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### THE THREE ENGLISH LODGES IN MONTREAL.

We mentioned a few weeks since that Bro. W. J. HUGHAN had very kindly placed at our disposal a letter on the Three English lodges in Montreal which he had received from Bro. W. H. WHYTE, one of the ablest and most respected members of the Craft in the Province of Quebec, and we promised that, when a favourable opportunity presented itself, we would offer to our readers such comments as the importance of the letter most certainly demands. It is not so very long ago that we published—with a few appropriate remarks by way of introduction—a communication from a worthy Past Master of one of the three lodges, in which he described the feeling that existed among a very considerable number of the members of them all in favour of effectuating a union between them and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and in which he expressed the hope that such a union would be brought about at an early date. Bro. WHYTE, however, in his letter to Bro. HUGHAN goes more fully into the question, and expresses his opinion that if our Grand Lodge will only co-operate with those in Quebec who desire that the whole body of Masons in the Province should be under the jurisdiction of its Grand Lodge, the desired union will speedily be effected.

Bro. WHYTE'S first point is that this journal has—unwittingly of course—very materially helped those who are doing their utmost to prevent this union. "I have noticed," says he, "various letters and editorials in the London *Freemason*, and have been pleased with them all except in one part, and that is, in the repetition of the assertion that these three lodges here must go over of their own will and accord, and that England is unable to take any serious action in the matter until it comes from here. I am sure you will pardon me if I state that this repetition is very unwise, as no one on this side of the Ocean is disputing the point. You are evidently giving a handle to a very small minority—under a half-dozen—who are making use of these assertions to prevent a very large majority in each lodge who wish to come over." We regret, very naturally and very sincerely, that our remarks on this point should have had an effect which was neither intended nor desired. But considering that it is only just recently that any evidence has been forthcoming from the other side of the Ocean, that the question had passed from the academic phase into—if we may be permitted

to use the expression—the domain of practical politics, we can hardly be expected to admit that blame attaches to us and our correspondents. When the question of amalgamating the English lodges with those on the Quebec register, and placing them all under the banner of the Grand Lodge of the Province, was publicly discussed, we could do no more than point out that while we felt sure our Grand Lodge would cordially wish God-speed to its lodges in Montreal if they decided on casting in their lot with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it rested with the lodges themselves to take the necessary steps to bring about the amalgamation. Our Grand Lodge, however well disposed it might be, and even desirous that the union should take place, could not be expected to allow its own laws to be set aside, or to legislate in order to settle this particular emergency. Hence we said that our three lodges in Montreal must take the first step towards helping themselves, and then our Grand Lodge would only be too ready and willing to render what help was in its power.

Passing to the next material point which Bro. WHYTE deals with, we gather that our authorities have already been consulted by the English brethren in Montreal who are in favour of amalgamation with Quebec, and that they have been informed by our Grand Registrar, that Article 218B of our Book of Constitutions—on which they appear to have looked as a stepping-stone to help them out of their difficulty—does not apply to the case of our three lodges in Montreal. How they can have misunderstood this Article, the meaning of which is clear enough, is a puzzle. It provides that whenever our Grand Lodge "with the assent of the Grand Master," has recognised a Grand Lodge in any Colony or Foreign part, and the Grand Master has signified that "it is not his intention to grant for the future any Warrant for a new Lodge" in the jurisdiction of that local Grand Lodge, certain specified rules shall apply. No. 1 of these rules lays it down that "within six months after recognition" a special meeting of every Lodge in the jurisdiction shall be convened, while Rule 2 provides that at such special meeting the question whether "the Lodge shall continue under the Grand Lodge of England or not" shall be considered and resolved upon, "a majority of two-thirds of the members present" being required to carry a resolution to join the new Grand Lodge, and also a further resolution as to whom "the property and effects of the Lodge" shall be vested in. In 1875 our Grand Lodge, with the assent of the Grand Master, declared its readiness to recognise the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the usual conditions, but the latter declined recognition on those terms. On this ground, therefore, Article 218B would not be applicable to the three English Lodges in Montreal. Again, the first of the five rules appended to the Article provides that the special meeting to consider whether a Lodge shall join the new local Grand Lodge or continue under the Grand Lodge of England must be convened "within six months after recognition," and hence, even if Quebec had accepted recognition in 1875 on the terms prescribed by our Grand Lodge, Article 218B would still remain inapplicable to the case of these Anglo-Montreal Lodges. Moreover, the Article is inapplicable not only to these three Lodges but also to all those English Lodges which in other British Colonies or Foreign parts have elected to remain under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge in preference to joining the local Grand Lodges which have been already established for several years. Such Lodges are No. 298, Halifax, Nova Scotia; No. 656, Sydney, N.S.W.; No. 752, Melbourne, Victoria; and the Lodges in New Zealand; in

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all these Colonies are local Grand Lodges, which for years have been recognised by our Grand Lodge.

But the difficulty thus arising does not strike us as being altogether insuperable, and while our Grand Lodge might not see its way to enact a law for the purpose of meeting a single case, there is, in our opinion, no reason why it should not enact a law which would be applicable generally to all Lodges that may have preferred remaining under its jurisdiction to joining the new local Grand Lodge or Lodges which were formed some years ago in the Colonies or Foreign parts in which they (the English lodges) happen to be located. Such a law as that which we have sketched out and appended to this article might certainly be adopted without in any way curtailing the rights and privileges secured to our private Lodges under their respective warrants, and, what is of infinitely greater importance, we feel sure it would be conducive to the best interests of *Freemasonry*. There is little doubt from what Bro. WHYTE says in his letter as to the overwhelming preponderance of opinion among the members of one of the three English lodges in Montreal in favour of amalgamation with Quebec, and the influence it would have on the other two, that it would put an end to the present deadlock in that Province, while at the same time it would facilitate the proceedings of other Lodges which may hereafter be desirous of transferring their allegiance from the Grand Lodge of England to the local Grand Lodge.

218C. In a Colony or Foreign part in which a Grand Lodge, whether recognised or not by the Grand Lodge of England as a regular and independent Sovereign Body having jurisdiction therein, has been already for some years established, it shall be lawful for the Master of a Lodge which has remained on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, or failing the Master, for seven or more Master Masons who are registered subscribing members of the Lodge, to apply to the District Grand Master, or if there be no such officer or in the event of his refusing to grant the application, to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for a dispensation to convene a meeting of the Lodge on not less than twenty-one days' notice to every member, for the purpose of discussing and resolving on the question whether the Lodge shall still continue on the English Register or join the Grand Lodge already locally established. In all such cases the following rules shall apply:

1. The Brethren present at such meeting, whose names appear as subscribing members on the last return filed with the Grand Secretary, shall decide whether they desire that the Lodge shall still continue under the Grand Lodge of England or not. If the decision be in favour of joining the local Grand Lodge, the Brethren shall, at the same meeting, decide in whom the property and effects of the Lodge shall be vested, and the Warrant shall be forthwith returned to the Grand Secretary to be delivered up to the Grand Master. A majority of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to carry such resolutions.

2. No questions shall be discussed or put at such meeting other than those above prescribed.

3. Immediately after such meeting a full copy of the Minutes and a list from the signature book of all members attending, together with the numbers voting for and against, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, verified under the hand of the presiding Master, and countersigned by the Secretary of the Lodge.

4. In the event of the Lodge deciding to continue under the Grand Lodge of England, no second meeting shall be called to reconsider and resolve upon the above questions until after an interval of one or — years,\* and not even then without the special sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master on application renewed on precisely similar conditions as the first.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.

A solemn commendatory service was held in St. Stephen's Church, (by kind permission of the vicar), on Saturday, the 2nd instant. A memento in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

\* As may be determined.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

When, on Tuesday evening, the 22nd ult., the sad intelligence of the departure of our late beloved Queen to the Grand Lodge above was telegraphed to this Island, every Corporation, Society, or body of men, as soon as the numbing influence of the first shock had sufficiently passed to enable them to realise their irreparable loss, actuated by one simultaneous desire, hastily made preparations to show forth in the most solemn and dignified manner their affectionate respect for the noblest and greatest earthly Sovereign that the world has ever known.

Naturally the Freemasons of Guernsey and Alderney were keenly anxious to show forth not only their loyalty and their deep affectionate regard for her late Majesty, but also their heartfelt respectful sympathy with her son, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England—our present King.

By a happy turn of circumstances—inasmuch as their lodge meeting fell due at about this date—it was the honour of the Balfour Cockburn Lodge, the youngest lodge in the province, to first manifest their loyalty and their appreciation of Masonic tradition. But if they have this credit of having taken the initiative, the manner in which the movement was taken up so heartily and so readily by all the other lodges of the province must have been more than gratifying to their head, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and to his Deputy, and to every member of the Craft.

Hastily preparations had to be made, so rapidly indeed that it is possible, notwithstanding all the care taken, that some member or the other may not have received the timely warning so generally given; but as soon as the decisions of those in authority were arrived at they were at once communicated both privately and by public announcement in the press. The Provincial Grand Master instantly telegraphed his cordial approval, and granted the requisite dispensation (confirming the same by subsequent letter) for a special Memorial Service in St. Stephen's Church, at which the brethren should wear their full regalia, and also for a procession from thence to the Candie Grounds. Meanwhile the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master had most ably arranged with the States Supervisor and the Head Constables for the procession to place their wreaths in a specially reserved position upon the base of the statue of our revered Patroness.

Directly the vicar of St. Stephen's most kind offer of the use of his Church and Schools had been announced and accepted, a Masonic choir was hurriedly summoned at a few hours' notice for Friday evening, and these, with the assistance of Mr. Matthews' choir boys, made preparation, under the direction of Bro. T. G. Barnes, P.G. Org., for the Choral Re-union of the following day.

#### THE SERVICE.

Punctually at 10.30 a.m., despite the drenching rain, about 160 of the brethren assembled at St. Stephen's Schoolroom, and there vested in full mourning regalia, and formed in due processional order as far as the exigencies of the case permitted.

Marching thence to the adjoining church, where some 600 of their friends and neighbours had preceded them, the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master and his Officers, Present and Past, duly advanced through the ranks of the brethren towards the East, and in solemn silence the remainder of the brethren followed to their allotted places in the nave. Amid the Provincial Grand Officers was a beautiful wreath of white flowers with a purple triangle carried by the Provincial Grand Secretary on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and placed at the foot of the chancel steps. A brother of each of the seven Craft lodges of the province similarly placed a wreath on behalf of his lodge, as a tribute to the memory of the greatest of Queens.

During the short interval preceding the entry of the officiating Chaplains, the Organist played his own setting of the old Hebrew "Lament for the Departed," performed originally at the funeral of Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, and a favourite air of our late Sovereign.

Punctually at 11 the choir boys, followed by the officiating Chaplains and the vicar, entered the church.

The service began by the unaccompanied singing of the Office for the Burial of the Dead to the dirge-like setting of Croft, followed by the two Psalms, accompanied by the organ, very softly and slowly, as befitted such a mournful occasion.

Bro. the Rev. J. B. V. PENFOLD, P.P.G. Chap., read the Lesson in a touching manner that will not readily be forgotten by those who heard him, after which was sung the hymn, "Days and moments quickly flying."

Bro. the Rev. A. A. HENLEY, P.G. Chap., then gave the following impressive address:

Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, Masters, Past Masters, and brethren: When last, by command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, it was my duty and honour as Provincial Grand Chaplain to address the brethren, I never expected a second occasion would arise during my term of office. Indeed, brethren, was there one amongst us who could possibly have anticipated this mournful occasion even a month ago? We meet to-day to honour The Great Architect of the Universe, and in respectful memory of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, the Royal Patroness of the Craft. In nearly all the sermons and speeches made on this mournful occasion that I have heard or read, one phrase occurs with surprising regularity. It may have been at the beginning, or in the middle, or at the end; but each one somewhere or other has used practically these words, "I will not weary you with what you already know." I also echo the same, but I think with a totally opposite meaning to others. Inasmuch as I am speaking to brother Masons, I am not ignorant of their loyalty to the Crown and their keen appreciation of Masonic virtues, even when shown forth in the lives of those who are not members of the Craft. I am not so ignorant of our Order as to be perfectly aware that no words, of however poor a speaker, could possibly, on such a solemn occasion, create the least feeling of weariness. We have met here in this church to-day, not for any show or display on our own part, but to do honour, to show our respectful remembrance, and to commend to the care of God Almighty the soul of one who in her life gave to the world a practical example of those very virtues that are the foundation of our Masonic principles. Brethren, truth, honesty, and Charity are the three essential characteristics of every Mason. In whom shall we find, in frail human beings in this present age, these characteristics so clearly displayed as in our late Queen? Have we not also a deep debt of gratitude to offer to her memory? Inasmuch as, being the mother of our Grand Master, King Edward VII., much of the wisdom, much of the truth, honesty, and charity that we Masons know is so keenly appreciated by him and evidenced in his own life, must have been learnt from her lips and from her example. He is not the first king who has been the head of our Order; but, as we think of the

grand example set by such a noble mother, it is not too much for us to expect that he will be the most illustrious Grand Master who has ever presided over Freemasonry. Your alms, to-day, are demanded on behalf of the Royal Masonic institution for Girls, because this seemed the most fitting tribute to the memory of one who interested herself so keenly in our Order. I need not remind Masons that we never meet without making an offering for the poor and distressed; and this Charity seemed to those who organised this Masonic Memorial Service the most appropriate in memory of her who began her reign as our "Girl-Queen." I am not here to recite the grandeur of the Masonic Charities of the past, nor the noble philanthropy still continued. I am not here even to incite your liberality. The memory of one whose noble heart beat in sympathy with every distress, whether it were in the village peasant's home, in which the bread-winner had been suddenly called away to the Grand Lodge above by Almighty God, or whether it were some awful public calamity of a distant colony, or even foreign nation or town. Her memory, I say, with its world-wide known sympathy and charity, is a far more potent influence than any words of mine. One last brief idea, brethren, before closing this service. One thing that seems to me far more likely to have influence with the Great God Almighty than all these public commendatory services is the *spirit* that underlies the whole of them, and which is evidenced in the conversation of men and women of every rank and class of society. I wonder if you have noticed it? I know you will recognise it directly I mention it; for I have never myself heard a single expression of regret, with regard to the departure of our late Patroness, which was not coupled with an expression of sorrow that she had not lived to see the end of the present War, and peace once again reigning throughout the earth. When we think of the Great Architect of the Universe, Who out of chaos formed order, and forced the tumultuous elements to obey His peaceful control—when one thinks of Him, Whom, in one of our Church prayers, we justly term the Author of Peace and Lover of Concord—what greater commendation can be offered before His Throne for the soul of our late Sovereign the Queen, than that instinctive world-wide acknowledgment that in her was so plainly displayed this Divine attribute—the love of peace. Brethren, are you desirous to make this not simply a spectacular show, not even simply a mere service, but a real religious commendatory act of worship to Almighty God on behalf of our late Queen? If so, let us show forth in our lives those virtues which we profess to admire in her life. Misunderstandings and quarrels sometimes arise even between brethren; let us then make this a time for cementing together all members of our Craft in the great bond of brotherly love. As we meet in memory of one who loved peace, let us sink public or private dissensions of the past, and in her honour begin a renewed friendship. This commendatory service, my brethren, is an empty and vain proceeding, unless it incites us to follow the example of

Victoria the Good,

Victoria the CHARITABLE,

Victoria the PEACE-MAKER.

During the offertory, the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung; and, after presenting the alms, the Prov. G. Chaplain advanced from the altar to the chancel steps, and slowly and solemnly read the burial prayer, "Man that is born of a woman," after which the brethren knelt in prayer, while solemn and absolute silence reigned throughout the Church for some minutes.

The awful stillness, broken at length, gave way to the soft voices of the choir gradually swelling into the anthem by Purcell, "I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Even so, saith The Spirit, for they rest from their labours."

The remaining prayers having been said, the hymn specially written by Bro. the Very Rev. Dean Hole, P.G. Chap. Eng., entitled "God rest our Queen," was sung, and Bro. A. A. Henley, Prov. G. Chap., from the altar, gave the Masonic Patriarchal Benediction, after which, what may be termed the "Masonic Doxology"—"In the Grand Lodge above"—was sung by the brethren still kneeling, and this, if not to Masons, was to the vast congregation of their friends one of the most impressive features of the service.

Before leaving the church the entire congregation stood while the organist played Chopin's beautiful and pathetic "Marche Funèbre," and then, headed by the Dep. Prov. G. Master, in reverse order the brethren returned to the adjacent schoolroom and dispersed.

Owing to the persistent rain, the projected procession had to be abandoned, to the regret of all concerned, but deputations of the W.Ms. and brethren of each lodge proceeded to the Candie Grounds, and there deposited the beautiful wreaths contributed by the Prov. G. Lodge and the private lodges of the province in a specially reserved space at the base of her late Majesty's statue, in the presence of some thousands of spectators, who, in absolute silence, had awaited their arrival.

The hearty thanks of every member of the Craft in the province are due to the Prov. G. Master for his sympathetic acquiescence in their wishes; and to the Dep. Prov. G. Master (Bro. E. C. Ozanne, H.M.'s Attorney-General), who, in his absence, so ably occupied his place; to the Prov. G. Secretary (Bro. J. B. Nickolls, Public Analyst), on whom the onus of the whole arrangements devolved; to the W.Ms. and Secretaries of the various lodges, for their prompt and loyal assistance in notifying their brethren; to the States' Supervisor and High Constables of the parish who so cordially met the wishes of the Dep. Prov. G. Master; and, with regard to the service in church, to the Rev. Frank E. Lowe, for the use of his church and schools; to the choir-boys and men of St. Stephen's who assisted; to Mr. J. Matthews, the organist of the church; to Bro. T. G. Barnes, Prov. G. Org., who conducted and arranged the musical part of the ceremony, and the Masonic choir who assisted him; to Bros. the Rev. A. A. Henley, Prov. G. Chap., and the Rev. J. B. V. Penfold, P.P.G. Chap., who conducted the service; and last, but not least, to Bro. W. H. Courtenay, Prov. G.D. of C., and the willing band of acting Tylers and Deacon-Collectors so admirably organised by him.

Brethren present at the requiem service—

Bros. E. Chepmell Ozanne, D.P.G.M.; E. K. Corbin, P.S.G.W.; T. M. Bichard, P.P.G.W.; Rev. A. A. Henley, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. B. V. Penfold and Rev. C. M. Poirier, P.P.G. Chaps.; J. T. Laine, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Nickolls, P.G. Sec.; J. H. Spry, W. H. Lovell, J. J. Stranger, T. H. Hunkin, W. Entwistle, and F. Sparrow, P.P.G.Ds.; W. H. Courtenay, P.G.D.C.; W. Newbury, P.A.G.D.C.; S. A. Candon, P.G.S.B.; W. D. Murdoch, P.G. Std. Br.; T. G. Barnes, P.G. Org.; R. B. Rowcliffe, P.G. Purst.; C. R. Mahy, P.P.A.G. Purst.; A. W. Parker, J. D. C. Allen, C. A. Bennett, and C. C. Raven, P.G. Stwds.; E. T. Corbett, H. L. Doras, H. M. Bichard, B. W. Dove, W. D. Jones, T. R. Bean, W. Miller, and G. Hillier, P.P.G. Stwds.; P. Geraghty, P.G. Tyler; Rev. C. Picot, P.P.G. Chap. Jersey; P. J. Benest, P.M. 168; N. F. Brouard, P.M. 1809; Rev. E. F. Colman, P.M. 593; G. A. Downie, P.M. 243; A. H. Garnett, W.M. 243; T. P. Hamel, P.M. 84; C. B. Jones, I.P.M. 1809; A. Le Conte, P.M. 1809; T. Le Ray, P.M. 1809; H. E. Marquand, P.M. 168; L. J. Nicolle, P.M. 168; C. H. Newbury, P.M. 1809; T. Pethers, P.M. 243; J. D. Robilliard, P.M. 243; H. M. Symes, P.M. 1809; W. Anderson, A. G.

Behrens, J. Bew, H. J. Bougourd, J. Carré, P. Carré, T. Carré, B. B. Creasey, S.W. 491, Jersey; H. E. Crussell, T. M. Davis, J. A. Ditchburn, T. Dodd, P. Duquemin, E. F. Enwoldsen, W. A. Forse, A. Fuller, D. Gavet, R. Gill, H. J. Hartland, F. A. Holliday, Z. Hornby, J. Hunt, J. A. Inglis, 1006; C. Kitts, W. Lattess, J. Le Maitre, Q. Le Pelley, J. Le Quesne, C. H. Loaring, W. Loveless, F. A. Luff, J. Mabey, E. W. Mauger, J. S. Murton, T. Petty, J. G. Pickering, W. J. Pugsley, T. Renouf, T. H. Renouf, T. P. Renouf, E. J. Robert, J. H. Robert, T. J. Robin, T. Robins, E. Sebire, W. T. Sebire, C. H. Shipton, H. Skin, R. J. Smith, W. H. Smith, F. Tyler, J. Ward, F. Whales, R. R. Wilby, J. Wilson, and G. E. Parker, of London.

#### TRIBUTES ATTACHED TO THE WREATHS.

- 1.—"A Tribute of Happy Remembrance of Our Late Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, Grand Patroness of the Craft." From the Provincial Grand Lodge of Guernsey and Alderney.
- 2.—"In Memoriam, a Tribute to the Memory of our Grand Patroness." From the Mariners' Lodge, No. 168. "God touched Her, and She slept."
- 3.—"A Tribute to the Memory of Our Late Patroness, Her Majesty, Queen Victoria." From the Doyle Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84.
- 4.—"In Memoriam." From Loyalty Lodge, No. 243.
- 5.—"A Tribute of Loyalty and Devotion." From St. Ann's Lodge (Alderney), No. 593.
- 6.—"A Tribute of Esteem and Respect." From Lodge Fidelis, No. 1809.
- 7.—"In Loving Memory." A token of affection and respect to Our Beloved Queen from Her faithful subjects the brethren of the St. Sampson's Lodge, No. 2598.
- 8.—"A Tribute to the Memory of Our Revered Grand Patroness." From the Balfour Cockburn Lodge, No. 2805.

### THE PROV. GRAND LODGE AND PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

#### ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

The Freemasons of the Province of Suffolk held a special meeting at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, the 4th instant, "To adopt a letter of condolence to his Majesty King Edward VII., M.W. Grand Master, on the lamented death of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and an address of congratulation to his Majesty on his accession to the Throne." The brethren, who assembled in large numbers, met under a double burden of sorrow, for they mourned not only her late Majesty—a most generous Patron of the Craft's Charities, as well as a beloved Sovereign—but also their deeply-lamented Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the late Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., whose recent demise has made a gap in Suffolk Masonic ranks which will not easily be filled. The lodge emblems were heavily draped with crape, and all the brethren were attired in Masonic mourning.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was first opened, Comp. Fred. Wheeler, 1224, P.G.H., occupying the Grand Superintendent's chair, who was supported by Comp. Major Hugh St. H. Cary-Elwes, 71, P.P.G.H., who acted as P.G.H., and Comps. H. Rix, P.Z., and Thos. Hodgson, P.P.G. Treas., 71; G. Abbott, P.Z., C. Byford, P.Z., John Talbot, P.P.G.H., M.E.Z., W. H. Cook, P.Z., Walter Parker, Org., and W. R. Fox, all of 225; N. Tracy, Prov. G. Scribe E., H. C. Casley, P.P.G.J., C. S. Hayward, P.P.G.H., T. Thwaites, J., E. J. C. Ballam, P.S., G. Stephenson, P.Z., H. J. Wright, P.Z., G. L. Oxborrow, Z., Harry Jones, P.J.; S. R. Anness, P.Z., A. J. Grimwade, P.P.G.H., P.Z., and H. C. Monteith, P.P.G.S., M.E.Z., all of 376; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, P.P.G.S., P.Z. 555; A. R. Trew, Prov. G.J., E. Aills, Z., and Alma Cocks, P.Z., P.P. Asst. G.D.C., all of 959; Jas. M. Harvey, P.P.G.H., P.Z., and W. Armstrong, P.Z., Scribe E., of 1008; Chris. Vincent, P.P., 2nd A.G.S., G. F. Hawkins, P.P.G.S.B., C. J. N. Row, P.P.A.G.S., and D. Ward, all of 1324; A. E. Smith, P.P.G.H., P.Z., and G. H. Garrett, H., of 1983.

Suitable reference was made to the lamented death of Queen Victoria, and an appropriate resolution of condolence to the King and Royal Family and congratulations to his Majesty was adopted on the motion of the acting G. SUPERINTENDENT, seconded by the acting P.G.H.

The Prov. G. Chapter also expressed its condolence with the relatives of Comp. the late Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Superintendent.

Prov. G. Lodge was subsequently opened, Bro. A. Gibb, 114, Prov. S.G.W. officiating as Prov. G. Master. Bro. Major Hugh St. H. Cary-Elwes, 71 and 1452, acted as Dep. Prov. G. Master, while the Prov. S.G.W.'s and Prov. S.J.W.'s chairs were respectively filled by Bros. S. R. Anness, 376, P.P.S.G.W., and G. L. Oxborrow, 376, Prov. J.G.W.

Other Provincial and Past Provincial G. Officers and brethren present included the following:

Bros. T. Hodgson, P.P.G.S.B., G. C. Shipp, W.M., and F. Horne, all of 71; G. Booth, jun., P.P.A.G.D.C., the Rev. A. Robbs, P.P.G. Chap., and F. A. Kent, all of 81; R. Tidbury, P.P.S.G.D., H. C. Casley, P.P.J.G.W., C. G. Hayward, P.P.G. Reg., A. F. Penraven, P.P.A.G.D.C., C. E. Tempest, P.P.J.G.D., Harry Jones, and the Rev. H. Carter, all of 114; F. J. Tweed, 156; A. W. Cook, P.P.G. Purst., J. A. Pettit, P.P.G.D.C., W. H. Cook, P.P.A.G. Purst., W. J. Whitehead, P.P.G. Purst., G. Abbott, P.P.G.S.B., J. Talbot, P.P.G.S.B., H. J. Brook, I.P.M., W. Parker, Org., E. B. Lewcock, H. B. Clarke, and F. G. Fisk, Stwds., H. R. P. Hodgson, G. W. Barton, G. Stephenson, H. H. Burgham, T. Turner, J. D. Fraser, P. Last, A. L. Freestone, W. Ellis, and F. C. Spinks, all of 225; F. S. Tuddenham, 237; A. J. Grimwade, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, and F. Grimwade, 332; H. C. Monteith, P.P.J.G.W., T. Thwaites, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, H. J. Wright, P.P.G.D.C., F. Saward, W.M., W. H. Brown, A. F. Sawyer, Elliot Hooper, and W. R. Fox, all of 376; George Andrews, 388, P.G.S.B.; E. J. C. Ballam, Sec., and F. C. Lambert, 516; the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 555, P.P.G. Chap.; A. D. Botwright, W.M., and W. C. Crowfoot, 929; A. R. Trew, P.P.J.G.D., A. A. Bennett, P.P.G. Reg., A. Cocks, P.G.D.C., E. Hills, P.G. Stwd., C. Grayson, W.M., E. S. Scrivener, A. Raphael, G. Gould, Tyler, J. W. Stoker, and G. A. Aylward, all of 959; W. Armstrong, 1008; H. Hillan, P.P.G.W., Essex, G. F. Hawkins, P.P.S.G.D., F. Wheeler, P.P.G. Reg., J. George, P.P.S.G.W., C. J. N. Row, P.P.A.G.D.C., and D. Ward, W.M., all of 1224; H. Rix, 1452, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; A. E. Smith, P.P.J.G.D., and W. S. Griffiths, P.P.G.S.B., 1983; the Rev. J. G. Munday, P.P.G. Chap., the Rev. S. J. S. Banks, P.G. Chap., A. H. Jackson, P.P.A.G. Purst., F. A. Brook, W.M., and C. H. Quilter, all of 2371; and G. H. Garrett, 2810, P.P.J.G.W.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened,

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER moved the presentation of an address of condolence and congratulation to his Majesty the King, similar to that which had been agreed to in the Prov. Grand Chapter. In doing so

Bro. Gibb, at the outset, expressed his deep regret at the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G.M., Lord Henniker, and also paid fitting tribute to the memory of the late Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, who, he said, was indeed "a brother beloved." Alluding to the specific purpose for which the province had been summoned together, Bro. Gibb remarked that the death of the Queen had occasioned wide-spread sorrow—he might almost say universal—and what struck one most about it was its profound sincerity. It was found in the palace and in the cottage, in our great Colonies—the glory of our Empire—amongst the dusky millions in Asia, and the swarthy natives of the distant islands of the sea. All were united in manifesting their sympathy and regret at the death of the great Queen. What was the secret of this widespread influence? Not power, but love. The greatest orators of the day had spoken of her great qualities of head and heart, but even their eulogies seemed poor and unworthy the subject. But as a great statesman said a day or two ago, she needed no eulogy; her eulogy was in our hearts.

No need of pen for her to trace  
The scroll of mortal fame;  
She passes to her resting place  
Fearless and free from blame;  
The victory of her lands and race  
Are written in her name.

But they should sound a note of thanksgiving in their meeting that day, as well as of sorrow. While they regretted the loss of a great historic figure from their midst, a magnetic influence that was ever used for the noblest purposes, and a wisdom and foresight that often astonished her Ministers of State, yet he thought they should thank God that He gave them such a good and wise Queen to reign over them; that she was spared so long; for the manifold blessings that had come to us as a nation during her long reign; and for the fact that she had not to endure long weeks and months of pain and weakness, and that only a few days laid aside from active labour, and then, like a shock of corn fully ripe, she went to her eternal home. They had often watched the sun on a summer's night as it sank into the western ocean, paint sky and earth with something of its golden light, and so their noble Queen passed from them, after her long and laborious day, leaving behind her blessed memories and inspiring thoughts. They were thankful, too, that she was succeeded by her eldest son, King Edward VII., the M.W. Grand Master of English Freemasons, whom might God long preserve and bless. He came to the throne at a mature age with great knowledge and experience of men and affairs. Moreover, he had taken a very deep and practical interest in some of the most important questions of the day, relating to the welfare of the working classes. Addresses of congratulation from all parts of the country were being sent to his Majesty, and surely it was only becoming in them as Masons, and the most loyal of his subjects, to send their congratulation on his accession to the throne of his ancestors. He (Bro. Gibb) prayed that he might follow in the footsteps of his departed mother, and that his reign might be long, happy, prosperous and peaceful. God save the King. (Applause.)

Bro. ANNESS briefly seconded the resolution, and expressed the feeling of thankfulness Masons felt for the blessings that had accrued to our country during the late reign, and rejoiced that in King Edward VII. they had a noble and respected successor to their late beloved Queen.

The motion was carried *unm. con.*, all the brethren being upstanding. The text of the address was as follows:

To his Most Gracious Majesty the King,  
Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Excellent Grand Z.  
May it please your Majesty,

We, the Freemasons of the Province of Suffolk, duly assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter, desire fraternally to approach you with the expression of our sorrow at the loss your Majesty, the Queen Alexandra, and the Royal Family, with your subjects, have experienced in the death of her Majesty Queen Victoria, whose life had been devoted to the good of our nation.

The position your Majesty has held for the last 27 years as the head of our Order has given us a knowledge of your ability and power for good, and in congratulating you on your peaceful accession to the throne of your ancestors, we pray T.G.A.O.T.U. may grant you many years to rule our land with satisfaction to yourself and to the honour, happiness, and prosperity of your people.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed—"That the Prov. Grand Sec. be instructed to write a letter of condolence to the relatives of the late Deputy Prov. G.M. (Rev. J. C. Martyn)."

The ACTING DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER seconded the motion, which was supported by Bro. A. E. SMITH, and carried unanimously, all the brethren again rising.

The PROV. G. SEC. read letters of apology from Lord Henniker and other officers and brethren, that from his lordship stating that he could not possibly be at Ipswich that day, because of a memorial service at Douglas, I.O.M., on Saturday, and there being no possible opportunity of reaching Suffolk in time to meet the province. He was anxious that the brethren should know he would have been present if it had been possible.

After Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. A. J. Grimwade, Hon. Sec. to the late Rev. C. J. Martyn's Life Assurance Fund, presented a complete return of the fund, which showed that for 16 years' premiums of 50 guineas, the province had received £1443 15s., and they had paid in the meantime 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Committee recommended, as being in consonance with the late Bro. Martyn's wishes, that 400 guineas be paid to the Girls' School, 400 to the Boys' School, 290 guineas to the Male Fund, and 285 guineas to the Female Fund of the Benevolent Institution. This arrangement was cordially supported by the Charity Representatives of the several lodges.

### MARK GRAND LODGE.

The following circular has been issued by the above Grand Lodge:

Worshipful Master,

Your attendance is requested, together with that of your Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers, at a Special Grand Lodge, to be held in Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, on Tuesday, the 19th February, at three for four o'clock punctually, for the purpose of transacting the following business:

- 1.—To vote a Loyal and Dutiful Address to His Majesty the King, offering the respectful sympathy of this Grand Lodge and the members of the Mark Degree, on the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and further presenting the respectful and

sincere congratulations of this Grand Lodge to His Majesty on his accession to the Throne.

- 2.—To receive a Communication from the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.

- 3.—Motions arising out of such Communication.

By command of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master

(The Right Honourable the Earl of Euston).

C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretary's Office, Mark Masons' Hall,

Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

7th February, 1901.

## Craft Masonry.

Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. H. BARNES.

This celebrated theatrical lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday last, under the Mastership of Bro. Lionel Rignold. About 140 brethren assembled at the Hotel Cecil, the lodge being held in the Masonic Hall there. Among the brethren who attended were Bros. Guy E. Repton, S.G.D., I.P.M.; Sir Henry Isaacs, P.G.W.; James Fernandez, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. Robson Rose, T. H. Bolton, Herbert Campbell, Charles Coote, Lionel Brough, Harry Nicholls, Sec.; Thos. Catling, P.A.G.D. of C., Treas.; Gilbert Farquhar, Sydney Brough, A. Rashleigh Phipps, J. H. Barnes, W.M. elect; Major Hugh W. H. Elwes, C. W. Somerset, Fredk. Mead, Luigi Lablache, Dr. Tatham Armitage, A. B. Bennett, Gerald Maxwell, P.M., Frank Rendle, Henry Nye Chart, A. M. Reis, James Powell, E. W. Braine, Sidney Smith, William Wilson, Clarence Coggin, C. A. Hanson, Henry Guarracino, A. G. Neville, A. Blomfield Jackson, H. G. Hibbert, W. B. Clarkson, Frank Atherley, Lieut. A. B. Armitage, F. Trehawke Davies, Oscar Dibb, Walter Louis Bradfield, George B. Burgin, Bedford McNeil, J. Thompson Murray, Stanley Pringle, F. O. Baxter, Blake Adams, J. P. Fitzgerald, Frank Lawton, Major Henry Walker, Walbancke Bruce Smith, James Catling, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Cambridgeshire; T. Skewes Cox, M.P., P.G. Stwd.; Oscar Barrett, P.M.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.M., P.G. Org.; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; C. F. Matier, P.A.G.D.C.; Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.; Gen. Lawrie, P.G.W.; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; John Strachan, K.C., G. Reg.; the Rev. W. Whitley, P.G.D.; E. Beale, P.G. Stwd.; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; R. Manuel, R. D. Cummings, Walter Lestocq, Cockram Taylor, Pridham Wippell, F. H. Macklin, P.M. 1319; J. H. Lile; Captain John Barlow, P.P.J.G.W. East Lancs.; Oliver Barrett; J. E. Hambledon, P.M. 1319; Courtice Pounds; Fred. Mead, P.G.D.; Charles Copland, Avon Saxon, George Muller, J. Butler, Henry Guarraimo, and T. P. Thalberg.

After the Auditors' report had been adopted, Bro. Rignold initiated Mr. James Alexander Welch and Mr. Herbert Bernhardt, and then proposed a vote of condolence with his Most Gracious Majesty the King. The motion was seconded by Bro. Gerald Maxwell, P.M., and passed in solemn silence. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz then played the Funeral March. Bro. Harry Nicholls, P.M., Sec., reported the death of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Chaplain of the lodge; and of Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., one of the Consecrating Officers of the lodge, and graceful tributes to their memory and worth were paid by the W.M. Bro. Harry Nicholls afterwards took the chair, and installed Bro. John H. Barnes (Lyceum Theatre), S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. Gerald Maxwell, P.M., acting as J.W. Bro. Courtice Pounds sang "Be thou faithful," Bro. Wilhelm Ganz accompanying on the organ, and Bro. J. E. Hambledon, P.M. 1819, on the 'cello. Bro. Lionel Rignold was invested as I.P.M., and the other brethren appointed and invested were: Bros. Luigi Lablache, S.W.; A. G. Neville, J.W.; T. Catling, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Harry Nicholls, P.M., Sec.; A. R. Phipps, S.D.; H. Nye Chart, J.D.; Clarence Coggin, D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; Dr. Tatham Armitage, I.G.; Frank Atherley, H. G. Hibbert, and Sidney Brough, Stwds.; and R. W. Goddard, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Barnes, W.M., presented to Bro. Rignold a valuable Past Master's jewel, and said that the name of Rignold had been honourably connected with the stage for ages, and it was a great pride to the Drury Lane Lodge that one of the family was a member. The brethren would remember Bro. Rignold's year of Mastership with pride and pleasure. Bro. Rignold, in acknowledging the compliment, said the brethren's reward far exceeded his merits. He took this opportunity of thanking them all for their leniency and forbearance during his year of office, and his special thanks were due to Bro. Henry Neville, to whose assistance he was indebted for the jewel. To Bro. Harry Nicholls he must tender his congratulations for the splendid way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, which he looked upon as the Victoria Cross. He should ever look back with pleasure on his year of office. Before he sat down he wished to make a communication which he thought would be a great gratification to the members of the lodge. It occurred to him when he was Master of the lodge that as one of the founders was Lord Kitchener and other distinguished brethren. Lord Athlumney and Sir Bryan Leighton were members who had served in South Africa, to invite Lord Roberts to dine with the brethren. His lordship, however, had declined on the ground that the South African War was not yet over. He then ventured to go one step further, and ask Lord Roberts if he would allow himself to be elected an honorary member of the lodge. To this he had received the reply that his lordship gladly acceded to the request that his name should be enrolled as a member. He, therefore, now moved that Field-Marshal Lord Roberts be elected an honorary member, and that this letter be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Thomas Catling, P.M., seconded, and congratulated the Drury Lane Lodge on forming alliances which strengthened the ties between the members of the theatrical profession of a most interesting kind. Lord Kitchener was a founder of the lodge, and was a very great friend of Sir Augustus Harris. Bro. Harris introduced him (Bro. Catling) to Col. Kitchener at a rehearsal of "Human Nature," and all the brethren knew he took the greatest interest in the drama. When Lord Kitchener came back with all the glories of the Soudan campaign upon him he was most cordially received, and the brethren wanted to elect him an honorary member. Lord Kitchener, however, refused, and said he preferred to remain a regular subscribing member. The lodge had already congratulated Lord Athlumney and Sir Bryan Leighton on returning from South Africa, but Lord Kitchener was still there guarding the honour of the country.—The motion was carried with acclamation. On the motion of Bro. Harry Nicholls, P.M., seconded by Bro. Thomas Catling, P.M., two guineas were voted to "Our Brother's Bed" in the Home for the Dying, the usual one guinea not having been voted last year on account of Bro. Catling's absence from England. The acknowledgments by Lord Athlumney and Sir Bryan Leighton of the brethren's congratulations on their return from South Africa were afterwards read, and the lodge was then closed.

A choice banquet followed, and the toasts were honoured.

Under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Organist of the lodge, a beautiful programme of music was performed by Senor Guetary, and Bros. Richard Green, Avon Saxon, George Müller, and Miss Dolly Duggan and Miss Flossie Behrens.

Bro. Barnes, W.M., for the first time proposed "The King and the Craft," which he said seemed somewhat funny from the brethren's lips, and he thought the brethren would not expect him to pass it over in silence or without some slight reference to the monarch who had gone from us—one who was the most imperial of Emperors, the most queenly of Queens, the most womanly of women, the most motherly of mothers, the loving and beloved mother of her people. Thinking that the brethren would expect him to say something with regard to her passing from us, he had the temerity to put a thought of it into 24 lines, which he would now give them. He submitted them with the utmost diffidence; they had never yet been heard in public.

OUR QUEEN.

1837—1901.

Spring—

She came among her people in the Springtime of her youth,  
With face all purely English, all sincerity and truth,  
Her people rose to greet her, and the Workman vied with Lord  
The peasant's and patrician's voices joined in glad accord,  
In one great universal prayer, which through the years between,  
Has but increased in heartiness "God save our Sov'reign Queen."

**Summer—**

She moved among her people when the Summer's sun was high  
With strong true woman's nature glorified by every tie  
Of loving wife and mother too, and by her side there stood  
The one to whom all years to come, will cede the name "the good"  
No cloud in the heavens, scarce a shadow flecked the scene,  
For God had heard a people's prayer, "God save our gracious Queen."

**Autumn—**

She drove among her people when the Autumn leaves were brown,  
A brimming cup of cares and griefs had weighed her spirit down;  
Past miles of beaming faces to the merchants' busy marts,  
She said, "I want no retinue; my guard my people's hearts."  
What one who saw can e'er forget that dignity serene,  
When tears welled up to choke the words "God save our noble Queen."

**Winter—**

She was borne amongst her people when the Winter's skies were low,  
The King of Kings had called her from a realm that loved her so;  
For her 'twas but a passing to the dear ones gone before;  
For us a glorious heritage—abiding evermore!  
A nation's heart was throbbing to the drums' sad muffled roll,  
A whole world whispered, in its grief, the words "God rest her soul."

And now he would pass on to that which should be quite the reverse—"The King and the Craft." They did not know what their position at present was with regard to the King, but they had a Craft. They knew what the feelings of the King were to the Craft, and what they always had been. If he should retire from ruling over the Craft he would leave some one well qualified for the position. Public events had crowded upon us of recent months, and we hardly knew the position we were in. As Masons, they knew they were perfectly safe in the hands of such a son of such a mother.

Bro. John H. Barnes, W.M., in proposing "The Pro G. Master, Earl Amherst; the Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and

Bro. Welch and Bernhardt responded to the toast of "The Initiates."

Bro. Thomas Catling, P.M. and Treas., proposed in place of the I.P.M., who had been obliged to leave early in the evening, "The Health of the W.M." The brethren had been for some time rejoicing in an atmosphere beginning with the King on his Throne, associated with the Grand Officers in the House of Lords and in the House of Commons, and the bench of Bishops; but it was his pleasant and happy task to make the brethren come back to the origin of Drury Lodge to the precincts of this great theatrical lodge, and to think for a moment of the association of themselves and the happiness of being presided over by a member of the theatrical profession. He congratulated the brethren on the prestige Bro. Barnes had bestowed upon the lodge by the manner in which he had taken the chair of K.S. They would understand that he was introducing to their notice the health of the W.M. Whether P.M.s, officers, lay members, or the initiates, whatever might be their acquaintance with Freemasonry, they might congratulate the W.M. upon bringing to the chair of the lodge a graceful presence, a happy attitude of filling it for himself, accepting no model, obeying no ritual in every particular, following no exact example, but investing the officers with words which instructed them in how they were to do their duty. With such a Master the prestige of the Drury Lane Lodge was assured. All the brethren wished him a very happy and successful year of office. They had confidence in him as a most earnest and sincere Mason, and those who knew him were aware that he had spared himself no effort to make himself a suitable Master.

Bro. Barnes, W.M., in reply, said he believed he had been associated with the Drury Lane Theatre many years. He remembered being in "The Lady of the Lake," in which he was received with a hearty shout of laughter on defying a certain super. He asked the brethren to act with him, so that when his year of office was over he might pass his gavel to the one who was to succeed him pure and unsullied, and that the brethren might say, "It is well done."

Bro. Sir H. Issacs, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Harry Nicholls, the life and soul of the Drury Lane Lodge."

Bro. Harry Nicholls responded.



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Past," made special reference to the Masonic Charities, which, he said, gave an answer to the question of what Masonry did. The boys and the girls of Masons were educated, housed, clothed, and fed, and the old and decayed spent their last days in comfort. The noblest part and the fundamental principle of it was its Charitable side. It was obvious that the amount of good that was done by Masonry could not be done without very great intellect, honourable intentions, and grand machinery. For that they were indebted to a large extent to the Officers of Grand Lodge, who worked *con amore*.

Bro. Gen. Laurie having replied,

Bro. John Strachan, K.C., G. Reg., said when the Grand Officers were spoken of it very seldom entered the minds of those who drank the toast what a large body the G. Officers were. Past and Present, they were to be found in every department of the State, from the King on his throne to the House of Lords—the Lord Chancellor, the first commoner of England, the Commander-in-Chief, the Army, Lord Kitchener, the bench of Bishops, and throughout the church, in every department of life where Englishmen gathered together were to be found representatives of the Grand Lodge of England, which showed that Masonry was an institution that ought to be cherished by all lovers of this great empire. With regard to the question of what it was convenient to call "the Charities," for want of a better word, they took care of their brethren, of their nephews and nieces, of sons and daughters of their deceased or needy brethren. The dramatic profession was fairly represented among the Grand Officers. It was within the recollection of all that the profession was very much better recognised now than it was some years ago, not by reason of any change on the inside, not by the actors themselves, because they had been always self-respecting and worthy of the honour that could be bestowed on them, but simply because of the misapprehensions of outsiders having been removed. The Pro Grand Master was no mere ornamental figure head, but he took an interest in everything he did. So did Lord Warwick. With regard to the rest they had a more easy time than they expected. At the present he was not aware of any burning question in any lodge in the world under the jurisdiction of England that called for the interference of Grand Lodge.

As the W.M. had to leave, Bro. Thomas Catling took his place, and proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. Manuel and Lestocq responded.

Bro. Lablache, Coggins, and Ganz responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the brethren then separated.

## Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. E. J. Harrison, P.M., W.M.; E. P. Fischer, S.W.; Dr. C. M. Simpson, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardymont, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; A. E. Turner, S.D.; C. Nicole, J.D.; A. Noel, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; C. S. Hind, A. Hess, M. Cohen, W. E. Ranger, W. Lee, H. C. Kerly, C. G. Zander, H. J. May, D. Meredith, and T. A. Spencer.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Ranger being the candidate. The chair was then taken by Bro. Hancock, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Birks as M. elect. The officers were invested, and the addresses given. Bro. W. E. Ranger was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Fischer was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF PORTLAND arrived in town on Wednesday night from Welbeck Abbey.

**GRAND TREASURERSHIP, 1901.**

**CANDIDATE—**  
**WORSHIPFUL BROTHER**  
**CAPTAIN JOHN BARLOW, J.P.,**  
 P.M. 1260, 1012, &c., &c.

**Chairman of Executive Committee—**  
**W. BROTHER JAMES IRVINE, P.M.**

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### Masonic Notes.

We consider the reasons assigned by the President of the Committee of General Purposes of Supreme Grand Chapter for not granting the prayer of the petition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia for recognition by our Grand Chapter, supported as they were by the explanations of the Grand Registrar, are ample justification for the refusal. Comp. Sir George Harris pointed out that there was a precedent for a single chapter constituting itself a Grand Chapter in one of the two Grand Chapters which in 1817 were united into our present Supreme Grand Chapter. But, as Grand Registrar remarked, a single chapter could not be a representative body, and on these grounds recognition was refused. But at the same time he explained that had the Grand Chapter of Western Australia been composed of several chapters it ought to be recognised. In other words, the petition, as we pointed out in one of our Notes of the 2nd instant, was not granted because it was made prematurely, and not from any unwillingness to recognise Royal Arch Masonry in the Colony when it has been placed on a proper footing.

Our worthy correspondent, Bro. T. May, appears to have shown less than his usual judgment in his letter of criticism which appeared in our columns last week. In our opinion, there is no unseemly haste in the course that has been adopted. It is clear, from the circular convening an "Especial Grand Lodge," which will be held at the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, to-day (Friday), and issued by the Grand Secretary on the 1st instant, that his Majesty must have been approached on the subject of "the Grand Mastership," and must have made known his intention of vacating the office. Otherwise Item No. 4 of the business to be transacted would not read—"That the nomination for the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master, made at the last Quarterly Communication, having become inoperative," &c.

Moreover, the Committee of Grand Lodge meets on Wednesday, the 20th instant, for the purpose of arranging the paper of business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication on Wednesday, the 6th prox., and Grand Lodge will then be in a position to perform its duties in regular business-like fashion. The nomination made to-day will take the place of the nomination made at the December meeting, and the election of Grand Master will take place at the usual time next month. Had this not been done, the nomination of last December would have remained, and the election of his Majesty must have followed in due course. As it is, everything can be done in order, and with the least possible disturbance of the usual arrangements.

We hasten to correct an error which crept into our brief record of the invaluable services rendered by our late distinguished Bro. Thomas Fenn, whom we described as having been appointed in 1897 "Past Grand Scribe N. of Grand Chapter." We should have said "Grand Scribe N.," as Comp. Fenn was appointed to the office and not to Past rank. We might also have mentioned that in 1886 he had conferred upon him the rank of Past President of the Committee of General Purposes of Grand Chapter; and further that he was the author of a History or Annals of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, in the second edition of which the record was carried down to the year 1890, when the lodge—which was warranted in 1787—celebrated its centenary under the personal presidency of the Prince of Wales, the permanent Master of the lodge.

One cannot help smiling at the Critic, who, in his haste to set everybody right, makes more—or, at all events, as many—mistakes as those he is at the trouble of criticising. Such an instance will be found in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 7th instant, in which we read under "London Day by Day"—"Respecting his Majesty the King and English Freemasonry, a Masonic Correspondent writes: To be strictly accurate, the then Prince of Wales, after his initia-

tion by the King of Sweden, in 1869, was created Past Grand Master of England, not by the Grand Lodge, which had no such power, but by the then Grand Master, Lord Ripon." The Prince of Wales was initiated by the then King of Sweden in 1868, and it was in 1869 that the rank of Past Grand Master was conferred upon him, not by Lord Ripon, who, at the time, was only Deputy Grand Master, but by the Earl of Zetland, the then Grand Master. Moreover, as to the statement that Grand Lodge has not the power of creating a Past Grand Master, Article 7 of the Book of Constitutions prescribes that "Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft may, by appointment of the Grand Master, or by a vote of the Grand Lodge duly confirmed, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge." Further, it was in 1874, not 1875, that the Prince became Grand Master, on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon.

It would not have surprised us had the mistakes been made by a non-Masonic correspondent of our contemporary, but a Masonic correspondent in his anxiety "to be strictly accurate" had only to refer to our Grand Lodge Calendar and the B. of C. and he would have found the facts as we have stated them.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, the 13th instant, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer. The Secretary having reported the deaths of one Male and two Widow Annuitants, and of one accepted Male candidate, the Committee approved the lists of candidates for the election in May, and declared the vacancies—including the three deferred on each Fund—to be then competed for as follows: Male Fund, 50 candidates, 13 vacancies; Widows' Fund, 54 candidates, 8 vacancies.

We seldom read a report of the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland without being interested and edified by the contents, and, what is of still greater importance, without arriving at the conclusion that our Queensland brethren spare no pains to promote the welfare of the Craft. At the regular Quarterly Communication, held at the Masonic Hall, Brisbane, on the 5th September last, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, C.M.G., Dist. Grand Master, there was a considerable attendance of District Grand Officers and members, and more than one question of moment was discussed. Thus, on the report of the District Board of Benevolence being presented, a discussion was raised on a point that cropped up incidentally as to whether it might not be desirable to organise a Special Fund out of which permanent help might be extended to indigent brethren and their widows whose circumstances were such as to justify something beyond the temporary relief which alone it was in the power of the Board to recommend.

The idea was in the first instance put forward by the Vice-President of the Board when moving the adoption of the Report, and was warmly supported by Bro. A. Corrie, while the Deputy District Grand Master—Bro. B. L. Barnett, P.G.D. Eng.—spoke at length in favour of the project. He (Bro. Barnett) considered that, as the system in force in the Colony for training up children was so admirable, the brethren need not undertake the serious responsibility of looking after the orphans, but having regard to the great success attending the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Mark Benevolent Fund in England in providing annuities for aged poor brethren and their widows, he was in favour of the adoption of such a scheme in Queensland, and suggested that a beginning should be made at once, Bro. Corrie endorsing the suggestion in a practical manner by promising to contribute £12 per annum for the next five years. We need hardly say that, in the event of such a fund being started, it will have our best wishes for its success.

As for the Report of the Board of General Purposes, after paying a marked tribute of respect to the late Bro. J. Fenwick, P.A.G.D.C., Dist. G. Secretary, the Board announced that they had leased certain premises for the use of the District Grand Lodge, and in which there would be offices for the District Grand Secretary, a special office where brethren could wait on convenient occasions on the District Grand Master, a reading-room, well furnished with Masonic periodicals and works of interest and value, and rooms in which lodges of instruction might be held and the ceremonies of the Craft rehearsed.

We have also received reports of subsequent meetings of the District Grand Lodge, one of which was held at the Masonic Hall, Killarney, on the 9th November, 1900, when the Hall was dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry, the Dep. Dist. Grand Master, on the request of the Dist. Grand Master, performing the ceremony, in the course of which he delivered an eloquent oration appropriate to the occasion. The other meeting was the regular Quarterly Communication, held at the Masonic Hall, Brisbane, on the 5th December, under the presidency of the Dist. Grand Master. The chief matter discussed was the unauthorised publication of reports of lodge proceedings, more particularly in newspapers unconnected with the Craft. The law on the subject was fully explained in the course of the discussion.

## Correspondence.

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

THE COLONIES, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the *Freemason* Christmas Number, under the heading of "The Colonies, &c.," appears the following: "We are also glad to record that three lodges have been added to the roll of the District Grand Lodge of South Africa (E.D.), one of them being named after Bro. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, and the other after her Majesty's High Commissioner for South Africa—Sir Alfred Milner."

May I be permitted to state that the Lord Roberts Lodge, No. 2827, is at Somerset Strand, and the Alfred Milner Lodge, No. 2833, at Muizenberg, both being in the District of South Africa (Western Division).

We know wisdom comes from the East, may the West be allowed a portion, of strength.—Yours fraternally,

JOHN ROBERTS,  
D.S.G.W. S.A. (W.D.).

P.O. Box 321, Capetown,  
January 21st.

### SOME MASONS' NOTIONS OF CHARITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

I have read with some dismay the letter of a "Poor Brother" in which an "exalted brother" is said to have enunciated the principle that it is un-Masonic to apply to a member of the Craft for assistance in obtaining a livelihood. This, to my mind, is so utterly opposed to the scheme of Freemasonry that I cannot refrain from making a few observations.

On becoming a Freemason I was instructed that it conferred "inestimable privileges." What are these privileges? I interpreted it to mean the duty and pleasure of assisting a brother in distressed circumstances, and to the best of my humble power I have endeavoured to carry out that principle. It has often been my fortune to be applied to by brothers in search of employment, and I have always thought it my first duty, having proved them and found them worthy, to do all in my power to secure them work, and even to assist them pecuniarily if necessary. One may certainly be imposed upon, but I hold the opinion that it is better to be imposed upon seven times than to run the risk of failing to succour and help one deserving brother. If I have improperly understood and applied the principles of the Craft, I shall be glad to be set right; and I would also impress the following sentence (which occurs in a certain Masonic address) upon those who may put a different construction on their duties and privileges: "by befriending and relieving with unhesitating cordiality, to the best of our ability, any brother who may seek our assistance." (I quote from memory.)

Apologising for trespassing on your space.—I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally

GEO. A. BEVAN, I.P.M. 2498,  
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11th February.

### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can any of your correspondents give a reason why the level is placed on the apron of a W.M. and P.M. otherwise than to distinguish his rank?—Yours fraternally,

P.M.

## Scotland.

### GRAND LODGE.

The quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Thursday, the 7th instant, in Edinburgh. The Grand Lodge being in mourning, the Freemasons' Hall, in which the meeting was held, was suitably draped with black and purple; the office bearers and members were in mourning, while the regalia and other trappings were draped with crape. The throne of Grand Lodge was occupied by the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., Most Worshipful Grand Master, who, in pathetic terms, referred to the death of her Gracious Majesty the Queen—the Queen of Queens—and asked the authority of Grand Lodge to sign the following address of sympathy and loyalty, which was granted in sympathetic silence:

Unto the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, The Honourable James Hozier, M.P., Grand Master Mason of Scotland; The Right Honourable Alexander, Lord Saltoun, Past Grand Master; John Graham of Broadstone, Grand Master Depute; The Honourable Charles Maule Ramsay, Substitute Grand Master; and the remanent office-bearers and members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, for ourselves and on behalf of the whole Fraternity of Scottish Freemasons at home, in India, in the Colonies, and in Foreign Parts, beg leave, with our most humble duty and in profound sorrow, to offer to Your Majesty our respectful sympathy in the grievous loss, sustained by Your Majesty and by the whole Empire, in the death of our late Sovereign Lady Her Majesty Queen Victoria of blessed and glorious memory.

We beg leave, at the same time, humbly to assure Your Majesty, the Royal Patron of our Scottish Craft, of our unalterable devotion to Your Majesty's throne, and to Your Majesty's person. And we most earnestly pray that the blessing of the Almighty may ever rest upon Your Majesty, upon Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, and upon every member of your Royal House.

Given under our hand and seal in full Grand Lodge assembled at Edinburgh, this seventh day of February, 1901.

JAMES HOZIER, Grand Master Mason.  
DAVID REID, Grand Secretary.

To this was added the seal of Grand Lodge.

The reading of the address was followed with prayer offered up by Bro. Rev. Percy M. Herford, G. Chaplain.

The Grand Organist played appropriate music. The entire assembly remained standing during the solemn ceremony.

The office-bearers of Grand Lodge present supporting the M.W.G.M. included Bros. John Graham, of Broadstone, Depute G.M.; the Hon. Charles Maule Ramsay, S.G.M.; A. A. Spiers, of Elderslie, S.G.W.; W. Munro Denholm, J.G.W.; David Reid, G. Sec.; J. Carruthers, S.G.D.; W. Phillips, J.G.D.; A. Skirving, I.A., G. Architect; A. Brown, G. Jeweller; W. Scott, J. Gunn, and others.

The GRAND MASTER read a letter from H.R.H. Prince Leopold Friedrich, Prince of Prussia, Protector of the Grand Lodges of Germany, thanking Grand Lodge for the honour conferred on him in being enrolled an honorary member of the Grand Lodge.

The Prov. G.M. of Newfoundland, Bro. James Gordon, was introduced and welcomed to Grand Lodge.

Bro. Edward A. Chisholm was unanimously elected to the position of Grand Treasurer, vacated by the election of Bro. David Reid to Grand Secretaryship, and Bro. Chisholm was duly installed by the Grand Master.

Petitions for new lodges—one in the Upper Ward of Lanark, to be called Hozier Lodge; one for Gwalla, Leonora; one in Northern Western Australia; and one in Gingin, Queensland—were granted.

It was resolved that the rule limiting the holding of office in Grand Lodge to one year should not apply to Prov. Grand Lodges, and that the Chaplains of Grand Lodge shall be known in future as "Senior" and "Junior."

The election of members to Grand Committee resulted as follows, the numbers following names being the vote recorded for each: Bros. Captain G. B. Wishart, 313; James Cadwell, 296; Colonel Wilson Macadam, 239; W. Officer, 258; James Grierson, 244; George Crawford, 242; Alex. Bruce, 231; Robert Bathgate, 229; Miles M'Innes, 221; John Sprunt, 220; Dr. D. C. A. M'Allum and William Phillips, 205; J. A. S. Kerr, 203; Andrew Fergus, 196; John Walker, 194; C. C. Nisbet, 191; James Smith, 188; A. A. Murray, 186; and James Jack, 183. The election of the first 16 is for three years, Bros. Smith and Murray for two years, and Bro. Jack one year.

At the conclusion of the business, the members of Grand Lodge sang the National Anthem—"God Save the King."

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF FORFARSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Forfar and Kincardine Masonic Hall, Meadow-street, Dundee, on the 6th instant, Bro. James Berry, Prov. Grand Master, presiding. Most of the principal office bearers of Provincial Grand Lodge were in attendance, and a large number of brethren from the various lodges throughout the province were present. The jewels worn by the office bearers were draped, while the other brethren wore appropriate signs of mourning. Amongst those present were Bros. D. Reid, Grand Sec.; Hon. C. M. Ramsay, Prov. Depute Master; Rev. Dr. Colin Campbell, Grand Chaplain; A. Armit and R. Paisley, Prov. G. Chaps.; ex-Provost Anderson, Prov. G. Sec.; A. C. Anderson, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; and ex-Bailie Herald, Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the Dead March from "Saul" was played on the organ by Bro. John Burrows, Prov. G. Director of Music.

Bro. BERRY subsequently referred to the death of the Queen, and it was remitted to himself and the Provincial Grand Secretary to frame a minute expressive of the sincere sorrow of the brethren at the loss sustained by the nation—the expression of condolence to be engrossed in the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Berry also offered congratulations to King Edward VII. on his accession to the throne. They had proof from his Majesty's words—if such had been required—that the example of his beloved mother would be his Majesty's constant guide through life. They all hoped that happiness and prosperity would attend his Majesty's reign. (Applause.)

Bro. BERRY reported that the province was in an exceedingly healthy condition, alike in regard to finances and the number of candidates seeking admission to the privileges of the Order. They had 18 annuitants, and the total amount received last year for annuities was £190. That was largely in excess of the average for Scotland, but he could truthfully say that no case unless of a deserving nature had been submitted to the Annuity Board. The same remark applied to the grants given by the Monthly Board. In regard to the number of entrants in the province, these had largely exceeded former years, while in all the lodges the benevolent funds were increasing. Bro. Berry referred to the Masonic functions which had taken place in the province during the past year, specially remarking that the Friockheim Lodge had now come into the possession of one of the prettiest Masonic lodges in Forfarshire. (Applause.)

Bro. HERALD reported on the financial condition of the province, stating that this was most satisfactory. He proposed that the former contributions to Provincial Grand Lodge for entrants should be continued, namely, 1s. to the Benevolent Fund, and 2s. 6d. to the General Fund.

This was agreed to.

The next business was the election of office bearers.

Bro. TARBAT thought the time had come when a fairer distribution of the office bearers should be made throughout the province. Many of the lodges were not represented at all, while others had two or three representatives among the officials of Grand Lodge.

Bro. BERRY said that was the fault of the lodges themselves. All the lodges were asked to be present, and it was his wish, as well as that of the other office bearers, that there should be a full representation from all quarters, so that the Provincial Grand Lodge would have proper support when they were away from home.

The subject was then dropped, and the election of office bearers proceeded with.

In the list of commissioned office bearers two changes were made, as follows, namely: Bro. J. G. Sprunt, vice Bro. Major P. W. Anderson, Substitute Master; and Rev. R. Paisley, vice Bro. Stewart Galloway.

The elective offices were filled as follows:

Bro. W. J. W. Cameron	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
A. Naysmith	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Ex-Bailie Herald	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
J. R. Wilson	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
W. Smith	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
J. Bruce	...	...	Prov. G. Architect.
James Duncan	...	...	Prov. G. Jeweller.
Peter Gray	...	...	Prov. G. Bible-Br.
R. D. L. Keith	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
D. R. Cooper	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
John Burrows	...	...	Prov. G. Dir. of M.
G. Gibson	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
D. D. Beaton	...	...	Prov. G. Bard.
John W. M'Lachlan	...	...	
J. Scott	...	...	
G. M'Ritchie	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
A. C. Smith	...	...	
D. W. Galloway	...	...	
A. W. R. Birrell	...	...	
J. M. Ainslie Miller	...	...	Prov. G. Marshal.
A. C. Stewart	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
John Macgregor	...	...	Prov. G.O.G.

The following were appointed Auditors, namely: Bros. W. Chapel and Norman M'Bain.

Bro. M'LACHLAN asked why the brethren had not been invited to be present at the funeral obsequies of her Majesty at Dundee.

Bro. BERRY said it would take a long time to explain that matter, but he might mention that he was preparing a statement to be submitted to the Lord Provost which might tend to remedy the matter in future.

Bro. M'LACHLAN said he remembered the day when no important public function took place in Dundee without the brethren being conspicuous there.

Bro. BERRY said the matter was a delicate one which he would not enter into.

Bro. SPRUNT gave notice of a motion affecting procedure for next meeting.

### CONSECRATION OF LODGE HOZIER, No. 912.

Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., Grand Master Mason of Scotland and Prov. Grand Master of Lanarkshire Upper Ward, along with a large deputation from the Prov. G. Lodge, on the 8th instant erected and consecrated the above lodge at Douglas Water.

The Grand Master, having performed the ceremony according to ancient custom, installed the various office-bearers, and at the conclusion complimented the lodge on being the first erected in the new century, and under the reign of King Edward. He thanked the brethren for having given the lodge his name, and hoped that it would meet with every prosperity. It was the first time, he believed, the Grand Master of Scotland had had the privilege of erecting a lodge in the province of which he was Prov. Grand Master named after himself.

## Craft Masonry.

### Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 7th instant. Present: Bros. T. Stokes, W.M.; John G. Robeson, I.P.M.; A. Fergusson, S.W.; A. J. Rippin, J.W.; T. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Smith, P.M.; Sec.; R. F. Roche, S.D.; W. J. Lockett, J.D.; W. J. Fishleigh, I.G.; William Baker, P.M., D.C.; E. Chatterton, P.M. 879, Org.; J. Collins and F. H. Farr, Stwds.; Hughes, F.M.; and Mower, P.M. Visitors: Bros. E. W. Newman, P.M. 2518; W. C. Ullmann, 1145; H. Johnson, 2409; J. Miller, 879; H. Eagle, 1716; Plumley, 1457; Brough, Grimes, Thomson, Browne, Cashman, J. W. Fishleigh, T. E. Fergusson, Allerton, Adams, Durrant, Prevost, Hanks, Mein, Bassett, R. W. Jones, Peirson, Williams, Leach, Willey, Hamlett, Bayley, Lloyd, A. A. Jones, Purbrook, Grimsdale, Auckland, Doody, Cowderoy, Barclay, Wetton, Crawshaw, Meers, Ellis, Press, Goshon, Dearsley, and Hipwell.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as those of the two emergency meetings, having been read and confirmed, Bros. Browne, Cashman, J. W. Fishleigh, Grimes, Hanks, and Allerton were raised to the Degree of M.M., after which Bro. Mein was passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. John Ellis, Fred Press, Alfred Goshon, and Chas. Bloom Dearsley, and they being unanimously elected, and in attendance, were duly initiated into Freemasonry. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year, which ballot proved to be unanimous in favour of Bro. A. Fergusson, S.W. Bro. Thos. Cohu, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Peirson, Purbrook, and Wetton were elected, from the body of the lodge, to audit the accounts for the past year. The by-laws as passed at the last meeting were then put for confirmation, and it was agreed that they be printed, after having received the consent of the Grand Secretary. The W.M. then ordered the brethren to stand, when he read the following resolution, which was passed and ordered to be recorded in the minutes of the lodge: "That the Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, in open lodge assembled, desire to express their grief at the lamented death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and to record their sense of the loss which the Nation has sustained thereby. The lodge also notes with satisfaction that a special meeting of Grand Lodge will be held on the 15th inst., for the purpose of voting a loyal and dutiful address to his Majesty the King, expressive of the profound sympathy of the entire Craft on the decease of her late Most Gracious Majesty." Bro. Thos. Cohu then gave the following notices of motion: That the usual Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Thos. Stokes on his leaving the chair after one of the most successful year's the lodge has had for many years past; also that the sum of 25 guineas be taken from the lodge funds and placed on the list of Bro. A. Fergusson, W.M. elect, who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Purbrook proposed, and Bro. Jas. Smith, P.M. and Sec., seconded, Mr. J. H. Robinson for initiation at the next meeting; and Bro. Peirson proposed, and the W.M. seconded, Bro. W. C. Ullman as a joining member. The Secretary then read the notices received from Grand Lodge with respect to Masonic mourning, and also that calling the special meeting of Grand Lodge to be held on the 15th instant, also letters of resignation from Bros. A. P. MacLarty, N. MacLarty, Franklin, and Smith. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

### Temple Lodge, No. 101.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. E. PAINE.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on the 5th instant, there being present Bros. W. A. Perry, W.M.; H. Eyre, I.P.M.; J. E. Paine, S.W.; W. A. Williams, J.W.; Frank W. Williams, P.M., Treas.; E. S. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; T. W. Chapman, S.D.; E. Hall, J.D.; Jas. Saunders, I.G.; H. B. White, P.M., D. of C.; H. P. Squire,

P.M., Stwd.; S. Hill, Org.; W. J. W. Beard, P.M.; J. M. Flegg, P.M.; Harry Wood, P.M.; F. Wint, P.M.; J. Budd, G. Harrison, A. Grover, A. J. Wood, H. Funnell, T. Haines, P. J. Diment, F. W. Rose, C. C. Bubb, F. Fox, J. H. Faull, A. J. Haines, G. Dennington, T. J. Procter, H. E. Hayes, R. Porch, R. A. Williams, A. Duke Essien, C. Muggleton, W. Tinnion, V. S. Partridge, Frank Dury, H. E. Etheridge, W. H. Warren, and A. F. Thompson. Visitors: Bros. Robert J. Voisey, P.M., P.A.G. Std. Br.; H. S. Blakey, 1708; P. E. Abbott, 2648; J. Abbott, 1685; H. F. Roberts, 1310; W. Hipgrave, 1922; G. J. Bright, 2192; Geo. Cully, 1658; Sidney H. Baker, 2648; J. B. Higgs, 1622; H. G. Gush, 1541; W. Paine, 2048; W. Hill, 2030; W. G. Devey, 231; and T. B. Benton, 2182.

After initiating three candidates in a most exemplary manner, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lardner, to whom was presented Bro. J. A. Paine, S.W., W.M. elect, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in the presence of a full Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. A. Perry, I.P.M.; W. A. Williams, S.W.; T. W. Chapman, J.W.; F. W. Williams, P.M., Treas.; E. S. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; E. Hall, S.D.; H. Funnell, J.D.; T. Haines, I.G.; H. B. White, P.M., D.C.; H. P. Squire, P.M., and F. W. Rose, Stwds.; F. Fox, A.D.C.; S. Hill, Org.; and R. Potter, Tyler. The addresses rendered by Bro. E. S. Lardner were splendid examples of oratory, and were appreciatively listened to. Then ensued a pleasing episode in the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the outgoing W.M., and Bro. B. White, in a very happy and appropriate speech (in which he enunciated the theory that a "man was greatly what his wife made him"), hoped that Bro. Perry would, on behalf of his wife, accept a diamond and sapphire bracelet, on which was the inscription: "Presented to Mrs. W. A. Perry by the brethren of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the lodge by her husband during his Mastership, 1900." Bro. Perry earnestly thanked the brethren, and remarked that doubtless Mrs. Perry would appreciate that souvenir of their esteem, more especially as she had such a pleasant recollection of the day when she was hostess to so many Freemasons on the occasion of the summer outing of the Temple Lodge.

The lodge being closed, a *recherche* banquet was partaken of, at which the usual Masonic toasts and musical programme were omitted.

Bro. J. E. Paine made a few feeling remarks on the great loss the country had sustained in the death of our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, his speech being received in silence.

"The Health of the King" was drunk with enthusiasm, and the National Anthem was sung with loyal heartiness.

### Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. H. KER THOMPSON.

At the annual festival of the above lodge, held at the head-quarters, Railway Hotel, Highbridge, Bro. H. Ker Thompson, who had been unanimously re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was duly installed, in the regretted absence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, by Bro. E. Fry Wade, P.M., P.G. Sec. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Cox, I.P.M.; Rev. E. A. Sandford, S.W.; J. Wood, J.W.; T. Floyd Norris, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Dunsford, P.M., Sec.; Rev. R. Fraser Frizell, Chap.; A. E. Burnett, D. of C.; F. E. Lucas, S.D.; R. E. W. Dauntton, J.D.; Harwood-Hardman, I.G.; Bird and E. Smith, Stwds.; J. Glanville, Org.; and J. Ashwell, Tyler.

In consequence of the demise of her Majesty the Queen, Patroness of the Craft, the customary banquet was dispensed with.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M.: "That the W.M., Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge of Freemasons, No. 291, hereby express their deep regret at the irrevocable loss sustained by this nation through the death of her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and their respectful sympathy with the Royal House in this hour of their affliction. At the same time they humbly tender their fealty, loyalty, and devotion to his Majesty King Edward VII., and pray that he may have a long, peaceful, and prosperous reign."

### Pomfret Lodge, No. 360.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. HARRY MANFIELD.

On Thursday, the 7th instant, Bro. Harry Manfield, Grand Treas., W.M. 2772, P.M. 1764 and 1911, was duly installed W.M. of the above lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Northampton. The ceremony was largely attended by the brethren of this lodge and of other lodges, the election and installation being a high compliment to Bro. Manfield and a distinction to the lodge. The installation was performed by the retiring Master, Bro. E. Archer, P.P.G. Std. Br., assisted by Bro. Geo. Ellard, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. The new Master appointed and invested the following brethren to the respective offices of the lodge: Bros. W. J. Stanton, P.P.G. Std., S.W.; C. R. Nunn, J.W.; Rev. Wm. Holding, P.P.G. Chap.; A. Cockerill, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Geo. Ellard, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; W. J. Arnsby, P.P.G. Std., S.D.; C. H. Dorman, J.D.; G. F. E. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., D.C.; J. J. Martin, I.G.; R. S. Skillington and Astley Cooper, Stwds.; M. L. Warner, P.P.G. Org.; and G. Robinson, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

Subsequently supper was served by Bro. George Nichols. The ceremony and subsequent proceedings constituted an interesting and happy function.

### New Cross Lodge, No. 1559.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. SAMUEL EBENEZER FIRMINGER.

This highly-successful and happy meeting took place at the Hotel Cecil Masonic Hall, Strand, W.C., on the 8th instant. Present: Bros. T. R. Busby, W.M.; W. Meninger, I.P.M.; S. E. Firminger, S.W., and W.M. elect; H. G. Walden, J.W.; J. Wilson, J.D.; W. Knill, I.G.; Thos. Grumman, P.M., Sec.; Carlo Grassie, P.M., D.C.; J. E. Hambleton, P.M., Org.; J. D. Graham, P.M.; G. G. Honour and J. H. Leber, Stwds.; J. Whiteman, Tyler; A. Cogliati, P.M.; G. F. Mounter, P.M.; W. T. Winsor, P.M.; J. H. Calcott, J. S. Targett, P.M.; H. H. Targett, W. A. Sutch, W. Abbiss, P. Cariello, E. Carume, C. Allis, B. A. Calot, J. H. Caudell, H. Coc, E. Robinson, O. R. Goring, J. B. Dick, O. Davis, G. Kariengbaum, A. E. Brain, A. Hammond, A. E. Antonelli, L. French, G. H. Fisher, L. Bendi, J. Hoffer, W. B. Smith, W. R. Gibbs, D. Lewis, R. W. Davey, R. Warren, A. Taroni, A. Peria, M. Erde, Owen Simmons, G. Tietta, E. Peroni, T. C. Smart, J. B. Wight, A. Poinaggia, E. Rouard, J. W. Breddon, E. F. Coccioletti, W. E. Smith, A. D. Masterson, G. Faaz, A. Bellini, A. Crippa, and L. Azario. The visitors were: Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br.; A. H. Kendall, W.M. 657; J. D. Murray, I.G. 1441; J. T. Plumptre, 622; C. G. Butler, 414; E. W. Whitmore, 1319; W. G. Vickers, 1194; H. Cornford, W.M. 1320, P.M. 1922; B. Shaw, 1950; G. Hoare, 1950; D. Rose, P.M. 73; H. Baker, 189; M. Cooper, 1185; A. Morrandi, 2337; C. Spornia, 2687; J. Wyman, 186; J. W. Simeon, P.M. 193; G. Sammare, P.M. 1708; F. L. Perken, P.M. 63; H. T. Pain, S.D. 784; H. Williamson, 172; E. G. Berry, W.M. 1321; S. O. Mitchell, 2473; C. B. Powell, P.M. 1319; G. H. Maher, 1987; A. H. P. Snow, W.M. 2191; J. Martin, J.W. 63; A. R. King Farlow, P.M. 1150; W. Morant, 1624; A. H. Rimbault, W.M. 1441; C. F. King, W.M. 1624; E. de Berrales, 538; C. Woodrow, J.W. 276; and Charles Henry Stone, I.P.M. 1641, P.M. 507, &c.

The minutes of the election meeting, December 14, 1900, were read and confirmed, and also the emergency meeting of January 11. The Auditors' report was presented and adopted, and showed the lodge to be in a most flourishing and prosperous condition. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Antonio Taroni, George Alexander Cash, and Robert Willgress Davey, which proved unanimous, and Messrs. Reginald Warren (already approved), Taroni, and Davey being in attendance, they were initiated in an exemplary manner by the W.M. Bro. J. D. Graham, P.M., next presented Bro. S. E. Firminger, W.M. elect, to the W.M., Bro. T. R. Busby, to receive from him the benefit of installation, which was carried out in a Board of 23 Installed Masters in a most impressive and perfect manner. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. T. R. Busby, I.P.M.; H. G. Walden, S.W.; R. W. Foster, J.W. (deferred); T. Grumman, P.M., Secretary; E. H. Thellay, P.M., Treasurer (deferred); J. Wilson, S.D.; W. Knill, J.D.; A. Hammond, I.G.; G. G. Honour, W. R. Gibbs, J. H. Leber, and W. A. Sutch, Stwds.; J. E. Hambleton, P.M., Organist; and J. Whiteman, Tyler. The three addresses were most ably

rendered by the Installing Master. The W.M., in eulogistic terms, commented upon the magnificent working of the I.P.M., and the esteem he was held in by the brethren, and presented him with a Past Master's collar and beautifully-chased silver jewel from the 19 initiates he had had during the last two years, with their earnest desire that he would long live to wear the same. Bro. T. R. Busby very suitably and feelingly accepted the same as a token of their appreciation. The names of the subscribers are Bros. J. H. Caudell, O. R. Goring, R. J. De Mel, A. E. Brain, J. Butzbach, G. Kriegbaum, J. Hoffer, G. D. Alessandri, H. E. Jenkins, H. D. Chibnall, P. Lechères, R. Wilson, C. Rebiere, W. Abbiss, E. Mills, J. B. Dick, H. H. Targett, J. H. Callcott, and J. W. Breedon. Another very pleasing duty the W.M. said he had to perform, and that was to present to the I.P.M. and Installing Master a silver tea service in commemoration of his second consecutive year of Mastership—a circumstance which had not occurred before in the lodge. The I.P.M. was a most worthy brother, and the brethren were indeed proud of him. He (the W.M.) hoped that the handsome tea service would be handed down in Bro. T. R. Busby's family from generation to generation as a token of their love and affection. In reply, Bro. Busby, who spoke with emotion, thanked the brethren most cordially for their beautiful present. It was, indeed, very gratifying to know that his services had been appreciated, and it would remind him for years to come that he should never forget the many happy hours he had spent in the lodge. A bar was also added to his Past Master's jewel, which he greatly appreciated. It was resolved there should be placed upon the minutes a vote of condolence with his Majesty the King on the death of her Most Gracious Majesty our late most revered and beloved Queen. Bro. Thos. Grummant, P.M., Sec., announced the serious illness of Bro. Thiellay, P.M., Treas., and also Bro. R. W. Foster, elected J.W., whose absence was caused by an accident. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be written to both those brethren earnestly hoping for their speedy recovery. A candidate was proposed for initiation.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at which the W.M., Bro. S. E. Firminger, presided.

The cloth removed, the W.M., in very able and feeling terms, spoke of the national great loss in the death of the late beloved Queen, and briefly presented the toast of "His Majesty the King."

Bro. T. R. Busby, I.P.M., next gave the toast of the evening, that of "The W.M.," who had succeeded to that exalted position and now having attained it, none could be more worthy to fill the same. He, the I.P.M., was confident that under the able presidency of the W.M. the lodge would have a most successful year.

The toast was most cordially received.

In reply, Bro. S. E. Firminger, W.M., thanked the brethren most sincerely for drinking to his health so cordially and took it as a very great honour. It was, indeed, a proud moment to him, and he could not help looking back for many years and noting the perfect unity that had existed among them, and his earnest desire would be that during the coming year that perfect love and harmony would prevail which characterised Freemasonry and continue for very many years to come.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "Bro. Installing Master" in eulogistic terms, his splendid knowledge of the ritual could not be excelled and had gratified the brethren beyond measure.

Bro. Busby, I.P.M., was very grateful for their reception. He had done his best to deserve their approbation and should continue to do his very utmost for the benefit of the lodge.

The toast of "Bro. Initiates" was presented by the W.M. in most appreciative terms, and duly responded to by Bros. Warren, Toroni, and Davey.

The W.M. next most cordially proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and stated the pleasure it afforded the brethren to welcome them.

The toast was most forcibly replied to by Bros. Cornford, Stone, Perkin, Berry, Martin, Rimbault, and A. de Bernales.

The toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge," was presented by the W.M. in eloquent terms, and specially regretting the absence of their esteemed Bro. Thiellay, Treas., through illness.

In reply, Bro. Thos. Grummant, P.M., stated it gave him great pleasure to respond. It was now nearly a quarter of a century since his initiation, and for 15 years he had been Secretary to the lodge. He would like to add one word with respect to our noble King, our Grand Master; all wished him long life, health, and happiness during his reign. As the Secretary of the lodge he felt it an honour to serve in that capacity, which he had done under many worthy Masters; but of the W.M., whom he had known from infancy, he was especially proud. He also paid a high compliment on the I.P.M., who had carried out the duties of W.M. for two succeeding years, and the 19 initiates rewarded him with their testimony. There was another great feature in the lodge which he was delighted was growing, and that was Benevolence. The Charity-box had received the sum of five guineas that evening, and he trusted that true Masonic spirit would continue to grow. The one sad incident was the absence of their esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Thiellay, but they all hoped for his speedy recovery. At that moment cloud seemed overhanging the lodge, but he earnestly hoped it would soon rise, and the horizon be clear and bright long before the W.M. was leaving the chair. For their kind expressions always extended to him he most heartily thanked them.

The Tyler's toast closed an eventful evening.

#### St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, West Yorkshire, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Simpson, W.M.; E. Hirst, I.P.M.; T. J. Smith, S.W.; B. Maskill, J.W.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; E. Donkin, Treas.; J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. R. R. Marsdin, J.D.; Theo. Barber, D.C.; J. Acaster, I.G.; F. Pine, Tyler; E. Shillito, and J. T. Robotham. Visitors: T. W. Turner, I.P.M., and C. Ord, Stwd. of 242.

The minutes of the last lodge were read, also an account of the part the Freemasons of Thorne took on the general mourning day for our late beloved Sovereign. Two names were brought forward for "exclusion," but the decision was left until next lodge.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. W. INGRAM PASHLER, P.M., P.Z.

The members of the Craft in the Province of Cambridgeshire and beyond will learn with regret of the death of Bro. William Ingram Pashler (a native of Ely), which took place at his residence, Caldecote Rectory, near Cambridge, on the 12th instant. For 24 years he had been the dispenser at Addenbrooke's Hospital at Cambridge, and was held in high esteem by the medical and nursing staff. Ill-health caused him to resign his post last Christmas. He was an eager and expert Craftsman. Initiated in the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, in February, 1880, he passed through all the offices and held the position of W.M. in 1887. He was subsequently appointed J.D. in the province. He was also proficient in Royal Arch Masonry, and occupied the chair of M.E.Z. in the Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88, in 1890, being subsequently appointed Provincial Grand Registrar. In social life Bro. Pashler was exceedingly popular, and his company was much appreciated. In the time of the old Bijou Amateurs, connected with the Cambridge Junior Conservative Club, he took a prominent part in the performances of that popular dramatic company. He was married, but left no children. The funeral took place at Caldecote village to-day (Friday).

#### MR. JOHN DRAPER SADLER.

The death is announced of Mr. John Draper Sadler, the second son of the late Pro. Charles Sadler, of the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

### THE PASSING OF THE QUEEN.

"Here at last I will rest with thee: with thee in Christ I will arise again." Inscribed over the entrance to the costly and beautiful Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore, erected by the Queen as the burial place of the Prince Consort and herself.

DEDICATED TO THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND KAISER.

Across the silent highway pass her ships,  
The minute guns resounding as she goes;  
The sentinels of war with drooping flags  
Guard their great Queen; no enemy oppose.

Two Admirals of the Fleet their vigil keep,  
The King and Kaiser, Mourners of the Dead;  
The solemn requiem music saddens all,  
As speeds the corse towards its long narrow bed.

The *Chapelle Ardente*, lit with tapers tall,  
Just seen as the Alberta passes by,  
Makes all hearts grieve, and many a brave man weeps,  
The mournful scene brings tears to many an eye.

The Majesty of Death is o'er the sea,  
Though brilliant gleams the sun this winter day;  
Through the long avenue of mighty ships  
The sad procession goes its stately way.

She rests in harbour through the silent night,  
Watched by her sailors whom she loved so well;  
The morning comes, and e'en the skies must weep;  
Her soldiers claim her; their love who can tell!

Field Marshals follow in her mournful train,  
The King and Kaiser, faithful as before;  
Monarchs and Embassies from distant lands,  
So grand a funeral ne'er was seen of yore.

Through the great City millions watch her pass;  
Silent and sorrowful, feeling sore Death's sting;  
A ray of sunlight through the cloudy mass  
Shines on our Edward, every inch a King.

The soldier's daughter passes to her rest  
On pall-enshrouded minister of war,  
With glittering crown, and orb, and sceptre placed—  
Upon her loyal soldiers' funeral car.

The Queen, Princesses in their garb of woe,  
Ride through the ranks of warriors brave and true,  
And so to Royal Windsor on they go:  
Thy loss, Victoria, we shall ever rue.

St. George's Chapel thronged with England's great  
Receives her body. Hush! for now we pray:  
Our Prelates, Cantors, Lictors, take their part  
In solemn obsequies this fateful day.

They leave her there to rest the Sabbath o'er,  
Where knightly banners float and all is still;  
Fair flowers, and wreaths from loving subjects, friends,  
Their perfume sweet the glorious fane doth fill.

Then to the Mausoleum where He lies,  
Her well-loved husband, Albert, named the Good;  
They meet above, and where love never dies;  
Behind the veil now all is understood.

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The mourners now depart, but one we crave—  
To thank in England's name for that he came  
Straight from the midst of pleasure to our shores  
To tend our Queen. His praise we now acclaim.

We English, Sire, now never can forget  
Your coming in our trouble and distress;  
Come weal or woe, we may establish yet—  
A peaceful treaty to stand storm or stress.

Fly standards high, and greet the Emperor now;  
Cheer loudly as he leaves our friendly shore:  
Gold bless you, Sire! Our prayer is only meet,  
And may He guard you, bless you, evermore.

February 6th, 1901.

EMRA HOLMES, K.C.T.

NOTE.—In the midst of the festivities at Berlin during the celebration of the Prussian monarchy the German Emperor came to England to see the dying Queen, and comfort his Royal relatives. He followed her funeral car—a draped gun carriage, on which was placed the emblems of her Sovereignty—in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, with the King in the same dress, in compliment to the English Navy; and when the procession passed through London both Princes rode as chief mourners in the uniform of Field-Marshal—a rank to which the King had just appointed his nephew, who said he was proud to wear the dress of the Duke of Wellington and Earl Roberts. The passage across the Solent was made through the magnificent fleet in glorious weather, but the landing of the body, on Saturday, the 2nd instant, and entraining of the mourners, was amidst heavy showers. It was fine, but cloudy, in London; but the sun shone out momentarily on the King—a happy omen. The conduct of the millions in the streets, all in black, was beyond all praise. The King, in his message to the Army, spoke of the Queen as a soldier's daughter. The feeling is universal that the German Emperor's more than sympathetic attitude towards England has greatly endeared him to the people who loved and revered their Queen. The result, it is hoped, may be far reaching in the interests of peace.

### Royal Arch.

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

An emergency chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 8th instant. Present: Comps. H. A. Fenton, M.E.Z.; F. J. Forth, H.; W. Langbridge, J. and S.E.; W. Fretwell, I.P.Z.; C. E. Boomer, S.N.; J. Constable, P.Z., P.S.; F. H. Buckland, 1st A.S.; F. J. Forth, Treas.; C. Ord, T. W. Turner, and W. Mason, Janitor. Comp. E. Simpson, S.N., 422, was a visitor.

Bro. S. W. S. Taylor, I.G. 242, was exalted in the S.D. of a R.A.M. by the E.Z. and P.S. Arrangements were afterwards made for the installation on the 22nd instant.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### SEDAN CHAIRS.

(Continued.)

Chairs made their first appearance in Paris about the same time that Buckingham's unpopular use of one had attracted public attention in London; but the French were some years in advance of us in supplying chairs for public hire. A small association, or company, as we should now call it, was formed in Paris in 1617, which obtained the sole right of supplying *chaises à porteurs* on hire in all the cities of the French kingdom. Similar patents were obtained later by other individuals, and, in the time of Louis XIV., chairs were extremely fashionable, and were often most luxuriously upholstered. The palmy days of the sedan chair in England were the earlier decades of the 18th century. In 1710 there were 200 hackney chairs in London, and the number remained much the same until the reign of George III. Besides these public chairs there were very many which belonged to private owners, and were elaborately carved and luxuriously fitted. In Dublin sedan chairs were taxed for the benefit of one of the hospitals; and from registers still extant it appears that in 1787 there were no fewer than 257 private chairs, owned by wealthy people, from dukes down to rich commoners, in the Irish capital. The tax in 1798 brought the fortunate Dublin hospital as much as £547. The literature of the century, especially that of its earlier half, is full of references to the hackney chairs and the chairmen, who seem to have been rather a disreputable class of men. Gay, in his most interesting poem on the "Art of Walking the Streets of London," speaks of their crowding the doors of taverns, and warns passengers against some of the dangers of chair-travelling.

"When the sudden gale  
The drunken chairman in the kennels spurns,  
The glasses shatters, and his charge o'erturns."

In those days the footpath was only distinguished from the roadway by a line of posts, which afforded some slight protection to pedestrians, and chair-men had no right to pass within the posts. Gay warns his readers against the rudeness of these men—

"Let not the chairman with assuming stride,  
Press near the wall, and rudely thrust thy side;  
The laws have set him bounds; his servile feet  
Should ne'er encroach where posts defend the street."

Many years later, when Jonas Hanway courageously set the example of carrying an unfurled umbrella in the streets of London, the chair-men, who, like the worshippers of Diana at Ephesus, saw their craft in danger, were among the loudest and most daring of those who vainly tried to intimidate the bold innovator by jeers and sarcasms, and even threats. As the 18th century neared its end, the number of chairs began to decrease, while the number of hackney coaches was largely increased. The use of Sedan chairs, however, died hard. In many country towns they remained in use until a period well within the memory of men still comparatively young. In Peterborough, for instance, they were used down to at least 1860; and 10 years later one solitary survivor might have been seen in Exeter. At Newcastle one was still extant in 1885, and at Bury St. Edmunds in 1890. Sir Walter Scott, in his "Diary," mentions using a Sedan chair in February, 1831; and about the same time Lady Salisbury, who died four years later at the age of 85, was in the habit of going to evening parties and other assemblies in her old-fashioned chair. Sedan chairs were still in common use in Bath in the early years of the last century, and extremely useful and convenient they were for invalids. The chair could be entered in the hall of the hirer's own home, and being borne to its destination, was carried right into the house, where the hall doors being shut, the chair could be opened, and its occupant step forth into as genial an atmosphere as he or she had left. With carriages, or bath-chairs, invalids were always endangered by the exposed transit between the door of the carriage and the house door. Some six or seven years ago, there were rumours of a possible revival of the old chairs at Bath. In some places abroad they are still in use. Mention is made of such conveyances at Genoa in 1882; in 1888 the Archbishop of Seville was carried forth in one. In the streets of Bahia, in Brazil, sedan chairs borne by stalwart negroes may be seen in use at the present day. A few years ago, it was said that some speculator was having chairs of the old type built in London, with a view to an attempted revival of by-gone fashion; but they have not yet made their appearance in the streets of the Metropolis, and it is tolerably safe to prophecy that if they do appear, their renewed term of existence will be extremely short.

### PAINTERS AND OTHER ARTISTS IN THE REIGN OF JAMES I.

(Continued.)

The first painter who seems to have arrived after the accession of James was Paul Vansomer, 1576-1621. He was a native of Antwerp. The accounts of him are extremely deficient, no author of the lives of painters mentioning him but Carl Vermander, who only says that Vansomer was living when he wrote, and then resided with his brother Bernard at Amsterdam. Yet Vansomer, as a painter of portraits, was a very able master. The picture of the Lord Chamberlain, William, Earl of Pembroke, half length, at St. James's, is an admirable portrait, and a whole length at Chatsworth, of the first Earl of Devonshire, in his robes, though ascribed to Mytens, there is no doubt was painted by the same hand. Mytens was much colder in his colouring and stiff in his drawing. Mytens, however, improved so much in his later portraits, that this character must be read with allowances, and on studying more of his works. In general the portraits by Vansomer and Mytens, when at wholelength, may be thus distinguished. Vansomer commonly placed his on a mat, Mytens on a carpet. The portraits of Vansomer are bold and round, and the chiaroscuro good. The Earl of Devonshire is equal to the pencil of Vandyck, and one of the finest single figures seen. In what year Vansomer came to England is not exactly known; certainly, as early as 1606, between which and 1620 he painted several pictures. We mention but a few that are indubitably his, from whence, by comparison, his manner may be known. James I. at Windsor; behind him a view of Whitehall. Anne of Denmark, consort of James I., with a prospect of the east end of St. Paul's Cathedral. The same king at Hampton Court, armour

lying by him on the ground. Dated 1615. His queen in a blue hunting dress, hat and feather, with her horse and five dogs; this is also at Hampton Court, with a view of the palace at Oatlands. This picture is imitated in the tapestry at Houghton. Lord Chancellor Bacon and his brother Nicholas at Gorhambury. Sir Simon Weston, brother of Lord Treasurer Portland, a whole length with a pike in his hand, 1608, oct. 43. This piece was in the possession of the Lord Chief Justice Raymond. Marquis of Hamilton, with the white staff, at Hampton Court. In addition, upon competent authority. Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel, and his lady Alatheia Talbot, at Worksop Manor. The Earl is represented as sitting in the Statue gallery, which he formed at Arundel-house, London, of which it is an exact representation. He is dressed in black, with the Order of the Garter, and points to the statue with his marshal's baton. The Countess, likewise, is sitting in the gallery of pictures, and holds a handkerchief, very richly embroidered with gold. Each of these pictures is marked "P. Vansomer, 1618." Lord Arundel claims a particular distinction as a patron of art. A double portrait of Henry Prince of Wales. A portrait of Robert, second Earl of Essex, afterwards the Parliament General; a youth is kneeling before him; each of them having hunting horns. Behind the prince, who is dressed in green, and drawing his sword to cut off the stag's head, is a horse. On the boughs of a tree the royal arms, and his own, in two escutcheons, hang upon them. This picture is at St. James's Palace. The same subject, with slight variation, is at Wronton Abbey, Oxfordshire. The prince is represented as cutting the throat of a stag. The Harrington arms are introduced as belonging to John, second Lord Harrington. Vansomer died about the age of 45, and was buried at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, as appears in the register, 5th January, 1621. *Paulus Vansomer, pictor eximius, sepultus fecit in ecclesia.* Vansomer's portraits were deservedly admired for their elegance, and remarkable resemblances.

(To be continued.)

### THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

A most interesting exhibit was laid on the table at the last meeting of this society at Hanover-square. It was a corn-like substance growing from the snout of a whale. Similar callosities have been noticed in other specimens of whales, but their presence has not been satisfactorily accounted for. Various conjectures have been put forward by naturalists, but the most feasible appears to be that the eruption is due to the attacks of barnacles, which bore into the whale's flesh, and that the skin becomes callous and hardened through the animals rubbing their noses against rocks or other obstacles in their efforts to get rid of the parasites, or to allay the irritation caused by them. The "bonnet," as this corn-like growth is called, is of considerable size, and the specimen exhibited measured about eight inches in depth, 10 inches in length, and 7 inches in width. One curious point in connection with this exhibition, mentioned in the discussion upon it, was that the barnacles should attack the whale always in the same place, but this was not thought to be very remarkable in view of the fact that many animals have particular ways of attacking their prey, and parasites select certain parts wherein to take up their abode in their various hosts. For instance, a ferret will nearly always go for a rabbit's eyes when at bay, and a weasel, when catching a rabbit in pursuit, will almost invariably fix on the back of the neck. The attraction of the barnacles to the whale's snout might be accounted for in the presumption that the skin is harder at this particular spot of the animal's body, and more suitable to the creatures to bore into than the softer part of the skin.

### GENERAL NOTES.

During the 50 years that "God bless the Prince of Wales" has ranked with "God save the Queen" and "Rule Britannia" as a nation's song few people have been aware that the stirring Welsh anthem was the outcome of a chance meeting between its composer, Mr. Brinley Richards, and the poet, Ceiriog Hughes. The song was originally intended, by both poet and composer, to be devoted exclusively to the Welsh people as their national anthem. But its success was so great that two months after its publication, in 1852, there was a demand for an English version, which has remained popular ever since.

Next month there will be an auction sale in London of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan's musical library. Attractive items in the list are several presentation full scores of works, with the autographs of the donors, usually a distinguished English or foreign composer. A great many sketches, jottings of melodies, and almost complete songs, have been found among Sir Arthur's papers, but it is believed that none of these compositions, many of which date back to the composer's youth, will be published.

Many people think that a memorial concert at the Albert Hall, devoted entirely to the works of Verdi and Sullivan, would be a worthy tribute to the late Queen Victoria, while doing honour to the names of the two great Italian and English composers, who lived and died in the 19th century.

Bro. Sir Walter Parratt, "Master of the Musick" to the late Queen Victoria, and organist of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, is an accomplished chess player. It is said that he was once blindfolded, and, while playing the organ, simultaneously directed the moves of six games of chess.

THE KING AND THE LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET.—The great news of the birth of an heir to the Throne of England was first conveyed to the citizens at a Lord Mayor's banquet nearly 60 years ago, and the fact has never been forgotten by those who assemble year by year within the hospitable walls of the Guildhall on that auspicious occasion. As was stated in the *City Press* a fortnight ago, the citizens will have every reason next Lord Mayor's Day to rise to their feet, and drink a health unto his Majesty. The happy combination of circumstances which marks the birth of a King of England and of a new Lord Mayor of London has often been commented upon, but this year it has a special significance. It has been suggested by a most enterprising morning contemporary that the auspicious coincidence should be signalled by the presence of the King at the mayoral banquet. To say the least, there has been a great deal of haste shown in making the proposition, as nearly nine months must elapse before it can be seriously considered. The citizens earnestly hope that the precedent set by her late Majesty in attending the Guildhall banquet soon after her accession in 1837 will be followed by King Edward VII. Only another word may be said on so important and delicate a subject, namely, that his Majesty may be trusted to display that consummate tact which has characterised his long and eventful career as the Prince of Wales.—*City Press.*

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**BRO. COLONEL T. DAVIES SEWELL** has been elected on the board of Truefitts (Limited).

THERE is a likelihood of Bro. Sheriff Lawrence being adopted as a candidate for the Stratford division of Manchester.

THE FRIENDS of Bro. Col. T. Davies-Sewell will be interested to learn that his City address is now Temple House, Temple-avenue.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA.**—The revenue of Western Australia for the past month amounted to £263,282, against £240,148 in January, 1900.

THE LADY MAYORESS, Miss Kathleen Haydn Green, has consented to become one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society of Women Journalists.

**BRO. SINCLAIR**, Archdeacon of London, was invested as Chaplain of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, on Saturday last, by the W.M., Bro. Frederick George Joy.

THROUGH THE kindness of Bro. the Lord Mayor the British and Foreign Sailors' Society will hold its 83rd annual meeting at the Mansion House on Monday, May 13th.

THE KHEDIVE has warmly congratulated Bro. Sir John Aird on the splendid work done on the dams of Assuan and Assiut, and the great benefit the country would derive thereby.

THE MEMBERS of Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, have ordered to be placed on their minutes a record of their sense of the great loss which the nation has sustained by the death of the Queen, and congratulations to the M.W. Grand Master on his accession to the throne.

**LONDON GENERAL PORTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.**—The 34th annual dinner will be held at the Hotel Metropole, Whitehall-place, S.W., on Friday, the 20th prox. Bro. Victor L. Tapling (of Messrs. T. Tapling and Co., Limited), will preside. Dinner on table 6.30 for 7 o'clock.

A TELEGRAM expressive of sympathy with his Majesty the King on the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria and of greeting to him on his accession has been received at the Colonial Office from the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Netherlands, Constitution, Freemasons, on behalf of all lodges in South Africa.

THE two lodges of instruction held in Hackney in connection with the Duke of Connaught, No. 1524, and St. Leonard Lodges, No. 1766, will hold a joint dinner in the Town Hall, Hackney, to-morrow (Saturday). Bro. Walter Johnson, J.P., will preside, and it is expected that there will be a very large gathering of local brethren.

THE HONORARY SECRETARIES of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London are authorised to state that there is no intention of making any alteration whatever in the title of this Fund. Its full title is, it should be remembered, "The Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London to commemorate the 60th year of the Queen's reign."

THE ROYAL FARMS at Windsor will, it is stated, be maintained for the future on the lines laid down by the Prince Consort, and carried on so successfully since the death of that wise Prince by her Majesty the late Queen. The stock on the farms, including the famous pure-bred herds of Shorthorn, Devon, and Hereford cattle, have been left to his Majesty King Edward VII.

THE PAST WEEK in the drapery trade has been characterised by a lull in the demand for mourning goods—a decided lull. The rush for black while it lasted was enormous. It monopolised all attention, to the exclusion of everything else. But the reaction has come, and the flow of orders for black stuff has dwindled away to merely something over normal proportions.

FEW PEOPLE have had up to the present time any conception of the number of men—and women—who make their living by money-lending. The passing of the recent Act has served to draw aside the veil, and now each person so engaged is obliged to register himself. Good service is rendered by the publication of a complete list of these traders by the Argus Publishing Company. The list is given according to the districts in which the lenders carry on their business.

A SPECIAL CHAPTER OF GREAT PRIORY will be held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, on Thursday, the 21st instant, at 3.15 for 4 o'clock precisely, to vote a loyal and dutiful address to his Majesty the King on the lamented death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, offering him the respectful sympathy of Great Priory, and further tendering to his Majesty the humble and respectful congratulations of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital on his accession to the Throne.

BY THE DEATH of Mrs. Eleanor Sampson, which took place on Saturday last, at Paddington, at the age of 93 years, the temperance cause loses one of its staunchest advocates. The deceased lady was the oldest known teetotaler in England. Born on 19th January, 1802, of teetotal parents, she was one of a family of 13 children, three of whom lived to be over 80 years of age, and, having married in 1824 a merchant seaman, she herself had 12 children, all daughters, six of whom married, so that at the time of the venerable lady's death she had 35 grandchildren, and as many as 82 great grandchildren. They are all total abstainers.

MESSRS. PUTTICK AND SIMPSON concluded on Friday, the 8th instant, the four days' sale of a collection of British, colonial, and foreign postage stamps. Among the prices were: British Guiana, 1850, 4c. yellow, pelure paper, cut round and mounted, extremely rare, £48; ditto, 12c. blue, cut square, £44; British Guiana, 1856, 4c. blue, a very fine bright copy, but with corners cut, extremely rare, £58; Hawaii, 1851, 5c. blue, outer line very slightly torn into at one place, and cancellation rather heavy, £72; ditto, 12c. blue (first type), slightly damaged and rather heavy cancellation, £46. The four days' sale amounted to about £4200.

APPROPOS of the princely gift of Mr. F. J. Horniman, M.P., to Londoners, through the County Council, it is of interest to note that but for the donor's illness a few years ago the museum at Forest-hill would probably be owned at the present time in trust by the Corporation. At the time he was a candidate for Sheriff, it was an open secret that Mr. Horniman intended offering the museum to the City. Unfortunately, a serious illness occurred at this time, and shortly before the day of election, Mr. Horniman was compelled to relinquish his aspirations, and retire from the contest. If he had been chosen as a Sheriff the City, and not the County Council, it is safe to say, would be the owner of this magnificent collection of curios and antiquities.—*City Press*.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ORPHAN ASYLUM, BAGSHOT, SURREY.—For Necessitous Boys and Girls from all parts of the United Kingdom.—The Festival Dinner in aid of the funds of this Asylum will be held at the Hotel Metropole (Whitehall Rooms), on Monday, 29th April, at 7.30 p.m., when the Right Hon. Viscount Duncannon, C.B., has kindly consented to preside. Her late Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria was for many years the patron of this Asylum, which was founded in 1864 as a memorial to the Prince Consort. The Queen, on many occasions, showed a kind interest in the welfare of the Charity, and in 1867 visited the Asylum for the purpose of opening the large hall of the institution. Her Majesty was an annual subscriber to its funds. It is respectfully submitted for the approval of the public that an institution so closely connected with these venerated names should not be allowed to suffer for want of means necessary to carry on its beneficent work amongst poor and fatherless children. Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson is Treasurer.

IN CONNECTION with the Robinson Lodge of Instruction, No. 2046, Bro. J. B. Groom, P.M., P.P.G. Org., gave a lecture at the Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone, on the 7th instant, on "The Origin, Symbolism, and Work of the Early Operative Masonic Lodges." The President, Bro. F. W. Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were about 60 brethren present, including visitors from sister lodges in the town and neighbourhood. The Chairman referred to the death of the Queen in his opening remarks; and Bro. Groom said the great sorrow which had darkened hall and hamlet had very properly disorganised all social functions. It was, however, felt that the lecture need not be postponed, as it might prove a comforting and legitimate break in a sad and weary week, and moreover the study of history was very often a consolation to troubled and perplexed minds. The lecture was of an interesting and instructive character, and was illustrated by lantern views, specially prepared by Bro. W. Stansell, F.J.C., I.P.M. Bro. Green was congratulated on his lecture, and Bro. Stansell on the excellent pictures produced.

**BRO. SIR HENRY HARBEN** has been elected a member of the council of the Ruskin Union.

**BRO. T. BRIGGS** will be nominated as the deputy governor of the Irish Society for the year ensuing.

**BRO. ALDERMAN SIR WILLIAM TRELOAR** will preside at St. James's Restaurant on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at the banquet of the London Entertainments Protection Association.

**BRO. LORD GEORGE HAMILTON** has appointed Mr. R. F. Cavendish, M.P., to be his private secretary for Parliamentary purposes, in succession to Bro. G. W. E. Loder, M.P., who has resigned the appointment.

OWING to the death of Queen Victoria, the dinner annually given by the Marquis of Salisbury on the eve of the opening of Parliament will not take place. For the same reason the other Ministerial dinners have also been abandoned.

A MEETING of the members of the Cabinet Committee was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Privy Council, Whitehall, among those present being the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, Bro. the Right Hon. Walter Long, and the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.

**MONSIGNOR GRAETO-PIGNATELLI PRINCE DE BELMONTE**, the Papal Envoy to this country with a letter to King Edward VII. from Leo. XIII., and who was last week graciously received by his Majesty, has left London, attended by his suite. Prior to his departure the Prince de Belmonte forwarded a donation of 1000*l.* to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund.

THE WREATHS sent for the funeral of her late Majesty the Queen, which had been placed in the vicinity of the Memorial Chapel, have, by the King's command, been removed to Frogmore, and are placed, with many others previously sent there, round the mausoleum. A list is being prepared of the names attached to the wreaths, and will be laid before his Majesty when complete.

**BRO. THE EARL OF MOUNT EDGUMBE, G.C.V.O.**, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, and Past Deputy Grand Master of England, has had an address prepared for presentation to his Majesty the King, as Grand Master of the English Freemasons, in the name of the Provincial Grand Officers of Cornwall and of Cornish Freemasons, members of the 30 lodges in the county and also of the Cornish Lodge, London.

A SUPPLEMENT to the *London Gazette*, issued on Tuesday night, dated Wednesday, the 13th instant, contains the following: "Marlborough House, Feb. 12, 1901. The King, as Sovereign of the most noble Order of the Garter, has been graciously pleased to command that a special statute under the seal of the Order shall be issued for conferring upon her Majesty the Queen the title and dignity of a Lady of that most noble Order, and fully authorising her Majesty to wear the Insignia thereof."

HIS MAJESTY THE KING and H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York dined with his Majesty the King of Portugal and the members of his suite at Buckingham Palace on Monday evening. The Marquis de Soveral, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Portugal, and M. de Cameira Manoel, Secretary of the Portuguese Legation, had the honour of being invited. After dinner their Majesties, escorted by a detachment of 2nd Life Guards, drove to Victoria Station, where the King of Portugal took leave and left for the Continent.

**SEASIDE, FARMHOUSE, AND COUNTRY LODGINGS, SEASON 1901.**—The Great Northern Railway Company have again arranged with Mr. Walter Hill, of 71, Southampton-row, London, W.C., to prepare and print for the company a list of seaside, farmhouse, and country lodgings, and hotels and boarding-houses in the vicinity of Great Northern stations, so that the travelling public may have the means of ascertaining what lodgings of this description are available. The station masters at the various Great Northern stations are collecting the necessary information, and the book will be published early next spring.

THE KING OF THE HELLENES took leave of their Majesties the King and Queen at Marlborough House on Tuesday morning, and left for Athens. The King and their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Cornwall and York and Prince Charles of Denmark accompanied the King of the Hellenes to Victoria Railway Station. A guard of honour of the Grenadier Guards, with the colour and band of the regiment, was mounted at the railway station upon the departure of the King of the Hellenes. The King received in audience Bro. Earl Roberts, K.G., Commander-in-Chief, and afterwards saw two privates, who paraded before his Majesty in the new khaki field uniform.

THE ALDERSGATE PAST OFFICERS' CLUB.—The monthly meeting of this club was held on Monday at the Manchester Hotel. Bro. V. I. R. Longman, C.C. (the President), occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. W. T. Roberts, Rupert Smyth, the Rev. T. Selby Henrey, W. S. Whitaker, Dr. Adams, and the Hon. Secretary (Bro. J. Mayhew). The President subsequently entertained the company at supper. His health was afterwards heartily drunk, on the proposition of Bro. the Rev. T. Selby Henrey (late curate of St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, and an old member of the club), who expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to renew his connection with the parish. Bro. Longman feelingly replied.

SOME idea of the facilities now given to the working classes to achieve success in the educational world is afforded by a statement made in last week's agenda of the Board. It appears that a lad named A. T. Sanders, while a pupil at the Bloomfield-road Higher Grade School, was awarded the Londonderry Scholarship, of the annual value of £30, and tenable for three years. The Head Master of the City of London School reported that the lad was likely to pass in the first division of the London Matriculation Examination, and afterwards would probably obtain a scholarship at the University, and get into the Indian Civil Service. He therefore earnestly asked the Board if they had any surplus funds out of which to provide for the boy's fourth year, as he was thoroughly worthy of it. The Board granted the application.

THE KING held a Court at St. James's Palace, on Wednesday, at which his Majesty received, on the Throne, deputations with addresses from the Corporation of the City of London and the London County Council. The King arrived at the Garden entrance of the Palace, escorted by a detachment of the Royal Horse Guards, and was received by the Great Officers of State and his Majesty's household. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York arrived from York House, attended by Sir Charles Cust, Bart., R.N. His Majesty's Bodyguard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms was on duty in the State saloons, under the command of Lord Belper, the Captain. The Royal Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard was on duty in the interior of the Palace, under the command of Earl Waldegrave, the Captain. A guard of honour of the Grenadier Guards was mounted in the court of the Palace, and a guard of honour of Royal Horse Guards was stationed in the Mall. The King, accompanied by his Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York, entered the Throne Room at 12 o'clock. His Majesty was attended by the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery (Lord Steward), the Earl of Clarendon (Lord Chamberlain), Bro. the Duke of Portland (Master of the Horse), Bro. Viscount Valentia, M.P. (Comptroller of the Household), Bro. Victor Cavendish, M.P. (Treasurer of the Household), Sir A. Acland Hood, Bart., M.P. (Vice-Chamberlain), Lord Kenyon (Lord in Waiting), General Godfrey Clerk (Groom in Waiting), Mr. H. D. Erskine of Cardross (Groom of the Robes), General the Right Hon. Sir Dighton Probyn (Keeper of the Privy Purse), Bro. Sir Francis Knollys (Private Secretary), Captain F. Ponsonby and Lieut.-Colonel Davidson (Equerries in Waiting), the Hon. Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane (Comptroller in the Lord Chamberlain's department), Captain Walter Stoford, Mr. C. J. Innes-Kerr, Colonel the Hon. Charles Eliot, and Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips (Gentlemen Ushers), Field-Marshal Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Wolseley (Gold Stick in Waiting), Lieut.-Colonel Fenwick, Royal Horse Guards (Silver Stick in Waiting), Lieutenant Viscount Castlereagh, Royal Horse Guards (Silver Stick Adjutant in Waiting), Colonel H. Ricardo, Grenadier Guards (Field-Officer in Brigade Waiting), and Captain M. Earle, Grenadier Guards (Adjutant in Brigade Waiting). Bro. the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, M.P., Secretary of State for the Home Department, was present at the Court. The deputation from the Corporation, headed by Bro. the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs, the Court of Aldermen, the Court of Common Council, and the Principal Civic Officers were then introduced by the Lord Chamberlain, and presented the Address, which was read by the Recorder, to his Majesty, who was graciously pleased to reply. Bro. the Lord Mayor and the mover of the Address and the two senior Aldermen, Bro. Sir Whittaker Ellis, Bart., and Bro. Sir Henry Knight, were then presented to the King. The deputation from the London County Council was afterwards introduced with like ceremony, and presented an Address, to which the King graciously replied. The chairman (Mr. Dickinson), the vice-chairman, and the deputy-chairman had the honour of being presented to his Majesty. The deputation then withdrew.