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THE INSTALLATION OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

It is not unnatural that the brethren should be desirous of knowing when, where, and under what circumstances H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, who has been elected to succeed his brother, King EDWARD VII., as M.W. Grand Master of United Grand Lodge, will be installed in office. We do not know that we can do much towards allaying this curiosity. As we mentioned a week or two since in some of our Notes, the time when, the place where, and the arrangements in accordance with which the ceremony will take place, will be made known in due course. But there is no need for hurry. The validity of the acts done by his Royal Highness, or in the name and on behalf of his Royal Highness, since his election on the 6th instant, will not be affected by any delay that may occur in his formal induction into the chair of Grand Lodge. Hence there is no reason why a fairly long interim should not elapse in the case of his Royal Highness, as in that of a private person who has had the misfortune to lose a near and much-loved relative, before he is again called upon to take part in any duty which is not imperatively required of him. We are all anxious that he should take an active part in Masonry as soon as possible, consistently with the respect due to our late Sovereign, but the interests of the Craft will not suffer by the delay that may occur. Moreover, the ceremony is of such a character, and the number of those who are entitled to be present so great, that a considerable time must be allowed for the preparations. It is more than likely that the Royal Albert Hall will be, as in 1875, selected for the occasion. It is about the largest building of the kind that is suitable for such a function, and which will accommodate so vast a concourse of brethren. But the preparations for such a meeting cannot be made offhand at a moment's notice. In 1875, when the Hall was requisitioned for the installation of the then Prince of WALES, the number of lodges on the English Register was about 1300, of which about 1000 were located at home and the rest in the Colonies and foreign parts. If we estimate the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, as averaging 10 per lodge, there were then about 10,000 brethren who were eligible to be present at the ceremony, and who, we may reasonably assume, would desire to attend. In addition, each lodge was permitted to send one Master Mason and it was estimated at the time that between 8000 and 10,000 were

actually in the Hall, out of the 11,000 entitled or permitted to be there. Now there are close on 2400 lodges on the Register, and if we leave out the 500 located in the Colonies or foreign parts, there remain between 1800 and 1900 which are entitled to be represented in Grand Lodge, whenever it meets for the transaction of business. Thus including the Grand Officers, Present and Past, and reckoning the number entitled to attend at 10 per lodge, as in 1875, we have, without allowing for the presence of Master Masons, some 20,000 to find room for, or about twice as many as at the meeting in 1875. Doubtless the mere mention of these figures will satisfy the more impatient of the brethren that when arrangements have been made as to the place, some few weeks must further elapse ere the actual day for the installation of the Grand Master can be fixed. In the meantime the brethren will no doubt be pleased to know that the Grand Festival will be held on the day appointed by the Constitution, that the Duke of CONNAUGHT will be then and there proclaimed Grand Master, and that the Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed and invested precisely as if there had been no change in the Grand Mastership.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]
THE WARRANT.
(Continued).

In our last article on this subject we referred to the case of a lodge which occupied a place on the register considerably lower than its actual age entitled it to. We might now quote an instance of a lodge which occupies a place considerably higher owing to several circumstances. In fact, at the very outset of its career it was occupied in making history both ways, both retrospective and prospective. In Lane's Masonic Records Lodge Universal Charity, Madras, is put down as dating from 1811, and it therefore ought to be numbered at the least 330, whereas it stands on the list as No. 273, and the publishers of the Calendar have put down the incorrect date 1789 opposite to it. The story is rather interesting.

A warrant was granted in 1795 to Lodge Strength and Beauty, at Vellore, in South India. The warrant was issued by John Chamier, Provincial Grand Master, but the fact was never reported to the home authorities, and so the new lodge never got on to the register. In 1806 there were disturbances at Vellore, culminating in a mutiny. Many Europeans were killed, and the lodge never met again. The warrant was found in a well, it is said, and was transmitted to the Provincial Grand Secretary. Its place on the local register was No. 8. In 1811, five years later, a number of members of Carnatic Military Lodge, local No. 2, determined to found a lodge, and they not only applied for a warrant, but for a particular warrant, local No. 8 and got it. The ground for the request was that one of the founders, Jacob Pascal, had been Senior Warden of No. 8. The new Lodge Universal Charity did not get on to the register of Grand Lodge till 1822, and by a stroke of good fortune it got the number, 514, of the Royal York Lodge of Gloucestershire, just then erased. Twice, then, this lodge was able to antedate its existence. This is only one of several instances of lodges working under warrants acquired in this irregular way.

This, however, is a digression from our present purpose, which is to define what the warrant is. We have already stated the circumstances under which a warrant is issued, and have recounted instances of the ways in which they were issued a century ago. The warrant is headed by the name of the Grand Master, the preamble recites the fountain of the authority under

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which the Grand Master acts, namely, the authority and sanction of Grand Lodge, and also refers to the fact of the petition. The names of the petitioners follow, and they are in so many words constituted into a lodge of specified name and number, and the proposed place and time of meeting are inserted. The said lodge, "when duly congregated," is empowered to make, pass, and raise Freemasons. The phrase noted is allied to the antient expression beloved of lodge Secretaries "opened in due and antient form," and it practically means that the ceremonial work described is only to be performed when the prescribed numbers are present in the respective Degrees. The Grand Master goes on to nominate three of the brethren already named to fill the three chairs, but is careful in so doing to base his nomination on the prayer of the petition. These brethren are to hold office till another Master is elected and installed.

Now, at this stage, the bye-laws have not been drawn up. It is competent for the brethren to draw up regulations which provide for the days of election and installation occurring earlier than the anniversary of the lodge's formation, and thus the Master designated in the warrant might conceivably hold office for only three months. Would he in such case rank as a P.M.? His appointment differs from that of all other subsequent Masters, inasmuch as it is on the nomination of the Grand Master, and by warrant, and the warrant says nothing about a year of office.

At all subsequent installations (but not necessarily, though possibly, at his own) the Master is obligated to hold office for a year, and until his successor be appointed and installed in his stead. As there are no bye-laws, it is difficult to see how such complete obligation can be imposed on the first Master, and in the extreme case suggested it is the opinion of several eminent brethren whom the writer consulted that the rank of a Past Master could be claimed.

In the writer's opinion, Article 9, which does not make any exception in favour of first Masters, would retop any such claim. At the same time, it seems hard that a lodge should by its bye-laws be able to practically disestablish its Master when it likes, and most probably such a bye-law would not be passed. The warrant next lays an especial charge upon the Master designate—that he "take care that all and every the said brethren are, or have been, regularly made Masons." This is somewhat ambiguous and apparently superfluous, as it apparently means that the selected brother is, after his election, to put the other six brethren through their Masonic facings! If it means anything else, it is not obvious.

The new lodge is then enjoined to observe not only the Book of Constitutions, but all regulations which may from time to time be transmitted by the Grand Master or his Deputy. In the not inconceivable case of a Grand Master differing from Grand Lodge on important and even vital points, this injunction might possibly have embarrassing results, as the observing of the dicta of the Grand Master might be inconsistent with obedience to the Book of Constitutions.

The injunctions which follow are practically the charter of the lodge. Bye-laws, or local regulations, are drawn up, "not inconsistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft." These are to be transmitted to the Grand Master, and such inconsistency would appear to be the only ground upon which the Grand Master could refuse to sanction them. These bye-laws and "an account of all proceedings in your lodge" are to be correctly entered. In other words, a minute book is to be kept. The specific mention of a minute book in the warrant, gives it a standing and importance which is attached to no other lodge record. Cases have not been unknown where the minute book has been officially called for by the Provincial Grand Master, and where the Worshipful Master, as its custodian, has refused to produce it, and, very properly, been suspended.

In other words, the minute book is not a private possession, and the writer recalls the case of a visitor, who was asked to withdraw on the ground of private business being about to be entered upon, but who successfully maintained his right to remain where he was till the minutes had been read. Had the W.M. persisted on his withdrawal, he would, of course, have had to go, but probably would have maintained his position on appeal.

The last injunction in the warrant provides for the annual transmission of returns and fees. This is the general form of warrant, and it is signed by the Grand Secretary and the Deputy Grand Master. Occasionally modifications of local significance are admitted, and are shown marginally. The warrant is in the custody of the Master for the time being, and he is to produce it at every meeting (Article 125). Inferentially the absence of the warrant invalidates all proceedings of the particular meeting. The absence of the warrant may be due to its being lost or "withheld by competent Masonic authority," in which case no

meeting can be held until a warrant of confirmation be granted or the withheld warrant be restored. Article 127 prohibits any such irregular procural of a warrant as was described in the case of the Madras lodge mentioned at the beginning of this article, and Article 221 provides for the future of the warrant in the event of the dissolution of a lodge. In such case the warrant, books, and papers (*i.e.*, minute book, candidates' declarations, etc., but not necessarily the Stewards' books) are to go to the Grand Master.

Article 139 specifies that the "books and papers" (as above described) are to be produced when required by competent authority. In the case already referred to, the Worshipful Master, while ready to produce the warrant, of which he was the constitutional custodian, declined to produce the minutes until authorised by a vote of the lodge; a subtle distinction which the authorities failed to appreciate.

There are three exceptional classes of warrants which may be referred to. There is the military warrant, which authorises the constitution of a travelling lodge attached to a regiment. Such lodge may not initiate any inhabitant of any place in which the regiment may for the time be located.

In connection with military lodges, there is a curious distinction which is possibly accidental. If an ordinary lodge is dissolved its warrant goes back to the Grand Master, but under similar circumstances the warrant goes to the Grand Secretary! or it may change its character, and if a competent number of its members agree it may become a civil lodge with the same number. This is an unusual occurrence, but Article 157 is meant to provide for the case of a regiment being disbanded.

A centenary "warrant" is practically only a written permission to wear a certain jewel, and conveys also the official recognition of the fact that a lodge has had a continuous working existence of 100 years. The fact that it is 100 years old goes for nothing. Lodge Rock of Trichinopoly, No. 260, is put down in the Calendar as dating from 1787, but probably the best part of the present century will have passed before it establishes its claim to a centenary warrant. The Constitutions prescribe an "uninterrupted" existence of a century, that is to say in the case of the lodge mentioned, between any one period of abeyance and the next!

A warrant of confirmation is granted when it is proved to the satisfaction of the Grand Master that the original warrant is lost.

We have in a former article referred to the case of Lodge Southern Cross, No. 1758. This lodge was warranted in 1878, but was so unfortunate as to have its warrant eaten away either by rats or white ants, and instead of applying for a warrant of confirmation, allowed itself to be erased in 1889, and was re-formed the same year under a *new* warrant, No. 2298.

In conclusion, the fees may be mentioned. For a new warrant the fee is 15, 10, or five guineas, according to the location of the lodge, whether in London, the provinces, or the districts. A warrant of confirmation costs two guineas, and a centenary warrant five.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

A special meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on the invitation of the York Lodge, No. 236, on Friday, the 8th instant, when there were present—

Bros. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Zetland, K.T., Prov. G.M.; the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G. Chap. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Sir Joseph Sykes-Rymer, P.M. 326, Prov. S.G.W.; Jno. Wm. Tindell, W.M. 1605, Prov. J.G.W.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 2328, P.G.S.B. Eng., M. C. Peck, P.M. 2494, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G. Sec., W. H. Cowper, P.M. 602, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Gilbert Wilkinson, P.M. 250, Mark Scott, 566, Charles M. Forbes, 236, and Thomas B. Redfern, P.M. 2134, P. Asst. G. Secretary, Past Prov. Grand Wardens; Rev. Francis Grant James, 1618, and Rev. C. H. Steel, 1848, Provincial Grand Chaplains; the Rev. J. E. Mayne Young, P.M. 236, the Rev. J. E. Torbett, P.M. 123, and the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, P.M. 312, P.P.G. Chaps.; Jas. York Torr, P.M. 250, Prov. G. Treas.; Geo. Bohn, C.E., P.M. 1010, S. Border, P.M. 236, and J. H. Buchanan, M.D., P.M. 1416, P.P.G. Regs.; Robert Cuff, M.D., P.M. 200, and J. Edmund Jones, P.M. 2328, Prov. S.G.Ds.; E. W. Purnell, P.M. 236 (Lord Mayor of York), J. Linley Spetch, P.M. 1611, and Fras. R. Hansell, P.M. 1416, P.P.G.Ds.; John Thomas, P.M. 602, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Thomson Foley, P.M. 294, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Jno. Geo. Wallis, P.M. 1514, Prov. G.D.C.; Geo. H. Walshaw, P.M. 200, Geo. Potter-Kirby, P.M. 236, and Henry Foster, M.D., P.M. 236, Past Prov. Grand Directors of Ceremonies; T. Coates Turton, P.M. 630, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Robt. McBean, P.M. 643, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. Bungay, P.M. 561, P.P.G.S.B., acting Prov. G.S.B.; M. J. Martensen, P.M. 57, P.P.G.D., and Geo. Leigh, P.M. 2134, P.P.G. Std. Br., acting Prov. G. Std. Brs.; B. Kilvington, W.M. 1611, Prov. G. Org.; C. G. Padel, P.M. 2328, P.P.G. Org.; David Young, P.M. 1991, P.P.G. Purst., acting Prov. G. Purst.; J. R. Porter, 57, F. G. Hobson, 294, H. Newson, 561, and Chas. Foster, 2134, Prov. G. Stwds.; and Chas. Travess, P.M. 1428, Prov. G. Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Watson, P.M. 61, P.P.G.W. W. Yorks; G. E. Dunsford, 973; and J. W. Calverley, 2669. The W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and many brethren of the various lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies called upon the brethren to salute the Prov.

Grand Master and the acting Deputy Prov. Grand Master with grand honours. The Past Grand Officers of England were also saluted.

The PROV. G.M. read a letter from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, expressing his lordship's regret at inability to attend through indisposition, and conveying his sympathy with the objects for which Prov. Grand Lodge had been summoned.

The PROV. G.M. then read the following Address to his Majesty King Edward VII.:

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons in the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, beg most respectfully to offer to your Majesty our sincere condolence and heartfelt sympathy in the great loss which your Majesty has sustained by the decease of our late beloved Sovereign, her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, whose long and glorious reign will ever form one of the brightest epochs of English History.

As Freemasons, we would express our gratitude for the many benefits conferred upon our Order by your Majesty as our illustrious Grand Master for the last 27 years, during which our Craft has enjoyed a period of unexampled prosperity, and we beg to assure your Majesty of our profound attachment to your Majesty and to your Majesty's gracious Consort, with the other members of the Royal Family.

Given at York this 8th day of March, 1901.

On behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

ZETLAND, P.G.M.
BOLTON, D.P.G.M.

L.S.

The PROV. G. MASTER said that he did not think that it was necessary for him to add very many words of his own in order to ensure that the address which he had just read to them would be received with harmony and unanimity. (Applause.) He would confine his remarks to saying (and he was quite sure that all would agree with him when he made the observation) that the reign of her Majesty our late Sovereign, was not remarkable alone for the many years that she occupied the throne. If they looked back on past history he did not think that they would find any similar period where so many advantages had been gained, so much advancement made, and the prosperity of the people so thoroughly advanced and studied as during her reign. (Applause.) He felt that if he were to touch only slightly on a few of the chief characteristics of her late Majesty's reign he would occupy their time unduly; but he would say the rapid advancement in different spheres, whether they looked at science, whether they looked at education, or the prosperity of the citizens and the happiness of the country, all those circumstances were due to a very large extent to the knowledge of men and affairs, to the sound advice given to her Ministers, and to the tact and judgment which her late Majesty possessed in such a remarkable degree. (Applause.) Again, her Majesty made herself endeared to the hearts of all her subjects by the kind sympathy which she extended so lavishly to people in all parts of her empire. They, as Freemasons, owed a deep debt of gratitude to the members of the Royal Family. They recognised in her late Majesty an extreme liberality to all cases of want and distress, and that liberality was extended to all charitable institutions. He was sure that the charitable institutions which were so prominently connected with Freemasonry enjoyed the full sympathy of her late Majesty. (Applause.) They owed a debt of gratitude to the King for the able, impartial, and wise manner in which he had ruled over them as Grand Master for the last 27 years. (Loud applause.) He did not think that at any previous time in the history of Masonry that it had enjoyed a higher or more satisfactory position than it did at the present moment, and he was sure that it was due to the knowledge, ability, discretion, and power and time which his Majesty the King had devoted to promote the interests of Freemasonry in this country. (Applause.) He might take that opportunity of saying that it was a matter of satisfaction not only to himself but to all belonging to the Craft, that the high position which the King was compelled to vacate owing to his accession to the Throne was to be filled by his illustrious brother, the Duke of Connaught. He had the utmost confidence that Freemasonry would continue to flourish under his rule. (Applause.) He moved the adoption of the address, and that it be forwarded to his Majesty through the Grand Secretary of England.

Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of YORK seconded the resolution, saying that he did so with mixed feelings. He regretted that through the absence of Lord Bolton it had fallen to his lot to undertake the duty, but on the other hand he felt highly honoured at being chosen to discharge that high office, and that it was a great privilege in such an assemblage of Masons to second a resolution to the memory of the great Sovereign who had passed to her rest, and also recording their confidence in, and anticipations for, the King. (Applause.) He noticed in the ante-room an address which had been sent to the York Lodge, No. 236, from the York Lodge in New York, U.S.A., which, in alluding to her late Majesty, spoke of her as a womanly Queen. Perhaps they would hesitate in a formal document to apply that phrase to her Majesty, yet he knew no other which so exactly expressed what she was. (Applause.) There was no other epithet which accounted for the wide homage which her name received. They felt that in her were united all the qualities which they connected with the idea of woman. (Applause.) It was not that she had great power, it was not that she had great wealth, or that she was a woman of stupendous abilities, but it was that whatever happened throughout the world in which a word of sympathy and encouragement was required, it was sure to come from her. (Applause.) The whole nation felt that the Queen was one of themselves, for she was in thorough touch and thorough sympathy with them in all their joys and sorrows. (Applause.) They saw what a wonderful power she had by the unanimous voice sent out from all quarters of the world, and how her character was appreciated and understood. (Applause.) They could not help feeling that under God's good providence we were indebted in a great measure for the peace, prosperity, and unity which the nation enjoyed, whilst other nations were rent asunder, to the wonderful influence of her great character. (Applause.) If they could describe her late Majesty as a womanly Queen, he thought that they would find in Edward VII. a manly King. (Applause.) It seemed to him that he was a thorough man, and entered most cordially into all that affected the interests of mankind. They had had the pleasure of receiving his Majesty in York more than once, and they had had experience of his government over them as Masons for something like 27 years, and they knew pretty well what manner of man he was. Whilst they regretted that the great and glorious reign had come to an end, they could not help feeling thankful that

God, in the place of our beloved Queen, had raised her son, who possessed many of the qualities of his illustrious mother, and who had every intention of following in her footsteps. (Applause.)

The resolution was carried, the whole of the brethren standing.

The National Anthem was then sung, the solo by Bro. G. Potter-Kirby, P.P.G.D.C., and chorus by the brethren, accompanied on the organ by the Prov. G. Org.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER moved a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. and brethren of the York Lodge for the use of their Masonic Hall, which was seconded by Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.G.S.B. Eng., carried by acclamation, and appropriately acknowledged by Bro. E. S. ROBINSON, W.M. of the York Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

The following acknowledgment of the Address has been received;

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND,

Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.,
11th March, 1901.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have received the Commands of the King to ask you to be so good as to convey to the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, his Majesty's grateful thanks for their kind and fraternal expressions of sympathy with him in his great sorrow.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.

W. Brother M. C. Peck,

P.G. Std. Bearer,

Prov. Grand Secretary N. and E. Yorkshire.

Scotland.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

The annual Communication of this Supreme Masonic body was held in Edinburgh, on the 20th instant, within the Royal Arch Masons' Hall. There was a large attendance of the companions, presided over by the Depute First Principal, Colonel Ivison Macadam.

The CHAIRMAN declared the elective offices vacant, and then the Hon. Charles Maule Ramsay, who had been nominated as First Grand Principal, was introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and was informed of his election to the chair. The Depute First Principal, in doing so, said that the members, in making the election, felt that they were honouring themselves, doing good to the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter, and that they trusted he would be long spared to rule over the Supreme.

The FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL accepted the office, and was installed and invested by the Depute, and afterwards thanked the companions for the honour conferred upon him, and expressed the hope that when he came to lay it down to his successor he would have acquitted himself to their satisfaction, and to the benefit and good of the Royal Arch Chapter. They were aware that he was already interested in, and identified with, another branch of Masonry, in which he had discharged his duties as faithfully as he could, and he assured them that he was very much interested in everything that concerned Royal Arch Masonry. He looked with much pleasure and satisfaction upon the fact that now at last, thanks to the management and good care that had been taken of the affairs of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter, it was lodged in a house of its own—(applause)—and he trusted that, with the auspicious opening that took place a short time ago, and with the attendance of brethren from a distance there that day, which, he hoped, would be repeated at every quarterly communication—(applause)—they might look upon this as an omen that the Royal Arch Chapter was flourishing and in a general prosperous condition. (Applause.) He knew that in many places that was the case. He wished that all over the country it was beyond question that the chapters were working energetically and looking out for the future for themselves, and doing what was fair and legitimate to secure an increase to their ranks. (Applause.) He then requested Colonel Macadam, who had identified himself so thoroughly well with the interests and work of the Supreme Chapter, to complete the good work he had begun.

The other office bearers who had been nominated were then installed into office, the Depute First Grand Principal being Comp. James Kirkwood, Provost of Govan; Second Grand Principal, Comp. Thomas Hope of Bridge Castle; and Third Grand Principal, Comp. Alex. Bruce.

Afterwards Colonel Macadam was thanked for his services, and that closed the business.

The companions thereafter celebrated the Festival of the Vernal Equinox. The company numbered about 70, presided over by the First G. Principal, the Hon. C. Maule Ramsay, who was supported right and left by the Grand office-bearers and others.

After dinner the CHAIRMAN gave the toast of "The King," to whom, he said, it must be a personal relief to know that he was really backed up by the loyal people on earth. (Applause.)

Comp. A. BRUCE proposed "The Imperial Forces," for whom Colonel IVISON MACADAM replied.

Comp. D. GUTHRIE SHIELL, Prov. G. Scribe, Angus and Mearns, proposed "The Grand Office Bearers and the Past Grand Office Bearers."

"The Daughter Chapters" and "The Grand Scribe, Comp. R. S. Brown," were also toasted.

Comp. KIRKWOOD, in proposing the toast of "The First Grand Principal," referred to telegrams which had been received from chapters in Forfar and Kincardine shires in reference to the election, and said no telegrams were required to assure the chapter of the soundness of their choice. It was a well-known fact that the Dalhousie family had been identified with Freemasonry for many years—(applause)—and it was very fortunate indeed that the mantle of Lord Panmure, Earl Dalhousie, had fallen on their friend. (Applause.) They wished him every success—(applause)—and had no doubt that the success that had attended the Supreme Chapter would be renewed. (Applause.)

Comp. the Hon. C. MAULE RAMSAY, in replying, said that now that the Supreme Grand Chapter was established in its own home it was incumbent on them to follow the example they saw in the Grand Lodge of Scotland during the last 25 years, which had steadily but surely put itself in a state of complete solvency and wealth. He thought it was only fair that from time to time they should consider their position, and see how they stood, not as compared with last year only, but as compared with a few years ago, and he had a statement that embraced at least 10 years, which showed that the funds of the Supreme Chapter had increased steadily from £5300 in 1890 to over £8000 in 1899, so that the yearly increase during that time had averaged something like £300. The number of companions had also shown a steady increase, though during the last year the increase did not equal either of the two preceding years. In 1897, for instance, 1237 were added, in 1898 1244, and in 1899 only 1086. He trusted that was owing to some temporary circumstances or conditions, because for the last year the registrations, though the accounts were not altogether closed, amounted to no less than 1299, which was in excess of any other year during the last 10 years. (Applause.) That was certainly a matter of congratulation for them. It behoved those of them in Edinburgh and Glasgow, which were naturally, of course, the two greatest centres of Masonry in Scotland, to see that nothing was left undone that could continue to promote this steady increase, and to bring the provinces into closer and better working order.

Comp. D. GUTHRIE SHIELL, Provincial Grand Scribe, Angus and Mearns, proposed "The Grand Office-Bearers," and in doing so referred to the result of the energy of the Honourable Charles Maule Ramsay in Forfar and Kincardineshire. He hoped that at the end of five years the Supreme Chapter would be as sorry to part with him as the chapters in these counties were at the present moment. If they backed him up, the Royal Arch Chapter would go on flourishing, perhaps as it had never flourished before. (Applause.)

The Principals and the different chapters in attendance replied for the daughter chapters, including representatives from Dundee, Brechin, and other chapters in Forfar and Kincardine Province, and these spoke in high terms of their experience of Comp. Maule Ramsay as Superintendent of that province.

The company separated about 10 o'clock.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A meeting of the Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, for the purpose of making the final arrangements for the meeting and election which takes place on Wednesday, the 3rd prox. Bro. F. B. Westlake presided, and there were also present Bros. J. B. Gover, Hon. Sec.; J. R. Lord, Hon. Treas.; W. Allsford, E. H. Littleton, C. Mutton, W. Sweet, T. Payne, S. Broad, and T. S. Bailey.

At a previous meeting it was decided that at least one child should be placed on the fund at the approaching election, but discretionary power was given to the Committee to add a second child if the number of applicants warranted it.

Bro. GOVER, however, now reported that only one application had been received, and it was decided to elect one candidate. There will thus be three candidates for one vacancy, two cases having been brought forward from the last election.

Special attention was again called to the fact that the subscriptions during the past year had fallen off to a considerable extent, and that as there were 22 children on the fund, receiving in the aggregate £330 a year, the expenditure was now in excess of the income.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that this was a very undesirable state of things, and that unless increased support was soon forthcoming the Committee might have to face the unpleasant necessity of reducing the number of children on the Fund so as to bring the expenditure within the income. He hoped that lodges, and brethren generally throughout the province, would recognise the absolute necessity of making a special effort on behalf of an Institution which was doing such valuable work, and he especially appealed to those lodges, of which there were, unfortunately, too many, that had never yet given any assistance to the Fund, notwithstanding that frequent appeals had, he understood, been made to them.

Bro. LORD heartily endorsed the Chairman's appeal. The Committee at all times did their best to bring the claims of the Institution before the whole of the lodges of the province, but there were still many lodges that contributed nothing to the Fund. As the election would take place in about a fortnight, he hoped the brethren of the various lodges, in the Three Towns especially, would send their subscriptions at once to their respective Charity Stewards.

BURNS' DUMFRIES LODGE.

Bro. James Smith, P.M., has just written another of his charming Masonic brochures, the latest being a "Historical Sketch of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 179," and assuredly one of the most interesting and valuable of the series.

The Dumfriesshire Masonic Historian is always very happy in unearthing old Records, in which he has been wonderfully successful, and this time the History concerns the extinct Lodge of St. Andrew, Dumfries, which was warranted 11th October, 1774, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The first minute is dated on the 22nd of the same month and year (1774), when some 11 Master Masons assembled "in the Coffee House," Dumfries, and the lodge "was opened in due form." The members began with a fair complement of officers, Bro. Thomas Halliday, "Preacher of the Gospel," being invested as Chaplain.

On the 3rd November, Bro. Charles Sharpe was elected a joining member from St. Luke's, Edinburgh; the same brother being appointed Prov. G.M. of Dumfriesshire in 1811. The bye-laws were agreed to at this meeting, and their first proxy to Grand Lodge was also elected in the same month.

At the Festival of St. John the Evangelist in 1774 two Lodges were represented that are unknown to Bro. Smith—the "St. John's" and the "Andalusia." The latter is described sometimes as No. 3. Neither are noted in the minutes of the other Town Lodges, so their origin is a mystery. Possibly they were of the "irregular Masonic bodies existing at that period."

Colonel Mikovmy, of the Russian Service, and Bro. Robert Miller, of Man-

chester, who were present at the Lodge in 1781, and appear to have captivated the members, as they were admitted as honorary members.

On 27th December, 1788, the Immortal Burns was "unanimously assumed a member of the Lodge." He had then been a member of "the Mystic Tie" over seven years, and on admission into "St. Andrew's" signed the Regulations. The Poet was frequently present at the meetings, duly described by Bro. Smith, and filled the office of Senior Warden during the year 1793. So late as 1794 Burns took part in the election of office-bearers, and in January, 1796, he was sponsor for a candidate from Liverpool. His last attendance was on 14th April, 1796; but, strange to say, his decease is not noted in the minutes. The Lodge ceased to meet in 1805, the attempt to revive it in 1815 being a failure, and in the following year it was erased.

The Minute Book and other curios were purchased at a public sale by my dear old friend Lyon (Past Grand Secretary) in 1879, and presented to the Grand Lodge by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., then the Grand Master. Bro. James Smith's appreciative friends are now waiting for the advent of the next of his series.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Craft Masonry.

Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19.

The above lodge held its installation banquet at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 14th instant, the W.M., Bro. Martin Pulvermann, presiding. The installation ceremony took place some weeks ago, but the banquet was deferred owing to the national mourning. There were present the following officers of the lodge: Bros. Money Marsland, I.P.M.; O. Marsland, S.W.; M. Mirov, J.W.; A. Digby-Green, Treas.; J. W. Barnes, Sec.; A. C. Burnley, S.D.; T. E. Williams, J.D.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; W. P. Campbell-Everden, I.G.; W. Pound, P.M., and H. L. Pound, jun., Stwds.; J. Dix, P.M.; D. Nicholson, P.M.; Milton Smith, P.M.; G. R. Carsberg, P.M.; W. Stacey, P.M.; and J. H. Merrett, P.M. The Grand Officers present included Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; T. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B.; Bywater, P.G.S.B.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C.; and R. D. Voisey, P.G. Std. Br.

The W.M., in proposing "The King and the Craft," alluded to the deep interest his Majesty had taken in Freemasonry, and mentioned incidentally the figures recently cited by the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick, as to the rapid strides made by the Order in this country, possessing, as it did, no fewer than 3000 lodges, with over 200,000 members.

The toast was loyally honoured.

The W.M. next gave "The Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught," who, he said, possessed all the attributes needed to make a great Grand Master.

The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm.

In submitting "The Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said they were honoured that evening with the presence of several Grand Officers, who were very prominent men in Masonry, among them being Bros. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; Bullock, P.G.S.B.; Bywater, P.G.S.B.; Speth, P.A.G.D.C.; and Voisey, P.G.S.B., all of whom they were proud to welcome. They possessed two Grand Officers in the lodge—Bros. Speth and Bywater, the father of the lodge—and both had done great good, not only for the lodge in particular, but for Freemasonry in general.

Bro. Speth, the senior Grand Officer, acknowledged the toast.

Bro. Money Marsland proposed "The Worshipful Master," expressing the fervent wish that he might have at least as good a year of office as he (the speaker) had had, in which case he would have nothing to complain of.

The toast was most cordially received.

The W.M., in reply, said he would ever strive to uphold the dignity of the lodge, to maintain its harmony and old traditions, and to foster all the Charitable instincts that characterised the Craft.

Bro. Bywater gave "The Visitors," and Bros. Sorell, Ferguson, and Manuel acknowledged the compliment.

The W.M. next proposed "The Immediate Past Master, Installing Master, and Past Masters," referring in graceful terms to the excellency of the I.P.M.'s work in his year of office, and touchingly alluding to the able way in which Bro. Bywater had accomplished the exacting ceremony of installation despite his advanced years.

The toast was heartily received, and acknowledged by the brethren associated with it.

Other toasts were "The Mount Sinai Chapter," proposed by Bro. W. Pound, P.M., and acknowledged by Bro. Corderoy; "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers;" and the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. G. Gilbert, Prov. G.T. Middx.

The musical programme was directed by Bro. Willie Wright, P.M.

Solway Lodge, No. 1220.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. R. THOMPSON.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on the 13th instant in the lodge room, Aspatia. Bro. J. R. Thompson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. John Bouch, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and the following officers for the year were invested: Bros. J. Halliday, I.P.M.; D. Ross, S.W.; W. Newton, J.W.; F. Richardson, Treas.; F. L. H. Millard, Chap.; W. W. Duckham, Sec.; Joseph Robinson, S.D.; J. Nichol, J.D.; W. Tulley, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; J. Cobb, Org.; J. Carter, I.G.; John Wilson, Stwd.; Joseph Irving, Tyler; and J. Wilson, Asst. Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards held in the lodge room, catered for by Mrs. Cowen.

Fitz-Roy Lodge, No. 569.

A meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at the Head-quarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, Finsbury, E.C., on Friday, the 22nd instant. There were present Bros. Henry Humphries, W.M.; W. H. Hillman, I.P.M.; H. J. Adams, P.M., Treas.; Lieut.-Col. J. J. Stohwasser, P.M., Sec.; H. Jarrett, S.D.; H. F. Adlard, J.D.; C. Draycott, D. of C.; F. Hall, I.G.; R. G. Webster, P.M.; T. F. Harrington, H. M. B. Hardy, W. Bradley, P. J. Hopkinson, J. C. Taylor, Matthews, A. P. Roe, J. C. Wood, H. Munday, E. T. Roberts, H. C. Duncan, B. T. Mills, H. C. Simmonds, W. H. James, J. C. Nelson, O. Thorn, and H. T. Greenwood. Visitors: Bros. H. White, J.W. 2422; A. C. Fisher, J.D. 2022; H. Williams, I.G. 2022; F. W. Driver, P.M. 45; A. W. Laidlaw, 2424; and L. Walker, 286, Canada.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the lodge of the 22nd February were read and confirmed. The Treasurer, Bro. Adams, proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser, for his handsome gifts to the lodge that evening, consisting of tripod, with portrait of the late Queen in frame of silver leaves, with rough and perfect ashlar stones for S.W. and J. W. pedestals. This was seconded by Bro. Hillman, I.P.M., and carried unanimously, the vote of thanks to be entered on the minutes. The Secretary returned thanks, after which the lodge was closed.

After supper the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

"The King and the Craft" having been given,

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," was proposed by the W.M., who said that his appointment was most popular with the Craft.

"The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was replied to by Bro. H. J. Adams, P.A.G.D.C.

The I.P.M. then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said that he had been known for many years by the comrades; he alluded to the able manner he had delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board.

The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for their magnificent contribution of 110 guineas to his list for the recent Benevolent Festival.

"The Health of the I.P.M." was proposed by the W.M., who said that when Bro. Hillman quitted the chair he left to him brethren as a legacy to pass and raise; it gave him practice, for which he was thankful.

The I.P.M. replied in graceful terms.

"The Visitors" having been toasted, Bro. L. Walker, from Canada, replied by saying it was the first military lodge he had attended; he thanked the brethren.

Bro. White also replied.

"The Past Masters" was replied to by Bro. Webster.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge" having been given, the Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant evening.

Williamson Lodge, No. 949.

On the occasion of the meeting of the above lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, North Bridge-street, Monkwearmouth, the lodge was favoured with a visit from the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, and there were several officers and brethren present from Newcastle. The W.M., Bro. John Grayston, presided, and was supported by the following officers of the lodge: Bros. R. Scott, S.W.; J. Blake, J.W.; G. B. Hall, P.P.G.P., Treas.; E. R. Cherrett, Sec.; David Bell, S.D.; A. Anderson, J.D.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; W. H. Turner, I.G.; R. Archbold, J. Allan, C. A. Spencer, and D. M. Urquhart, Stwds.; and T. Grieve, P.G.T., Tyler. The provincial officers and visitors present were Bros. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; John Robinson, P.P.G.W.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.W.; Seymour Bell, P.P.G.W. Northumberland; T. Robinson, P.P.G.D.; T. Atkinson, P.P.G.D.C.; W. E. Moffett, P.P.G.D.; J. R. Cutter, P.P.G.T.; T. Harrison, P.S.G.D.; C. T. Johnson, P.G.D.C.; E. Lautebach, P.P.G.S.B.; N. Lee, P.G.P.; J. J. Wilson, P.P.G.D.; Cornwall Smith, P. Dep. G. Dir. of Cer. Northumberland; Dr. E. Seaton Cockell, P.S.G.D.; J. Rigby, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Robinson, P.P.G. S. of W.; F. Toogood, P.P.G.P.; John Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Jacobs, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. Henry Leech, P.P.G. Stwd.; H. T. Halfpenny, W.M. 94; John Cameron, W.M. 80; Thos. James, W.M. 97; David D. Smith, W.M. 1389; E. J. Willis, W.M. 2039; John Wood, W.M. 1118; E. J. Graham, W.M.; A. Kingholme, P.M.; E. Allison, S.W.; E. Schroeder, S.D.; F. Atkinson, A. Barr, 481; J. Walton Hill, W.M. 1625; Ald. Burns, W. Carter, R. D. Jeffrey, L. Duncan, J. Thompson, and Jas. Hudson, P.P.G.O. The W.M., Bro. John Grayston, thanked the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and those from Northumberland and the lodges in Newcastle and Tyneside, for their attendance. Bro. R. Hudson, speaking of the Grand Lodge of England, referred to the election of M.W. Bro. the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master of England, and said there would be a great gathering at his installation in London. So far as the Province of Durham was concerned, their Grand Master-Designate, Bro. Lord Barnard, would be installed as their Provincial Grand Master towards the end of June, in the hall on College Green, Durham. They would also then have a function at the Cathedral, and have a gathering in the grand old Castle Hall. He thanked all present for the reception he had met that evening. He had been introduced into Freemasonry in 1862, and he had been the W.M. of the Williamson Lodge 31 years ago. (Applause.) He congratulated the two Provinces of Durham and Northumberland on the great strides which Masonry had made during the past 20 years. He trusted those who came after them would also see great strides made, and that it would be esteemed by all with whom they came in contact. (Applause.) Bro. Seymour Bell, P.P.G.W., also spoke.

Metham Lodge, No. 1205.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. PERRY.

There was a representative gathering of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Caroline-place, Stonehouse, the occasion being the annual installation meeting of the above lodge. The retiring Master, Bro. J. Baynard James, who has had a most successful year of office, was in the chair. In addition to a large number of the brethren of the lodge, he was supported by many Past and Present Prov. G. Officers.

The principal business of the evening was the installation of Bro. J. Perry, the W.M. elect. The ceremony was participated in by Bros. Capt. W. Powell, P.P.G.T.; P. J. Dunn, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Dickson, P.P.D.G.D.C.; G. Perring, J. J. Facey, and J. Baynard James. Subsequently the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Baynard James, I.P.M.; J. H. Sowden, S.W.; C. Hanson, J.W.; G. Perring, Chap.; Capt. W. Powell, P.P.G.T., Treas.; P. J. Dunn, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. H. Ford, S.D.; W. J. Waldron, J.D.; W. T. Davis, I.G.; J. Pritchard, Org.; J. F. Richards, D. of C.; D. Fowler, Asst. D. of C.; G. Trout, A. H. C. Horne, W. H. Stanbury, and W. Acock, Stwds.; and J. Gidley, P.P.G. Std. Br., Tyler. Bro. Capt. W. Powell was appointed Representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. J. J. Facey, Charity Steward. The presentation of a Past Master's jewel was made to the I.P.M., Bro. James, by Bro. Capt. Powell, who expressed a hope that Bro. James would live long to wear it. Bro. James acknowledged the gift, and assured the brethren that, as in the past, so in the future, he would do all he could for the lodge in particular, and for Freemasonry in general.

Doble Lodge, No. 889.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. C. T. LEWIS.

The installation meeting of this Kingston-on-Thames lodge was held on the 20th instant, and had such attractions for members and visitors living away at a distance that the tempestuous weather and heavy rains deterred them not from putting in an appearance. Over 60 met in the lodge, and among the visitors were the Dep. Prov. G.M. (Bro. Frederick West), and Bro. Farnfield, P.G. Treas.

Bro. George Cowen, W.M., opened work in good time for the purpose of passing Bros. Wallock and Howard, and commenced the ceremony of installation in the presence of a goodly number. Bro. Long, the "father of the lodge," presented Bro. C. T. Lewis, the W.M. elect, and he was installed in a correct and impressive style by the outgoing Master, the crowning act being done in the presence of 25 Past Masters. The new W.M. will be supported and assisted by the following officers, of whom Bros. J. Drewett and Hope remain to be invested, being unavoidably absent: Bros. G. Cowen, B.A., M.D., I.P.M.; W. Salt, S.W.; T. Welham, J.W.; John Drewett, P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; W. Drewett, P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; C. L. Johnson, S.D.; H. W. Packham, J.D.; J. R. Richardson, I.G.; J. R. Abbott, Org.; A. Watkin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; H. Wakely, W. H. Hope, and E. Boswell, Stewards; and Murrills, Tyler. Bro. Cowen carried on the ceremony of installation to the end, and was deservedly complimented upon the way in which he went through it. The first duty of the new W.M. was to present to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel voted to him by the lodge, in doing which Bro. Lewis remarked that no Master had better deserved that token of appreciation.

During an interval in the work Bro. Cowen made a personal presentation to a junior member of the lodge, Bro. Busby, in recognition of services rendered during the past year, when officers were late in arrival or absent. By regular attendance at the Doble Lodge of Instruction Bro. Busby has qualified himself for any duty, including that of W.M., and Bro. Cowen urged other young members to follow the example set.

The presentation consisted of a very neat M.M.'s jewel, manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son.

The usual banquet closed the festival of No. 889.

Installed Masters' Lodge, No. 2494.

A special meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, when there were present: Bros. W. N. Cheesman, W.M.; Colonel H. Fawcett-Pudsey, I.P.M.; M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; W. Tesseymann, P.M.; G. L. Shackles, P.M.; J. Bilson, P.M.; Mark Scott, P.M.; Dr. J. Wright Mason, S.W.; W. A. Hutchence, J.W.; T. B. Redfern, Sec.; W. C. Whiteside, Chap.; W. F. Harris, S.D.; Geo. Leigh, J.D.; A. King, D.C.; H. J. Oldroyd, Org.; E. Ryley, I.G.; M. J. Martensen, Stwd.; H. Preston, Tyler; R. R. Hawley, J. Wildbore, A. W. Cook, N. Shaw, Thomson Foley, J. W. Tindell, J. G. Wallis, A. J. Peacock, J. Barton, J. Work, and Jas. Milestone, members of the lodge. Also the following visitors: Bros. Robt. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec. Durham; Sydney F. Klein, P.M. 2076; Paul J. Drasdo, W.M. 57; Thos. Thompson, P.M. 57; Dr. H. Foster, P.M. 236; A. Procter, P.M. 236; F. W.

Laughton, P.M. 236; E. S. Robinson, W.M. 236; Frank Hall, W.M. 250; J. M. Chapman, P.M. 250; F. W. Bailey, P.M. 250; J. G. Leech, P.M. 458; Jas. Brown, W.M. 566; M. H. Cargill, P.M. 566; Wm. Nutt, P.M. 566; J. F. Watson, P.M. 566; J. Giddy, P.M. 566; S. M. Scott, P.M. 566; T. G. P. Barlow, P.M. 566; R. Hodgson, P.M. 566; G. W. Hudson, P.M. 566; T. C. Turton, W.M. 630; W. H. Rylatt, P.M. 630; T. R. Searby, P.M. 764; W. Fillingham, W.M. 1511; T. T. Davis, P.M. 2134; J. MacKaill, P.M. 2134; and about 40 other brethren.

The W.M. introduced the lecturer of the evening—Bro. Sydney T. Klein, F.L.S., F.R.A.S., P.M. of the famous literary lodge, Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London. Their distinguished brother was born in 1853, and had been a great traveller in all quarters of the world. In 1876-7 he was in Spain, where he saw a little of the Carlist War, and much of the life of the Gitanos or Moorish gipsies, so interestingly alluded to in his paper on the Law of Dakheil. In 1877 and 1878 he was in Turkey, and witnessed the fall of Plevna. He then went to Asia Minor, Southern Russia, and Roumania, and had been several times in Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and Hungary. In 1881 and 1891 he paid long visits to the United States and Canada; in both countries, from the reputation he had acquired as a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, he was heartily welcomed at the principal observatories. The W.M. said that he had a profound and envious admiration for Bro. Klein's great knowledge. He was no stranger to them by repute, and the lecture to which they would have the pleasure of listening was first delivered before the Quatuor Coronati Lodge and afterwards before the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Klein then delivered his lecture on the Great Symbol, pointing out that the oldest constitutional rolls of the Craft inculcated that the wonderful masterpiece of human perspicuity *Geometry* is not only the greatest, and indeed the very foundation, of the seven liberal sciences, but that it is actually itself *Masonry*. He then demonstrated in the most happy and pleasing manner his discoveries as to the symbolism contained in the problems which he drew on the blackboard. Although the address was of a scientific and uncommon character and far beyond the order of lectures usually heard in our lodges, it was listened to by the large audience with the greatest attention, and several brethren expressed the regret that it had been abbreviated.

Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., said that he had expected a great treat and had enjoyed the lecture greatly. The good opinion which he had formed of Bro. Klein, whom he had met at York three or four years ago, had been much strengthened by acquaintance with his work in Masonry. Our learned brother must be congratulated on his successful effort to restore the scientific character of the Craft which had been greatly lost sight of for many years, the majority of brethren being contented with the fragments of Masonry contained in the ritual of the various Degrees. In fact, many brethren lived and died in ignorance of the vast field of Masonic study which lies outside the scope of ordinary lodge work. The study of Geometry ought to be made a special feature of Masonic teaching, and our Second Degree seems especially adapted for its introduction; the popular and social element should not be permitted to hide the beauties of *Freemasonry*. He concluded by moving a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Klein.

Bro. Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. Durham, had much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks, and hoped they would all derive benefit from one instructive lecture which they had heard.

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Klein briefly responded, saying that he was very gratified to meet such a large assemblage of brethren, and for the very patient attention with which he had been received.

Eyre Lodge, No. 2742.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. D. GRAHAM.

The third installation of this lodge took place at the Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. There was a good attendance of the brethren, and a goodly array of well-known Masonic brethren. Bro. J. D. Graham was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Jas. Speller, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Speller, P.M., I.P.M.; F. Arnold, P.M., S.W.; J. E. Quarterhouse, J.W.; T. Durrans, Treas.; G. Tapley Smith, Sec.; J. H. Bridgeman, P.M., S.D.; F. Crocker, P.M., J.D.; R. Raymond, P.M., I.G.; Geo. E. Thompson, D.C.; and W. J. Mitchell and A. S. Pereno, Stwds. The W.M. presented to the lodge a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Speller, the I.P.M., in recognition of his untiring labours in the foundation and efficient working of the lodge. The installation was carried out in a most impressive and perfect manner, but in addition there was considerable work to do, Bro. Charles Hall being raised, and four candidates initiated. The lodge was closed.

The banquet was held in the hall of the hotel, the brethren being magnificently catered for by the first initiate of the lodge, Bro. Murrills.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

The W.M., in giving "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Jas. Speller," spoke in eulogistic terms of the great help and encouragement he had seen to the lodge since it was founded, and of which he was the first J.W.

Bro. Speller responded in a very graceful and cheery speech, and said that he noticed with pride the younger members of the lodge fitting themselves for office, and taking their place in the working of the lodge as they should do. He wished the W.M. a happy year, and trusted that he would long be spared to be amongst them. He would treasure and wear with pride the very handsome jewel they had been kind enough to present him with that evening.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., in a rousing speech of encouragement, and exhorted the brethren to hold together and work with harmony towards the success the lodge deserved.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Baxter, W.M. elect 2750; Pulman, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and Beach, Sec. 1563; and all expressed the pleasure they had had from their visit to so united and strong a lodge, albeit still young in years.

The musical programme during the evening was admirably arranged and carried out with great musical taste and perfect rendering.

Lodge of Industry, No. 48.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THOS. DOUGLASS.

The installation and annual meeting was held on Monday, the 25th instant, at Gateshead, when there was a good attendance of brethren. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. T. Pragnell, presided, and was supported and assisted by the following members: Bros. J. Armstrong, I.P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; W. Dalrymple, P.M.; T. R. Jobson, P.M.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; Thos. Douglass, S.W. and W.M. elect; H. Bartlett, S.W. 406, as J.W.; W. E. Peacock, Sec.; J. Lawson, as S.D.; T. H. Armstrong, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. Blyth, as I.G.; R. Dobson, Geo. Kindred, E. M. Blenkinsopp, J. Boyd, W. Witherington, W. Sheriff, R. Richardson, W. D. Cookson, E. E. Elliott, J. T. Makepeace, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. J. Davidson, W.M. 424; Jon. Howe, I.P.M. 424; R. B. Ferry, Sec. 424; R. Horsley, 424; Jas. Shaw, P.M. 424; Robt. Stewart, P.M., W.M. 2674; S. Brown, I.P.M. 2074; James Reid, W.M. 1712; J. B. McKenzie, W.M. 659; C. W. Hodgson, I.P.M. 659; A. Craig, W.M. 1643; Jas. Waters, P.M. 1643; J. J. Clegg, P.M. 1643; Wm. Lamb, 1643; S. Cragg, 1643; G. F. Pringle, P.M. 1009; C. J. Kennedy, 2674; E. Scarfield, Stwd. 2674; C. R. E. Tinswood, 2674; E. Allison, S.W. 481; Wm. Wallis, 57; T. Wright, P.M. 1342; A. P. Shinck, 310; and others.

After the preliminary business, the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Douglass, was presented by Bro. M. Corbitt, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. J. T. Pragnell, and was subsequently and impressively installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. Pragnell also delivered the usual charges with good effect. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. T. Pragnell, I.P.M.; the Rev. W. Bowker, S.W.; W. E. Peacock, J.W.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; W. W. Nichols, Sec.; Robt. Laverick, S.D.; T. H. Armstrong, J.D.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D. of C.; Robert Ferry, Org.; Joe Moffat, Asst. Sec.; W. Blythe, I.G.; I. W. Hilton, J. Lawson, W. Sheriff, and E. E. Elliott, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

After the visitors had given their good wishes to the new Master, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the annual banquet was held, at which there was an excellent company.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY. EASTER HOLIDAYS.

EXCURSIONS will leave PADDINGTON, KENSINGTON (ADDISON ROAD), HAMMERSMITH, &c., as under:—

WEDNESDAY, April 3rd.—To WATERFORD, Clonmel, Tipperary, Limerick, Kilkenny, KILLARNEY, Belfast, Armagh, Enniskillen, Giants' Causeway, &c., for a fortnight or less.

THURSDAY, April 4th.—To Newbury, Savernake, Marlborough, Devizes, Frowbridge, Frome, Wells, Yeovil, Bridport, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., to return April 9th, 11th, or 13th; to Swindon, BATH, BRISTOL, &c., to return April 8th, 9th or 13th; to WESTON-SUPER-MARE, to return April 8th, 9th, 11th or 13th; to Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead, Tiverton, BARNSTAPLE, Ilfracombe, EXETER, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Kingsbridge, Launceston, PLYMOUTH, Bodmin, Newquay, Falmouth, St. Ives, PENZANCE, &c., to return April 8th, 11th or 13th; to CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTER, CHELTENHAM, Newport, CARDIFF, SWANSEA, Llanelly, Llandovery, Carmarthen, Tenby, NEW MILFORD, &c., to return April 8th, 9th or 13th; to CORK and KILLARNEY, for a fortnight or less; to Evesham, WORCESTER, Malvern, &c., to return April 9th; to OXFORD, Leamington, Stratford-on-Avon, BIRMINGHAM, Wolverhampton, MANCHESTER, Chester, Birkenhead, LIVERPOOL, &c., to return April 8th or 9th; and to Shrewsbury, Hereford, Welshpool, Harlech, Aberystwyth, Llangollen, Dolgellau, Barmouth, Llandudno, Bettws-y-Coed, Carnarvon, &c., to return April 8th, 9th or 13th.

GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER SUNDAY.—To READING, Pangbourne, Goring, Abingdon, OXFORD, &c., to return same day. Oxford passengers can also return April 9th.

SATURDAY, April 6th.—To Swindon, BATH, BRISTOL, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, GLOUCESTER, CHELTENHAM, Newport, CARDIFF, Swansea, Llanelly, Llandovery, Carmarthen, &c., to return April 8th, 9th or 13th.

EASTER MONDAY.—To Slough, READING, Newbury, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c., to return same day; to Swindon, BATH, BRISTOL, Weston-Super-Mare, CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTER, CHELTENHAM, &c., to return same day or April 9th or 13th.

TUESDAY, April 9th.—HALF-DAY TRIP TO SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY.—For Banbury, Leamington, and STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

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CHEAP EXCURSIONS will be run from EUSTON, KENSINGTON (ADDISON ROAD), BROAD STREET, WOODWICH, WILLESDEN JUNCTION, and other London Stations, as follows:—

On **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd**, to DUBLIN, GREENORE, BELFAST, Ardglass, Armagh, Bray, Bundoran, Cork, Downpatrick, Dundalk, Enniskillen, Galway, Greystones, Killahee, Killarney, Limerick, Londonderry, Newcastle (co. Down), Newry, Ovoca, Portrush, Sligo, Thurles, Warrenpoint, Westport, Wexford, Wicklow, and other places in Ireland. To return within 16 days.

On **WEDNESDAY MIDNIGHT, APRIL 3rd**, to Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Carlisle, Carnforth, Chorley, English Lake District, Fleetwood, Furness Line Stations, Lancaster, Maryport, Morecambe, Preston, St. Helens, Southport, Wigan, &c., returning April 8th and 9th.

On **THURSDAY, APRIL 4th**, to Aberdovey, Abergavenny, Abergyle, Aberystwyth, Bangor, Barmouth, Bettws-y-Coed, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Brynmawr, Builth Wells, Carmarthen, Carnarvon, Colwyn Bay, Conway, Crickieth, Dolgellau, Dowlais, Ebbw Vale, Harlech, Hereford, Holyhead, Llanberis, Llandilo, Llandrindod, Llandudno, Llangammarch, Llanwrtyd, Merthyr, Oswestry, Pwllheli, Rhayader, Rhyl, Shrewsbury, Swansea, Tredegar, Wellington, Welshpool, Wrexham, &c., returning April 8th, 9th, and 13th.

To Ashbourne, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Burton, Chester, Coventry, Derby, Dudley, Leamington, Leicester, Macclesfield, North Staffordshire Company's Stations, Nuneaton, Rugby, Tamworth, Thorpe Cloud (for Dove Dale), Walsall, Warwick, Wolverhampton, &c., returning April 8th and 9th.

To CARLISLE, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, Aberdeen, Arbroath, Ayr, Ballater, Banff, Brechin, Buckie, Callander, Castle Douglas, Crieff, Cruden Bay, Dumbarton, Dumfries, Dundee, Dunkeld, Elgin, Forfar, Fort William, Gourock, Greenock, Inverness, Keith, Kirkcudbright, Moffat, Montrose, Nairn, Newton Stewart, Oban, Perth, Stirling, Stranraer, Strathpeffer, Whithorn, Wigtown, and other places in Scotland, returning April 8th and 12th, or within 16 days.

On **THURSDAY MIDNIGHT, APRIL 4th**, to Crewe, Liverpool, Stafford, Warrington, Widnes, Ashton, Manchester, Oldham, Stalybridge, Stockport, &c., returning April 8th and 9th.

On **SATURDAY MIDNIGHT, APRIL 6th**, to Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington, and Stockport, returning April 8th and 9th.

For Times, Fares, and full particulars see Small Bills, which can be obtained at any of the Company's Stations and Town Offices.

FRED. HARRISON, General Manager.

EUSTON STATION, LONDON, April, 1901.

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* **THURSDAY MIDNIGHT, APRIL 4th**, to LEICESTER, for 1, 4 or 5 days, and to LOUGHBORO', NOTTINGHAM, SHEFFIELD, and MANCHESTER, for 4 or 5 days.

* On **SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 6th**, to LEICESTER, Loughboro', NOTTINGHAM, Sheffield, LEEDS, BRADFORD, Stockport, MANCHESTER, Warrington, and LIVERPOOL, for 2, 3 or 4 days, and on **MONDAY, APRIL 8th**, to Leicester, Loughboro', and Nottingham, for 1, 2 or 4 days.

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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on **THURSDAY, the 11th APRIL, 1901**, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution; to consider Notice of Motion as under; and to elect 15 girls into the School from a list of 22 approved candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock or immediately after the conclusion of the general business, and close at Three o'clock precisely.

NOTICE OF MOTION—

By W. Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH, P.A.G.D.C., Patron:

"That this Court accept the sum of 1,550 guineas from the Province of Kent in commemoration of the 113th Anniversary Festival of the Institution, to be held under the presidency of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the EARL AMHERST, R.W. Prov. G.M. Kent, for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called the 'Earl Amherst Presentation,' the right of such presentation to be vested in the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent for the time being."

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, W.C.,
28th March, 1901.

The 113th Anniversary Festival will be held on Wednesday, 8th May next, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. the EARL AMHERST, M.W. Pro Grand Master, R.W. Prov. G.M. Kent. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient.

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NOTICE.

In consequence of Friday next being Good Friday, the "*Freemason*" will be published on the evening of Thursday, the 4th prox., instead of Friday, as usual.



SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1901.

Masonic Notes.

We are in a position to state that considerable progress has been made recently in respect of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Already upwards of 400 ladies and brethren have volunteered their services on the occasion, and there is every reason to hope that between now and the second Wednesday in May a substantial addition to this number will be made. It is worthy of note that the first meeting of the Board will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 1st prox., when the officers will be chosen, and the preliminary arrangements made as far as possible.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire will be held in the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Tuesday, the 23rd April, under the auspices of the Howe Lodge, No. 587, when, after the minutes of the meeting at Solihull on the 26th September last and those of the meetings at Coventry on the 9th October, and Ipsley on the 14th November of last year, and at Birmingham on the 1st instant, respectively, have been read and confirmed; and reports having reference to the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent Festival and the Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund for 1900, and from the Charity Representative of the Province relating to the Elections to the London Charities have been received, Bro. the Rev. Geo. J.

Emanuel, Prov. G. Chap., will deliver an address, and a collection will be made on behalf of the Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 4 p.m., and at 6 p.m. a banquet will be served, tickets for which, at 5s. each exclusive of wine, must be applied for on or before Saturday, the 20th prox.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that Bro. N. Tracy, Past G. Std. Br. England, and P.P.G. Warden and Prov. G. Secretary, has been selected by Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M. Suffolk, to fill the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, rendered vacant by the sudden and lamented death of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past G. Chaplain. For many years Bro. Tracy has been one of the mainstays of the Craft in Suffolk, and during his long tenure of office as Prov. Grand Secretary has acquitted himself well and satisfactorily, both to his respected chief and the brethren throughout the Province. Hence his promotion to the more responsible position of Deputy will be hailed with pleasure by the lodges, whose members will no doubt realise that a better choice could not have been made.

The brother who has been appointed to succeed Bro. Tracy in the office of Prov. G. Secretary is Bro. S. R. Anness, who, like the new Dep. Prov. G. Master, is a member of Perfect Friendship Lodge, No. 376, Ipswich. Bro. Anness was first appointed to office in Prov. Grand Lodge in 1882, and in 1894 was honoured with the collar of Prov. Senior Grand Warden. He is therefore a man of long and tried experience, and there can be little doubt that in the course of time, when he has settled down to his new duties, he will prove a worthy successor to Bro. Tracy.

A meeting of the Provincial Priory of the Order of the Temple for Burma was held in the Masonic Hall, Moulmein, on Saturday, the 19th January, when Sir Knight J. Copley Moyle was installed Provincial Prior, the ceremony being performed by Sir Knight Herbert E. Wilkins, Past Prov. Constable, as Prov. Prior, assisted by Sir Knight Elliot Hill, Prov. Chancellor, and others. When the installation was over, and Sir Knight Moyle had been proclaimed and saluted, Sir Knight Wilkins congratulated the new Prov. Prior on his appointment, referred in complimentary terms to the "untiring energy and unflagging zeal and perspicacity" which he had shown in his "other high Masonic offices," and the good work he had already done as Prov. Sub-Prior in charge; and expressed the earnest hope that under his (Sir Knight Moyle's) guidance Templar Masonry might increase in strength, and become more and more prosperous.

A Grand Bohemian Concert in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was given in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 22nd inst., by Bro. Leon F. Dury, W.M., and the officers and members of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180. The chair was occupied by the W.M., while the Wardens acted as Stewards. Bro. W. Wright, P.M., the lodge Organist, was Musical Director; Bro. John Porter, Stage Manager; and Mr. Harry Hawke, Acting Manager. An excellent programme, which included songs, pianoforte, violin, and banjo solos, recitations, interludes—humorous and ventriloquial—had been arranged, and afforded much pleasure to a numerous audience, many of the numbers being encored. The accompanists were Miss Beatrice Cowley and Bro. Wright, who did their respective parts very successfully.

It is good news that a "*History of the Provincial Grand Lodge and of Freemasonry in Cheshire*" is in course of compilation and will be published at no very distant date. Bro. John Armstrong, P.P.G.W., who has undertaken the responsible duty of writing the book, is well qualified for such a task and we have no doubt will acquit himself satisfactorily in the rôle of historian. It is no light duty he has entered upon. Cheshire, even as it stands, is a strong Province with upwards of 50 lodges on its roll, among them being several that date from the 18th century. It has been presided over by a long succession of Provincial Grand Masters, commencing with Col. Columbine in 1725, and ending with the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.G.W., who was only installed in office last year in succession to his brother Earl Egerton of Tatton.

It will be no light matter to treat satisfactorily of the existing lodges, but Cheshire is important for other than mere numerical reasons. Its organisation as a Province dates from a remoter period than any

other in England and Wales, while Bro. W. H. Rylands has, if we remember rightly, shown that it could boast of quite a number of Speculative Masons many years before the Grand Lodge of England was established. Thus in the Lists of Lodges forming the Appendix to Bro. R. F. Gould's "*Four Old Lodges*" we meet with several that have long since passed away. Such are the "*Sunn*," the "*Spread Eagle*," and the "*Crabb and Faulkon*," in the City of Chester, all which are included in this 1725-1729 List. Two of these apparently rank as Nos. 32 and 33 in his 1730-1732, with the addition of the Red Lion, Congleton, at No. 36, and the Angel, in Macclesfield, at No. 80. These are also found in the 1736-1739 List, among the lodges of 1724 creation, together with "*180 Horse and Man*," Foregate-st., Chester, warranted February 1, 1738. Of these only Nos. 32, 36, 80, and 180 are to be met with in 1740, but re-numbered as 29, 32, 69, and 167 respectively. At the next closing up of the lodges, in 1756, Nos. 29 and 32 have fallen out, while No. 69 becomes 43 and 167 is returned as 101.

But we need not follow up the lists. The oldest lodge now on the roll of the Province is Unanimity, No. 89, Dukinfield, which dates from 1754, and which, according to Lane's "*Masonic Records*," was, in the first instance, Lancashire, and does not appear to have moved into Cheshire until the early years of the 19th century. Our point, however, is that many lodges existed in the province prior to the earliest now on the roll, and the tracing out these, and the work they may have done, will be a task of great difficulty. According to the Prospectus which has reached us "*Freemasonry in Cheshire during the last Three Centuries*" will be traced, so that there is every likelihood that Bro. Armstrong's book will contain matter that has never hitherto seen the light of day.

Leaving conjecture in this respect out of the question, the promised contents include "a complete tabulated list of Provincial Grand Officers from 1725 to 1900 inclusive;" "*Historic Sketches of the Five Time Immemorial Lodges*," and of all the Lodges constituted in the Province during the last two centuries;" "*A detailed History of the Provincial Grand Lodge*" from 1725 to 1900; "the whole extracted from manuscripts in the possession of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, Public Libraries, 'Cestrian,' and other Lodges in the Province." We shall await with eagerness the appearance of the work, which will be issued to Subscribers at 7s. 6d., and to Non-Subscribers at 10s. per copy.

It is much to be regretted that the Chairman (Bro. F. B. Westlake) of the recent meeting of the Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund should have felt it to be his duty to call attention to the fact that the subscriptions to the Fund had fallen off very considerably during the past year, and should have gone so far as to suggest that "unless increased support was soon forthcoming the Committee might have to face the unpleasant necessity of reducing the number of children on the Fund, so as to bring the expenditure within the income." There can be no doubt the Fund is doing a large amount of good. It provides for 22 children, on whom £330 in the aggregate is expended yearly. Hence his appeal "to those lodges, of which there were, unfortunately, too many, that had never yet given any assistance to the Fund, notwithstanding that frequent appeals had, he understood, been made to them." This was confirmed by Bro. J. R. Lord, the Hon. Treasurer, and now that such prominence has been given to their shortcomings, we hope the lodges will see their way to subscribing.

We are glad to learn from the speech of Comp. the Hon. C. Maule Ramsay, the newly-installed First Grand Principal, in acknowledging the toast of his health that Royal Arch Masonry in Scotland is in a flourishing condition. During the last 10 years the funds of the Supreme Grand Chapter had increased from £5300 in 1890 to upwards of £8000 in 1900, while the number of companions had also been increased. Moreover, from the remarks made of him and the work he had done during the last few years as Grand Superintendent of Forfar and Kincardine, it appears that Comp. Ramsay is likely to prove an excellent First Grand Principal and that, as one of the speakers put it, Grand Chapter will be as sorry to part with its present chief five years hence as the Province is over which he lately presided.

The 24th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was held in the Masonic Hall, Montreal, on the 29th January, under the presidency of Comp. H. Leroy Fuller, M.D., M.E.G.Z., who, in the course of his address, paid a feeling tribute of respect to the late Queen Victoria, to whom he referred as "a great Sovereign," and well-beloved. The newly-installed Grand Principals are Comps. Geo. O. Stanton, Grand Z.; J. Bruce Payne, Grand H.; and C. P. O'Connor, Grand J.

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.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I notice in your last week's article on "The Warrant," you say "The earliest authentic warrant to an English lodge is that issued in 1754 to a lodge now defunct. . . . It is now in the possession of the Lodge of Unanimity, Duckinfield, No. 89." In connection with the History of Freemasonry in Cheshire, which has just been compiled, the W.M. of No. 89 allowed me to go through minute books of that lodge, now the senior lodge in the Province of Cheshire. They are, I am pleased to say, complete from the constitution of the lodge in Liverpool in 1754 until to-day. They prove beyond a doubt that the lodge was constituted by the "Moderns," remained under the "Moderns" until 1812, and entered the Union as a "Modern" lodge. The warrant under which they work to-day is the original warrant granted in 1754 by William Ratchdale, Prov. Grand Master of Lancashire. The lodge was removed from Manchester to Duckinfield in 1807; the minute noting the removal is as follows: "April 1—1807: This Lodge Unanimity, No. 111 (Moderns), removed unanimously from the sign of the Buck and Hay Thorn, Back Square, Manchester, in the County of Lancaster, to Mr. John Bradley's, the 'Old General,' in Duckinfield, in the County of Chester; the following brethren present to open the Lodge in the first, second & third Degrees in Masonry at ½ past one o'clock:

"David Torr—Integrity, No. 212	W.M.
John Chew—Union, No. 443	S.W.
John Shaw—Union, No. 443	J.W.
John Crabtree—Minerva, No. 536	S.D.
John Redmain	J.D.
Henry Mills	P.M.
Saml. Wood	Secy.

"At 2 o'clock Regular officers for the next six months were elected, when the following brethren took their seats:

"F. D. Astley	W.M.
Martin Dooley	S.W.
Thos. Plattbut	J.W.

John Shaw acted."

Bros. Redmain, Mills, and Wood were old members of the lodge, the others were all members of "Modern" lodges. Francis Duckinfield Astley, the first Master after its removal from Lancs to Cheshire, was Lord of the Manor of Duckinfield, and the same year, 1807, had succeeded the celebrated John Allen as P.G.M. of Lancs; he was the last P.G.M. of Lancashire before its division into two provinces. He was many times Master of "Unanimity" between 1807 and 1820; the splendid chairs and other furniture in the possession of the lodge were his gifts. The lodge had a brilliant career in Manchester, and its removal would seem to be due to mine host of the "Old General" in Duckinfield being a member at, and before, its removal, and also to meet the convenience of R.W. Bro. Astley. In Lane's Masonic Records, under the date 1792, it is marked No. 111A. (Antients), but there is no evidence in its minutes or in change of jurisdiction, and if it was working under any other than its present warrant, especially one from the "Antients," it is incomprehensible that in 1807 the P.G.M. (Moderns) of Lancashire, assisted by brethren all owing allegiance to the Moderns, should be the only individuals taking part in its ceremonies, and both before and after 1807 visitors invariably hailed from modern lodges.—Yours fraternally,

J. ARMSTRONG,
P.P.G.W. Chester.

14, Water-street, Liverpool,
26th March.

THE ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondents have done excellent service in their criticism of the very unsatisfactory and unfair methods which prevail in the election of Grand Treasurer.

It would, however, be well if more were done in exposing the unseemly sights which met the eye within and without Freemasons' Hall on the day of the recent election. To all of us it can scarcely be considered other than a disgrace to the English Craft, that once a year we pretty well descend to the level of the parochial strife satirised by Dickens in his sketch "The Election for Beadle."

And the worst of it is the fact that we are getting ourselves talked about amongst the "uninstructed world."

That the time has arrived for practical and pronounced action, surely no reasonable man will deny, save the obtuse individuals who, at all cost, oppose the sweeping away of old-fashioned abuses and anomalies.

Legislation, it is clear, is the only way to bring this desirable and much-needed change about, and, if the actual rulers in the Craft—in other words, the ex-officio and nominated members of the Board of General Purposes—decline to make a move, then it is devoutly to be hoped that some leading brother or brethren in the provinces—for the provinces are the sufferers under the present iniquitous and inequitable system—will be found to enter the lists.

I have hinted at legislation as the only cure, and a very simple cure it must appear to any practical man of business.

For myself, I have for years past had an alteration of the Book of Constitutions in my mind as likely to meet the case. Briefly speaking, it is to change the date of nomination of Grand Treasurer to the September Communication, so as to enable voting papers to be sent out to the Masters of lodges, numerically on the basis of the last returns received by the Grand Secretary. A constitutional date could be enacted for the reception of the signed voting papers—say a fortnight prior to the March Communication, when the result of a contested election would be formally declared.

I have mainly suggested September as the time of nomination because it would give qualified members of lodges in the Colonies, in India, and in foreign parts generally, a privilege and a right which, so far as I am aware, they have practically never possessed. In this connection I trust there will be some expression of opinion from our brethren abroad.

The foregoing suggestions are presented for what they are worth, and might, I entertain no doubt, be much improved upon; but whatever the upshot of this controversy, I hope it will be in the direction of eradicating from English Freemasonry a stigma that, encouraged by our *laissez faire* system, has become accentuated in volume during recent years.—Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY.

March 23rd.

THE LODGE WARRANT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In common with all your readers, I am greatly indebted to you for having introduced to our notice the valuable and instructive essay on Masonic Jurisprudence that have formed so attractive a feature in your columns.

His last essay on warrants is extremely interesting, and conveys much information about its early use. But the writer seems to be unaware that the whole subject of lodge warrants has been searchingly investigated by the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, who entrusted the subject to that eminent jurist and historian Professor Chetwode Crawley, LL.D.

My object in this letter is to call the attention of your learned contributor to Professor C. Crawley's researches, as many of the results are quite outside ordinary views. I candidly admit I had always thought the use of warrants or charters was essentially an institution of the Grand Lodge of England. But Dr. Crawley seems to have proved otherwise; the use of charters in lodges having been first introduced in the Irish Grand Lodge, and then adopted in America years before our Grand Lodge adopted it. And the same seems to have been true of Master Masons' certificates. The proofs and documents are given at large in Prof. Crawley's *Cementaria Hibernica*, Fasculus I., and again in Appendix to Fasculus II., both published by the Lodge Quatuor Coronati. The enquiries I have made, and the reviews I have seen, show that these results have been accepted by our three great Masonic writers, Bros. Gould, Hughan, and Sadler, as well as by Lodge Quatuor Coronati, but it would be most desirable to have your correspondent's able views on Prof. Chetwode Crawley's learned theories.—Yours fraternally,

C. CARNEGIE, P.M.,
P.P.G.O. Hants.

Southampton,
23rd March.

THE THREE ENGLISH LODGES IN MONTREAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My attention has been drawn to your admirable editorial in your issue of the 16th ultimo respecting the position of the lodges in Montreal under the Grand Lodge of England, and the desirability of legislation to promote an amalgamation with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and while I agree with your criticisms in the main, you will pardon me if I state that we have not been puzzled by the language of Clause 218B, as there is nothing of an ambiguous nature in its construction, and we fully appreciate under what circumstances the Grand Registrar decides that Clause 218B cannot be utilised by the brethren in Montreal under existing conditions, but it is the application of this clause under different conditions that is somewhat puzzling, and for this reason:

Is it not a fact that the Grand Lodge of Quebec has never been fully recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, the former Grand Lodge having refused recognition at the hands of the latter Grand Lodge in 1875, owing to their having imposed certain conditions which the Grand Lodge of Quebec refused to entertain? Your editorial referred to bears out this contention, and that being the position of affairs, it can readily be seen. 218B could not apply; but here comes the crux of the whole question, and which was the solution looked to by some of the brethren here.

Seeing that the objections of the Grand Lodge of Quebec have lost considerable force during the past 25 years, it might reasonably be argued that, if full recognition were offered them at this date, and they decided to accept it with the conditions imposed, for the sake of harmony and to help forward the settlement of this long-standing dispute, would not the Grand Lodge of Quebec then come within the purview of clause 218B as being a fully recognised Grand Lodge in the ordinary acceptance of the term, that is, being received and recognised by the Grand Lodge of England exactly as other grand bodies are?

It is the semi-official recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of England that has made the question to a great extent puzzling, and it is the want of knowledge as to how the Grand Lodge of England looks upon this question of recognition. If it (the Grand Lodge of England) says, "We already recognise to the fullest extent, Masonically, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and no further act on our part will change or improve its status," then new legislation will undoubtedly be required; if, on the other hand, by a further act of recognition, it places the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the same plane as other Grand bodies, could not the brethren here take advantage of 218B within six months after full recognition had been accorded?

If the Grand Lodge of England or its advisers decide that such a view is untenable, and that the brethren of the three English lodges would still be ineligible to avail themselves of Clause 218B, nothing would then remain but to introduce new legislation along the lines of your editorial; but I think, personally, the matter would be solved by the consummation of the full act of recognition and the application of this clause, and the brethren would then be compelled to comply with its provisions.

There certainly is no machinery provided for bringing about this result anywhere between the covers of the Book of Constitutions, and I am strongly of opinion that such means should be provided, whether any lodges wished to avail themselves of it or not. It would be legislation of practical value, and would enable a large majority of any lodge to make effective their desires, and not compel them to resort to that most unsatisfactory method of demitting and leaving behind an insignificant and factious minority, which usually works more harm to our Order, by keeping open old sores, than any other cause I know of. It is quite true that the rights of minorities should be protected, but it is equally true that the majority should govern, especially such an overwhelming majority as Clause 218B prescribes, but no such minorities as set forth in Article 219 should have the great power they now possess to thwart the will of, say, nine-tenths of the brethren of any lodge in which a difference of opinion on such a point as that now under review exists.—Yours fraternally,

W. W. WILLIAMSON,
P.M. 640.

238, Mance-street, Montreal,
March 11.

PRINCE CHRISTIAN VICTOR MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,

Will you allow us to appeal for assistance in carrying out the following project which was organised towards the close of last year?

The sympathy evinced by our lamented and revered Queen Victoria in all the personal sorrows of her people arising from the South African War, had awakened a warm and grateful response in the hearts of the public, and it was then resolved to give expression to this all-pervading sentiment, and in some measure respectfully to reciprocate the sympathy which had been shown by establishing a permanent memorial of the grandson of the Queen, Prince

Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, who died in the service of his country in South Africa.

Although the circumstance under which this tribute would have been paid are so sadly altered, the love and gratitude of the nation are only intensified, and the fact that our beloved Sovereign took the greatest interest in the proposed memorial, and that it was one of her last wishes that it should be a success, not only makes it impossible to withdraw the plan of a collection, which might otherwise seem inopportune at the present time, but adds a pathos to the appeal which cannot fail to ensure its favourable reception throughout the country.

It is proposed that the memorial should take the form of a fund for founding and endowing beds in the Princess Christian Cottage Homes for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors. This would be in harmony with the spirit and aims of the young Prince, who always had the interest of soldiers at heart.

Donations and offers of assistance in collecting may be sent to the Hon. Organising Secretaries, Office of the Prince Christian Victor Memorial, Horse Guards, Whitehall, S.W., or to the Memorial Fund at Messrs. Lloyd's Bank, 16, St. James's-street, S.W. Donations and collections will be acknowledged in the Press.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) ROBERTS, F.M.,

President of the General Committee.

(Signed) REDVERS BULLERS, General,

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Office of the Prince Christian Victor Memorial,
Horse Guards, Whitehall, S.W.

March 14th.

Craft Masonry.

Jubilee Masters Lodge, No. 2712.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. E. R. BARTLEY DENNIS.

A large gathering of Masters and Past Masters to the number of over 100 assembled at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, on the 15th instant. This lodge continues to make steady progress in metropolitan Freemasonry, and it is unique in its character for only reigning W.Ms. are eligible for membership.

Lodge was opened by Bro. Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C., W.M., assisted by Bros. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B., as S.W.; W. Dennis, Prov. G. Treas. Surrey, as J.W.; J. D. Langton, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G. Treas.; and others.

After opening of lodge and the confirmation of minutes, 14 W.Ms. of lodges were elected joining members. Upon the proposition of the W.M., a resolution was placed upon the minutes expressing the grief of the members at the death of the late Queen Victoria, their sympathy with the present King and their congratulations to his Majesty upon his accession to the Throne. A resolution was also passed expressing sympathy and condolence with the family of the late Bro. Thos. Fenn, P.G.W. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted, showing a balance in favour of the lodge of £55. Bro. E. R. Bartley Dennis, P.P.G.W. Middx., was next presented for installation, and the ceremony was ably rendered by Bro. Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Richard Lee Franks, S.W.; James Alfred Shelton, J.W.; William Singleton Hooper, Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; Octave Lamare, S.D.; George Helmore Jones, J.D.; Alfred Streeter, I.G.; Frederick Varley, D. of C.; Henry Charles Lonsdale, Richard Cato Bayne, and Henry John Davy, Stwds.; and R. F. Potter, Tyler.

Letters of regret were announced from several eminent brethren, three resignations were read—Bro. Thomson Lyon's being accepted with regret—and the lodge was closed.

After a well-served banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

In giving "The King and the Craft," the W.M. alluded to the eminent services rendered to the Craft by his Majesty as Prince of Wales; and in the following toast, "The Grand Master," the W.M. said H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was a good soldier and gentleman, and would doubtless make an excellent Grand Master.

Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said the Duke of Connaught would prove a worthy Grand Master, and on the following Wednesday would head a small body of Masons to present an address to his Majesty the King. It had been an exceptional pleasure for him to see an old scholar of Christ's Hospital installed as W.M., and also another invested as S.W.

Bro. Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C., proposed "The W.M.," and expressed his pleasure in submitting the toast. He would not detain them long in singing the praises of the W.M., for it was not necessary. To be Master of that lodge proved that a brother was a thorough Mason and a gentleman in every sense. He was sorry to touch upon a painful subject, but the W.M. had had a son in South Africa who had gallantly fought and fallen for his Queen and country. The members would give the W.M. the most hearty support during his year, and cordially drink his health in that toast.

Bro. E. R. Bartley Dennis, P.P.G.W. Middx., W.M., returned his thanks to the I.P.M. and brethren. The I.P.M. had touched upon a subject that had been touched upon before in that lodge. He hoped it would not be touched upon again, for there were some wounds that never healed. His life had been one of some anxiety, for he had given three sons to the service of the Queen and King, and one was kept in a perpetual state of anxiety—for young officers might be sent to pestilential regions or to fight for their country. Referring more particularly to the toast, all the members of that lodge were Worshipful Masters or Past Masters, and, therefore, it was a peculiar honour to be made Worshipful Master of a lodge of Worshipful Masters. The scene in the lodge when they were good enough to salute him was a scene such he had never witnessed before. There was no lodge in that country which could have so many Past Masters present at the installation of a Worshipful Master. It was most impressive to him and most delightful to see such a gathering of W.Ms. to do him the honour he felt he did not deserve. The desire and power of ruling was instinctive, and such desire ought to be cultivated by every man—especially in associations to do good. He hoped every member of this lodge and every Mason would aspire to get into a position to be really useful to his fellow Masons. The choice of Master was a peculiar one. It depended to a great extent upon what he had done for Freemasonry. A very careful register was kept of what all the members had done, and so, to a certain extent, the election depended upon what a brother had done. He personally did not know why he had been chosen, for there must be many who had done more. It would be an incentive to the members to do what they could, and so build up a strong claim to be put in the chair of the lodge. He hoped during his year of office the lodge would exercise a great influence in Freemasonry. There was no reason why it should not. Founded upon an excellent idea, it was capable of an immense deal of good. Being so large they scarcely knew each other, and there was a large number whom he did not know, but whom he should like to know. It might be that this lodge would be able to form a Masonic club somewhere in the neighbourhood, where they could make each other's acquaintance. If they could carry out such a scheme it would be a great thing for Freemasonry and a great thing for their lodge. He would next propose the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," Bro. Imre Kiralfy, who had installed him in a most excellent manner. Bro. Kiralfy was a Grand Officer, and was distinguished for the number of his Stewardships and contributions to the Charities. He had also been several times Master. It was not, however, for all these things they liked him so. It was his charming personality. In presenting Bro. Kiralfy with a Past Master's jewel, which he had so well earned, the members were pleased to have been ruled over by such a distinguished Mason and so charming a man.

Bro. I. Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C., in response, said he had done what was in his power to do, the work which was only the duty of every Master. If he had done that to their satisfaction it was most gratifying to him. The jewel presented to him he should prize for the rest of his life. It was not an ordinary Past Master's jewel, but a distinction from a distinguished lodge. He wished to thank those officers who had kindly supported him, Bros. Van Duzer (now in America), Walter Dennis, and J. D. Langton, who

was the life and soul of the lodge as Secretary, and only those intimately acquainted with him knew the work he did.

Bro. McConnell, K.C., P.D.G. Reg., acknowledged "The Visitors," and returned thanks for their hospitable reception and welcome.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. James Kift presided at the pianoforte, and directed the musical arrangements, being assisted by Bros. Maxwell, Clive, and Alexander Watson, and Miss Helen Mar.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Walter Cockerham, W.M.; J. T. C. Blackie, S.W.; J. Schofield, I.P.M., Sec.; O. M. Jones, P.M., Treas.; John Brownhill, S.D.; George J. Critchley and Charles G. Balls, Stwds.; J. M. Moss, P.M., P.P.D.G.S.B.; E. Loebell, P.M.; J. Irlam, P.M.; H. W. Massingham, P.M.; J. R. Ashworth, P.M.; Jas. Burgess, P.M.; A. Ellinger, P.M.; J. J. Richards, S. Rains, R. Grenville, S. W. Hartley, T. Thrutchley, J. W. Whalley, E. A. Harrison, W. Arnold, and J. R. Fletcher, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Lambert, P.M., P.G.D. Eng.; F. Hill, S2; Albert Gresty, S2; Neville Chipperfield, 1458; and R. Wilson, 1126.

The lodge was opened in customary form; the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Avey Bladon, which proving unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry by Bro. J. Schofield, I.P.M., in a most eloquent and impressive manner. Bro. J. T. C. Blackie, S.W., delivered the ancient charge to the newly-initiated brother in a very finished manner. Bro. J. J. Richards having signified his desire to be passed to the Second Degree, and having answered the usual questions, that ceremony was performed by the W.M. in his usual effective style. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The rest of the evening being spent in harmony, among those who contributed were Bros. Schofield, Blackie, Balls, Loebell, Hartley, and Wilson.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.

On Monday, the 25th instant, a regular and well attended meeting of this lodge was held at the St. James's Restaurant. There were present among others Bros. W. Miles, W.M.; J. Genese, I.P.M.; A. J. Barclay, S.W.; A. Sarjeant, J.W.; Rev. S. J. Roco, Chap.; A. J. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; L. Weil, P.M., Sec.; S. Russell, S.D.; E. H. Parry, J.D.; C. Graham, P.M., I.G.; G. W. Cooper, Org.; W. Klingenstein, P.M.; J. Polak, P.M.; Dr. H. Oppenheimer, P.M.; H. Passmore, W. Gradenwitz, E. S. Cook, S. L. Heymann, H. Oppenheimer, E. Oppenheimer, H. De Vries, G. Reid, H. V. Purvis, J. Behr, H. W. Janisch, J. R. Woodley, J. G. Da Costa, O. Reichenbach, Macdonald Brown, P.M. 2408; E. Theodore Smith, P.M. 1768; E. N. Isaacs, P.M. 141; Carl Von Buch, S.W. 235; E. C. Haram, 1872; and F. Rayden, 73.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Janisch, Woodley, and Da Costa were entrusted and raised to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. informed the brethren that he attended the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and that the total his list amounted to was £88 3s., monies all subscribed by the brethren of the lodge.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren dined together, after which the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, specially referring to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as M.W.G.M. elect.

In replying to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. W. Miles said that it was a pleasure to him to hear that the brethren were so pleased with the way in which the working of the lodge had been carried out, and he wished to thank his officers for the good work they had done.

Bro. Macdonald Brown, in replying for "The Visitors," congratulated the brethren of the lodge on having as their W.M. such an earnest and excellent worker as Bro. Miles.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable gathering.

The proceedings were interspersed with music, recitations, and singing, under the direction of Bro. G. W. Cooper, Org.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. G. ALEXANDER MURRAY.

The installation of W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Bear's Paw, Lord-street, Liverpool, on the 21st inst. The W.M. elect was Bro. George Alex. Murray, and he was presented by Bros. John Leach, P.M., and R. Kendall, P.M. The installation ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. S. Haden Jones, P.P.G.P., a P.M. of the lodge, in the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M., Bro. John H. Smith. Bro. Murray subsequently appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John H. Smith, I.P.M.; Herbert D. Jay, S.W.; John Turner, J.W.; J. Birchall, Treas.; J. Trueman Barlow, Sec.; Edward I. Dugmore, S.D.; John Reardon, J.D.; R. Kendall, P.M., D.C.; John H. Houlgrave, Org.; Henry G. Pay, I.G.; Robert Duff, G. E. Tushingham, W. Jones, J. Myerscough, and R. T. W. Foster, Stwds.; and W. J. Doran, Tyler. Bro. John Leach, P.M., was elected Charity Representative.

A banquet was afterwards served, a large number of the brethren and visitors being present, including Bros. J. R. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C.; Philip Armstrong, P.P.S.G.D.; Thomas Vernon, P.P.G.D.C.; and L. Peake, P.P.A.G.D.C.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a capital musical programme was contributed by Bros. W. Baker, J. T. Barlow, R. Wynne Jones, H. D. Jay, W. Chambers, George Smith, George Platt, and John H. Houlgrave.

A Past Master's jewel and a handsome gold watch have been subscribed for presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. Smith.

Royal Arch.

Rose Chapter, No. 1622.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. GEO. H. LEWIS, P.Z., PROV. G. STD. BR. MIDDLESEX.

This happy event took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on the 23rd instant and fully maintained its former high reputation. There were present Comps. T. R. Cass, M.E.Z.; Geo. H. Lewis, H., M.E.Z. elect; Wal E. Jeffery, J.; J. T. Loader, P.Z., Treas.; Geo. Thompson, S.E.; W. J. Frampton, P.S.; R. J. Sobel, 1st A.S.; Wm. Dawson, P.Z., D.C.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; J. Parr, Stwd.; J. Whiteman, Janitor; S. J. Derham, P.Z.; Thos. Grummant, P.P.G.P.S. Essex (Hon. Member); J. F. Reynolds, W. J. Snodgrass, J. B. Higgs, Paul C. Hanisch, R. J. Richards, F. A. Sahl, J. H. Reap, Fred W. Wright, J. Theo. Audy, and Wm. Swales. The visitors were Comps. W. A. Scurrah, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; J. H. Cureton, P.Z. and S.E. 2182; Hy. Cornford, H. 1329 and 1901; and Chas. Hy. Stone, P.Z. 1275 and 1901, and S.E. 1901.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. A conclave of installed First Principals was formed and Comp. Geo. H. Lewis inducted into the chair by Comp. Wm. Dawson, P.Z. The conclave was closed, and a conclave of Second Principals formed and Comp. Wal E. Jeffery installed into the Second Chair in an able manner by Comp. Wm. Dawson, P.Z. The conclave was closed, and conclave of Third Principals formed and Comps. Geo. Thompson inducted into the Third Chair by Comp. Wm. Dawson, P.Z. Comp. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., acted as D.C. at the installations. The M.E.Z. in able remarks invested his officers as follows: Comps. John T. Loader, P.Z., Treas.; S. J. Derham, P.Z., S.E.; S. W. Ballard, S.N. (deterred); W. J. Frampton, P.S.; Rudolph J. G. Sobel, 1st A.S.; Fred. Wright, 2nd A.S.; Wm. Dawson, P.Z., D.C.; F. Choveaux, Org.; Jas. E. Parr, Stwd.; and J. Whiteman, Janitor. A ballot was taken for Bro. Wm. Swales, S71, which proved unanimous, and he was exalted in an exemplary manner by the M.E.Z., the lectures being most impressively rendered by the respective Principals. The Auditors presented their report, which was received, and showed the chapter to be in a very flourishing condition. A Past Principal's jewel was most cordially voted to Comp. T. R. Cass, I.P.Z., for the able manner

he had conducted the duties for the past year, and which he had fully earned, having done his utmost to promote the interests of the chapter, and he was leaving the chair with the love and respect of all the companions.

Letters were read from Comps. F. W. Williams, P.Z. (one of the founders), Isaac Dunn, P.Z., and S. W. Ballard, regretting inability to attend, but wishing the M.E.Z. and companions an enjoyable evening.

The business of the chapter ended, the convocation was closed, after which the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was supplied and personally superintended by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, in her accustomed and capable manner.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z. gave the first toast—"The King and Royal Arch Masonry"—which was the first time it had been given in the chapter. They all knew the excellent service his Majesty had rendered the Order while Prince of Wales and G.Z., and they had evidence already of his Royal patronage as King and retaining the title of Protector of the Order.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

The toast of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given, the M.E.Z. remarking all knew what excellent workers they were. It was to him a very great pleasure that the chapter was honoured with the presence of Comp. W. Scurrah, who had done an immense service in the cause of Freemasonry, and to know him was to love him. Bro. Scurrah had been a personal friend of the M.E.Z. for many years, and had given up a very important engagement in the country to support him upon that occasion, which act was most highly appreciated by the companions of the chapter.

In reply Comp. Scurrah, who was most cordially received, most heartily thanked the companions for their appreciation of the services of the Grand Officers, and especially to himself. The noblemen who were at the head of the Order were brethren of such great ability, and ever ready to bestow their time for the good of the cause, so the Grand Officers below them one and all endeavoured to their utmost to try and follow in such worthy footsteps. He had intended to go into the country on a visit, but his presence at the Rose Chapter was on account of one great fact which was very near to his heart, the great respect and affection he had for the M.E.Z., whom he had initiated into Freemasonry, and had always found him one of the truest-hearted Masons he had met anywhere. It was also a great pleasure to see his excellent working, as also that of Comp. Wm. Dawson, P.Z., in fact it was a treat to listen to the admirable working of the whole of the exaltation ceremony. He also spoke of the friendly relations that existed with other worthy companions in the chapter as Comps. G. Thompson, J. Loader, P.Z.; S. J. Derham, P.Z.; and T. R. Cass, I.P.Z. He again most cordially thanked them for the great treat he had had, and the pleasure it had given him to be present, also for their very kind hospitality, which he trusted to be spared to enjoy upon many future occasions.

Comp. T. R. Cass, I.P.Z., in very forcible remarks, said the resumption of the emblem of power temporarily was to invite the companions to drink most heartily to "The Health of the M.E.Z." Comp. Scurrah, in his reply, had said he honoured the M.E.Z. for his manifold virtues, and the companions of the Rose Chapter had chosen such an one to be their head. Comp. Cass, I.P.Z., had not known the M.E.Z. so long as Comp. Scurrah, but he could testify to the character of the M.E.Z., and from his brilliant record they were proud to see him in that position in the Rose Chapter. He (Comp. Cass) most earnestly promised to support the M.E.Z., and he felt that the companions would exert themselves and bring him worthy brethren for exaltation, as the I.P.Z. had bequeathed a most brilliant band of officers.

The toast was most enthusiastically drunk.

The M.E.Z., in a highly exhaustive and intellectual reply, said he had a most difficult task, that of responding in his own behalf. The toast had been most ably presented, for which he tendered his heartfelt thanks. He was no orator, but he intended to do his very best for the chapter. He trusted the year would be a happy one indeed, and whatever work was brought would be performed to the best of his ability. He was proud of his position, felt perfectly at home with them, and he hoped the companions would ever look to him as a friend, and so long as that friendship and love existed with the M.E.Z. in the chair, so would the years indeed be happy. He again most cordially thanked them.

The M.E.Z. next presented the toast of "The H. and J." in eulogistic terms, which was most ably responded to by Comps. Jeffery, H., and G. Thompson, J.

That of "The Exaltée" was next proposed by the M.E.Z., who stated he had excellent sponsors, and from the rapt attention paid he was convinced he would become enamoured of the beautiful ritual.

Comp. Swales most suitably and gratefully responded.

Comp. G. H. Lewis, M.E.Z., most cordially, and in very appreciative terms, proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was ably replied to by Comps. Cureton, Stone, and Cornford.

The toast of "The Past Principals" received at the hands of the M.E.Z. that meed of praise it so richly deserved. He remarked of Comp. T. R. Cass, I.P.Z., that the year just expired had been one of the most pleasant ever spent in the chapter. The I.P.Z. had excelled himself during the year beyond all expectation, and in the name of the chapter it gave the M.E.Z. much gratification in presenting the P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. T. R. Cass, so unanimously voted him, and which was so richly deserved, and trusted that the Most High would long spare him to look upon that token of their esteem, and a memento of the excellent services he had rendered to the Rose Chapter. The M.E.Z. also paid a high tribute to Comps. Loader, Derham, P.Z., and Dawson, P.Z.

In reply, Comp. T. R. Cass, I.P.Z., greatly appreciated the kind words said of him. He had performed the duties to the best of his ability, but he was constrained to do so as he had had such a splendid object lesson from his worthy predecessor. He most heartily thanked the companions for the handsome jewel presented him, and assured them that his work was not yet finished, but he should continue to assist to his utmost in the future work of the chapter. He should look upon that jewel as a symbol of their respect, and he trusted he should long be spared to wear it, and see the companions in the chapter performing their various duties in the same excellent manner as they had been carried out that evening.

Comps. Loader and Derham also most ably replied.

The M.E.Z. next presented the toast of "Comps. Treasurer and S.E., and the Officers of the Chapter" in eulogistic terms, which was duly responded to.

The Janitor's toast closed a most happy and eventful meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged and under the direction of Comp. F. E. Choveaux, Organist of the chapter, most ably assisted by Miss Edith Kingsford, Comp. S. J. Derham (flautist), and Bro. Joseph Perceval. Comp. Choveaux ably accompanied.

Jordan Chapter, No. 1402.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. W. WINGET.

This chapter held its third installation meeting on Monday, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Temple, Torquay. The Three Principals were ably installed by Comp. J. Taylor, P.P.G. Scribe N., the full list of officers being as follows: Comps. W. Winget, M.E.Z.; J. G. Turle, H.; J. Taylor, J.; T. H. Wills, I.P.Z.; Samuel Wills, Treas.; John Glanfield, S.E.; W. Grist, S.N.; Charles Hill, P.S.; H. C. Goss, 1st A.S.; R. D. Scholes, 2nd A.S.; J. Dodge, D.C.; Stanley Lane, Org.; W. Narracott, Stwd.; and J. E. Newton, Janitor. A satisfactory balance sheet was presented, and the companions, to the number of 30, afterwards sat down, at the invitation of the M.E.Z., to an excellent supper, provided by Host Johnson, of the Half Moon Hotel.

The M.E.Z. presided, and gave "The King and the Craft," and other loyal and Masonic toasts.

To that of "The Prov. Grand Chapter," submitted by Comp. Turle, there were six P.G. Officers rising in response, including the visitors from the Torbay Chapter.

A very pleasant evening was spent, Comps. Goss, Glanfield, S. Wills, Cornelius, Muignard, Wedlake, and Berry, with Bro. Heaton Bailey at the piano, contributing to the harmony of the proceedings.

AS A MEMORIAL to the Queen, Mr. James Hawke Dennis, of Arrow Hill, Cheshire, and Greenhurst Park, Surrey, has offered to build the central tower of Truro Cathedral. This tower, which is estimated to cost £13,000, will practically complete the Cathedral with the exception of the two western towers. The donor, who is a Cornishman, is a retired Liverpool merchant. The Cathedral Committee has decided to commence the work without delay.

Instruction.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A meeting was held on the 21st instant at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there were present Bros. R. J. Williams, P.M., W.M.; E. C. St. Aubyn, S.W.; F. M. Ridley, J.W.; Larkman, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Bridger, Sec.; C. E. Dowling, S.D.; H. T. Town, I.G.; Johnson, W.M.; C. Humble, R. E. Baron, and Harry Waspe.

The lodge opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation and passing, Bro. Newman being the candidate in the First Degree, and Bro. Harry Waspe being the candidate in the Second Degree.

HAMPDEN LODGE, No. 2427.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Temple at Hampden House, N.W., on Monday, the 26th inst., when the members received and entertained the members of the Strand Lodge of Instruction, No. 1987, who filled the various offices and carried out the work of the evening, Bro. Harry Passmore Edwards occupying the chair. Present: Harry Passmore Edwards, W.M., Welham, S.W., Kibblewhite, J.W., Goff, S.D., Nott, J.D., Pastorelli, I.G., Atkinson, Tyler, Rapley, P.M., Preceptor, Thomas, J. Soper, Soper, Heseltine, Stevenson, Blake, and Fauquembergne, all of 1987; and R. D. Cummings, P.M., A. C. Webb, Adamson, Seaman, Hewson, Carmichael, Pennington, Elliot, Kent, Penrose, Hale, Williams, and Mellefont, all of the lodge.

The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Bro. Webb, and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. announced his intention of working the third ceremony. Bro. Blake offered himself as the candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and after calling off and calling on the ceremony of raising was resumed and duly rehearsed. The lodge was then closed in the Third Degree and the Second Degree. The W.M. rose when Bro. Cummings, P.M., addressed the brethren, thanking the Strand Lodge for their visit, and congratulating them on having such an efficient representative as their W.M., who had conducted the work in a very able and creditable manner. Bro. H. Passmore Edwards replied, thanking the brethren of the Hampden Lodge of Instruction, and echoing the remarks of Bro. Cummings, P.M., that this visit might be the first of many similar ones. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony and adjourned.

Mark Masonry.

All Souls Lodge, No. 126.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. NELSON BOWES.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Thomas-street, Weymouth, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and was a very pleasant and successful gathering. The installation ceremony was performed in an admirable manner by Bro. A. Rayner, Prov. G. Sec., in the presence of Bros. H. T. George, D.P.G.M.; Rev. F. Monney, Prov. S.G.W.; Zillwood Milledge, P.P.J.G.W.; and a large Board of Installed Masters. The Treasurer, Bro. J. B. Cole, P.P.S.G.W., was invested for the 25th consecutive year—a truly good record. The following are the officers: Bros. Nelson Bowes, P.P.J.G.D., W.M.; B. Morris, P.P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; Sidney S. Milledge, P.P.G.M.O., S.W.; F. Fahey, J.W.; Rev. J. A. Miller, B.D., P.G. Chap., M.O.; H. A. Hurdle, A.R.A.M., P.P.G.I. of W., S.O.; W. R. Wallis, J.O.; Rev. F. Monney, P.S.G.W., Chap.; J. G. Wills, Sec.; J. B. Cole, P.P.S.G.W., Treas. (re-appointed); E. L. W. Chave, P.P.G.I. of W., Reg. of Marks; R. H. Roberts, S.D.; T. Christopher, J.D.; E. Mills, P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; P. S. Graham, I.G.; C. G. Graham, Stwd.; and J. Old, Tyler. A record of regret at the loss sustained by the death of her Majesty the late Queen, and of satisfaction at the accession of his Majesty King Edward VII. was placed on the minutes. The usual votes of thanks were accorded.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together at the invitation of the newly-installed Master, a pleasant evening being spent.

EASTER RAILWAY FACILITIES.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company issue Ordinary as well as Excursion tickets at their City and West-end Offices, where tickets can be obtained during the whole week preceding Easter. Tickets can also be obtained at Clapham Junction, Battersea, Chelsea, Kensington (Addison-road), and the stations on the Hammersmith and City Line. The Booking Office at Paddington Station will be open the whole day on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before Easter. On Wednesday, April 3rd, excursions will be run to Waterford, Limerick, Killarney, Belfast, Armagh, Giants' Causeway, &c., for a fortnight or less. On Thursday, April 4th, excursions will run to Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Plymouth, Bodmin, Falmouth, Penzance, Newbury, Trowbridge, Frome, Yeovil, Weymouth, Oxford, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Llandudno, Carnarvon, Chester, Manchester, Liverpool, Swindon, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, Tenby, New Milford, Cork, Killarney, &c. On Thursday, April 4th, excursion tickets, at a return fare of 2s., will be issued to Guernsey and Jersey, by trains leaving Paddington at 9.15 p.m., and Waterloo at 9.50 p.m. The service to and from the Islands being now worked jointly by the Great Western and London and South Western Railway Companies, passengers travelling on the forward journey via Paddington and Weymouth may, if they so desire, return via Southampton and Waterloo, and those proceeding via Waterloo and Southampton may return via Weymouth and Paddington. On Good Friday and Easter Sunday, cheap trains will run to Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations. On Saturday, April 6th, excursions will run to Swindon, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, &c., and on Easter Monday, to Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. On Tuesday, April 9th, a cheap half-day excursion will leave Paddington at 12.30 noon for Banbury, Leamington, and Stratford-on-Avon. In addition to these excursions, cheap trains will be run to London from most of the provincial towns, and between the principal centres of population. On the Wednesday and Thursday before Easter many of the long distance trains will be duplicated. On Good Friday the trains will run as on Sundays, and special trains will leave Paddington at 5.30 a.m. for Reading, Swindon, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, Swansea, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Penzance, Frome, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c.; and at 5.35 a.m. for Reading, Oxford, Worcester, Malvern, Kidderminster, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. Cheap third-class excursion tickets will be issued on Good Friday, Saturday, April 6th, Easter Sunday and Monday, by specified trains from Paddington, Clapham Junction, Kensington (Addison-road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District, and North London Railways, to Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, and other popular riverside resorts. Week-end tickets will also be issued to the same stations on April 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th, available for return on the following Saturday, Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday. Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, Good Friday (where train service permits), and Saturday, April 4th, 5th and 6th, to Winchester, Southampton, Bridport, Abbotsbury, Dorchester, Weymouth, Cheltenham, Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare, Ilfracombe, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth,

Droitwich, Malvern, Church Stretton, Abingdon, Oxford, Leamington, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, Aberystwyth, Dolgelly, Barmouth, Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor, Carnarvon, Holyhead, &c. These tickets are issued on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North-Western Company announce that the Ticket Offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, Victoria (Pimlico), and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, April 1st, to Easter Monday, April 8th, inclusive, so that Passengers wishing to obtain Tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the Trains. Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of Passengers, can also be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the Town Receiving Offices of the Company. Additional Express Trains will be run, and special arrangements made in connection with the London and North-Western Passenger Trains for the Easter Holidays. The Company also announce cheap excursions for the Easter Holidays, as follows: On Wednesday, April 3rd, to Dublin, Greenore, Belfast, Ardglass, Armagh, Bray, Bundoran, Cork, Downpatrick, Dundalk, Enniskillen, Galway, Greystones, Killaloe, Killarney, Limerick, Londonderry, Newcastle (co. Down), Newry, Oyoce, Portrush, Sligo, Thurles, Warrenpoint, Wexford, Wexford, Wicklow, and other places in Ireland. To return within 16 days. On Wednesday Midnight, April 3rd, to Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Carlisle, Carnforth, Chorley, English Lake District, Fleetwood, Furness Line Stations, Lancaster, Maryport, Morecambe, Preston, St. Helens, Southport, Wigton, &c., returning April 5th and 6th. On Thursday, April 4th, to Aberdovey, Abergavenny, Abergelle, Aberystwyth, Bangor, Barmouth, Bettws-y-Coed, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Brynmawr, Builth Wells, Carmarthen, Carnarvon, Colwyn Bay, Conway, Criccieth, Dolgelly, Dowlais, Ebbw Vale, Harlech, Hereford, Holyhead, Llanberis, Llandilo, Llandrindod, Llandudno, Llangammarch, Llanwrtyd, Merthyr, Oswestry, Pwllheli, Rhayader, Rhyl, Shrewsbury, Swansea, Tredegar, Wellington, Welshpool, Wrexham, &c., returning April 8th, 9th, and 13th. To Ashbourne, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Burton, Chester, Coventry, Derby, Dudley, Leamington, Leicester, Macclesfield, North Staffordshire Company's Stations, Nuneaton, Rugby, Tamworth, Thorpe Cloud (for Dove Dale), Walsall, Warwick, Wolverhampton, &c., returning April 8th and 9th. To Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Arbroath, Ayr, Ballater, Banff, Brechin, Buckie, Callander, Castle Douglas, Crieff, Cruden Bay, Dumfries, Dundee, Dunkeld, Elgin, Forfar, Fort William, Gourock, Greenock, Inverness, Keith, Kirkcubright, Moffat, Montrose, Nairn, Newton Stewart, Oban, Perth, Stirling, Stanraer, Strathpeffer, Witherhorn, Wigtown, and other places in Scotland, returning April 8th and 12th, or within 16 days. On Thursday midnight, April 4th, to Crewe, Liverpool, Stafford, Warrington, Widnes, Ashton, Manchester, Oldham, Stalybridge, Stockport, &c., returning April 8th and 9th. On Saturday midnight, April 6th, to Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington, and Stockport, returning April 8th and 9th. Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, Good Friday (where train service permits), and Saturday, April 4th, 5th, and 6th, to Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Carlisle, Church Stretton, Grange, Lancaster, Leamington, Llandrindod, Llandudno, Llanwrtyd, Llangammarch, Malvern, Morecambe, Rhyl, Stratford-on-Avon, Windermere, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Inverness, Montrose, Oban, Perth, Stirling, and other places, available for the return journey on the following Sunday (where train service permits), Monday, or Tuesday. Tourist tickets available for two months are issued daily to North and Central Wales, Cambrian line stations, Blackpool, Southport, Morecambe, Windermere, Grange, Ulverston, the English Lake District, Greenore, Portrush, &c.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.

The Midland Railway Company will run cheap excursion trains from London on Tuesday, April 2nd, to Londonderry, via Morecambe, by direct steamer, returning within 16 days as per sailing bill. On Wednesday, April 3rd, to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, &c., via Morecambe and via Liverpool, to Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, &c., via Barrow and via Liverpool, available for returning any weekday with 16 days. On Thursday, April 4th, cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Nottingham, Birmingham, Derby, Manchester, Blackburn, Oldham, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Scarborough, Barrow and the Furness and Lake District, &c., returning the following Monday or Tuesday; to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Perth, Stirling, Aberdeen, Inverness, Nairn, Forres, Ballater, &c., returning Monday, April 8th, or Friday, April 12th. Tickets will also be issued by the Scotch excursion at slightly more than the single ordinary third-class fare for the double journey, available for returning on any day within 16 days from and including date of issue. On Thursday midnight, April 4th, a cheap excursion will be run to Leicester for one, four, or five days, and to Loughboro', Nottingham, Sheffield, and Manchester, for four or five days. On Saturday night, April 6th, to Leicester, Loughboro', Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Manchester, Liverpool, &c., for two, three, or four days, and on Monday, April 8th, to Leicester, Loughboro', and Nottingham for one, two, or four days. On Easter Monday, April 8th, cheap excursion trains will be run to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, and Bedford. Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 4th, 5th, and 6th, from London (St. Pancras) to the principal seaside and inland holiday resorts, including the Peak District of Derbyshire, Morecambe, the Lake District, Yorkshire, the North-East Coast, Scotland, and other parts, available for return on any day up to and including Tuesday, April 9th, except day of issue. Cheap week-end and day excursion tickets will also be issued to Southend-on-Sea during the Easter holidays. To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, April 3rd, 4th, and 6th, and tickets to all principal Stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their City Booking offices. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following new lists have been received during the last fortnight:

LONDON.			
Chapter			£ s. d.
2 Comp. W. J. Armitage	...	...	21 0 0
Unattached			
Bro. J. Campbell Johnstone	...	...	10 10 0
THE PROVINCES.			
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
Lodge			
246 Bro. S. P. Ryland	...	...	105 0 0
NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.			
373 „ F. B. Thackray	...	...	42 0 0

Other small amounts have also been received, but these will be added in the Report and List of Returns, now in course of revision, which will be shortly issued in pamphlet form.

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES JOHN MOORE.

The death of Bro. Charles John Moore, the head master of Devonport Technical School, brought sorrow to a large circle, who had learned to appreciate his high merits. Only 44 years of age, he was educated as a Queen's scholar at Cheltenham Training College in 1877-8, and there distinguished himself in mathematics, being first in the kingdom in his second year. On leaving college he was appointed to a London Board School in Drury-lane. Five or six years later he came to Devonport as assistant master at Stoke Public School. Then he joined the staff of Mr. Theodore Butler at Mannam School as science demonstrator, and his exceptional ability was soon recognised. Soon after the initiation of technical instruction in Devonport, he was appointed demonstrator in physics and chemistry, and he devoted his whole energies, under the most unfavourable conditions, due to want of proper laboratory accommodation in the George-street temporary home of the schools. The resources of the committee being then very limited, he made apparatus with the help of a few friends, to make his work more effective. When the beautiful block of buildings on the edge of the Park were opened, he became head master of the school, and no man was prouder of Devonport's Technical Schools than he. At all times of the day he and the venerable chairman of the committee (for whom he entertained the highest regard, and which was evidently reciprocated) might have been found engaged in arranging matters for the students of the ensuing evening. All the students who have won National, White, &c., and other exhibitions from the schools, have felt their indebtedness to their head master, and many and affectionate have been the greetings between these clever and fortunate students, when they have returned to their native town. Much of the success of the schools has deservedly been attributed to Bro. Moore. For several months his health has been visibly failing. On the 12th instant he drove to Plymouth, accompanied by his sister, and returned weary, almost exhausted; and passed away very calmly about seven o'clock the same evening. From his boyhood days, when collecting moths and hunting for botanical specimens, he had been a keen observer of nature and natural phenomena. He has left a worthy example for young Devonport. The funeral took place on the 16th instant, and as Bro. Moore was I.P.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 70, many brethren attended.

BRO. WILLIAM BOHM.

The death occurred suddenly on the 19th instant, at 51, Avenue-road, Acton, of Bro. William Bohm, solicitor, of 23, Old Jewry. Our deceased brother, who was 58 years of age, was well known and highly respected in City social circles, being a Past Master of the Framework Knitters' Company and the Hon. Treasurer of its charitable funds; a member of the livery of the Loriners' Company; a Past Master of the Moira Lodge, No. 92; and the Hon. Solicitor to the Savage Club. It will also be remembered by his older friends that the deceased was prominently associated with the Fisheries Exhibition, and for some 20 years laboured untiringly on behalf of the Isle of Wight Railway Bill. The interment took place at Kensington Cemetery, Hanwell, on Saturday last.

THE LAUNCH OF SHAMROCK II.—A telegram from Glasgow says: Next week has been provisionally fixed for the launch of Shamrock II., and in addition to the Marchioness of Dufferin, Lady Roberts is expected to take part in the ceremony. Sir Thomas Lipton and the yacht's skipper, Captain Sycamore, have just made an inspection of Shamrock II. Captain Sycamore, who has an intimate knowledge of American craft, declared that Shamrock II. would be an eye-opener to Americans.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

113TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 8th MAY, 1901,

The MOST WORSHIPFUL PRO GRAND MASTER,

THE RIGHT HON. EARL AMHERST,

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent,

IN THE CHAIR.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this very important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary, as early as convenient. Stewards are much needed, and their services will be gratefully received.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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Science, Art, and the Drama.

NORFOLK ISLAND.

The Norfolk Island pine has found its way to most countries of the world, but to those who admire its magnificent stateliness, does it occur to ask—Where is Norfolk Island, and of what character are its people? That facts may be as interesting as fiction, the following brief sketch will testify: It may be stated that, geographically, Norfolk Island lies down in the Southern Seas, distant some 400 miles from New Zealand, and about 900 miles from Australia. It is five miles long, three across, and possesses an area of over 17 square miles. It is bounded by precipitous cliffs, against which endless breakers roll. The soil is rich and undulating, and bears plants of many varieties, and groups of the magnificent pines known all over the world. Captain Cook discovered the island 125 years ago; and a week after the occupation of the settlement of Botany Bay, in 1788, a contingent of the convicts landed there was despatched thither. This contingent made a very small party, the total being nine males and six female convicts, together with nine officers. These first settlers addressed themselves at once to the soil, and with results which answered the highest expectations. At several critical junctures afterwards the main settlement at Botany Bay was saved from starvation by the arrival of supplies of wheat, potatoes, and other produce from the little island. From time to time fresh batches of convicts were sent out from Australia, until, in 1793, the population numbered 1008. In that year the produce amounted to 2000 bushels of wheat, 50 tons of potatoes, and considerable quantities of other crops. In 1803 an order from the Home Office directed the settlement to be broken up. Most of the residents were emancipists, or persons who had fulfilled their term of punishment, and it was officially considered that they would make good settlers on the mainland of Australia or in Tasmania. They were offered land in either of these places equal to that which they owned on the island: but so reluctant were they to leave the scenes of happy years, that pressure had to be applied; and it was not till 1806 that the island was vacated. For 20 years the island ran to waste. Looking back from to-day one sees how egregious was the blunder which drove the emancipists from what they had made a home. Many of them did well in Tasmania and Australia afterwards, but many returned to evil ways, and that which was a garden in the wild seas became once more a place of desolation and decay. In 1826 the island was made a settlement for prisoners condemned to penal servitude in New South Wales. Prisoners condemned in Great Britain were sent to New South Wales; and to satisfy an official regulation of the time those condemned in New South Wales were thus sent to Norfolk Island. The 18 succeeding years make a terrible chapter of crime and its expiation. The island became the terror of civilisation. Death was preferable to living there. Dr. Ullathorne, Roman Catholic vicar of New South Wales, and afterwards Bishop of Birmingham, England, went to the island in 1834 in the course of duty. A mutiny had broken out, in which nine of the insurgents were killed, and 29 were condemned to die. Of the 29 eleven were executed. "The 29 men," Dr. Ullathorne writes, "were confined in three cells. I read the names of the 11 who were to die. Each thanked God. The cruelties practised here made demons of men. Men drew lots to see who would kill the other. Judge Burton attended to 130 capital cases at one assize in the same year. The little island, which had 18 years of such peace and happiness that men longed to make it their lasting home, and from which they were only removed by absolute official pressure, became in these later 18 years a plague spot of human degradation, where the wildest and blackest passions brooded. And in the first period, as in the second, the material officialism operated upon was of convict pattern, leaving it to be seen how important a part system plays in the punishment and management of criminals. In 1844 the island was declared to be no longer a dependency of New South Wales, and was, by letters patent, annexed to Tasmania; but nine years afterwards, on the cessation of transportation to Tasmania, the struggle of inhabitants was withdrawn, and once more the home of the great pines was given up to desolation. On this occasion however, it was quickly revisited. About the time the small band of convicts was sent from Botany Bay to Norfolk Island to experiment for a habitation, the *Bounty*, an armed ship, under the command of Captain William Bligh, quitted Otaheite with a cargo of bread-fruit trees, and a mutiny occurring on board, fell into the hands of the daring outlaws. The captain and 18 men were put into an open boat, and sent adrift. The *Bounty* was afterwards burned, and several of the mutineers were arrested and executed; but nine who had escaped settled on Pitcairn Island, where, 20 years after, their descendants were discovered, now grown to a population of 198—96 males and 102 females. On Tasmania withdrawing her subjects from Norfolk Island, arrangements were begun for transferring the offspring of the mutineers, from Pitcairn Island, thither; and in three years the transfer was completed, the dependency, under these new conditions, being again placed under the Governor of New South Wales, with instructions that the people were to be allowed to develop after their own ideals. Governor Denison displayed special interest in the starting of them on sound lines, while fulfilling to the letter his instructions from England; and soon the little community was furnished with a Constitution, which, to the average mind of 40 years ago, must have seemed dangerously experimental. The franchise was given to all persons of 12 years of age, and with ability to read and write. Education was made compulsory, under a fine of 6d. per day, the accumulated fines going towards the remuneration of the schoolmaster, who was guaranteed a minimum of a 10s. poll tax per child per annum. It was forbidden to manufacture intoxicating drinks, except for medicinal purposes; and if it were attempted to introduce them by sea, they were to be seized and poured into the harbour. Seemingly, these measures of political and social government suited well the circumstances of the island, and the temperature of the people, for, with slight changes, progress has been the rule. The population is now 750. Originally married and single were given a certain number of acres; but now the unmarried receive only 12½ acres, while the married obtain 25; and with both conditions are laid down demanding, under pain of forfeiture, annual improvement up to certain values. In addition to the population proper, there reside on the island 200 natives from adjacent parts, connected with the Melanesian Mission, but the affairs of the island are conducted without any regard to these. The chief magistrate is provided with two counsellors to advise him; and there is a jury of seven elders, over 25 years of age, to deliberate and pronounce upon the guilt or innocence of accused persons. Last year,

Judge Docker, of New South Wales, was commissioned to go to the island to hear two cases of exceptional gravity. The judge found on that occasion that the permanent force of the island consisted of one policeman, and that no jail existed. Having to sentence a girl to a term of nine months imprisonment, he was accordingly obliged to order her to serve the sentence in a private household, where it was agreed she would be kept constantly employed and locked up securely every night. Such is this remarkable little island in the southern hemisphere. There are no destitute there; none is out of work, or hungry. Every acre of their little domain is put to use. Cereals and fruits of all sorts flourish luxuriantly. The excitements of the outside world rarely intrude. The islanders occasionally complain of this matter, and to meet their desires the Imperial authorities lately arranged that a boat shall call at least four times a year. Perhaps, this will make their simple lives more enjoyable. It is, at all events, to be hoped that it will not make them less so.

PAINTERS AND ARTISTS IN THE REIGN OF JAMES I.

(Continued.)

Mytens remained in great reputation till the arrival of Vandyck, who being appointed the King's principal painter, the former, in disgust, asked his Majesty's leave to retire to his own country; but the King, learning the cause of his dissatisfaction, treated him with much kindness, and told him that he could find sufficient employment both for him and Vandyck; Mytens consented to stay, and even grew intimate, it is probable, with his rival, for the head of Mytens is one of those painted among the professors, by that great master. Whether the same jealousy operated again, or real decline of business influenced him, or any other cause, Mytens did not stay much longer in England. We find none of his works here after the year 1630; yet he lived many years afterwards. Honbraken quotes a register at the Hague, dated in 1656, at which time it says that Mytens painted part of the ceiling of the town hall there; the subject is, Truth writing history on the back of Fame. These were the most considerable painters in oil in the reign of James. There were, undoubtedly, several others of inferior rank whose names are not come down to us, except two or three. There was one remarkable person in this and the succeeding reign. His name was Robert Peake. The earliest mention of him that appears is in the books of the Lord Harrington, treasurer of the chambers, Nos. 78, 79, being accounts of moneys received and paid by him. Item, paid to Robert Peake, picture-maker, by warrant from the council, 4th Oct., 1612, for three several pictures made by him at the commandment of the Duke of York his officers, and given away and disposed of by the duke's grace, £20. It does not appear whether these pictures were in oil or water-colours; we should rather suppose portraits in miniature of (King Charles I. then) Duke of York; but that Peake painted in oil is ascertained by Peacham in his *Book of Limning*, where he expressly celebrates his good friend Mr. Peake, and Mr. Marquis, for oil colours. Peacham himself was a limner, as he tells us in the same book, having presented a copy of his Majesty's Basilicon Doron, illuminated, to Prince Henry. Peake was originally a picture seller by Holborn Bridge, and had the honour of being Faithorn's master, and what perhaps he thought a greater honour, was knighted at Oxford, 28th March, 1645. The disorders of the times confounding all professions, and no profession being more bound in gratitude to take up arms in the defence of King Charles, Sir Robert Peake entered into the service, and was made a lieutenant-colonel, and had a command in Basing House when it was besieged, where he persuaded his disciple Faithorn to enlist under him, as the latter, in his dedication of the *Art of Graving* to Sir Robert expressly tells him, and where Peake himself was taken prisoner. He was buried in the church of St. Stephen, London.

(To be continued.)

THE MYSTERIES OF OLD HOUSES.

The English Sunday seems to have been no less hum-drum in the days of Horace Walpole than some persons consider it to-day. Walpole relates that Lord Lonsdale, Lord Bath, and other members of the West-end clubs, "took a house on Richmond Green, where they could play cards, in quiet, on the dull English Sundays, which bored them so much." Why it was considered necessary to go to Richmond for this diversion is curious. Perhaps for some similar reason to that which took the Hell Fire Club to Medmenham, on the beautiful reach of the Thames below Henley. It is related of an artist, when looking for a house, years ago, in St. John's Wood, he was shown over a pretty secluded villa, with a kind of chalet at the bottom of the garden, well built and prettily furnished, where, once or twice a week, the owner had entertained a select card party. "No noise there," said the agent, "no chance of any kind of disturbance; only one servant, a trusted retainer of his Grace, the So-and-so." "No, he did not think they played on Sundays for high stakes, but they drank a lot of wine—and it was wine, you may take your oath of that!" "Any ladies ever?" "Oh, well, I couldn't say; but you will own it's a jolly little retreat, and there's a wine cellar that was specially excavated for the present owner." "Where is he?" "Dead; passed away something mysteriously two years ago at Monte Carlo." What mysteries are enshrined in every ancient house? Strange, tragic, and romantic stories he would have to tell that could unearth and reveal them.

GENERAL NOTES.

Mr. Tree is preparing to be seen in London in a character new to him—namely, that of Macaire in the play by Stevenson and Henley. In the first instance, the impersonation will be presented at a benefit matinee; but it is pretty certain to take a permanent place in the actor's repertory. The play itself is said to have a good deal of literary polish. As to its stage effectiveness we must judge by-and-bye. Of other versions of "L' Auberge des Adrets" there have been many, all of them emphasising the melodramatic and farcical elements. In our own day the best Macaire has been that of Bro. Sir Henry Irving, who had Weedon Grossmith for his Jacques Strop.

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Little Miss Beatrice Terry has been added by Mr. Chas. Hawtrey to the company to appear in "The Man from Blankney's."

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, April 6, 1901.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 31.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 1.**CRaft LODGES.**

45, Strong Man, Holborn Restaurant.
69, Unity, Westminster Palace Hotel.
83, United Lodge of Prudence, The Albion Tavern.
256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.
2817, St. Bride, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.
2347, Grafton, Mark Masons' Hall.
2535, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

5, Mallet and Chisel, Mark Masons' Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2.**CRaft LODGES.**

18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
166, Union, Criterion.
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
245, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Three Nuns Tavern, Aldgate.
1561, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.
1473, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monico.
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
2469, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.
2715, Acanthus, Great Eastern Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1, Grand Master's, Hotel Victoria.
91, Moira, Albion Tavern.
160, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 3.**CRaft LODGES.**

511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.
1298, Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant.
1306, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.
1491, Athenaeum, Criterion.
1687, Rothesay, Frascati Restaurant.
2562, Papyrus, Anderton's Hotel.
2615, Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham.
2675, Victoria Diamond Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Woodford.
2739, Verity, Cafe Monico.
2764, St. Olave's, Tower Bridge Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
898, Temperance-in-the-East, Masonic Hall, Romford-road.
1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion.

MARK LODGES.

Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall.
244, Trinity College, Trinity College, Mandeville-place.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4.**CRaft LODGES.**

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.
743, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
1128, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1416, Macdonald, Queen's Hotel, Leicester-square.
1351, St. Clement Danes, Hotel Cecil.
1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
1771, Pimlico, Holborn Restaurant.
1790, Old England, Fine Art Gallery, Croydon.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
2572, Fulham, Town Hall.
2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.
2665, Past and Present, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.
1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 5.**CRaft LODGES.**

90, St. John's, The Albion Tavern.
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.
1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
2511, St. John at Hackney, South Place Hotel, Finsbury.
2772, Richard Eve, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

259, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.
2488, Eccentric, 33, Golden-square.

MARK LODGES.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6.**CRaft LODGES.**

1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1949, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.
2601, Mendelssohn, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

WE REGRET to find that the name of Bro. Charles Belton, P.G.D., was inadvertently omitted from the list we published last week of those brethren composing the deputation to present the address voted by Grand Lodge to his Majesty the King at St. James's Palace on the 20th instant.

A FIRST EDITION OF "PILGRIM'S PROGRESS."—A perfect copy of the first edition of the "Pilgrim's Progress" is to be sold at Messrs. Sotheby's on 9th May.

GUY'S HOSPITAL has received a grant of £2000 from the Goldsmiths' Company towards the special requirements of the hospital, which include a Building Fund of £180,000.

IN ADDITION to paying on the ordinary shares a dividend of 11 per cent., the board of Bros. Hayes, Candy, and Co. propose to transfer £2100 to the reserve fund, and to carry forward £700.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to become the Patron of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, of which his Majesty has been an honorary member for upwards of 20 years.

BRO. LORD BARNARD will be installed Provincial Grand Master of Durham on Wednesday, June 26th. The proceedings will include a service in Durham Cathedral and a banquet in the Castle Hall.

BRO. SIR JOHN AIRD, M.P., presided on Tuesday, the 18th instant, when the Aldermen presented the Council with a handsome mace (solid silver, gilded, with a bowl which can be unscrewed and used as a loving cup).

MESSRS. HORACE MARSHALL AND SONS state that his Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of "The Passing of Victoria," the volume of poems on the death of the late Queen, recently published by them.

LADY WARWICK, speaking on the subject of the teaching of adults in evening continuation schools, before a meeting of Co-operators on Saturday, maintained that the fullest education was the right of every English child, and that it should be free to all.

A CONVOCAION of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland will be holden at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 2nd prox., under the auspices of the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, for the transaction of the general business of the province. Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened at 4.15 o'clock in the afternoon.

MRS. JACKSON, wife of Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, has died very suddenly. According to a telegram received in Leeds on Thursday morning, Mrs. Jackson travelled from Liverpool to London on Wednesday, and at night was seized with an illness, which proved fatal. The news has created a painful sensation in Leeds.

BRO. THOMAS FENN, of 22, Down-street, Mayfair, an 1 formerly of the firm of Fenn and Crosthwaite, of 44, Coleman-street, and the Stock Exchange, for upwards of 35 years a member of the Committee of the Stock Exchange, and a prominent Freemason, who died on the 3rd of February last, aged 80 years, left personal estate of the net value of £45,083 12s. 4d.

GLASGOW EXHIBITION.—It is officially announced that as the result of a communication from Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Secretary for Scotland, the Chairman of the Committee of the Glasgow Exhibition has agreed to the opening of the Exhibition by Bro. the Duke of Fife and H.R.H. the Duchess of Fife, on Thursday, May 2nd, instead of May 7th, as originally intended.

"THE USE OF CITY CHURCHES" was Bro. the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass' subject last week at St. Lawrence Jewry. He agreed that some City churches might properly be dispensed with, and the proceeds used for church extension in the suburbs; but he maintained that the majority of City churches could be made really useful where they were to the workers who in the daytime surrounded them.

THE new Masonic Hall for the Cothelodge, No. 2166, Calstock, is to be dedicated on the 1st prox. by Bro. P. Colville Smith, P.G.D. Eng., Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, G.C.V.O., the Prov. Grand Master, who is one of the special Ambassadors to Foreign Courts. The Prov. Grand Chaplain will deliver an oration, and subsequently the W.M. elect, Bro. N. R. Rosekilly, will be installed as W.M. by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Bernard F. Edyvean, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. Grand Sec.

HELPING OUR SAILOR FOLK.—The Duke of Fife, Lord Lieutenant of the County of London, has consented to lay the stone of the "Passmore Edward's Sailors' Palace" on Thursday afternoon, July 11th next, for the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, of which he is a Vice-Patron. Bro. the Lord Mayor of London, representing the City, with which the Society has been connected since its foundation, will also place on that occasion a memorial stone. The palace will be the future headquarters of the Society, towards which Bro. Edwards has just promised an additional £1000, making his gift up to date £6000. It will also be the chief centre of the "Princess May Samaritan Fund," to which the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York sent £50 before starting on their Australian voyage in the Ophir.

"PICTURESQUE IRELAND."—Under this title Mr. Alexander Williams, of the Royal Hibernian Academy, will hold an exhibition of oil paintings, water-colours, and sketches of Irish landscapes, home life, sea coast, lake and river scenery, at the Modern Gallery, 175, Bond-street, from the 1st to 27th prox. inclusive. The exhibition is under the immediate patronage of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and the Countess of Cadogan, the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, the Marquis and Marchioness of Zetland, the Marquis and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, the Marchioness of Headfort, the Marchioness of Waterford, the Earl and Countess of Arran, the Earl and Countess of Mayo, the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Countesses of Erne, Annesley, and Fingal, Viscount Powerscourt, Lords and Ladies Plunket, Ardilaun, Clonbrock, and Ashtown, and others.

THE EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION has determined to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, who was for many years Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire, by the purchase of a Life Presentation on the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This will entail an outlay of £1550. To meet this liability, and to otherwise help forward the special objects of the East Lancashire Institution in the way of an enlarged Charity, great efforts are being put forth to raise £6000 at the provincial festival to be held in the Royal Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, on the 26th June. By a similar function at the same place in 1895 £4413 was realised. It is expected that Bro. Lord Stanley will preside over the meeting in the gardens, and will thus make his first public appearance among the brethren under his rule since his installation, at the Free Trade Hall, in November, 1899, as Prov. G. Master.

ALDERSHOT MASONIC HALL COMPANY, LIMITED.—In presenting their second annual report the directors have much pleasure in reporting to the shareholders that considerable progress has been made in the direction of accomplishing the scheme for providing a Masonic Hall. As the shareholders are aware, the first tenders were considered by the directors excessive, considering the number of shares issued. After a general meeting had been called, it was unanimously resolved that no steps be taken until more shares had been taken up; but at a subsequent general meeting this resolution was rescinded, and the directors were empowered to modify the scheme. New tenders were invited, and eventually Mr. Kemp's tender for £4129 was accepted, the building to be finished by the first week in December next. Up to the present date 1891 shares have been applied for and allotted, leaving 2109 to be subscribed for. The directors feel confident that more shares will be applied for, and, as a matter of fact, one lodge will, without doubt, take up another 50 shares. The directors now present a report of the Company's financial position up to, and including, March 11th, 1901. The four retiring directors are Bros. H. G. Marshall, P.M.; H. Lehmann, P.M.; E. G. Finch, P.M.; and A. J. Colledge, J.W., all of whom, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

ANGLO-INDIANS and others seeking genuine Indian-manufactured condiments, currie stuffs, chutnees, preserves, poppidums, Bombay ducks, Nepaul pepper, &c., send to the original firm, C. Stenbridge and Co., 81, Green-street, Leicester-square, London; and Calcutta. Established 1821. Write for price list. (Removed from 33, Leicester-square.)

THE KING was proclaimed at Greenwich on Saturday last by the Mayor, Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding.

BRO. R. D. M. LITTLER, K.C., C.B., has been re-elected the Chairman of the Middlesex County Council.

WITH REGRET we learn of the sad loss sustained on the 22nd inst., by Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott by the death of his wife. The deceased was 54 years of age.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR has kindly consented to preside at the Albion Tavern on Friday, June 21st, at the 94th annual festival of the City of London Truss Society.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to become the Patron of the Faith and Fidelity Preceptory of the Order of the Temple in which his Majesty was installed in the year 1870.

THE SECRETARY of the Royal Academy of Arts informs us that in consequence of the death of her Majesty Queen Victoria the annual banquet of the Royal Academy will not be held this year.

ADMIRAL SIR GEORGE OMMANNEY WILLES, of 22, Cadogan-square, G.C.B., formerly Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, who died on the 10th of February last, aged 77 years, left personal estate of the net value of £105,657 7s. 3d.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF ST. PATRICK.—The King has been pleased to accede to the request of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick to become Patron of that society. This office will now have been held in direct succession by four English Sovereigns, a fifth, King George III., under whose auspices the society was formed, having been represented by his son, the late Duke of Kent.

AT a meeting of the Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148, held at the Masonic Rooms, Bold-street, Warrington, on Monday evening, the 25th inst., Comp. John Armstrong, P.P.G.H. Cheshire, installed the following officers: Comps. J. Lythgoe, M.E.Z.; W. Pierpoint, H.; and T. J. Loyd, J. There was a large attendance of companions. Afterwards high tea was served in the rooms, the catering being in the hands of Comp. A. W. Paul.

WE HAVE GREAT PLEASURE in recording the election, last Wednesday night, of Bro. the Rev. F. St. John Corbett, M.A., to the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Literature. This distinction has been deservedly conferred upon a most worthy Mason, and a author whose works have obtained a more than usual amount of celebrity. Bro. Corbett's nomination certificate was signed by no less than a dozen Fellows of the Royal Society of Literature, most of them being Freemasons. These included such names as Bros. Dr. Chas. Forshaw, F.R.H.S., of Bradford; James Hartley, Morecambe; R. Brown, Macclesfield; Dr. Walter Kaye, M.A., Harrogate; Dr. Erskine Stuart, F.S.A., Batley; Professor Miles, London; Mackenzie Bell, London; Dr. Percy Lodge, M.S.A., Bradford; Dr. Walker, F.R.C.P., Harrogate and Brecon; the Rev. J. E. Perkins, M.A., Bradford; E. Gilbert Highton, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, London; and the Rev. William Minifie, D.D., Bradford. Long may Bro. Corbett be spared to enjoy the well-merited honour.

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA.—The movement for the establishment of a fund for the provision of a memorial of her late Majesty Queen Victoria was formally inaugurated at a meeting that was held at the Mansion House on the 26th instant. Bro. the Lord Mayor presided, and on the platform were: Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P.; Sir William Harcourt, M.P.; Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P.; Bro. Sheriff Lawrence, Bro. Alderman Sir Alfred Newton, Bart.; Lord Aberdeen, Earl Spencer, the Bishop-Designate of London, Sir Henry Fowler, M.P.; the Chief Rabbi (Dr. Adler), the Governor of the Bank of England, the Chairman of the Stock Exchange, a number of aldermen, several masters of City Guilds, and other prominent civic personages; whilst in the body of the hall was a large number of the members of the Court of Common Council and Livery Companies. The Lady Mayoress and several ladies were seated in the balcony.

THE CANTON CONVALESCENT HOME, LIMPSPFIELD.—The annual meeting of this institution, which, as its title indicates, is intended for the reception of convalescents connected with the printing industry and the many trades and callings allied thereto, took place at the St. Bride Foundation Institute on the 23rd inst., Bro. C. J. Drummond, Vice-President, occupying the chair. The report stated that, though, on the whole, the prosperity of the home had been fairly well maintained during the past year, in common with similar institutions, the revenue had suffered through other demands on the purses of the benevolent. Financial aid was needed in order to maintain the home at its present high efficiency, and to provide the inmates with a dining-room and domestic offices. In 1899 100 patients had been benefited, about 60 of whom were recovering from diseases of the lungs and the nervous system, to which workmen in printing offices seemed peculiarly liable. After paying off a mortgage on the home, a working balance of only £340 remained for the current year. The report was unanimously adopted.

A MASONIC TESTIMONIAL.—An interesting and pleasing presentation took place on the 18th instant, at Ramsgate, at the meeting of the Lewises Lodge of Instruction, No. 1209, at the Royal Hotel. At the conclusion of the rehearsal of the installation ceremony, Bro. Pointer, W.M. of the lodge, rose and said he wished to say a few words respecting the work of the Preceptor, which work was at all times a difficult and trying task. Bro. Wilson, their Preceptor, held the unique position of having initiated and installed him (the speaker), and to him he owed a great deal for what he was in Freemasonry. He asked Bro. Wilson to accept at the hands of the lodge a small tribute of their respect. Bro. Wilson, in responding, said he had been entirely taken aback by what had occurred. He assured the m he had not the slightest idea that anything of the sort was being proposed. After thanking the brethren he said if the three great principles of Masonry—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—were predominant in their lives they could not make bad men, and, as he had often told them, a Mason's work was never finished until he had entered the Grand Lodge above. The testimonial consisted of a beautifully illuminated address, the text of which was as follows: "To Bro. S. R. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. We, the undersigned, ask your acceptance of the accompanying clock as a token of appreciation of your services as Preceptor of the Lewises Lodge of Instruction, No. 1209. March 18, 1901." Then followed 38 names of the members. On the clock was a brass tablet containing the words: "To Bro. S. R. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. From the members of the Lewises Lodge of Instruction, No. 1209, as a token of their appreciation of his services as Preceptor. March 18, 1901."

FOX-COURT RAGGED SCHOOL AND MISSION.—The parents' annual tea in connection with the mission was held at the Benchers' Hall, Gray's-inn, on the 19th inst., when a pleasant evening was spent by some 300 members and friends of the institution. Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, a vice-president, occupied the chair, and amongst those present were the Lady Mayoress, Dr. Pigott and Mrs. Pigott, the Rev. F. S. Webster, M.A., Prebendary Ridgeway, M.A., Mr. R. Melvill Beachcroft, L.C.C. (treasurer), Mr. C. E. Fry, Mr. J. W. Gillett, Mr. A. E. Parsons, Mr. W. H. Peacock, Mr. T. Fagg, (honorary secretary), and Mr. J. Gayer (assistant honorary secretary). The Hon. Secretary, in his 55th annual report, after giving an interesting retrospective sketch of Fox-court and its historic associations, said the opening of the new century found the mission carrying out its Christ-like work to the utmost of its resources. The committee, while heartily thanking all their generous contributors, earnestly pleaded for continued and increased support. The Chairman congratulated the mission on having attained its 55th year, and asked them to look back and consider that it had been carrying on its useful work during that long period. Some had entered the school as children, and were still living in the neighbourhood, a fact which showed that the institution had played a great part in the lives of many. He could not help being struck with the usefulness and wisdom that had influenced what had been done. The mission was almost like a parish, in which Mr. Tagg and his supporters were carrying on similar work to the clergy. The parishes in London were so large, and there was such an enormous number of people in them that there was abundant room for these voluntary parishes, and he only wished that there were many more. There was not to-day, perhaps, the same need for ragged schools in the old sense of the word, because of the provision of Board schools. The Board schools had been an enormous blessing. They were clean, bright, and airy, provided everything that was wanted, and had brought much promise, life, and hope into the existence of the children. After advising the parents to keep their children at school as long as possible, the Chairman said a little more religious influence was wanted in young life than was possible in Board schools, however well managed, and that was where the old system of ragged schools came in. The Chairman then enjoined his hearers, however humble, to obtain happy homes by introducing the fear of God, and guarding against over-indulgence in drink. Other addresses followed, and a musical programme was contributed by Madame Florence Winn, Mr. Henry Pope, Miss Marie Silcock, Miss Maggie Jones, Miss Lizzie Jones, Mr. Mostyn Pigott, and Mr. E. G. White, accompanist.