lodge was always fortunate in having a large array of visitors and they were ever welcome. The visitors were no doubt aware that their esteemed I.P.M., Bro. Captain John Barlow was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, and the members

would be very much indebted to them if they would use their efforts and return him by a good majority. It was in Bro. Captain Barlow's favour that last year he retired in favour of Bro. Manfield, and so saved the worry and expense of a contested election, which should not be forgotten. He was qualified in every way for grand honours, and what he had done for the Craft and the Charities should ensure his election. Bro. Captain Barlow was deputed by the War Office to look after the Colonial Volunteers, who had been the guests of the country, and for the last two weeks he had been very busy entertaining them. The W.M. coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Fitzgerald and Captain Simpson.

In response, Bro. FITZGERALD thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had received the toast. The W.M. was to be congratulated on such a grand gathering, and Mrs. Burgwin for her eloquent speech in responding for the ladies. The W.M. had referred to the candidature of Bro. Captain Barlow for the election of Grand Treasurer, and he felt confident that the Masons in the Metropolis would do their very utmost to send him in at the head of the poll. The visitors did not regret their visit as they had had a splendid reception, and had been lavishly entertained.

Bro. Captain SIMPSON also acknowledged the toast, and said he fully endorsed the remarks of Bro. Fitzgerald. It was true that Bro. Captain Barlow had done his duty nobly in looking after the guests of the country, and unless he had dragged himself away he would have been on his way to Canada. Before the Canadians sailed the officers presented him with a silver cigar case, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Captain Barlow by the officers of the Royal Canadian Regiment in appreciation of his kindness during their sojourn in England. Decr. 11, 1900."

Bro. J. B. SORRELL, P.M., said that it was with very much pleasure that he had to submit the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Edward T. Pearce." The W.M. had had to do a lot of work in the lodge, which he had done in a masterly manner. He had followed a very popular and excellent Mason in Bro. Captain Barlow, I.P.M., which was no easy task, and he had done everything to promote the interests of their good lodge and the happiness of the members, and the way he had conducted that brilliant entertainment showed that he was a very good fellow, and the right man in the right place; and on behalf of them all he thanked him for his efforts, and expressed the very best of wishes for his health, happiness, and prosperity.

The W.M., Bro. PEARCE, on rising to respond, had a great reception. He said that his sincere thanks were due to them for the way in which they had received the toast. He had only one aim, which was to do his very best for the lodge, and if at the end of his term of office they were satisfied, he would be amply repaid. The eloquent speech of his friend, Mrs. Burgwin, and her kind reference to him would never be effaced from his memory.

The toast of "The Stewards of the Evening and Committee" was entrusted to Bro. E. G. Packman, P.M., who, in eloquent and appropriate terms referred to their efficient services, with the result that the happy gathering was a great success, and an epoch in the annals of the lodge, and he joined with the toast the name of Bro. L. Sommerfeld.

Bro. L. Sommerfeld acknowledged the toast in very happy terms.

Each lady during the evening was presented with a beautiful fan, which was an agreeable surprise and much appreciated.

A very successful flash-light photograph of the gathering was taken by Messrs. Fradelle and Young, of Regent Street, which we have seen, and it is a work of art and will be a lasting souvenir of the ladies festival of the John Hervey Lodge.

During the banquet Mrs. Hunt's ladies excellent and popular orchestra performed a beautiful selection of music, which was very much appreciated.

A musical entertainment of superior quality was provided under the able direction of Mrs. Hunt, assisted by Bros. Walter George and Richard Green, Miss José Dubois, Madame Marchant, and Miss Dora Thorpe.

It is hardly necessary to add that, with such talent, and under the genial guidance of the W.M., Bro. Pearce, a most enjoyable evening was spent, and it was brought to a close with the hearty singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

## Craft Masonry.

### Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, under very sad circumstances. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Irvine Gray Ohlson, who had been seriously ill for some time, passed away on the morning of the lodge meeting, so that the brethren were not made acquainted with the sad news until the assembling of the lodge.

Bro. John Lancaster, I.P.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bro. A. C. Wood, P.M.; H. H. Jones, P.M., Treas.; John A. Stock, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Jones, P.M.; D. Jones, H. W. Mitten, P.M., Secretary of instruction lodge; T. W. Edmund, S.W.; W. Overbury, J.W.; W. Wright, J.D.; H. C. Reynolds, I.G.; H. Thompson, Org.; W. H. Abbott and E. G. Buckman, Stwds.; C. Norington, F. Ratheram, W. Turpin, E. Hill Clarke, G. Lee, H. Wheeler, W. Hawkins, F. W. Jollands, J. Allen, G. Morant, H. Stair, W. E. Everard, W. Hobbs, A. W. Galfield, B. T. Welch, W. H. Bird, J.D. 1931; G. J. Lucas, 1362; and R. Bunbridge, W.M. 1936. The following gentlemen were initiated: C. A. Bartrop, A. T. Gardner, and A. G. Bannister. Due respect having been made to the memory of the deceased Master by Bros. Stock, P.M., Woods, P.M., and Mitten, P.M., and recorded on the minutes, it was unanimously resolved to send a letter of condolence to the widow, and that the lodge should be represented, and a wreath sent as a token of respect and sympathy of the members at the funeral, which took place on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at Tower Hamlet Cemetery, Bow, many friends and members being present.

Bro. Ohlson was also a member of the Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 742, having recently been elected to the position of J. As he took great interest in the lodge and chapter his decease has caused quite a gloom over both. He was also a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and had served a Stewardship to each Charity during the last two years.

### Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

#### LADIES' NIGHT.

The annual "ladies' night" at this lodge was happily celebrated at the regular meeting held on Thursday, the 6th instant, when the members met under the presidency of Bro. John W. Bland, the popular W.M., at six o'clock in the evening, and after passing Bro. Dr. B. H. Slater, L.R.C.P., &c., to the Second Degree, and disposing of the ordinary duties of the lodge, which included the presentation of a Past Master's collar and jewel to Bro. R. S. Hird, I.P.M., the ladies assembled at 7.30, and dined with the brethren.

Supporting the W.M. were Bros. Hird, I.P.M.; Last, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; Niven, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Bailey, P.M., Treas.; Ellis, P.M.; Robinson, P.M.; Fearnley, P.M.; Morton, P.M.; Holmes, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Hedley, S.W.; Bedford, J.W.; Betteridge, B.A., Chap.; Nicholls, S.D.; Shaw Smith, J.D.; Townend, I.G.; Cooper, Tyler, Turner, Stwd.; and a goodly number of the brethren. Visitors: Bros. H. E. Hodgson, W.M. 603; Robt. F. Rogerson, S.W., W.M. elect 1301; H. F. Cookson, 600; E. C. Bailey, 1545; A. J. Taylor, J.D. 2609; and Whitby Norton, 2609.

After the repast, the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen," and "T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales."

Bro. C. H. Ellis proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and congratulated Bro. Bland on presiding over such a brilliant and happy gathering.

Bro. J. W. Bland, W.M., in responding, assured the brethren, as well as the lady and other guests, that he was pleased beyond measure at the success of the meeting, indeed he was so delighted and gratified that he hoped to be able to have the pleasure of inviting them again before the expiration of his year of office.

The toast of "Our Masonic Guests" was entrusted to Bro. Last, P.P.G.R., who on behalf of the lodge, as well as the W.M., gave them all a very hearty welcome.

Bro. H. E. Hodgson, W.M. 603, responded for "The Visitors," and thanked the W.M. for the privilege of being his guest on that occasion, as it was such an enjoyable treat as he had never before enjoyed during his connection with Freemasonry. His wife also was so delighted with the experience that he felt that he also would like to invite the ladies to refreshment at his own lodge before he retired from the chair. If the present happy meeting was a sample of the manner in which the brethren of 2321 were accustomed to entertain their lady friends he was not surprised that Acacia was so well spoken of in the district.

"The Ladies" was very ably proposed by Bro. Fearnley, P.M., and humorously responded to by Bro. Harrison.

During the evening a most enjoyable vocal and instrumental concert was given, in which Miss Docksey and Bros. Townend, Sykes, Whitby-Norton, Cookson, Taylor, and Edwards. Bros. Drake and Town contributed recitations, which were well received.

### Merton Lodge, No. 2790.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held in the new Masonic Hall at Merton on the 11th instant, attended by a good number of brethren and many visitors.

After the opening of the lodge, the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were subsequently initiated: Messrs. W. H. Webb, J. W. Keech, G. Templeman, C. How, and W. Taylor, and Bros. Higgs, Smith, and Schweizer were raised to the Third Degree. The other business of the evening—"Consideration of contribution from the lodge of instruction towards the rent of the hall"—having been satisfactorily disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening spent.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

AT WINDSOR CASTLE the State Apartments were opened to the public on Boxing Day, and were visited by 903 persons, as against 812 on the same date two years ago. Last year the Queen was in residence at the Castle during Christmas.

ON MARCH 21 of next year the Highland Society of London will hold its 123rd anniversary, when a number of officers of the Highland Regiments will be entertained to dinner on their return from South Africa. General Hector MacDonald has written accepting the invitation of the society, should he be home by that time.

£50,000 FOR THE WOMEN'S AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.—Bro. the Earl of Warwick, in an address at the Warwick School prize distribution at Warwick, last week, said that in answer to Lady Warwick's appeal for a saintly millionaire to continue and develop the work of her Women's Agricultural College at Reading, a wealthy gentleman had since come forward with an offer of £50,000 for the hostel.

THE ASSOCIATION OF MEN OF KENT AND KENTISH MEN have arranged for a Bohemian concert to be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 12th prox., and a Cinderella dance at the Bridge House Hotel on the 26th prox., particulars of which, as well as those for membership, can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, 11, Fernholme-road, Nunhead, S.E. The association, continuing its healthy progress, now numbers over 500 members, 21 having been elected at the council meeting held on the 17th inst.

AN ACTRESS who delighted a former generation of playgoers was commemorated at Brighton on Wednesday, when, on behalf of the subscribers, Bro. Sir Henry Irving handed over to the Mayor, as a gift to the town, a marble bust of the late Miss Amy Sedgwick, a native of Bristol, where she was born in 1835. Miss Sedgwick made her first appearance at Richmond as Julia in "The Hunchback," and after winning golden opinions in the provinces she came out at the Haymarket Theatre, London, under Mr. Buckstone's management, in 1857, as Pauline in "The Lady of Lyons," gaining instant recognition as a brilliant and accomplished comedienne. Her last appearance on the London stage was in 1877, and for many years before her death, in 1897, she lived at Brighton, only emerging from her retirement to give elocutionary recitals on behalf of Charitable enterprises. The ceremony took place in the banqueting room of the Town Hall, which was crowded with members of the theatrical and musical professions. A special round of applause welcomed Bro. J. L. Toole as he made his way to the Mayor's side. The bust is of more than life-size, and is a fine piece of work by Signor Bezzano.

EARL CADOGAN, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, has appointed Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. G. Ross, of Bladensburg, to succeed Mr. J. J. Jones in the office of Chief Commissioner of the Dublin Metropolitan Police.

LORD WILLIAM BERESFORD was slightly better on Thursday evening, having rallied somewhat from his relapse of Wednesday. Sir Thomas Lauder Brunton visited him twice, and reported favourable on his condition.

WE ARE pleased to be able to announce that Bro. Lord Glanusk, P.G.M. Herefordshire, who has been lying seriously ill at his country seat, Glanusk Park, Breconshire, is making excellent progress towards convalescence.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES is to pay a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, at Chatsworth, on the 7th prox., and will stay with them for a week. On the 11th and 14th prox., amateur theatrical performances are to be given. Bro. Lord Roberts is expected at Chatsworth next month.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH have been entertaining a large party for Christmas at Blenheim Palace, among the guests being Lord and Lady Lurgan, Lady Sarah Wilson, Lord Herbert Vane-Tempest, Earl Howe and Viscount Curzon, Lord Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. George Cornwallis-West, Count Mensdorff, Colonel H. C. Norris, and Mr. Ivor Guest.

THERE was a great Masonic gathering at Capetown a few weeks ago, on the occasion of the centenary celebration of the Lodge "De Goede Trouw." A number of Worshipful Masters and Past Masters from every Capetown and many other Colonial Lodges were present, and the Grand Lodge of England was represented by its Senior Deacon, Bro. Sir William Marryatt.—*The African Review*.

AT A MEETING of W.Ms. and representatives of all the Lodges, held recently, a resolution was unanimously passed that the members of the Lodges of Portsmouth and district should dine together. The Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., having signified his approval of the idea, and his willingness to preside on the occasion, it was further decided that the gathering should take place at the Portsmouth Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 15th prox.

AN IMPORTANT Masonic gathering will be held in Bournemouth in the month of January. This will be a meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and will assemble by command of the Grand Superintendent, on Monday, the 28th prox., at the Prince's Hall, Grand Hotel, at 3.45 p.m. In addition to the usual business and the appointment of the new Provincial Grand Officers for 1901, the companions will consider a proposition for a grant from the Prov. Grand Chapter funds towards the "Beach Perpetual Presentation" to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

NOTWITHSTANDING fogs, humidity, and unseasonableness generally, the health of London is in a highly satisfactory state, and, in fact, improves as the century wanes. According to the Registrar-General's report, the general death-rate in the metropolis last week was only 15.7, which, for the end of December, shows a very satisfactory state of affairs, and is certainly much better than it was a month ago. Indeed, in this respect London is almost on a par with Brighton, where the mortality was 15.1. Croydon and West Ham, which may be regarded as suburbs of the metropolis, are credited with 13.9 and 11.6 respectively. Even influenza is on the down grade, and the deaths directly attributable to that malady fell from 15 a fortnight ago to nine.

THE QUEEN drove out at Osborne on Christmas afternoon, accompanied by her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught and her Highness Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and her Majesty went out on Wednesday morning, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg. The Queen has sustained another great loss by the death of the Dowager Lady Churchill, which took place suddenly at Osborne on Tuesday morning. For nearly 50 years Lady Churchill had been the devoted and intimate friend of the Queen. Her Majesty, while sorely grieved by this sudden loss of one for whom she entertained the warmest affection, has not suffered in health from the great shock. The Queen's sorrow is most truly shared by all the members of the Royal Family, by whom Lady Churchill was held in the greatest esteem.

AT KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL jollification has been the order of the week, and the customary strict rule of no smoking allowed being relaxed, the male patients are enabled to enjoy a quiet whiff. Thursday afternoon was given over to the entertainment of the adult patients. The wards were tastefully and appropriately decorated, and the statue in the central hall of Mr. Robert Bentley Todd was cleverly and irreverently transformed into a realistic presentment of Father Christmas. From ward to ward went a band of willing workers, including the students themselves, singing, dancing, and making merry for the benefit of the sufferers, many of whom, though unable to move about, appeared to be in the happiest state of spirits. Moreover, several members of the theatrical profession came freely to help, and in turn the patients had the opportunity of seeing several prominent members of the casts from Daly's and the Gaiety Theatres. To-day (Friday) will be the turn of the children, and for their delight a huge Christmas-tree, loaded with gifts to be distributed, has been prepared, while there is to be a magic-lantern at work, with other good things to amuse them.

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