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### THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The second of the great annual gatherings which are held in connection with our Central Masonic Institutions will take place on Wednesday, the 8th instant, when the 113th Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be celebrated in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, and we hope the pleasant duty will devolve upon us of recording a successful result in our next issue. The circumstances are about as favourable as we have known them to be. In the first place, the chair will be taken by one of the ablest, most influential, most popular, and most successful of our Festival Presidents in the person of the Right Hon. Earl AMHERST, M.W. Pro Grand Master, who, as on all previous similar occasions, will be loyally and generously supported by the Province of Kent, over which he has presided for upwards of 40 years. In the next place, there is a very strong Board of Stewards, which already numbers upwards of 600 ladies and brethren; and though this is less numerous by some 150 members than last year's Board, there are no grounds for attributing this to any diminution of interest in the School itself, or of readiness to support its claims, but, as explained in a former article, to the different policies adopted last year by the Chairman's Province of Staffordshire, which sent up as large a contingent of brethren as possible, while this year Lord AMHERST'S Province of Kent will be content if the bulk of its 65 lodges are efficiently represented. London, too, and the Provinces have also furnished the usual array of Stewards, nor, so far as we are aware, is the number of Unattached brethren greater than at previous anniversary meetings. Lastly, there is the same indycement to a liberal subscription list as in the past. The School has maintained its high standard of merit, and has been at least as successful in holding its own in competition with other schools of a similar character at the various public examinations for which its pupils have been entered. Under these circumstances, while we shall necessarily reserve our estimate of the total until the result is known, we are inclined to hope that it will be about as successful as those of recent date, of which the Secretary and the Governors and Subscribers have so much reason to be proud.

As regards the Institution, the number of girls it maintains, clothes, and educates is not far short of 270, and it carries out this duty at an annual expenditure of between £14,000 and £15,000. To meet this outlay it has only about £3000—consisting for the most part of dividends on its invested capital—in the way of permanent income, and consequently it is under the necessity of looking to its annual Festival to make good the deficiency. Its confidence in the success of this fixture has been fully justified by the Returns, while of late years it has been able to make considerable additions to its investments, and has thus enlarged its permanent income. We have already furnished the reasons which incline us to hope that the result on Wednesday next will further demonstrate the wisdom of this confidence in the goodwill of the Craft.

We must not omit to mention that the distribution of prizes, which is, as it were, the introduction to the Festival, will take place in the Alexandra Centenary Hall of the Institution at Battersea Rise, on Monday, the 6th instant, when the graceful task of presenting the prizes will be performed by the Countess AMHERST, and the Stewards and their friends will have the pleasure of witnessing the usual calisthenic display by the children. We trust the weather will be as favourable on this occasion as the prospects of Wednesday's more important gathering are hopeful.

### ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.\*

It is strange that about the date of the lamented death of our Bro. G. W. SPETH, P.A.G.D.C., we should have received so many evidences of his great activity, and of the zeal and ability with which he fulfilled his many and onerous duties. In the week in which he died we found among a mass of papers and communications that had accumulated during a brief absence from town, copy of a revised issue of "A Masonic Curriculum," or "A Guide to a Course of Study in Freemasonry," which he wrote some years back, and which, by particular request, he had revised and brought down to date, and which was published by the *Palestine Bulletin* of Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. We also received an advance copy of the summons for the regular meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which is appointed to be held at Freemasons' Hall this (Friday) evening. On the day of his funeral there reached us the usual copy for review of this Part I. of Volume XIV. of the Lodge Transactions, which he had edited with so much care and judgment from the very commencement, and which will constitute about the best and brightest of the memorials existing to his entire devotion to the interests of this important lodge. Other evidences have also reached us which show that till within a few hours of his sudden decease he was busy transacting the duties of his office, so that the familiar expression, "he died in harness," is strictly and almost literally true. In circumstances such as these, it is difficult to realise that the Secretary and Editor, whose latest work and comments are before us in these pages, is no more.

The Transactions comprised in this Part are those of the meetings held in January and March of the present year and in them will be noted the evidence we have become so accustomed to of the ability and thoroughness with which our late brother did whatever he put his hand to. In the January Transactions are included the annual report of the Lodge Committee

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and the Audited Statement of Account and the Balance Sheet for the year ending the 30th November, 1900. There is nothing of a special character in this Report. The lodge appears to have received only a very small addition to the membership of its outer—Correspondence—Circle. But this is not altogether to be wondered at, as people's minds have been attracted to other and more pressing subjects than that of Masonic study. The financial condition of the lodge is evidently satisfactory, the balance to the good at the close of the account being £456, while its investments have been increased to £700 Consols. It is, however, to be regretted that the Committee should have felt it necessary to call attention to the large amount of Subscriptions outstanding, the sum due to the lodge under this head amounting to not far short of £700. We agree with the Committee when, after making every possible allowance, it remarks that such a list "is far from creditable to us as a fraternity, or to the individuals whose carelessness or indifference has contributed to such a large aggregate of indebtedness."

As regards the literary portion of the contents, they comprise a paper by Bro. W. H. RYLANDS, P.A.G.D.C., on the "Alnwick Lodge Minutes;" "The 47th Proposition of the 1st Book of Euclid as Part of the Jewel of a Past Master," by Bro. THOMAS GREENE, LL.D., Magenny, Kildare; and "Military Masonry," by Bro. R. F. GOULD, P.G.D., all of which were read at the January meeting; while at the March meeting was given a paper by Bro. E. CONDER, jun., W.M., on the subject of "The Miracle Play." In each case the usual discussion followed the reading of these papers, while in the case of Bro. GREENE'S paper on the Past Master's jewel, there is a valuable addendum from the pen of Bro. RYLANDS. The papers are all of them most interesting, and equally so the remarks of the members who took part in the several discussions. In addition are to be found descriptions of "An interesting Masonic Sword," by Bro. RYLANDS, and "A Curious Certificate," by Bro. CROWE, while to our late Bro. SPETH we are indebted for an account of "The 'Settegast' Grand Lodge of Germany," in which all the circumstances connected with the formation and career of this body are clearly and concisely set forth. Lastly, there are the usual Reviews, for most of which Bro. SPETH was responsible, and the Notes and Queries, Obituary, and Chronicle, which have always found a convenient place in these columns. In short, the Part is an excellent one, and will serve, as well as any that have preceded it, to impress upon the minds of our readers the character of the service that is being rendered to Freemasonry by this particular lodge, while at the same time it will intensify the sympathy which all are experiencing at the greatness of the loss it has sustained by the death of its able and genial Secretary.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, London. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand J., presided as M.E.Z.; Comp. Lieut.-Col. Robert Townley Caldwell, M.A., Grand Superintendent Cambridgeshire, acted as Grand H.; and Comp. John Thornhill Morland, M.A., Grand Superintendent Berkshire, as Grand J. Among other companions present were: Comps. Sir Reginald Hanson, E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; Rev. Herbert William Turner, M.A., S.N.; Sir George David Harris, Harry Manfield, G.T.; John Strachan, K.C., G. Reg.; Edward Beaumont, Dep. G.R.; Frank Richardson, Grand D.C.; George Everett, P.G.T.; Walter S. Whitaker, Asst. G.D.C.; W. Lake, Asst. G.S.E.; Robert Grey, Richard Horton Smith, K.C.; J. Whitaker Burgess, W. Russell, C. Pulman, Dr. Clement Godson, Dr. Hugh Mackintosh, J. E. Le Feuvre, W. F. Lamonby, W. A. Scurrah, George Richards, Henry Lovegrove, Arthur G. Sandberg, M.D.; James Weaver, James Boulton, and Dr. W. H. Cummings, Grand Org.

After Grand Chapter had been formally opened, Comp. LETCHWORTH read the minutes of the February convocation, which were then put by Comp. BEACH and unanimously confirmed.

Comp. LETCHWORTH announced that the M.E.Z., his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, had been graciously pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Z.; and the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, Grand H.; and the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand J. The other companions his Royal Highness had appointed were—

Comp. Edward Letchworth	...	Grand Scribe E.
" Rev. F. B. N. Norman Lee, M.A., Chaplain to the Forces	...	Grand Scribe N.
" Sir George David Harris	...	Pres. Com. G. Purps.
" Horace Brooks Marshall (elected)	...	G. Treasurer.
" John Strachan, K.C.	...	G. Registrar.
" J. V. Vesey Fitzgerald, K.C.	...	Dep. G. Registrar.

Comp. Rev. A. C. Hervey, M.A.	...	Prin. G. Soj.
" F. Woodhouse Braine, F.R.C.S.	...	1st A.G. Soj.
" Lieut.-Col. Lyne	...	2nd A.G. Soj.
" C. D. Cheetham	...	G.S.B.
" Thomas Taylor	...	Dep. G.S.B.
" P. Scratchley	...	1st G. Std. Br.
" E. Roehrich	...	2nd "
" W. A. Dawson	...	3rd "
" John T. C. Winkfield	...	4th "
" W. Barlow Morgan	...	5th "
" J. Robertson Reep	...	6th "
" Frank Richardson	...	G.D. of C.
" F. A. Powell	...	Dep. G.D. of C.
" H. J. Lardner	...	1st A.G.D. of C.
" J. J. Simcox	...	2nd "
" G. F. Lancaster	...	3rd "
" W. Kipps	...	4th "
" H. Walmisley Little, Mus. Doc.	...	G. Org.
" W. Lake	...	A.G. Scribe E.
" Henry Sadler	...	G. Janitor.

All these companions were invested by Comp. W. Beach.

On the motion of Comp. Sir G. D. HARRIS, President, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D.C., the Report of the Committee of General Purposes—as published in the *Freemason* last week—was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes; and on motion made and seconded by the same companions, charters were granted for chapters to be attached to the following lodges: The Wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121, Bishop Auckland, to be called the Babington Boulton Chapter, and to meet at Bishop Auckland; the Widnes Lodge, No. 2819, Widnes, to be called the Widnes Chapter, and to meet at the Central Hotel, Widnes; the Earl's Court Lodge, No. 2765, London, to be called Earl's Court Chapter, and to meet at the Crown Hotel, Cricklewood, London; and the St. Ann's Lodge, No. 593, Alderney, to be called St. Ann's Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Oliver-street, Alderney.

On motion made by Comp. Sir G. D. HARRIS, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, permission was given to remove the following chapters:

- The Hope Chapter, No. 574, from the Temperance Hall, to the Masonic Hall, Newbury.
- The Whittington Chapter, No. 862, from Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, to Freemasons' Hall, London.
- The Willesden Chapter, No. 2489, from Freemasons' Hall, to the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London.
- The Chapter of Temperance, No. 169, from the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, to the Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, London.
- The Camden Chapter, No. 704, from Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, London.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH said he had to report that at the meeting of the Committee, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed: "That the cordial thanks of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Sir George D. Harris, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over its meetings during the past year." This was signed by Comp. Richard Horton Smith, a member.

Comp. W. W. B. BEACH said he was sure this resolution would be amply ratified by Grand Chapter. They could not too highly appreciate the value of Sir George Harris's services in presiding over the Committee. He was certain that Grand Chapter was deeply indebted to him for the able manner in which he had always discharged his duties. (Hear, hear.)

Comp. Sir GEORGE D. HARRIS bowed his acknowledgments.

Comp. JOHN STRACHAN, K.C., next brought up an appeal by Comp. James Caton, Scribe E. La Cesaree Chapter, No. 590, Jersey, against a decision of the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Jersey (Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret), admonishing the appellant, and ordering the admonition to be entered on the minutes of the chapter. He said it was an appeal by Comp. James Caton against a decision of the acting Prov. Grand H. of the Province of Jersey, delegated by the Grand Superintendent to investigate a charge against the appellant and the First Principal of his chapter arising out of the following facts: On the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Comp. Caton consulted the Principals and the other members of his chapter, and sent a telegram to his Majesty the King, through the Home Secretary, in these words: "The companions of Cesaree Chapter, No. 590, Royal Arch Masons, most respectfully beg to tender their heartfelt sympathy and condolence to his Majesty the King, Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of England." The fact of this telegram having been despatched appeared in the local newspapers. The Prov. Grand Scribe E. was, therefore, directed by the Grand Superintendent to write to Comp. Caton to inquire whether the paragraph was correct, and, if so, by whom, and upon whose responsibility, the telegram was forwarded. Comp. Caton at once replied, stating the facts and the approval of his Principals, but assuming the entire responsibility, and concluding "if I have done anything contrary to the Constitutions of Masonry I most willingly apologise, as it is always my will and intention to do that which is right." The Grand Superintendent therefore required Comp. Caton and the First Principal of the chapter to present themselves before him, and having been prevented by illness from attending, he delegated his authority to the Past Prov. G.H., Comp. Dr. Le Cronier, who met the companions, and the minutes stated that the companions, having admitted the despatch on their responsibility and through the medium of the Home Secretary, of the telegram, and Comp. Caton having stated that he assumed the entire responsibility for the appearance of the paragraph in the local press it was held that there had been an infraction of Rule 218 Book of Constitutions. The companions were admonished and ordered to insert the fact of such admonition, and the reasons, therefore, in the minutes of La Cesaree Chapter, No. 590. This was the decision appealed from. He (Comp. Strachan) ought to mention that the telegram was sent off before the receipt of the circular from Comp. Letchworth, G.S.E., requesting that such votes of condolence should not be sent. Now, assuming that there had been any infraction of Rule 218, he thought the apology contained in Comp. Caton's letter was sufficient, and no further steps were necessary; but, in his opinion, the Craft rule, which applied equally in Arch Masonry, did not go so far as the Jersey Provincial authorities appeared to think it did. It read: "The Grand Master shall

not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry except through the Grand Secretary." While it was desirable that all communications of the kind referring in any way to Masonry should go through the Grand Secretary, and almost invariably did so, he (Comp. Strachan) must point out, in a case where it was sought to establish a Masonic offence, and to penalise a member for infraction of a rule, that the telegram in question made no application to the Grand Master on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, and the rule could not in strictness be held to apply. He, therefore, begged to move that Comp. Caton's appeal be sustained, and the admonition removed. Comp. VESEY FITZGERALD, Dep. G. Reg., seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH said he had to report that the General Committee of Grand Chapter would consist of the First Grand Principal, the three Principals, Comps. Sir G. D. Harris, J. Strachan, K.C., and R. Horton Smith, and there were six companions more to be elected.

The following were nominated: Comps. Major T. C. Walls, Lewcock, Wilkinson Pimbury, F. A. Powell, W. Cleghorne, and T. A. Roberts.

Comp. BEACH declared these six companions duly elected, and Grand Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form.

SIXTH GRAND STANDARD BEARER

Comp. JOHN ROBERTSON REEP, of 4, Great St. Thomas Apostle, in the City of London, a member of the firm of Messrs. Reep, Lane and Co., of that address, Solicitors, is a P.Z. of John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260, of which for the last 10 years he has acted as S.E.; P.M., and one of the founders, of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241; P.M., and Secretary for 10 years, of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260; and a Mason of some 34 years' standing, having first seen the Light in 1866. Bro. Reep is also a P.M. in the Mark Lodges Nos. 4 and 234, P.C.N. in the Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 234, and Supreme Ruler in the Order of the Secret Monitor Conclave No. 1, in which latter Order he also holds rank in Grand Conclave as P.G.V. He has for some years been a member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge, and is at the present time a member of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Chapter; and he has been a member of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons for years past. Bro. Reep is also a citizen and Fanmaker, and in his own profession (admitted on the Roll of Solicitors in 1864) is not only widely known amongst men and Masons, but holds commissions for taking acknowledgments in London, Westminster, and Surrey. He has for many years been a member of the Correspondence Circle of No. 2076, and is not altogether unknown as a contributor to certain journals of the day. He has served as Steward in respect of all three of our Masonic Charities, his present Stewardship for the Girls' Benevolent Institution completing the tripos. Bro. Reep, as regards non-professional matters, at one time was much interested in golf, and is the founder of the Seaford and Bexhill Golf Clubs.

We have also received the records of the Masonic Services rendered by Comps. F. A. Powell, D.G.D.C., and J. J. Simcox, A.G.D.C., but they reached us too late for publication this week.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HEREFORDSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Herefordshire met at the Town Hall, Leominster, on Monday, the 22nd ult., and was presided over by Bro. H. C. Beddoe, of Hereford, D.P.G.M., in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the Prov. G.M., Lord Glanusk. The attendance numbered over 70, which included the following distinguished brethren: Bros. J. B. Dowding, P.G. Stwd.; M. J. Ellwood, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. Wilfred G. Buckle, P.P.G. Chap.; Sam Mayor, P.P.G.O.; Rev. R. Evans, P.G. Chap. Eng.; J. Davies, P.P.G.S.B.; J. A. Daggs, P.G.S.B.; A. G. Hudson, P.P.G.P.; H. Gosling, P.P.G.P.; W. V. Tuson, P.S.G.D.; W. Margrett, W.M. 120, P.G.S.; C. Wellington Lloyd, P.M. 2240, P.S.G.W.; Rev. R. Burges Bayly, 751, P.G.C.; W. H. Smith, Prov. G.T.; J. E. S. Hewett, P.M. 338, P.G. Treas.; Thomas Blinkhorn, P.M. 120, P.P.J.G.W.; Thomas E. Hall, S.W. 2240, P.P.G.O.; W. W. Robinson, P.M. 120, P.P.S.G.D.; John Marchant, P.M. 120, P.S.G.W.; J. A. White, P.M. 892, P.P.G.D.; J. S. Norton, P.M. 120, P.P.J.G.D.; and Frank P. Young, P.M. 2240, P.P.S.G.D.

A Craft lodge was opened by Bro. J. B. Dowding, and the Dep. Prov. G. Master and the Provincial brethren, headed by the Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Bro. J. A. Daggs, who carried the banner of the province, were announced, and entered the lodge, and the gavel was handed by the W.M. to the Dep. P.G. Master, who took the chair and opened Prov. G. Lodge.

The Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies called upon the brethren to salute Bro. Richard Evans with "7," and the Dep. Prov. G. Master with "5."

Bro. BEDDOE then announced the telegram from Lord Glanusk, and said he felt sure that the brethren would sympathise sincerely in the cause of his absence. (Hear, hear.) Speaking for himself, Bro. Beddoe said he would endeavour as far as he possibly could to carry out the desire of the W.M. in the conduct of the business.

The reports of all the lodges in the province were then handed in, and indicated a decided increase in the membership and a satisfactory financial condition.

Bro. W. W. ROBINSON, Secretary of the Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association, presented his Report in conformity with Bye-law 20, pointing out that the individual subscription of a guinea a year for five years, or of several individual guinea subscriptions, constituted desirable amalgamations for using the votes. His report was as follows: "Since this Association was formed in August, 1878, it has collected and remitted to the Masonic Institutions the following sums: To the Boys' School, £504; to the Girls' School, £294; to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Male Fund), £173 5s., (Female Fund), £152 5s.; total, £1123 10s. The Committee beg to remark that, as the Province of Herefordshire, through its successful candidates, has so largely benefited by the funds of the Masonic Institutions it ought to subscribe more to those funds than it has hitherto done. In conclusion, the Committee have much pleasure in stating that this Association for the purpose of using the votes, has, by the kind permission of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, been amalgamated with Midland Masonic Provinces Associations, which comprises Staffordshire, Shropshire, North Wales, and Herefordshire; also that the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Worshipful Bro. H. C. Beddoe, has consented to act as one of the Committee, together with the Hon. Secretary of this Association, Worshipful Bro. W. Robinson, P.P.S.G.D. (Signed) H. H. Parry, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., President; W. W. Robinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Hon. Secretary." It was added that the Midland Masonic

Provinces Association had elected Bros. Beddoe and Robinson to represent Herefordshire on their Committee.

Still another very useful subsidiary organisation appeared in the form of the Herefordshire Local Charity Association, of which the seventh annual report was presented by Bro. Hewett, of Ross. It showed that the amount received during the year 1900 was £150 19s. 6d.

The Dep. Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Thomas Blinkhorn, 120	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. Catfield, 338	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Wilfrid Buckle, 892	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. E. S. Hewett, 338	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. P. Young, 892	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. R. Stafford, 120	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. S. Norton, 120	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Hampton, 735	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" L. U. Wooler, 338	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. G. Hudson, 892	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. H. Parry, 120	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. Bright, 892	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" B. A. Hamer, 892	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Sam Mayor, 892	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. B. Dowding, 892	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" E. C. Gurney, 120	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. H. Smith, 338	...	...	
" W. H. Church, 735	...	...	
" W. H. Powell, 892	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" C. A. Stevens, 120	...	...	

On the conclusion of the business, both the Provincial G. Lodge and the Craft lodge were closed.

In the evening a Masonic banquet at the Royal Oak Hotel was attended by the brethren.

Bro. BEDDOE, presiding by virtue of his office, said that in rising to propose the first toast he felt how different the circumstances were compared with former occasions under which that toast had happened. As far back as the memory of all the company reached, and he was perhaps the oldest Mason present, their first toast had always been "The Queen and the Craft." But since their last meeting they had sustained the loss by death of that illustrious lady, Queen Victoria, to whose influence as the great Patron of the Craft they owed more than he could tell. Her successor to the Throne, King Edward VII., who had rendered invaluable services as ruler of the Craft, had now thought it well to retire from that position, taking the title of "Protector," and passing on the Grand Mastership to his brother, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, who, there was no doubt whatever, would justify the appointment, and be a pillar of strength to the Craft throughout the universe. Bro. Beddoe added that he was sure the brethren, although they had been so used to the old form of the toast, would quite as heartily drink it in the new form, namely, "The King and the Craft."

The toast of "The M.W.G.M. Elect, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G.," was next submitted from the chair, and received right heartily.

Bro. the Rev. W. G. BUCKLE submitted the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with it the name of Bro. the Rev. R. Evans, Past G. Chap. Eng.

Bro. the Rev. R. EVANS thanked Bro. Buckle for the suitable terms in which he had proposed the toast, and bore testimony to the zest and zeal with which the officers of the Grand Lodge at all times had discharged their duties. He submitted the toast of "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master," and said it was a matter of great regret that Lord Glanusk was not able to be present on that occasion. He had the privilege of having the friendship of the Provincial Grand Master, and knew that it was through no fault of his that he was not among them that day. He was a man who rendered great service to the country, and there was no doubt that he had performed a real service to Freemasonry. (Applause.)

Bro. J. B. DOWDING proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and coupled with it the names of Bros. Davenport, Schartau, and Johnson.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and the three brethren suitably replied.

Bro. BLINKHORN gave the toast of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. BEDDOE replied, alluding to the fact that he might be considered a veteran of the Craft, as he was initiated at Hereford in the year 1840. Bro. Beddoe went on to propose "The Lodges of the Province," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. J. B. Dowding, W.M. 892. (Cheers.)

Bro. DOWDING, in response, said all regretted the inability of Lord Glanusk to be with them. Yet they were rejoiced to have so worthy a representative in the person of Bro. H. C. Beddoe. He could only say, "Long may Bro. Beddoe continue to give his valuable services to the Craft." (Applause.)

The important toast of "The Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. MARCHANT, who warmly commended the attention of the brethren to the benefits which were extended to those in need. He particularly called attention to the local Charities, which had been more recently established, and to the great services which had been rendered in this district by Bros. Hewett and Earle.

Bro. BEDDOE, in reply, bore testimony to the beneficial work carried on throughout the world in connection with the various charitable organisations, and he especially commented on the work which had been done by the Hereford Province in organising and putting on a better footing the Charities. During the evening it had been brought to their notice by the Worshipful Master of Royal Edward Lodge the great service which had been rendered to children of brethren of the lodge under whose banner they were met that day, and it was a matter of great interest to all to know that they had in view at their gatherings something beyond the performance of functions and ceremonies.

The Tyler's toast, which was drunk in silence, concluded the list. A special musical programme, arranged by Bro. Bradford, embraced songs and glees by Bros. Schartau and Johnson (London), Gosling and Powell (Leominster), Parker (Kingston), Blinkhorn (Hereford), and the Chairman, and a very successful gathering was brought to an end by the whole company joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne," the National Anthem being sung in time for the Hereford brethren to catch the 9.11 p.m. train from Leominster.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Prov. G. Lodge was held at the Howe Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. Among those present were

Bros. George Beech, Dep. Prov. G. Master, acting as Prov. G. Master; A. E. Fridlander, P.G.S.B. Eng., acting as Dep. Prov. G. Master; H. C. Hughes, P.S.G.W.; E. A. Eades, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. G. J. Emanuel and the Rev. R. S. Aldridge, P.G. Chaps.; J. Harris, P.G. Treas.; F. G. Swinden, P.G. Sec.; C. F. Marston, P.S.G.D.; H. J. Collins, P.G.D.; Major Glover, P.G.D. of C.; S. H. Hossell, P.G.S.B.; A. T. Carr, P.G.S.B.; E. W. Bradley, P.G. Org.; H. A. Clulee, P.G. Asst. Sec.; E. L. Field, P.G. Purst.; R. White, P. Asst. G. Purst.; J. E. Wearing and F. Foster, P.G. Stwds.; and P. Croydon.

Amongst the Prov. G. Officers were noticed

Bros. C. Lee, P.P.J.G.W.; W. A. Bindley, P.P.J.G.W.; W. G. Hills, P.P.G.D.; W. M. Boddington, P.P.A.G.S.; the Rev. Downing, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. L. Owen, P.G. Chap.; J. T. Harcourt, P.P.A.G.S.; J. Collins, P.P.G.D.; G. Shread, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Rogers, P.P.S.G.W.; Sir James Sawyer, P.P.G.W.; J. Foster, P.P.G.D.; N. Hooper, P.P.G. Reg.; and upwards of 184 brethren of the province.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was duly opened at 4 p.m. by Bro. George Beech, acting as P.G.M.

The Grand Officers were saluted.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read the circular convening the meeting, and apologies for absence, including a letter from Bro. Lord Leigh, Prov. G. Master, stating that a county meeting in connection with a memorial to her late Majesty Queen Victoria was being held at Warwick, and as Lord-Lieutenant of the County it was necessary that he should be there, and he was afraid that he should not get back to Birmingham in time to be at the meeting.

The roll of Prov. Grand Officers, Masters, and Wardens was called.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY then read the minutes of the following Prov. Grand Lodges: At the St. Alphege Lodge, No. 1451, Solihull, September 26th, 1900; St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, October 9th, 1900, to consecrate the St. John's Lodge, No. 2811; at the Masonic Rooms, Ipsley, November 14th, 1900, to consecrate the Seymour Lodge, No. 2804; of the Especial Prov. Grand Lodge held on March 1st, 1901, to pass a vote of condolence with his Majesty King Edward VII. on the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read the reply from his Majesty, King Edward VII.

The Rev. G. J. EMANUEL delivered an excellent address, after which a collection was made in aid of the Warwickshire Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund.

Bro. G. H. C. HUGHES, Prov. G.W., presented a final report from the Committee of the Warwickshire Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Festival, 1900.

The Charity Representative of the province (Bro. C. LEE) presented a report respecting the elections to the London Charities.

Bro. J. Harris, P.G. Treas., presented a Report and Statements of Account from the Warwickshire Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund, for the year ending December 31st, 1900.

Bro. Joseph Ansell, P.M. 468, was invested as Provincial Grand Registrar in place of the late Bro. Jeffery deceased.

Bro. GEORGE BEECH proposed, and Bro. A. E. FRIDLANDER seconded, that the sum of £21 be given to the County Fund, in connection with the memorial to the late Queen Victoria, which was carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ASYLUMS BOARD LODGE, No. 2842.

The consecration of the above lodge took place at the Cafe Royal, Regent-street, on Monday, the 20th ult., the ceremony of consecration being most impressively performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. George Everett, P.G. Treas., as S.W.; James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., as J.W.; Rev. Canon Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Walter Wellsman, P.A.G.D.C., as I.G.

There was a large attendance of brethren at the ceremony, including several Grand Officers and Past Masters in addition to those mentioned above, while apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Sir Jno. Monckton, Lord Onslow, Sir James Dimsdale, Sir Reginald Hanson, Capt. Andrews, and others.

The Consecrating Officer, accompanied by the Grand Officers, having entered the lodge in procession, the former appointed his officers *pro tem.*, and the lodge was opened in the three Degrees, after which the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting.

The petition and warrant were read by the D.C., and an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Chaplain.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the musical portion of the ceremony being under the control of Bro. H. Schartau, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, who presided at the organ, while the singing was led by Bros. F. Tebbutt, W. Fell, and R. Radford.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the W.M. designate through illness, the installation and investiture of officers could not be performed. The Grand Secretary, however, invested the Senior and Junior Wardens designate; and on the motion of the former, seconded by the latter, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Grand Secretary for consecrating the lodge, the same being recorded on the minutes.

The founders of the lodge who will act as officers during the first year of its existence are Bros. G. S. Elliott, W.M.; Lieut.-Col. W. J. B. Graham, I.P.M.; Edward White, S.W.; W. R. Smith, M.D., J.W.; J. H. Brooke-Hitching, Treas.; Cuthbert Wilkinson, Sec.; Rev. C. P. Marriott, M.A., Chap.; H. Walkley, S.D.; J. H. Lile, J.D.; J. Thornley, I.G.; and S. Lambert, D.C.

At the banquet to which the brethren subsequently sat down, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Bro. GEO. EVERETT replied to the toast of the Grand Officers.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Consecrating Master," and in so doing took occasion to remark on the splendid manner in which the beautiful ceremony of consecration had been performed, and expressed the thanks of the founders of the lodge to him for his assistance.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, Grand Sec., in reply, complimented Bro. E. White, S.W., on the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of the W.M. elect that evening, and tendered his thanks to the Grand Officers who had assisted him in performing the ceremony of consecration. He trusted the new lodge would have as successful a career as the London County Council Lodge, which he consecrated some years ago, had had.

Bro. E. WHITE, S.W., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master designate," and stated that he was sure no one would regret his absence more than would Bro. Elliott himself. His thoughts, he was sure, would be with them, and he proposed they should convey the expression of their regret at his absence, and their wishes to Bro. Elliott, for his speedy recovery. The idea of the Asylums Boards Lodge was Bro. Elliott's own idea, prompted no doubt by the success of the London County Council and School Board Lodges. It was the duty of the Asylums Boards to do all they could for those who suffered from disease and imbecility, and it was fitting that the aid of Masonry should be invoked to draw its members together. Their work might not be as showy as that done by the London County Council, but it was a good work they were doing, and he hoped the formation of the new lodge would aid them in its performance.

Bro. BROOKE-HITCHING, Treas., proposed "The Health of the Acting W.M."

The S.W. briefly responded, concluding by proposing "The Health of the Visitors."

Bros. QUINLEY, S.G.W. New Hampshire, U.S.A., and Sir CHARLES CAMERON, S.G.D. Scotland, and NATHAN ROBINSON, L.C.C., replied on behalf of the visitors.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Dr. SMITH, J.W.

The toast list concluded with the Tyler's toast.

Two or three part songs were sung by the musical brethren present at the banquet, and in addition Bro. Frank Tebbutt sang "The Birds in the Spring;" Bro. Radford "Rocked in the cradle of the deep;" and Bro. W. Fell "The lass that loves a sailor."

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

A largely attended meeting of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the Sunderland Masonic Lodges has just been held to consider the arrangements for the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham to Sunderland in September. Bro. J. D. Todd was voted to the chair.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. C. MOOR, seconded by Bro. E. G. WATSON: "That the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the several lodges meeting in Sunderland, having learnt with much satisfaction that Bro. Lord Barnard, P.G.M. designate, has expressed a desire to hold his first Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in Sunderland, hereby assures his lordship that every effort will be made to give his lordship and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge a fitting reception."

It was also agreed, on the motion of Bro. T. JAMES, seconded by Bro. D. D. SMITH, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Bro. Lord Barnard and to the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson.

It was agreed, on the motion of Bro. H. T. HALFPENNY, seconded by Bro. F. FORSTER, that the Mayor (Bro. J. G. Kirtley) be asked to take the Chairmanship of the General Committee, consisting of the worthy Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the lodges in the town. His worship has consented to accept the Chairmanship, and will do his utmost to make the visit successful.

The following officers were also appointed: Vice-Chairman, Bro. J. D. Todd; Secretaries, Bros. E. J. Willis and T. Harrison; Treasurer, Bro. Richard Todd. Sub-Committees were also appointed.

Bro. Thos. Robinson, P.P.S.G.D., represents the Prov. Grand Secretary on the Committee.

It was also agreed that a suitable memento of the occasion, in the form of an illuminated address in album form, be presented to Bro. Lord Barnard on the occasion of his visit, this matter being placed in the hands of Bro. T. Robinson, P.M.

### Mark Masonry.

Union Lodge, No. 124.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. J. WILSON.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on the 25th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, for the installation of the W.M. and appointment of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. S. Peacock, W.M., presided, and the lodge was honoured with a visit by the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge of Northumberland and Durham. Among those present were Bros. J. Cartmel Ridley, P.S.G.W.; John Readhead, P.P.G.W.; John Heppel, P.G. Sec.; Seymour Bell, P.P.G.D. of C.; Geo. Harland, P.P.G. Reg. of Marks; J. Rickerby, P.G.I. of W.; J. U. Simpson, P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Mabane, P.G.I.G.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.M.O.; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.M.O.; J. Deans, P.P.G.I. of W.; E. Lantebach, P.P.G.M.O.; Thos. Robinson, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. E. Greenhough, P.P.S.G.D.; J. J. Wilson, W.M. elect; W. Geary, S.W. 362; and other officers.

The installation of Bro. J. J. Wilson in the chair of the W.M. was ably performed by Bro. S. Peacock, the retiring W.M., and Bro. J. D. Todd, P.M. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. S. Peacock, I.P.M.; W. Scott, S.W.; T. O. Todd, J.W.; D. W. Turpie, M.O.; E. J. Willis, S.O.; John Annison, J.O.; John Deans, P.M., Chap.; Ernst Lantebach, P.M., Reg. of Marks; C. E. Reay, Sec.; J. G. Scott, S.D.; J. Archbold, J.D.; T. E. Greenhough, P.M., D. of C.; W. Hassell, Org.; W. H. Turner, I.G.; T. Crosby, T. Sadler, and J. Conlin, Stwds.; and T. Grieve, Tyler. Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Colonel Angus, Prov. Dep. G. Master, and the W.M. announced that arrangements would shortly be made to receive the annual meeting of Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham under the banner of the Union Lodge.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

Bro. J. Cartmel Ridley, P.S.G.W., responded for the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge.

HOUSEHOLD DECORATION.—Some capital hints for household decoration may be gained from a perusal of a handsomely printed catalogue of Bro. Maple and Co., Ltd. A special feature in it is the great variety of mantelpieces and overmantels in modern and modern-antique styles. Representations of drawing-rooms, completely furnished, are also to be found in it.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### A "MYSTERY PLAY" IN THE BLACK COUNTRY.

(Continued.)

In one of these brick walls, just over Absalom's chair, is a window of six small panes, resembling that of a larder or dairy. Enter a stranger, in ordinary dress, who proves to be a suitor weary of the law's delay. The conversation between him and Absalom is so slavishly copied from the elliptical narrative in the Bible that nobody learns who the stranger is, whence he comes, or what is his business. Nevertheless, Absalom, who knows no more about him than the audience, assures him that "his matters are good and right." On the retirement of the stranger enter several conspirators, in buttoned coats, belts, and caps. They salute Absalom, and are instructed to extol him everywhere as a radical reformer. No sooner have the conspirators departed than a messenger enters, announcing that everywhere "the hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom." Re-enter the conspirators; and after two or three sentences from them to the same effect, Absalom says, "Let them sound the drums and proclaim me king." There is a prodigious drumming behind the wings, the conspirators salute and cry "God save King Absalom!" Almost before the rattle of the drums have ceased, another messenger appears, announcing the flight of David, to which Absalom replies, "'Tis better thus; now are we king indeed." Scene 9 suggests the encampment of David; at least, there is a Lilliputian tent in the middle of the stage, formed of a white sheet thrown over a painter's easel. Joab and a number of David's followers come marching on, and Joab asks if there is any news from Jerusalem. Zadok, the priest, is announced; there is nothing distinctive in his costume. Then enters David—dressing gown, gilt-paper crown, &c., as before. He dismisses Zadok, with instruction to employ his son Ahimaas as messenger. Hushai the Archite is also directed to offer his services to the usurper. Scene 10.—Absalom, in pink robe and felt hat, is surrounded by his friends, conspicuous among whom is Ahithopel (pronounced Ay-it-to'e-piel). Hushai the Archite (*oh*, as in church) tenders his submission. A council of war is held, and the contradictory opinions of Ahithopel and Hushai are given, the latter having the preference. The entire dialogue is *verbatim* from the Bible. As the council breaks up, Hushai lags behind, and to Zadok, who enters at the same moment, he briefly reports what has passed, urging that a message should be sent to David bidding him hasten over Jordan. Scene 11. shows the tent as before, Joab and soldiers marching around. Enter David, to him Ahimaas, who reports the result of the council. "Ahithopel" (he says) "was a wise man; he went home, set his house in order, and hanged himself." David produces his sword, declaring that he is now ready to lead his friends to battle. Joab remonstrates; David's life is worth ten thousand of theirs; he must not incur needless danger. David acquiesces; but begs Joab to "deal gently with the young man," and all march off. Re-enter Joab, without a moment's interval, to him a soldier announcing, "I saw Absalom hanged in an oak." The short Biblical dialogue in this place is somewhat abridged, and Joab rushes out saying: "I may not tarry thus with thee." "Last scene of all, which ends this strange eventful history," David and an attendant are beside the tent. Enter successively Ahimaas and Hushai, who narrate the battle, and the death of Absalom. David cries out: "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" The harmonium in the corner strikes up a few bars of the Dead March, and the body of Absalom is brought in, covered with a sheet, upon a bier that has evidently been designed for the obsequies of the swinish multitude. David delivers an oration in the approved style of the theatrical "heavy father," concluding with the well-remembered words—so touching in their proper place, so absurdly incongruous at the close of a long speech—"Oh! my son, Absalom, would God I had died for thee." The whole company not forgetting the angels gather round the bier and sing to the tune *Pilgrims of the Night*, a dirge of which the burden is "Too late, too late for grace." So ended "the Sacred Drama of Absalom." It was unmistakably regarded, both by actors and audience, as a great success; and the hearty singing of the Doxology seemed in no wise out of place, in view of the spirit in which the entire proceedings were conducted. There was no suspicion of anything ludicrous in the performance; the conduct of the actors was reverent throughout, and, even in the tedious, yet laughable dinner scene, the extemporised dialogue was designed to inculcate gratitude to God for the good things of this life. We will not express an opinion as to the utility of such a performance from either a moral or religious point of view; but, at least, the intention was unimpeachable. We had been brought within a measurable distance of the religious life of 15th century, and it seemed to us that between the simple piety that inspired the "Cherry Tree Carol" and the "Coventry Mysteries," and that of the Primitive Methodists in the Black Country, the interval was much less than is generally supposed.

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

(Continued.)

The Revolution in France forced the persecuted clergy to supply themselves with the means of emigration from the private sale of the stained glass in their chapels. Our English agents were particularly industrious to procure it under the pressure of such circumstances and were great gainers. A few notes of the new proprietors and application may prove of interest. A window—subject, the Nativity—was purchased by the Earl of Radnor, at Algiers, in 1787, and by him replaced in the church of Coleshill, in Berkshire. In consequence of the suppression of monasteries in Flanders, many chapels, most richly ornamented with stained glass, were dilapidated and sold. Sir Brooke Boothby, Bart., being at Liege, in 1800, purchased the glass, long celebrated, of the chapel of Herkenrode, near that city, for £200, which has been erected, and now fills seven large windows of the choir in the cathedral of Lichfield. The subjects were Scriptural, with emblazoned portraits of the Counts of Egmont and Horn. Dates from 1532-1539. Initials of artists, &c. A great importation of stained glass, collected in the Netherlands, was sold by auction in London in 1807, which was purchased by individuals, and given to churches. The meeting of Mary and Elizabeth, from the chapel of St. Nicholas, at Rouen, bought by the Earl of Carlisle, and given to the cathedral of York in 1824.

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| Christ before Pilate     | ... | Ely Cathedral.        |
| Evangelists and Prophets | ... | Tottenham Church.     |
| Crucifixion              | ... | Rickmansworth Church. |
| Life of St. Barbara      | ... | Cholmondely.          |

Another collection, not inferior to the above, was offered for sale in 1808. It had been taken from the cathedral and other churches at Cologne, from the Carthusian monastery at Rouen, which consisted of 12 lights, *en grisaille* describing the history of eremitism; the Last Supper (1542) from St. John's Church, in that city, and 11 large subjects, of most brilliant colouring, taken from a chapel in the cathedral of Cologne. The works, *en grisaille*, were chiefly by Pinaigriers. In a chapel at the Vine, Hants, is a series of stained glass brought from Boulogne. The three upper tiers contain Scriptural subjects, and the lower have the portraits of Francis I., with his two wives, Claude and Margaret, and their tutelar saints. Of smaller pieces, the finest collection made by Sir T. Neave, Bart., is now at his seat, at Dagenham, Essex. It may not be unwelcome to those who are curious to learn some facts relative to the revival of the taste for painted glass in England. Price, as we have said, was the only artist in that style for many years in England. Afterwards, one Rowell, a plumber at Reading, did some things, particularly for the late Henry, Earl of Pembroke; but Rowell's colours soon vanished. At last he found out a very durable and beautiful red; but he died in a year or two, and the secret with him. A man at Birmingham began the same art in 1756 or 1757, and fitted up a window for Lord Lyttelton in the church of Hagley, but soon failed in business. A little after him, one Peckett, at York, was successful, and made good proficiency. A few lovers of the art collected some dispersed panes from ancient buildings, particularly the late Lord Cobham, who erected a Gothic temple at Stowe, and filled it with arms of the old nobility, &c. About the year 1753, one Ascioti, an Italian, who had married a Flemish woman, brought a parcel of painted glass from Flanders, and sold it for a very few guineas to the Hon. Mr. Bateman, of Old Windsor. Ascioti went again to Flanders, and brought back 450 pieces, for which, including the expense of the journey, he was paid 36 guineas. His wife made more journeys for the same purpose, and sold her collection to one Palmer, a glazier in St. Martin's-lane, who immediately raised the price to one, two, and five guineas for a single piece, and fitted up entire windows with them and with mosaics of plain glass of different colours. In 1761, one Paterson, an auctioneer at Essex House, in the Strand, exhibited the first auctions of painted glass, imported in like manner from Flanders. All this manufacture consisted in rounds of Scripture stories, stained in black and yellow, or in small figures of black and white, birds and flowers in colours, and Flemish coats of arms. Edward Norgate, though of a very inferior walk in the profession, deserves to be remembered for his uncommon excellence in his way. He was the son of Dr. Robert Norgate, Master of Bennet College, Cambridge, where Edward was born. He was brought up by Nicholas Felton, Bishop of Ely, who married his mother, and who, observing his inclination to limning and heraldry, permitted him to indulge his genius. As he had good judgment in pictures he was sent into Italy by the great collector, Thomas, Earl of Arundel, to make purchases for him; but, returning by Marseilles, was by some accident disappointed of the remittances he expected.

(To be continued.)

### REMARKS ON THE LEADING THEATRES.

Fortune just now is certainly kind to the leading theatres. Despite the late dinner hour of the "haut ton," the rivalry of music halls, and the seduction of the after-dinner cigarette, Messrs. Fredk. Harrison and Cyril Maude have made what the Americans call "their pile" at the Haymarket. Mr. Tree might have done the same thing at that historic house; but he elected, very wisely, to give hostages to fortune over the way, and splendid hostages they have proved. So far his ambition has been rewarded with artistic fame. If the fortune has yet to come, "Twelfth Night" has laid its foundation, and the name of Beerbohm Tree will go down to posterity in connection with the new and beautiful dramatic temple, "Her Majesty's," even if the encroaching Carlton Hotel should at some future day make siege to its gorgeous neighbour. Bro. Sir Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry are back at the old house in Wellington-street, both heartily welcomed by devoted audiences. Sir Henry's personality has not moulted a feather of its old attractiveness and charm, and in his production of "Coriolanus" there is that subtle touch of artistic appreciation that has always given to the Lyceum stage under his management a unique and unrivalled supremacy.

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**Masonic Notes.**

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 1st instant. It will be seen from our report of the proceedings which appears in another column, that the majority of those who were appointed to office in Grand Lodge on the 24th ult., have been appointed to positions of corresponding rank in the Royal Arch.

It will also be seen that the number of new chapters for which warrants have been granted is four, of which one is to meet in London and the others in the

Provinces. The London chapter will be attached to and bear the name of the Earl's Court Lodge, No. 2765, and will meet at the Crown Hotel, Cricklewood. Of the three Provincial chapters, one will meet at Bishop Auckland in the Province of Durham, and will bear the name of the Babington Boulton Chapter, No. 1121, and will be attached to the Wear Valley Lodge; another will meet at Widnes, in West Lancashire, and will be known as the Widnes Chapter, No. 2819; while the third will be held in Alderney, in the Province of Guernsey and Alderney, and will be known as the St. Ann's Chapter, No. 593.

The half-yearly Chapter of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple for England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof, will be held at Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 10th instant, at 4.45 for 5 p.m. In the course of the proceedings the Report of Council will be submitted and dealt with, and the Grand Officers for the ensuing year appointed and invested. Subsequently a Chapter of the Great Priory of Malta will be held under the banner of the Preceptory of St. George, at which any Knight Templar who may have signified his desire can be admitted; fee, including certificate, one guinea. At 7 p.m. the customary banquet will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, tickets for which, at 21s. each, must be applied for on or before Monday, the 6th inst.

The earlier paragraphs of the Report of Council treat of matters relating to the death of Queen Victoria and the accession to the throne of his Majesty King Edward VII., who has graciously condescended to be Patron of the Order. Among the recommendations of Council are one to the effect that the Calpe Preceptory, Gibraltar, the warrant of which was cancelled by Great Priory in May, 1900, be restored to its place on the Register, the said chapter having made its Returns and paid its fees and dues. In reference to the announcement that the sixth annual conference of the United Orders in the United Kingdom, which was appointed to be held in Edinburgh on Thursday, the 18th ult., the Council recommended that the words "Royal Arch Masons" in Statute 108 of the Order should be interpreted to refer to the Royal Arch over which the Supreme Grand Chapter of England presides, and which, in accordance with the Articles of Union, is declared in the Book of Constitutions of United Grand Lodge to be included in the Degrees of pure and antient Masonry as recognised by the said Grand Lodge.

The Council report that only two preceptories at home and eight Abroad are in arrear in making their Returns and remitting their fees and dues, and that at the close of the Account on the 28th February, the balances on the Great Treasurer's account as audited were about £637 on the General Fund, and £60 on the Benevolent Fund. The report strikes us as being in all respects eminently satisfactory.

The Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge was greatly honoured at its meeting last month by the presence of Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro Grand Master, to meet whom a number of Grand Lodge Officers and other brethren of distinction had been specially invited. As Bro. Devonshire, W.M., remarked in proposing the toast of his lordship's health, it was an event of the very rarest occurrence for a London lodge to have the pleasure of welcoming so distinguished an officer of Grand Lodge, and it is evident from his reply that Lord Amherst appreciated the compliment paid him by one of the surviving Time Immemorial lodges which in 1717 established the Grand Lodge of England.

But his lordship did something more than thank the lodge for the cordiality of its welcome. After contrasting the present state of the Craft with what it was when the Prince of Wales was installed in office as M.W. Grand Master in 1875, and more particularly the amount of support then and now annually given to our Institutions, the Pro Grand Master went on to caution his hearers against the ever-increasing number of invitations that are addressed to them by the outside world to support all and sundry the institutions and projects of merely local interest, and to lay the foundation or memorial stones of buildings of local utility. Such support as they desired to give in such cases should be given by them as private individuals, not as Masons, who have their own Institutions, which need some £50,000 annually, to provide for, and are also ready at all times loyally to satisfy all claims of national importance that are made upon them.

Yet another lodge has been added to the roll of the London Craft—the Asylums Board Lodge, No. 2842—which was consecrated on Monday, and, as far as we are able to judge, has every prospect of a successful career. The ceremony was, as usual, performed by the Grand Secretary, with the assistance of sundry of the Grand Officers, and the only drawback as regards the success of the proceedings was the absence, through illness, of Bro. G. S. Elliott, the W.M. designate, with whom the idea of forming the lodge originated, and whose installation was necessarily deferred. The Wardens designate, however, were invested by the Grand Secretary, and Bro. E. White, S.W., was warmly commended by Bro. Letchworth for the admirable manner in which he discharged the duties of Acting Master. We wish the Asylums Board Lodge a long and prosperous career.

We mention elsewhere that we recently received copy of reprint of a pamphlet which our late Bro. Speth compiled some years since and published under the title of "A Masonic Curriculum," or "A Guide to a course of study in Freemasonry," and which has just been issued in a revised and up-to-date form by the Palestine Bulletin of Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. There must be many among our readers who will but too gladly avail themselves of the advice of so safe and experienced a counsellor as to what they should read, mark, learn, and avoid in entering upon a course of Masonic study, and hence it is with a certain mournful pleasure that we give them the benefit of that advice.

Bro. Speth's first suggestion is that intending students should commence their course of study by reading Bro. R. F. Gould's "History of Freemasonry." It is, undoubtedly, a formidable work for a commencement, but it is beyond question the most trustworthy of all the histories of the Craft that have been published. But, having regard to the magnitude of the work, he suggests that it should be "perused carefully, but not too minutely at first, our object," as he very justly points out, being "simply to gain general impressions, not to acquire settled convictions." It is because this important work is so comprehensive, and also because some years have passed since it was published, that we shall gladly welcome the appearance of that compendium to the early issue of which we had occasion to refer a few weeks since in these Notes. When this is issued the student will have our Bro. Gould's History in a moderate compass, and all the discoveries of the last 12 years incorporated with it, and fully weighed and considered.

Bro. Speth's next advice is that the student having obtained a good general idea of Freemasonry from Bro. Gould, should make himself familiar with the contents of Toulmin Smith's "English Gilds," Henry T. Riley's "Liber Albus," Edward Conder, jun.'s, "Records of the Hole Crafte and Fellowship of Masons," and other works by well-known writers of a similar character. He also mentions as likely to prove helpful his own two papers—"Free and Freemason" in A.Q.C., Vol. X., and "Leicester Masonry, 1103—1327," in A.Q.C., Vol. XII., and those works which treat of the Old Charges of Masonry, but more especially those of Bro. W. J. Hughan; Vols. I. to VI. of the "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha," Bro. Dr. Begemann's "Attempt to Classify the Old Charges of British Masons," in A.Q.C.I.; and Wyatt Papworth's "Naymus Grecus," Ibid III.

Among other works that are subsequently recommended are Dr. George F. Fort's "The Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry" and "The Cathedral Builders—The Story of a Great Guild"—Leader Scott, published by Sampson Low and Co., 1899; many of the Papers which are to be found in A.Q.C. From 1717 onwards, the authors to be consulted are Bro. Gould, Dr. Anderson, Bro. Henry Sadler—"Masonic Facts and Fictions," in reference to the "Antient" or "Athol" Masons—and Bros. Hughan and Whytehead, in respect of Masonry in the City of York, Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley's "Cremetaria Hibernica," for early Irish Freemasonry; Bro. D. Murray Lyon's "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1," for Scottish Masonry are also recommended; while on the subjects of Rites, Symbolism, the works of Bro. Hughan and other writers are suggested.

That the course proposed by our late brother in his useful and interesting treatise is one that should be followed in its principal, if not in all its, recommendations, will be readily admitted by all who have given any serious attention to the study of Freemasonry. Our chief fear is that the field of research he suggests is too extensive for the average Masonic student, who, if he has the will, has probably not the leisure to devote to such a "A Masonic Curriculum."

## 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.

### GRAND LODGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It would be a great benefit to Masonic Students and the Craft at large if the large number of Masonic books and curios collected by the late Bro. G. W. Speth, on behalf of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, were located in the new rooms just completed by Grand Lodge for the purpose of a library and museum. It could be a collection by itself, printed in the next catalogue issued by Grand Lodge, as the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, collected by Bro. G. W. Speth.—Yours fraternally,

MASONIC STUDENT.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION—ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 17TH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I sincerely hope the motion standing in the name of Bro. F. Craggs, P.M., will receive the hearty support of the Subscribers of the above Institution. It has for some time been advocated by me that the retaining the names of unsuccessful candidates for so many years on the list is a contradiction of the first principles of Freemasonry, and certainly is not carrying out the *title* of the Institution. That candidates should be allowed to remain on the list for upwards of 17 years without the slightest chance of their being elected is a disgrace to those who nominated them, and is certainly not to the credit of the Institution or the Craft which allows such a contradiction to continue. I had the honour of bringing forward a similar motion two years ago, and although accorded a patient hearing, nothing resulted. For the sake of the Institution I hope this will be more fortunate.—Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM C. PARSONS,  
P.M. and Sec. 180, V.P.

## Reviews.

"WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CALENDAR, 1901-2." (Wigan, R. Platt, 17, Wallgate).—This extraordinary compilation is by Bro. W. Goodacre, F.R.G.S., the indefatigable Prov. Grand Sec. The province is the largest in England, having 127 lodges on its Register, and is still on the increase. Subscribers will be very pleased to see an excellent portrait of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.W., Prov. G.M., as the frontispiece. His lordship is in full dress Masonic clothing. There is a full report by the Prov. G. Sec., besides the ordinary particulars of the officers, P.Ms., &c., of the several lodges, and of the chief officers of the R.A. chapters, Mark lodges, &c. Bro. Goodacre favours the granting to Prov. G.Ms., presiding over 50 lodges in a province or more, the privilege of appointing to *past rank*, provided that such "appointments do not exceed one for every 10 lodges in the province." The idea is supported by the other very large provinces, and it should surely be granted. The Editor also mentions the fact that 776 candidates were initiated during the past year, but does not give the total membership, as we hope he will in another issue, though he states that the roll of members is greater than at any previous year. One would like also to know how many subscribing members were returned by the 46 R.A. chapters and the numerous Mark lodges. The publication is most valuable, and would be still more so if a few statistics were appended as suggested.

## Craft Masonry.

### Fitz-Roy Lodge, No. 569.

A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company on Friday, the 26th ult. There were present Bros. H. Humphries, W.M.; H. H. Hillman, I.P.M.; H. Jarrett, S.D.; H. Adlard, J.D.; F. Hall, I.G.; H. J. Adams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; F. J. Stohwasser, P.M., Sec.; C. Draycott, D. of C.; W. H. Rolfe, Stwd.; Capt. H. Bertram, P.M.; R. G. Webster, P.M.; F. H. Smith, P.M.; W. Bradley, Org.; H. Duncum, S. D. Taylor, B. T. Mills, E. H. Girling, H. M. B. Hardy, J. C. Wood, E. T. Newton, F. F. Harrington, Major H. Munday, H. C. Simmonds, Ed. Fisher, T. H. James, E. T. Roberts, A. P. Cole, H. W. Smart, J. E. Nelson, S. Faulkner, F. P. Matthews, and H. T. Greenwood. Visitors: Bros. T. H. Flindt, 463; F. W. Driver, P.M. 45; D. Wilson, 1197; C. Jong, 2598; H. W. Moy, 1288; Thas, 2264; N. Johnson Smith, 1593; and A. G. Young, Tyler.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the lodge held on the 22nd March were read and confirmed. The ballot for the election of W.M. took place, Bro. Thos. Lampard Green was chosen by the brethren, and Bro. H. J. Adams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., was elected Treasurer. Bros. Taylor, Wood, and Harrington were chosen as Auditors. It was proposed by Bro. H. J. Adams, and seconded by Bro. H. H. Hillman, I.P.M., that a Past Master's jewel be provided and paid for from the funds of the lodge to Bro. H. Humphries on the termination of his year of office. It was proposed and carried unanimously that the usual gratuities be given to the gatekeepers.

After a capital dinner the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Hillman, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He spoke of the ability he had displayed during his occupation of the Master's chair.

The W.M. thanked Bro. Hillman and the brethren for their kind reception of him and for their loyal support during his year of office.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M. elect," and said that he regretted his absence.

The toast was cordially received.

For "The Visitors," to whom was accorded a hearty welcome, Bro. Johnson Smith, 1593, responded in graceful terms.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," were given as one toast.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser, Sec., briefly replied.

"The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast were duly honoured.

### Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706.

There was a meeting of this well-known musical lodge at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday, 27th ult. There were present: Bros. C. H. Kempling, W.M.; Chas. Sadler, I.P.M.; F. W. Merton, S.W.; H. G. Hast, J.W.; R. J. Hennings, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Wimbolt, S.D.; Geo. Ackerman, J.D.; John Curran, Org.; Carrington Wills and Chas. Lewis, Stwds.; R. A. Kemp, P.M.; F. Cambridge, P.M.; Henry Guy, P.M.; H. Walmsley Little, Mus. Doc., P.M., G. Org.; Geo. T. Smith, P.G. Org.; Chas. Arrow, H. P. Ralling, W. H. Cox, W. S. Gozna, C. W. Dunford, J. A. Patman, G. J. Conning, W. Shorter, C. M. Paine, P. M. Jobs, Hy. Holyoak, J. L. Haddon, and other brethren. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Driver, P.M. 45; Thos. Powell, W.M. 2182; W. T. Snell, P.M. 1818; E. N. Davis, S.W. 1818; J. W. Samson, S.W. 2096; W. Bells, 1708; J. H. Cureton, P.M. and Sec. 2182; G. W. Turner, J.D. 858; F. Page, P.M. 282; W. P. Hodges, 2182; A. W. Augarde, 1319; and E. L. Hatch, 1319.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and a ballot was taken for W.M. Bro. R. J. Hennings, P.M., late Sec. of lodge for five years, was unanimously elected to the chair. Bro. Clowes, the late Treasurer of the lodge, was again elected. Bro. Potter, P.M., was elected as Tyler by show of hands. Three members were elected to serve on the Audit Committee. The Treasurer, Secretary, and two members of Board of Management of the Benevolent Fund, were again elected. Six lay members were appointed to Board of General Purposes. Bro. Sadler, I.P.M., proposed, and S.W. seconded, that the lodge expresses its hearty congratulations to Bro. Dr. Walmsley Little upon his being appointed Grand Organist, and presents him with the necessary Masonic clothing as a mark of its esteem. Carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to Bro. Lohr, and it was decided that the sum of 11 guineas be given to him for his expenses in providing professional music for the lodge. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing P.M. The lodge was closed by W.M.

After dinner the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

To that of "The Grand Officers" Bro. Dr. Walmsley Little responded.

"The W.M." was proposed by Bro. C. Sadler, I.P.M., who alluded to the thorough way in which the W.M. had performed the ceremonies and discharged the duties of his important trust.

The W.M. replied that the duties of a W.M. were multiform; they needed great discretion and tact in their discharge; courtesy combined with firmness, as a whole maintaining the dignity of his high office, not to offend any brother. He had tried to govern the lodge on this broad principle, and he trusted he had succeeded.

"The Visitors" was given by the W.M.

Bros. Powell, Snell, and Bells replied.

"The W.M. Elect, Bro. R. J. Hennings, P.M.," was gracefully proposed by the W.M., and warmly received by the brethren.

The W.M. Elect replied in a pleasant and genial way. He said he had no programme as yet, and thought it better to make no promise in regard to the future. The lodge might feel assured he would do his best.

"The Past Masters" was next proposed.

Bros. Cambridge and Kent replied.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening, during which several excellent vocal selections were admirably rendered.

### Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. T. W. EDMONDS.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th ult., at the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. A. C. Wood, P.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. H. H. Jones, P.M., Treas.; J. A. Stock, P.M., Sec.; D. Jones, P.M.; J. C. Larner, P.M.; W. F. Redknefe, P.M.; E. T. Clarke, P.M.; J. Lancaster, P.M.; G. H. Jones, P.M.; T. W. Edmonds, S.W.; W. Overbury, J.W.; G. R. Huntley, S.D.; W. J. Wright, J.D.; H. C. Reynolds, I.G.; H. Thompson, Org.; W. H. Abbott, F. Ratheram, Strode, C. J. Mallett, W. E. Everard, F. W. Jollands, I. J. B. Rance, W. Hawkins, H. Wheeler, A. W. Gatfield, A. E. Russell, W. Hobbs, C. Norrington, F. W. Harris, H. F. Ratheram, G. Lee, G. Morant, J. Allen, E. G. Buckman, J. Fletcher; A. E. Mackners, J. Waters, A. J. Gardner, W. Turpin, B. T. Welch, and C. J. Barltrop. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Woodward, W.M. 720; H. W. Mitten, P.M. 765; W. N. Jotcham, P.M. 1206; J. Lloyd, P.M. 1986; R. Bainbridge, P.M. 1986; W. Rose, 1658; S. Brownhill, 1194; J. Spearing, 1625; C. W. Hamilton, 857; J. C. Brown, 349; R. C. Hawkes, 2427; W. S. Garzua, 1706; F. Lloyd, I.G. 1658; R. J. Rayner, 1362; A. E. Green, 2622; C. E. Coombe, I.G. 162; and H. Bowman, 147.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

After the opening of the lodge and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Russell was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. T. W. Edmonds was next impressively installed as W.M. by Bro. A. C. Wood, and the following officers appointed and invested: Bros. J. Lancaster, I.P.M.; W. Overbury, S.W.; G. R. Huntley, J.W.; H. H. Jones, P.M., Treas.; J. A. Stock, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Wright, S.D.; H. C. Reynolds, J.D.; W. H. Abbott, I.G.; A. C. Wood, P.M., D.C.; B. T. Welch, A.D.C.; F. Ratheram and E. C. Buckman, Stwds.; H. Thompson, Org.; H. F. Ratheram, Mus. D.; and J. Bailey, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and an excellent banquet was followed by the usual toasts and speeches.

The musical programme, under the direction of Bro. E. G. Buckman, was carried out to everybody's delight and satisfaction.

### Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4.

#### VISIT OF THE M.W. THE PRO GRAND MASTER.

The meeting of this ancient lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 22nd ult., was attended by a large number of brethren, including many distinguished Grand Officers, to meet the M.W. the Pro G. Master, who honoured the lodge by a visit. The proceedings proved very interesting and enjoyable, worthy of the lodge and the importance of the occasion.

Bro. R. Llewellyn Devonshire, W.M., Grand Steward, presided, and, after the opening of the lodge, raised Bro. H. Evans Austin to the Third Degree in an excellent manner, worthy of all praise. The M.W. the Pro G.M., on arrival, was escorted into the lodge by a deputation, and saluted in the customary manner. Several apologies for non-attendance were announced from eminent brethren, and the lodge was closed.

After a *recherche* repast had been well served at Freemasons' Tavern, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.



The W.M. first proposed "The King and the Craft," and said that the great Queen whom they mourned had been succeeded by that illustrious Prince who for more than 25 years reigned over the Craft. To his Majesty King Edward VII. their loyal devotion was due, and would be ungrudgingly paid. They trusted the Great Architect would prolong his reign for many a year over a nation united under his sceptre.

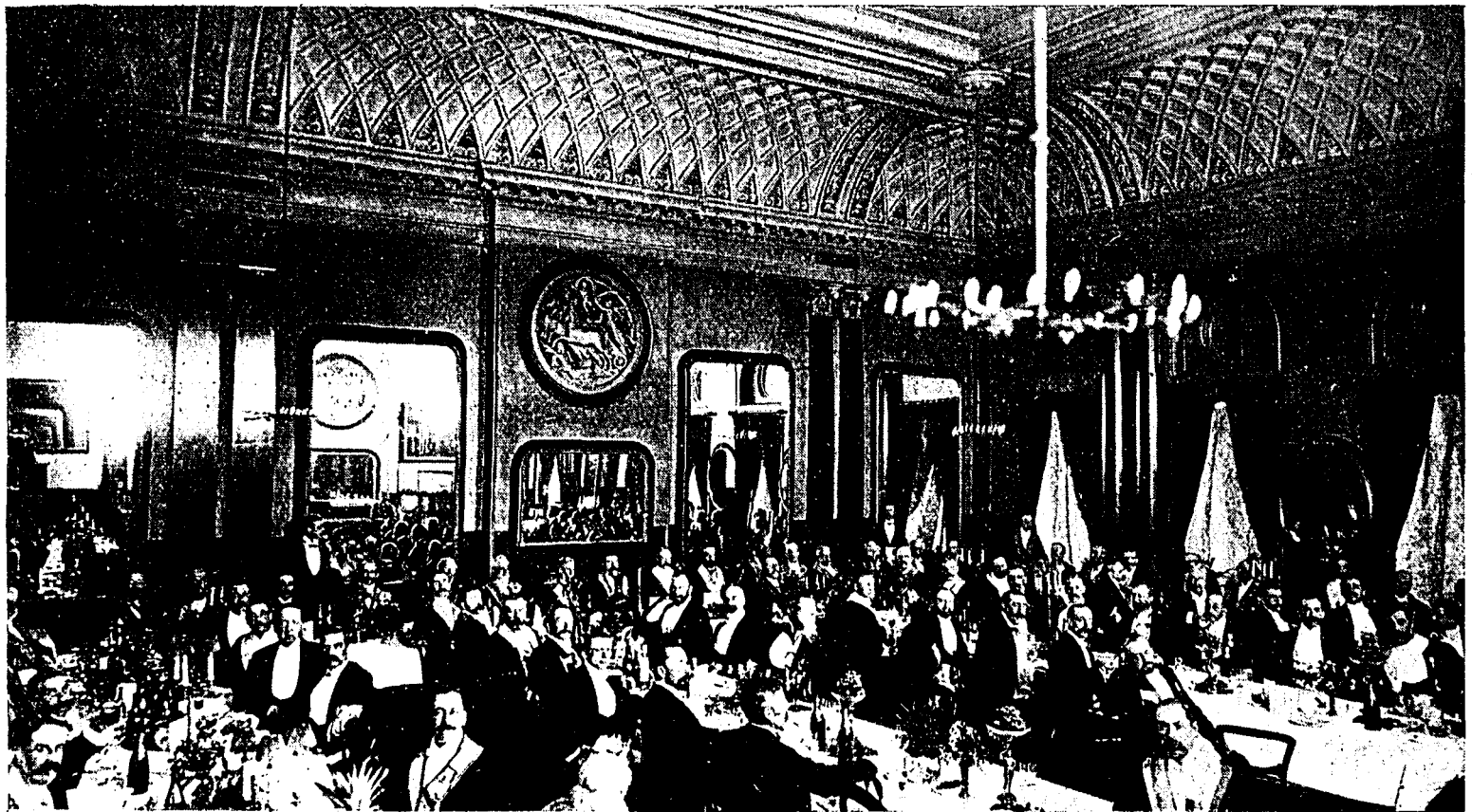
"The M.W. the G.M." was next given by the W. Master, who said that his Majesty the King had promised to continue to take a deep interest in the affairs of the Craft, and no better earnest could be found than in the choice of his brother as the M.W.G.M.

The W.M. then proposed "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master and the G. Officers." He said their Fraternity was highly favoured in the great personages who had been selected to fill high offices, and especially were they fortunate in the M.W. the Pro G. Master, who had done that lodge the honour of visiting them that night. Often as that toast had been proposed from the chair of a London lodge, he believed he was right in saying that seldom, if ever, had it fallen to the happy lot of a W.M. of a London lodge to receive the Pro G.M. in person. Those who had attended Grand Lodge had seen the dignity, ability, and courtesy with which Earl Amherst performed the duties of his high office. He was sure he expressed, however inadequately, the sentiments of the members in tendering to the M.W. the Pro G.M. a very cordial and hearty welcome, and in saying how much they appreciated the honour paid to an ancient lodge by coming amongst them. The Pro G.M. was supported, as he should be, by some of the most eminent of the Grand Officers. Amongst those present were Bros. Strachan, K.C., G. Reg.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., upon whom devolved the important duties of the aged G.D.C.; D. Mayer, S.G.D.; Fitzroy Tower, D.G.D.C.; and Percy Soper, G. Steward. They were also favoured with the presence of many P.G. Officers, the lodge numbering many amongst its own members. These included the energetic Treasurer, Bro. Hall, P.G.S.B., and the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. F. West, P.G.D. Another brother, whose genial presence lightened their hearts, was Bro. Hugh Mackintosh, P.A.G.D.C. There were also two brethren who illustrated the opposite sides of musical thought—the operative and ecclesiastical—Bros. Ganz, P.G.O., and Hoyte, P.G.O. The Grand Officers, while not unmindful of the dignity of their office, were always ready to give instruction to the brethren in the lower ranks.

The M.W. the Pro Grand Master said: I am extremely obliged to the W.M. for the kind manner in which he has proposed my health and that of the Grand Officers and to you in this lodge for the kind manner in which you have received this toast. Of course, I ought to make myself out a martyr to duty, but after your kind reception I can only plead in return the arduous post I happen to fill. Although the duties I am called upon to fill are somewhat onerous, they are very pleasant indeed. No great

church was out of repair but would soon discover that some distinguished Freemason had slumbered through the sermon, and therefore the Freemasons should help. It devolves upon us at the head to guard the purses of the Craft in these matters. We must occasionally, I am afraid, say "No," and say "No" very decidedly. Grand Lodge, out of its accumulated funds, may vote a sum for a special object—such as a National Memorial—but anything else would be injurious to the interests of Freemasonry. There is also, side by side with that, a growing tendency, to ask the services of those holding high rank in the Craft on every possible occasion. We are continually asked to lay foundation-stones with Masonic honours. If it is the first stone of a Masonic temple or anything connected with the Masonic Order, well and good. Freemasonry may well step in there, and the high officials take upon themselves to lay the stone with Masonic honours. We who hold office ought to carefully guard ourselves against being drawn into the performance of these ceremonies, unless upon very special occasions, whether Masonic, or of large public utility. These are two of the things that have been growing up lately, and I am glad to have the opportunity of addressing so large and representative a gathering as we have to-day. These are two things we must guard against, and I trust we shall have unanimous support in the lines I have shortly laid down to you this evening. One word personally. I am much obliged to you for your kind hospitality. I ought to have come here on the night of the installation of your W. Master, but we were placed in deep mourning shortly after the death of her Majesty, and I could not attend such a meeting, as the installation of a W. Master would be, so soon after her Majesty's death. I asked the W. Master to give me another chance, and I am glad to be amongst you, and visit one of the oldest lodges on our roll, and hear the excellent work of the W. Master in the chair. Although I did not come in for the whole of the ceremony, it was enough to assure me how perfectly he had got up the work. If you never get a worse W. Master you need never be ashamed of the working. I hoped to have unearthed some peculiarity of working; and I should be very sorry indeed to see these ceremonies reduced to one dead level of uniformity. I have seen the curious jewels of your lodge, which tell of strange old days and customs, and I hope your officers will wear them in a most prosperous and happy lodge. Let me, in return, drink "Prosperity to the Somerset House and Inverness Lodge," and again thank you very much for your kind reception.

Bro. J. Strachan, K.C., G. Reg., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he felt honoured that at his first visit to this lodge he should have been entrusted with the gavel to propose a toast which was bound to be received with enthusiasm by the members. From the work witnessed in the lodge it was evident they had the right man in the chair in Bro. Devonshire. The W.M. was not only well-known to them by his own merits, but was the worthy son of a worthy sire, who held the office of P.G.D. for



BANQUET ROOM OF THE ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNESS LODGE, NO. 4.

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society like ours can possibly go on unless a certain number of brethren take some trouble about it. Your lodge could not go on unless the W.M. and officers took some trouble, and Grand Lodge equally could not go on unless those called upon to do official work took some trouble about its affairs; and surely when that trouble is exercised on behalf of the welfare of a great body like ours it is a work of pleasure as well as a work of some trouble. With our increase in numbers and enormous increase of influence a heavy duty devolves upon me and those at the head of the Craft. As the Craft was handed over to us in a thoroughly prosperous condition, whatever difficulties we may encounter and whatever work we may have to do, we shall hold that star before us, to hand over the affairs of the Craft in no less prosperous condition than when we were called upon to take office. When the Grand Master was installed we had some 1200 lodges, we now number 2500. A contribution to our Charities of a sum of £1000 was then something to be proud of, and I was immensely congratulated on a total of £4000. Now, if we only got that, the Institutions would fare but badly indeed; £15,000, £20,000, £25,000—so it goes on, and the sums subscribed indicate the increase in our monetary affairs as the Craft grows greater and greater. All the Grand Officers standing round me have their reward, for whenever we come amongst our brethren we find our labours are recognised in the most kindly way, and we know we have the support and the sympathy of all the brethren. We know there is no brother from the first to the last in the Craft—from the Grand Master to the Entered Apprentice initiated yesterday—there is no brother who does not wish well to the Craft and do his best to support us in our duties. There are one or two matters about which I should like to say a few words in such a representative gathering as this. Ever since that glorious success we had at the Albert Hall, the Centenary of the Boys' School, when £1,400,000 was the result announced, there had been a constant desire on the part of some outside the Craft for our help. I will give you a case in point. Only the other day, very soon after her Majesty's death, I got a letter from a high dignitary in the church who is justly respected. He said "Surely the Masons of England would like to initiate some memorial to her Majesty's name and what memorial could be better than a stained glass window in my cathedral?" I said we had our Charities to support and we had heavy calls upon us—having something like £50,000 to provide for them during the year—and although some might individually subscribe to the window, I could hardly sanction an official appeal on behalf of an object of that kind. It is all very well for the brethren of the provinces to do something for their respective sacred edifices and cathedrals—and I am glad to say some have done something for these buildings to make them more beautiful. That is a private business, but if we were once to allow official appeals to be made for these objects, where should we end? There would not be a single clergyman whose

some time, and was also Treasurer of the lodge. They would all, therefore, drink to the health, prosperity, and happiness of the W.M. and an excellent year of office.

Bro. R. L. Devonshire, G. Stwd., W.M., having thanked the Grand Registrar, said they were all indebted to him for his interesting speech. He was deeply sensible of the honour paid him in having the toast proposed in such warm and felicitous language. It must always be a great honour, and one not lightly to be prized, that a Mason should be placed in the chair of his lodge, but he was peculiarly alive to the responsibility of the position he was permitted to occupy as W.M. of one of the two lodges which still remain by Immemorial Constitution. In conjunction with Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and two other lodges which had ceased to exist, they formed the Grand Lodge in 1717. Their ancient lodge was at one time an operative lodge, probably before the Grand Mastership of that great man who had done so much in erecting stately edifices—Sir Christopher Wren. He regretted that no peculiarities of ritual survived, but the lodge had some peculiarities of a negative character. The warrant was not in the keeping of the Worshipful Master, because there was no warrant. Another thing was they omitted to do that which every careful lodge did; they never signed their minutes. It was a peculiar pleasure for him to be W.M. of this lodge. His father was an old member, and on two separate occasions filled the office of W.M. It was his ambition, it was his duty, to endeavour to maintain and uphold the reputation and honourable traditions of this ancient lodge, and if during his year assisted by those able and experienced Masons who he had the good fortune to count as his officers, he should attain some success, he should be amply rewarded.

"The Visitors" was next given and responded to by Bro. Llewellyn Evans, from the Prov. Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire.

Amongst the distinguished company present were Bros. Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro G.M.; J. L. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; J. Strachan, K.C., G. Reg.; Sir A. Trendell, C.M.G., P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; J. C. Fitzroy Tower, D.G.D.C.; Sir G. D. Harris, P.G.D.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; Fredk. West, P.G.D.; Gresley Hall, P.G.S.B.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, P.G.D.; Hugh Mackintosh, P.A.G.D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; Stephenson Hoyte, P.G.O.; C. Belton, P.G.D.; E. E. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; T. P. Griffin, P.G.D.; H. Buc, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Cummings, P.G.O.; Sir W. N. Abdy, Bart., P.G.D.; E. A. Smith, P.D.G.D.C.; D. Mayer, S.G.D.; Percy Soper, G. Stwd.; R. L. Devonshire, G. Stwd., W.M.; and many others.

A choice selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., assisted by Bros. Herbert Thorndike, Senior Guetary, and Stevenson Hoyte, P.G. Org.



done that some hundreds of times, but he was not accustomed to doing so on a Saturday evening. He was glad to be present at the Old Masonians, and also to have the opportunity of showing the esteem in which he held Bro. Roehrich, who was his entertainer that night, and to acknowledge how handsomely he had carried out his allotted task that evening. Bro. Roehrich, however, could hardly help doing anything hand-some that he undertook, as he was one of the best looking men in the room—not that that was any credit to him, for he couldn't help it. (Laughter.) Short speeches were, he understood, to be the rule of the evening, so he would say no more except to wish every success to the young Old Masonians' Lodge.

Bro. Roehrich, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to whom he referred as having proved such a credit to the Boys' Institution since his school days, that they could have no better guarantee that he would fill the position of W.M. with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge.

The W.M., in response to the toast, which was very heartily received, said that he could sympathise with the feelings of a young bride on her bridal night, for he was very nervous. (Laughter.) He had every wish to give satisfaction, and if he succeeded he would feel as pleased as a bride six months after her wedding. He hoped to be as successful as his predecessors.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Installing Master and the Past Masters." Bro. Roehrich had joined the lodge at its foundation, and he was pleased to have this opportunity of pinning on his breast the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him by the lodge.

Bro. Roehrich, I.P.M., replied that the Old Masonians Lodge was a young one, so the Past Masters were not many. The W.M. had been kind enough to mention what he (the I.P.M.) had done for the lodge, but he felt that he owed the honour recently conferred on him by the Grand Lodge, very largely to the Old Masonians Lodge. The way in which the pupils at the School were educated was a credit to the Institution. It showed them what Freemasonry was, and so attached them to it that it made them feel they must work their way up to it.

The next toast was that of "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the other Masonic Charities." This toast was one that appealed to them especially, for as Old Masonians they could not but wonder where many of them would have been without the Institution. He would couple with the toast the name of the Secretary of the Institution, Bro. McLeod.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., observed that the lodge had no desire to exalt the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution above other Masonic Charities, as the history of those who had gone up from the lodge as Stewards for the other Charities would show, as they had done more for them than for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. But he thought the W.M. had struck a keynote which had been echoed by every member when he reminded them they were all the sons of Freemasons, and the natural respect they had for those who had brought them into the world had caused them from their earliest years to respect Freemasonry. Some of them had had sisters at the Girls' School, and some of them had become so closely connected with that Institution as to take some of its former pupils to their hearts. (Laughter.) The scholarships at the School had been the means of extending the period of tutelage for the cleverest or most diligent pupils, and they well knew that the Victoria Diamond Jubilee Scholarship had enabled a pupil who had remained at the School for 10 years to continue his studies so as to qualify for an engineer; and it was only natural that those who had benefited by the Institution should be anxious to furnish the W.M. with a list as Steward representing the lodge that would reflect credit on themselves and be a benefit to posterity.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Lyne, Palmer, Reynolds, and Manuel, and that of "The Officers" by the Treasurer and D. of C.

An excellent programme of music was rendered at intervals during the banquet, before the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, which included three quartette songs by the English Glee Singers, Bros. P. C. Pellatt, Geo. Lupson, A. W. Harris, and Wm. Ottewill. The last-named singer also contributed two Irish songs as solos, "To my first love" and "You'd better ask me," Bro. Geo. Lupson singing "Nirvana," while Bro. Geo. Schneider gave two very amusing humorous musical sketches. The feature of the musical portion of the proceedings was the exquisite pianoforte solo by Bro. Tito Mattei and the violin playing of Bro. Luigi Méo, who rendered Mendelssohn's Allegro (Concerto) and a fantasia from Gounod's "Faust" with the execution and expression of the genuine artist, being vociferously applauded after each number by a delighted audience.

## Royal Arch.

### St. Magdalene Chapter, No. 242.

The monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday evening, the 26th ult. Present: Comps. F. J. Forth, M.E.Z.; W. Lang-bridge, H.; J. Constable, P.Z., J.; W. H. Ord, S.E.; E. E. Boomer, S.N.; T. W. Turner, P.S.; S. W. S. Taylor, A.S.; J. Mason, Janitor; A. W. Fretwell, P.Z.; J. H. Pawson, and H. A. Fenton, I.P.Z.

After the chapter was closed the companions adjourned to the ante-room for light refreshment.

### Henley Chapter, No. 1472.

#### INSTALLATION OF COMP. T. H. LAIT.

The installation meeting of the above excellent chapter took place on Wednesday, the 24th ult., and was a most successful and enjoyable affair.

The chapter was opened by Comp. J. Palmer, M.E.Z., and Comps. T. H. Lait, H., and D. Ross, J., and after the balance-sheet for the preceding year had been received and adopted, Comp. C. Jolly, P.Z., P.Z. 913 (hon.), P.Z. and S.E. 2184, P.P.G.S. Essex, at the request of the M.E.Z., assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and, in his own perfect and impressive manner, installed Comp. Lait into the chair of M.E.Z., Comp. E. C. Ross into that of H., and Comp. Vallon as J. The following elected officers were then invested: Comps. Palmer, I.P.Z.; J. Savage, P.Z., S.E.; W. Long, S.N.; R. J. Warren, P.Z., P.Z. 1437, P.P.A.G.S. Essex, Treas.; S. H. Chaplin, P.S.; F. Andrew, 1st A.S.; W. Davis, 2nd A.S.; W. Harris, D. of C.; and J. Ives, Janitor. Comp. Jolly then gave the addresses to the Principals, officers, and companions generally in eloquent terms, his admittedly perfect elocution being most conspicuous. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services, "the same to be recorded on the minutes of the chapter," every P.Z. present, beside the proposer and seconder, expressing their admiration of the Masonic treat afforded them.

Comp. Palmer was awarded a handsome P.Z.'s jewel for services rendered during his year of office, and Comp. Ross's list for the Girls' School having been added to materially, the chapter was closed.

The banquet was admirable in every respect, and reflected honour on Comp. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, the esteemed host and hostess.

Among the other companions present were Comps. C. H. Canning, P.Z.; Bristow, Alabaster, Hammond, Barr, Foster, Hodgson, W. Richardson (since deceased), Silk, Vaughan, Kidd, and others.

## Instruction.

### METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1056.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the above lodge of instruction on the evening of Friday, the 26th ult., at the Mail Coach Hotel, Farringdon-street, 56 members and visitors being present. Bro. H. Hill, P.M. 1305, presided, and was supported by Bros. F. P. Weinel, P.M. 1828, I.P.M.; J. Knight, I.P.M. 867, S.W.; H. B. Spaul, P.M. 145; J. W.; A. Sager, I.G. 1950, I.G.; W. G. Bull, P.M. 1828, P. Waldvogel, P.M. 1828, and Hayward, 1745, Stwds.; and W. R. Witt, 1745, Sec.

The lodge having been opened, the programme of the 15 Sections was admirably worked, nearly all the brethren who took part being what actors would term "letter perfect," while the remainder required but a minimum of prompting. The seven Sections of the First Lecture were worked respectively by Bros. W. Hayward, 1745; J. W. Harding, P.M.

1585; A. B. Clayton, S.W. 1686; H. B. Spaul, P.M. 145; J. Knight, P.M. 867; G. G. Canning, 1923; and N. P. Lardner, P.M. 1745. The five Sections of the Second Lecture were respectively worked by Bros. R. Waldvogel, P.M. 1828; G. Newnham, J.W. 145; J. D. Webb, P.M. 1745; F. P. Weinel, P.M. 1828, and G. Thorn, I.G. 2331. The three Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by Bros. G. Knight, W.M. 1828; W. R. Witt, P.M. 1745; and R. Fitch, Stwd. 87; in the order named. Twelve new members having been proposed and elected, the W.M., in welcoming them, observed that the Metropolitan Lodge had the reputation of being the best lodge of instruction in London, and if they attended regularly and paid attention to the instruction given them they would thereby greatly benefit themselves and the lodges they belonged to. The lodge was then closed.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. A. D. CORRY, 2387.

Members of the Craft were much in evidence in Richmond, Surrey, on Monday, the 29th ult., when a goodly number assembled at the Star and Garter Hotel, the happy occasion being a complimentary dinner and a presentation to Bro. A. D. Corry, who had recently resigned the managership of the Richmond Theatre. The Mayor of Richmond, Ald. Sir James W. Szlumper, presided, supported by Bros. Charles James, P.M. 15; A. Aldin, P.M. 2032; S. Abel, P.M. 2032; F. Robinson, P.M.; J. D. MacDougall, P.M.; Capel Smith, A. D. Corry, W. Wainwright, W. G. Woodward, F. Boyd, J. M. Davis, 1556; A. G. Selley, Arthur Walker, 2032; W. J. Sadler, R. T. West, 1744; and many others.

The dinner fully maintained the great reputation of Bro. Charles James, P.M., manager of the Star and Garter Hotel, and was everything that could be desired.

The toasts of "His Majesty the King" and "The Queen, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, and the rest of the Royal Family," having been duly honoured,

Sir James W. SZLUMPER stated that there were some empty chairs there, accounted for by the fact that telegrams had been received from many gentlemen, who at the last moment found that they were unable to be present. The toast he had to propose was one they would, he was sure, receive not only with interest but with great enthusiasm. When he was asked to attend the dinner, and to do honour to Mr. Corry for the services which he had rendered, he at once said that he should be very glad to do so. The toast he had to submit was "Health, future success, and good fortune to Mr. Corry." (Great applause.) There were in this world all kinds of men, and, no doubt, all kinds of women. They were fortunate that night to have and to enjoy the company of one of those men who devoted their efforts to giving them amusement as a relief from the cares of their everyday life. During his stay in Richmond Mr. Corry had to a very large degree contributed to that. The companies he had brought down to the splendid theatre in Richmond were such that they all owed him a debt of gratitude. They were all very sorry now that he was leaving them, and what they had to do was to thank him for what he had done, and wish him "God speed" and a prosperous future life. Wherever that future might be spent, he would find no better and truer friends than those that he had found in Richmond. He had done all that he could to carry out his duties with success, and so far as the companies that he had brought down were concerned, it had been a perfect success. He wished he could say that his labours had resulted in an equal financial success, but if that had not been so, it was not the fault of their friend Mr. Corry. He was always diligent, obliging, and seeking to please everybody. No one could have been more attentive to the duties that he had to perform than Mr. Corry had been, and it must be a great gratification to any man to see that his conduct and work were so much appreciated by those whom he had been living amongst. He was sure that all Mr. Corry's absent friends, as well as those who were present, would agree with the sentiments that he had expressed.

The toast was enthusiastically received and with musical honours.

Sir James W. Szlumper then handed to Bro. Corry an illuminated address, which was as follows:

"To A. D. Corry, Esq.

"Dear Sir,—When the numerous friends you have made during your stay in Richmond heard with sincere regret that ill-health had necessitated resignation of your position as manager of the theatre, they determined that you should not leave the Royal Borough without some tangible proof of the esteem and high character in which you are held by all those who have had the good fortune to come in contact with you. It was decided to invite you to a farewell dinner at the Star and Garter Hotel on the 29th April, 1901, and to ask you to accept this address as well as the accompanying memento of your stay among us, during which time your uniform courtesy and kindness, your prompt, generous, and unwearied assistance in all public movements have won for you our sincere and hearty respect and goodwill.

"A. ALDIN (chairman of committee), F. M. BOYD, C. CAPEL SMITH, ARTHUR H. SEAL, CHARLES JAMES (hon. treasurer), and W. G. WOODWARD (hon. secretary)."

It was with much pleasure that he presented him with the address, and, in addition, he had to hand him a gold watch which bore the following inscription: "Presented to A. D. Corry, Esq., by a few friends and well-wishers upon the occasion of his leaving Richmond." And, in conclusion, he stated that he hoped that Mr. Corry when wearing the watch would ever think of the friends he was leaving in Richmond, as he felt that it would be a long time before they would die out of his memory.

Bro. A. D. CORRY on rising to respond had an ovation. He stated that he wished he could acknowledge the toast in an equal measure of eloquence to what Sir James Szlumper had used. He was proud and happy to be amongst them that evening, yet he felt a nervous man, for he could not but feel that Sir James had not said the exact truth in the praise he had given him. Possibly a forecast of that fact might have accounted for the few empty chairs. He was a proud man that night to be honoured with such a farewell gathering. He was proud to be the recipient of those splendid gifts from such a distinguished company, and to see amongst them many tried friends—friends whom he would never forget. The watch would remind him of his happy sojourn in their beautiful town, and he accepted the beautiful address, but it was so flattering, with heartfelt thanks. He thanked Sir James Szlumper for presiding that evening, and his thanks were also due to Mr. Aldin, the Chairman of the Working Committee, Mr. James, the Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Woodward, the Hon. Secretary, for his earnest and zealous labours. He was under so many obligations that if he attempted to mention all by name he would be sure to omit some, and rather than do that he would not attempt the task. But to the gentlemen of the Richmond Press and the gentlemen of the London Press he must express his hearty thanks for the uniform courtesy they had displayed towards him and the help which they had given him during his connection with the Richmond Theatre, whose continued prosperity he heartily desired.

Bro. Corry's speech was given with much feeling, and received with great applause.

In eloquent terms Bro. ALDIN, P.M., gave "The Chairman, Sir James Szlumper," which was received with musical honours, and suitably acknowledged in a happy speech and to the point.

The National Anthem brought a very pleasant and memorable evening to a close.

The musical arrangements, under the able direction of Mr. Burgess Brown, were of the very best, the following well-known artistes contributing to the harmony of the evening: Messrs. S. Hunt, R. T. Wood, Val Richer, and Burgess Brown, the latter presiding at the pianoforte with much ability.

## The May Magazines.

We purpose publishing, for the future, in the first issue of the *Freemason*, month by month, a review of the current numbers of the leading magazines. This month, however, in order to give the publishers of the various magazines a fair chance, we will review in our next issue any of the May magazines not received in time for this week's edition. Our readers will find the following for May will well repay perusal.

**The Argosy** contains an instalment of the serial tale, "Malicious Fortune," by S. M. Düring, which was commenced last January, a sensational and startlingly original story, the author of which has completely departed from the stereotyped lines of the ordinary novel. The complete tales, "Roscorrock for the Roscorrocks," "A Woman of Straw," "The Punishment," and "A Priest of Mehadev," are also interesting. The illustrated articles on "Oxford and its Colleges" and "A Romance of Art-Collecting" are exceptionally good.

**The Captain** always takes the lead among magazines for boys, and the May number has rarely been surpassed in the variety and excellence of its stories and articles. Of the former "Sir Billy," "The Great Treasure Lobster," "The Wolf Boy," and "Smith's House" are the best, while of the latter "Birdnesting by photography," "Tales of the Trenches," dealing with incidents of the Boer War, are well worthy of special mention. The "Stamp Collector" deals this month with a new idea in stamp albums.

**The Cornhill Magazine**, in addition to several chapters of "Count Hannibal," the intensely interesting serial from the pen of Stanley Weyman, has a complete tale entitled "The High Ranger," by Ian Maclaren, and some excellent verses by the author of "Father O'Flynn," entitled "The Killarney Hunt." "Shakespeare and Patriotism" and "Alms for Oblivion" are scholarly articles by Sidney Lee and Dr. Garnett respectively; while Basil Horsfold imparts a quantity of useful instruction in his paper on "Agricultural Settlements in the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies." "The Conscience of Murderers" presents an interesting psychological problem to the reader; while "A Londoner's Log-Book" and the Provincial Letter—from Lichfield this time—are amusing reading. This month's instalment of "The Tale of the Great Mutiny" deals with Cawnpore; and Mr. Layard, in the course of his "Family Budgets," deals with the lower-middle-class Budget, *i.e.*, incomes of £150 to £200 a year.

**The Gentleman's Magazine** has this year entered on a third century of publication, and to our mind merits the dignity its age bestows by its successful efforts in encouraging the study of *belles lettres* in an age which is, perhaps, over-fond of fiction of the most sensational type. Interesting memoirs of a brilliant 18th century diplomatist in Baron Malmesbury, and of one of the minor poets of the Restoration epoch in Sir Robert Howard, are sandwiched between an admirable paper by Pauline Roose on "Dreams and Visions of Heaven," vouchsafed to, and recorded by, eminent writers and divines; and an account of an Indian State trial, by Colonel Trevor, C.S.I., which shows the progress of English ideas of justice in the East. A study of the great tragedienne Rachel, and a "Retrospective Glance at Crime and Criminal Law" are followed by an account of the flirtation between the famous Earl of Chesterfield and Lady Fanny Shirley. In the way of fiction "In the City of Oxford" and "Two Life Sketches" are readable stories.

**The Idler**, which, as usual, is profusely illustrated, has, besides the continuation of the serial, "The Puppet Crown," several amusing complete tales, of which "Cavelleria Rusticana," a story of Western American politics, is deserving of special mention, as is also "The Wicked Concierge." This month's paper of the series on the "War of Titans for the Commercial Supremacy of the World" deals with Chinese railways, and Lieut.-Com. J. P. Gillmore, of the U.S.A. Navy, contributes an exciting tale of adventure, entitled "A Prisoner among Filipinos," a true incident of the Spanish-American War. The current number is very readable throughout.

**Longman's Magazine** for this month contains the conclusion of the serial tale, "My Lady of Orange," and a further instalment of M. E. Francis' interesting story, "Fyander's Widow." "That!" is a complete story of South Devon, rich in local colouring, while "The Curate of St. High's" and "The Birds' Good-bye" are excellent poems. Lovers of Nature will be interested with W. H. Hudson's "A Summer's End on the Itchen," and lovers of literary gossip with Andrew Lang's "At the Sign of the Ship." A fascinating article on "Card-land; or the Card-playing Age," further adds to the value of an excellent sixpennyworth.

**The Pall Mall Magazine** has some illustrations this month of a quality it would be hard to surpass. A new short story, by Eden Philpotts, is commenced in the current number, entitled "Cross Ways," and other interesting complete stories and poems also appear. One of Mr. Archer's, "Real Conversations," this time with Mrs. Craigie, or, as she is better known, "John Oliver Hobbes," is certain to be appreciated; while other articles that challenge attention are "Etiquette: Its Uses, Abuses, Changes, and Phases," by the Countess of Cork and Orrery; "Romance and Science," by Leslie Stephen; "Behind the Scenes at the Royal Academy," Mr. H. Spielman, and Professor Cole's paper on "Earth's Earliest Inhabitants."

**The Royal Magazine** is, as usual, copiously illustrated, and contains some capital fiction this month, notably the serial, "The Purple Cloud," "The Passing of a Shadow," "The Vicar's Legacy," and "A Singular Duel." An article on "King Edward as a Sportsman" is of unique interest, while mention must also be made of the illustrated articles on "The Art of the Camera," "Hats Off!" "Flying Beasts and Flightless Birds," and "Paying Off a Warship." *Apropos* of the article "Table Golf," the latest fashionable indoor game, a humorist has suggested to us the hope that the new parlour game will not result in the profanity of the links being introduced within the charmed circle of the home.

**The Strand Magazine** is a really capital number this time. Dr. Conan Doyle's "Strange Stories," Mr. H. G. Wells' "The First Men in the Moon," and Captain Dreyfus' "My Life on Devil's Island," are of thrilling interest, while the short stories are as good as ever, not forgetting the children's story, "Princess Fortuna." More serious, but just as interesting, are W. H. Lucy's entertaining view from "Behind the Speaker's Chair," and the articles on "The New Star and its Discoverer," "Some Famous Cricket Balls," "Breaking Wild Horses for the Army," and "The Government Laboratory."

**The Sunday Strand** is another of the successful Newnes' publications. "Voices of the Past" deals with the story of "Joseph," in the language of modern romance. The Rev. J. H. Jowett, M.A., has an excellent article on "The Good

Shepherd," while Copenhagen is dealt with this time in "Sunday in Continental Cities." This month's "Legend of the Apostles" deals with an exciting incident in the life of the Virgin Thekla. The short stories are particularly good and the interesting serial "Tregarthen" is continued.

**The Wide World Magazine** continues to justify its title by articles and tales of adventures from all parts of the world. Sambhur-hunting in Ceylon is graphically described, and Dr. Conan Doyle commences his narrative of "The Great Boer War," which alone should send the circulation up. An account of Greek Brigands and their ways is succeeded by descriptions of a hunt after runaway coolies in Borneo, and "A record journey in Savage Africa," by Major St. Hill Gibbons. Butterfly hunting in California, the habits of the Chinese Boxers, life at Klondike, and seal hunting in Scotland supply the matter for other articles of interest.

## Ireland.

### IMPOSING MASONIC CEREMONY IN BELFAST.

#### INSTALLATION OF THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY.

An important and imposing function took place on the 29th ult., in the Exhibition Hall, Botanic Gardens, Belfast, where a large gathering of brethren assembled in full regalia, wearing the various aprons, collars, jewels, and other insignia of the ancient Craft Degree, and of the various offices which they individually represent. The interior of the hall, which for the time being did duty as a Masonic temple, presented a very brilliant appearance, and the decorations were beautiful and appropriate to the occasion. The centre of the hall was devoted to what is known as the Prov. Grand Lodge proper, furnished with its dais, altar, and requisite pedestals, on which the various articles of symbolic furniture and working tools were properly arranged. The demonstration was organised for the purpose of installing Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury into the important office of Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Antrim—a position rendered vacant by the resignation of Bro. the Marquis of Hertford.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury is a P.M. of Lodge 25, and of Lodges 7 and 10, Belfast. He is deservedly popular with the local members of the Craft, who feel it a distinguished honour to be presided over by a scion of a house whose history is so intimately connected with the North of Ireland, and whose grandfather occupied for nearly 27 years the position in which his grandson was installed on the 29th ult.

In the unavoidable absence of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master, the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Sir James Creed Meredith, LL.D., D.G.M., who was accompanied by the following Grand Officers: Bros. R. Keating Clay, G. Treas., and W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., Grand Secretary Lodge of Instruction (who acted as G. Wardens in the absence of Bros. Viscount Templeton and Sir John Banks, K.C.B.); Rev. B. Gibson, M.A., and Right Rev. the Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore, G. Chaplains; W. G. Battersby, J.P., and W. Spence, G. S. of W., as G. Deacons; J. M. Lowry, G.D.C.; W. M'Gee, J.P., G. Stwd.; T. R. G. Joze, Mus. Doc., G. Org.; and H. E. Flavell, Dep. G. Secretary.

The following representatives of foreign Grand Lodges were present: Bros. Frank H. Wayland, North Dakota; Wm. M. Batterby, Indian Territory; Sir H. Cochrane, D.L., Georgia; John M'Connell, J.P., Alabama; R. L. Tressillian, Frankfurt; W. Hamilton, Missouri; and F. C. Crossle, M.D., British Columbia.

Shortly before one o'clock a procession was formed by Bro. Hy. J. Hill, Prov. G.D.C., in the following order: Bros. John Harper, Prov. G.I.G.; Thomas Given, Prov. G.O.; Thomas J. Stannage, Prov. G.S.B.; John Tuke, Prov. G. Steward; Samuel J. Pink, Prov. G.S. of W.; Thomas W. Leitch, Prov. J.G.D.; R. M' Cormick, Prov. S.G.D.; Wm. Rankin, Prov. G. Sec. (Representative of the Grand Lodge of Portugal); John Kirkwood, Prov. G. Treas.; Joseph R. Erskine, Prov. J.G.W.; James H. Stirling, Prov. S.G.W.; and Robert J. Hilton, J.P., Deputy Prov. G.M.

The gathering also included several Prov. Grand Officers from neighbouring provinces, including Bros. Sir T. M. Stewart, P.G.M. of Tyrone and Fermanagh; Thomas MacLoughlin, M.D., Deputy P.G.M. Londonderry and Donegal, as well as a very representative attendance of prominent local members of the Craft.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened according to ancient custom,

The PROV. DEP. GRAND MASTER announced that the Prov. Grand Master designate was in attendance, stating his titles and credentials.

The DEP. GRAND MASTER then directed the Prov. Dep. Grand Master, his Wardens, Deacons, and other officers to form procession and to conduct the Prov. Grand Master designate to the throne.

The procession accordingly left the lodge room, and returned with the Prov. Grand Master designate, and conducted him to the throne.

The Prov. Dep. Grand Master having announced him as before, the Dep. Grand Master installed the Prov. Grand Master. After the Prov. Grand Master had taken his seat on the throne and been saluted, the Prov. Dep. Grand Master divested himself of his collar of office, and delivered it to the Prov. Grand Master. The Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, preceded by the Stewards, deposited his sword before the Prov. Grand Master. The Prov. Grand Master caused the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies to proclaim the name of the brother whom he had selected as Dep. Grand Master of the Province, who was Bro. R. J. Hilton. The Prov. Grand Sword Bearer and Prov. Grand Deacons then presented the Prov. Dep. Grand Master designate for installation and investiture, which ceremony was performed by the Prov. Grand Master.

During the ceremony the Dep. Grand Master announced that he had received a letter from his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, regretting that pressure of business in London prevented him from attending the installation of the Earl of Shaftesbury.

After the installation the Earl of SHAFTESBURY said he would like very briefly to thank the brethren of the province who had come there that day to support him at his installation. He should also like to thank Bro. Sir James Creed Meredith, Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, and the other Grand Lodge Officers, for their kindness in coming to instal him on that occasion. He could assure them that so long as he was spared to preside as Provincial Grand Master over the Province of Antrim, he would endeavour to the best of his ability to discharge his duties, so that the Craft would be supported in every way.

Bro. R. J. HILTON, D.G.M. Antrim, said in the name and on behalf of the Province of Antrim he could assure the Earl that his nomination was received with universal satisfaction. They remembered that in the past his noble grandfather presided over the province for the long period of 27 years, and everyone would join in the hope that his grandson would long be spared to rule over the Province of Antrim.

The arrangements for the ceremony were admirably made by Bro. Wm. Rankin, Prov. G. Sec., and Bro. Henry J. Hill is to be congratulated upon the splendid manner in which, as Prov. G.D.C., the processions were marshalled. Bro. Samuel Leighton acted as Organist with conspicuous ability, and the ceremony was in every way carried out in a manner worthy of the historic importance of the occasion.

At two o'clock the Grand Lodge Officers and the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Antrim drove to Belfast Castle, where they were entertained to luncheon by Lord Shaftesbury.

The Grand Lodge Officers afterwards left for Dublin by the limited mail.

## Obituary.

### COMP. WALTER RICHARDSON.

The sudden death of Comp. Walter Richardson, of the Henley Lodge and Chapter, Nos. 1472, is deeply regretted by all who knew the great kindness of his heart, and his constant endeavour for the welfare of both the above institutions. He was the owner of the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, where the Henley Lodge holds its meetings, and also of another house at Deptford. On Sunday morning, the 28th ult., he was taken suddenly ill at the latter place, and was driven home to the house at North Woolwich, where Mrs. Richardson was staying. There he became rapidly worse, and died at 1 p.m. Bro. Richardson was well-known and respected, and great sympathy is felt for his widow and young family. Mrs. Richardson is a daughter of the late Bro. E. West, P.M. of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076; King Harold Lodge, No. 1527; Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437; and Henley Lodge, No. 1472, and a P.P.G.D. of Herts.

### FUNERAL OF BRO. G. W. SPETH.

The funeral of Bro. Speth took place on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at Bromley Cemetery, the cortege leaving "La Tuya" at two o'clock, and arriving at the cemetery a quarter of an hour later. The coffin was enclosed in an outer casket of polished oak, mounted at the head with a massive brass Masonic emblem of the compasses and square, and at the foot the plumb-rule, level, and square. The inscription on the coffin was "George William Speth, born 30th April, 1847; died 19th April, 1901." The chief mourners were Mrs. Speth and her two daughters, Mrs. Goss and Mrs. A. G. Jones (sisters of the deceased), the Rev. A. G. Jones, Mr. Arthur Sampson, and Mr. Wagler (brothers-in-law), Mr. John Goss and Mr. E. Jones (nephews). The service was impressively conducted by the Rev. A. G. Jones, assisted by Bro. the Rev. J. W. Horsley, J.D. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, who wore his Masonic collar. Amongst the numerous friends gathered at the cemetery were M. Jules Dam, of Brussels, Mr. Norman Leigh, Mr. W. Groombridge, and Mr. Compton Price. The Lodge of Unity, No. 183, was represented by the W.M., Bro. J. Lloyd Bennett, and Bros. G. J. Symonds, I.P.M.; G. W. Pinnock, P.M.; R. Corsham, P.M.; T. E. Curtis, J.W.; R. Petherbridge, J. A. Sweatman, and Harman Keble (Margate). The Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, was represented by Bros. Hamon Le Strange, Prov. G. Master of Norfolk; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D.; W. H. Rylands, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; C. Purdon Clarke, P.M.; Gotthelf Greiner, S.W.; Ed. J. Castle, K.C., Stwd.; Ed. Armitage, C. E. Ferry, and Harold Griffiths. Bro. Thomas Cohu was unavoidably prevented by indisposition from being present. The Hervey Lodge, No. 1692, Bromley, which Bro. Speth visited on several occasions, paid a last tribute to the deceased by the attendance of their W.M., Bro. John Maynard, and Bros. John King, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Medhurst, and F. H. Norman. Comp. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z., attended on behalf of the Sir Francis Burdett Chapter, of which the deceased was I.P.Z. Letters of regret at inability to be present were received from the W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, Bro. Edward Conder, jun.; Bros. Sir Walter Besant, W. J. Hughan, Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, Edward Macbean, Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt, J. Paul Rylands, and many others. Lady Warren wrote expressing her great regret that, owing to the absence of Bro. Sir Charles Warren from England, he would be unable to be present. Among the beautiful flowers laid upon the grave were those from Mrs. G. W. Speth; the Brethren of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183; the Master, Officers, and Members, No. 2076; "Neices and Nephews at Yarkhill;" Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Rylands; Bro. G. Greiner; Sister, Nephew, and Niece (Lucy, John, and Cecie); Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Bennett; Mrs. Alexander G. Jones; Philip S. Parks; Mr. and Mrs. T. Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Harman Keble; Henry Foljambe Hall; Members of the Lodge of Research, Leicester; Mother and Alice; Arthur and Flo; Harold Griffiths; Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Lake and Miss Lake; Bro. and Mrs. Thos. Cohu and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thorp; and Mr. and Mrs. Mimpriss and family.

### IN MEMORIAM.

#### GEORGE WILLIAM SPETH.

By ROBERT FREKE GOULD.

(Bromley and District Times, 26th April, 1901).

The passing away of such a notable Freemason as the late Secretary to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, it has been thought, should not be exclusively recorded in the journals of the Craft; and that, in justice to his memory, some kind of notice, however brief and imperfect, of his really wonderful services to the Society he loved so well, ought to appear in the columns of the paper circulating in the neighbourhood of his abode.

Mr. Speth was best known as the Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and editor of its *Transactions* (*Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*); but there exists another Masonic lodge with which he had even a longer connection, the Unity, No. 183, his mother lodge, and the Secretarship of which he held at the time of his decease. The Master of this lodge, Mr. J. Lloyd Bennett (who is a Bromley resident), has asked me to write a short memoir of our departed friend; and it is with a heavy heart and faltering pen that I apply myself to the task.

A really adequate literary memorial of the late Mr. Speth will, I trust, one day see the light, but at the present time of writing I can only claim to figure as the most unpretending of biographers, and to ask the indulgence of all those who were intimately acquainted with the deceased, for the manner in which I am necessarily compelled to pass over in comparative silence many striking features of his remarkable career.

Mr. Speth, the son of German parents, was born in England in 1847. He early engaged in mercantile pursuits, and was a resident for some time in Cuba. After this he retired into private life, and in the year 1872 was initiated in the Unity Lodge, No. 183, London, of which he became the Worshipful Master in 1876. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in the Sir Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503, Twickenham, in 1883, and has since filled the three chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z.

His first contribution to Masonic literature was a history of his mother lodge, which appeared in 1881; but the period was now approaching when he would enter upon the congenial career of a Craft *littérateur*, which he pursued with such undeviating success, until his sudden and lamented death on the 19th instant.

The story of the formation of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge has been often told, but I must narrate it once more. Nearly 20 years ago the possibility of establishing a "Students' Lodge" was seriously discussed by Messrs. W. J. Hughan, G. W. Speth, W. H. Rylands, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and myself. Shortly afterwards the same idea occurred to Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Warren, C.B., and Mr. (now Sir) Walter Besant, and in the result the seven persons above named, with the additions of Lieutenant-Colonel S. C. Pratt and Mr. Paul Rylands, applied for a warrant of constitution, which was granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, on November 20th, 1884.

The consecration of the lodge, owing to the departure of the Master designate, Sir Charles Warren, for active service in South Africa, was unavoidably postponed until January 12th, 1886, when Sir C. Warren was duly placed in the chair, and Bros. Sir Walter Besant and G. W. Speth invested as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Sir Charles Warren was elected for a second term, after which, as the laws of Masonry in this country do not allow the chair of a lodge to be held for longer than two years in succession by the same brother, the office of Master passed to another member, who happened to be myself. But with regard to the Treasurer and Secretary, the duties they so happily undertook in 1886 were performed by them without intermission from that year, by Sir Walter Besant down to the present date, and by Mr. G. W. Speth until Friday last.

I must here pause to state that in the interval during which the Quatuor Coronati Lodge was in a state of "suspended animation," namely, between 1884 and 1886, Mr. Speth, besides being a constant contributor to the journals of the Craft, wrote a booklet of enduring value, called "Royal Freemasons," and rendered to myself great and never-to-be-forgotten services in successive volumes of my *History of Freemasonry*, an assistance that only came to an end with the publication of the final volume in 1887.

Let me now return to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which, as previously narrated, started on its mission—the association in Masonic fellowship of Craft students and the promotion of Masonic research—in January, 1886. About a year afterwards, it occurred to Mr. Speth that the *Transactions* of the lodge would be comparatively useless unless they were printed and more widely read. This idea culminated in the formation of a Correspondence Circle, consisting of lodges or brethren who might care to each pay half-a-guinea yearly for the privilege of receiving the *Proceedings* of No. 2076 in printed form. The experiment was a bold one, but it has been crowned with the most signal success. The project was launched in February, 1887, and at the present time close upon 3000 paying members are actually enrolled in the Correspondence Circle. Nor does the number of new subscribers show any sign of diminution. The cry still is "They come," and after making due allowance for deaths and withdrawals, the net increase of members per annum may be estimated at a good round figure. Thirteen volumes in all have been printed of the *Proceedings* or *Transactions*, and a fourteenth is progressing, which will be published at the close of the year. There are also nine volumes of *Archæologia*, consisting either of rare manuscripts printed for the first time, or of reprints of previously published books and pamphlets, of which few or any copies, besides those used (in each case) by the lodge, are known to be in existence. The work, therefore, performed by Mr. Speth, as Secretary of the lodge, and editor of its *Transactions*, has been throughout of a very onerous character. Upwards of two thousand nine hundred correspondents, in the Outer Circle alone, not to speak of the extensive "book-keeping" involved by the applications for the various commodities of the lodge, nor of his multifarious duties in other directions, must have left the "managing director" of the Quatuor Coronati with very little spare time on his hands.

Mr. Speth was also a very diligent contributor to the columns under his control. A bibliography of his writings, even in the restricted area of *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, would indeed carry me too far, but it may be stated that no subject was ever discussed in the *Transactions* of the lodge, without its evoking an intelligent and graceful criticism from the editorial pen. The Degrees of Masonry; the derivation of "Free" in relation to Freemasonry; the Manuscript Constitutions; and Cathedral (as distinguished from the other) Builders; were perhaps the topics dearest to his heart, and on all of them he wrote both learnedly and well, pouring out the treasures of his knowledge in a series of remarkable papers, the publication of which, in a collected form, is very greatly to be desired.

His latest pamphlet, a revised edition of *A Masonic Curriculum*, for the use of Craft students, is characterised by a rare elegance of diction, and it affords me satisfaction to think that the very last letter I received from him was in acknowledgment of the compliment I had tendered in respect of the ability and power displayed in his most recent brochure, and of the beautiful language in which his remarks were expressed.

Mr. Speth was a Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, in the hierarchy of the Grand Lodge, and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. In other and minor ways, the honours of the Craft, as indicating the esteem in which he was held by the brethren at large, fell thickly upon him. He was an honorary member of many lodges at home and abroad, and of many Veteran Societies of Freemasons. On November 17th, 1894, he was presented by his friends in the inner and outer circles of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge with a magnificent English chronometer, to which were appended a chain and jewel. The presentation was made by Sir Charles Warren, P.M., who after remarking that the work carried on by the lodge was known far and near, went on to say, amid the approving cheers of the brethren who were present, that the great structure of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge had been built up in a measure by the admirable administrative skill and ability of Mr. Speth.

The subject of this memoir was not in robust health during a portion of 1900, but with the present year his friends were congratulating him on having been restored to his old form. Everything pointed to a protracted period of usefulness in the field of Masonic labour, which he had so thoroughly made his own. But it was not to be. On Friday last, with startling suddenness, the end came, and on Wednesday afternoon, the 24th instant, in the Bromley Cemetery, the remains of one of the best known and most widely-esteemed of English Freemasons were laid at rest.

Madame Adelina Patti is staying in Paris for the purpose of giving her services in aid of a charity. The famous "diva" repeats her often expressed opinion, that she owes the present power and freshness of her voice to the fact that she has never overtaxed her vocal powers.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT was 51 on Wednesday.

BRO. JOHN M. KLENCK AND Co. have removed to No. 72, Bishopsgate-street Within.

THE Mansion House Fund for the National Memorial to Queen Victoria now amounts to £86,000.

THE LADY MAYORESS (Miss Green) will hold her first musical reception at the Mansion House on Tuesday next, the 7th inst., from three to six o'clock.

BRO. COL. CLIFFORD PROBYN, P.G. Treas., will be a candidate for the vacancy on the Bench of Aldermen, caused by the lamented death of Mr. Alderman Samuel Green.

BRO. MAJOR MUCKLESTON ALLEN was too ill to journey from Wales to be installed E.P. of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar at the April meeting.

BRO. A. T. WALMISLEY, Engineer to the Dover Harbour Board, will be installed W.M. of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel.

THE Great Eastern Railway Company will from the 1st instant charge 3d. per package for such luggage as passengers may wish to register between Liverpool-street Station and their seaside stations.

THE trade and friendly societies of London propose to make a presentation to Bro. F. J. Horniman, M.P., on the occasion of the formal opening of the new Horniman Museum and grounds, Forest Hill.

BRO. DR. RALPH GOODING (Mayor of Greenwich) has organised a public welcome to be given to the active service contingent of the 2nd V. B. Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) on their return from the front.

THE AUTHORITIES of the Jews' Free School have had a gratifying, and, we should say, an unusual experience. They desired to raise £11,000 at the annual dinner, which was held a few days ago. They formally announced the fact, and, in the hope of realising their desire, invited Lord Rothschild to take the chair. They proved themselves wise in their generation. The sum obtained was not £11,000. It was £13,000.

THE *Builder* announces that Bro. Rowland Plumbe has resigned office as District Surveyor under the Building Act. He succeeded Mr. Geo. Godwin, author of "Masons' Marks at South Islington," he was afterwards transferred to West Hampstead in succession to Bro. T. Blashill and was succeeded by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, who was soon after promoted to Shoreditch in conjunction with the former district.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS BY THE KING.—The King has intimated his intention to present colours to the 3rd Scots Guards, the last-formed battalion of that regiment, on the Horse Guards Parade, on Friday, the 24th instant, the late Queen's birthday, and in whose reign the battalion was formed. The 3rd Scots are now at Windsor, and will be brought to London for the purpose. It is expected that the colours will be trooped in the usual manner.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN T. C. BLACKIE, W.M. ELECT 1161.—A special meeting of the Committee of the Manchester and Salford Caledonian Association was recently held for the purpose of presenting a beautiful solid silver tea and coffee service to Bro. John T. C. Blackie, and bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. T. C. Blackie on his retiring from Committee, by the Manchester and Salford Caledonian Association, after five years' service. April 12th, 1901."

CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE BALL.—The 31st annual ball in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, of which the King is the patron, was held on the 29th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The function was attended by over 1000 visitors, and proved of a very enjoyable character. Among those present were: Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Lady Dimsdale, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, Bro. Alderman Alliston (chairman of the Police Committee) and Mrs. Alliston, Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton, Mr. Under-Sheriff Gardiner, Bro. John Lobb, C.C., Mr. A. Double, C.C., Colonel Sir Henry Smith, Major Wodehouse, the Rev. Sir Borrodale Savory, Bart., Mr. W. E. Bryant, Mr. Kestin (secretary of the Orphanage), Supts. Wells, Hammond, and Mulvany.

MR. JOHN HOGG, 13, Paternoster-row, will shortly begin to issue what promises to be a Standard Series of Technical Handbooks on the Artistic Crafts, suitable for Schools, Workshops, Libraries, and all interested in the Arts. The series will be under the General Editorship of Mr. W. R. Lethaby, a Director of the L.C.C. Central School of Arts and Crafts, and Professor of Design at South Kensington. Each craft will be dealt with by an expert qualified to speak with authority on design as well as on workmanship. The volumes will be fully illustrated, and issued at a moderate price. Mr. Douglas Cockerell will commence the series with "The Craft of Bookbinding and the Preservation of Books: A Text-book for Bookbinders and Librarians;" to be followed by Mr. H. Wilson on "Gold and Silver Smiths' Work" and Mr. C. Spooner on "Cabinet Making and Designing," with others in due course.

COACHMAKERS' COMPANY.—There opened, on the 27th ult., at the Baker-street Carriage Bazaar, the annual exhibition of drawings and essays sent in for competition for prizes offered by the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach-Harness Makers. The competition is limited to British subjects engaged in the trades of coach-making and coach-harness making, and members of drawing and technical classes in connection with such trades resident in the United Kingdom. There were five classes of competition, the prizes ranging from five guineas to a guinea. All the prize winners, of which there were about 14, are entitled to have the honorary freedom of the company conferred upon them should the drawings or essays, in the opinion of the judges, deserve it. The judges were the Master, Wardens, and members of the Standing Committee of the company, assisted by experts. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Francis J. Stohwasser, gave three prizes, amounting in all to 10 guineas, for essays "On the proper management of the body-making department of a carriage-building business."

IT is officially announced that owing to Court mourning there will be no levees or drawing rooms this season.

CAPE MOUNTED POLICE.—The Agent-General for the Cape of Good Hope intimates that the recruiting for the Cape Mounted Police has now ceased.

OWING TO pressure on our space reports of the installation meetings in connection with the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, and the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, are unavoidably held over to our next issue.

CHURCH HOUSE NEW BUILDINGS.—Bro. Earl Egerton of Tatton has promised an additional donation of £500 provided the remainder of the sum necessary for the completion of the second portion of the Church House can be paid or promised in the current year. The sum required is £10,900.

AT Sutton, Surrey, on Wednesday, Bro. Passmore Edwards laid the foundation-stone of a new cottage hospital, the cost of which—about £3,500—he is defraying. The site, valued at £500, was presented by Mr. R. C. Foster. The new building will provide for 12 beds.

THE DIRECTORS of the Crystal Palace have given a large number of season tickets for the Naval and Military Exhibition there, to be sold for the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association. The proceeds of all tickets sold will be handed over, without deduction to the charity.

NEW SYNAGOGUE.—The new Finsbury Park Synagogue, of which the foundation-stone was laid on Wednesday, is to be built in the Princess-road, upon land held upon a 999 years' lease from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. When completed it will afford accommodation on the ground floor for 190 gentlemen, and in the galleries for 144 ladies.

AT a recent meeting of the *Invicta* Chapter Rose Croix, No. 10, a very handsome jewel, subscribed for by the members, was presented to Bro. W. M. Bywater, 32<sup>d</sup>, to mark his long connection with the chapter, and the high estimation in which he is held by the brethren. We are glad to state that Bro. Bywater is much better than he was a few weeks since.

ORCHIDS.—Orchid collecting seems to be as fashionable as ever, judging by the prices fetched at the sale of the Walton Grange collection, at Stone, in Staffordshire, by Messrs. Protheroe and Morris last week. No less a sum than 210 guineas was given for an *Odontoglossum Rolfe* hybrid, while an *Odontoglossum crispum*, the "Earl," fetched 160 guineas.

BRO. EDWARD TERRY, P.M., has been invited by the directors of the Royal General Theatrical Fund to preside on the occasion of their annual dinner, which will take place on Thursday, the 27th inst. Donations in aid of this most deserving fund, which for many years was honoured by having as its patron our late beloved Queen Victoria, will be gratefully received.

ADDITIONS TO THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM.—The Horniman Museum is to be enriched by gifts just made to the London County Council. Mrs. Baskerville, the widow of a gentleman who resided near the museum, has presented a collection of fossils, minerals, birds' nests and eggs, while Mr. A. Harper, of Granville-square, W.C., has contributed a plesiosaurus.

ON WEDNESDAY the summer service of the Thames river steamers was inaugurated with a review of the fleet, which now comprises 36 vessels. They were drawn up in double lines extending from Blackfriars Bridge to Lambeth Palace. The inspection was witnessed by dense crowds of people, who were assembled on the Embankment and the bridges which span the waterway.

MASONIC READERS will be interested to learn that there will anon be brought to London and the provinces a new farcical comedy, entitled "Are You a Mason?" This piece, an adaptation from the German, is to be "presented" here (as it has been in America) by Mr. Charles Frohman. But fancy anyone concerned with the Craft having to ask the question mentioned in the above-named play title. What?—*Referee*.

THE North London Sunday School Union have re-elected Bro. C. J. Cuthbertson President for another year. The Union, which comprises 74 schools, 2000 teachers, and 21,000 scholars, is endeavouring to raise funds in aid of the poorer schools belonging to it, the Children's Nursing Home at Clacton-on-Sea, and the Convalescent Home for weak and ailing scholars at Bournemouth. Any help our readers can spare for the President's list on behalf of these deserving Charities will be gratefully received by Bro. Cuthbertson.

CORNISH OFFICER HONOURED.—Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel G. J. Parkyn, who has been promoted to the rank of Colonel in the reserve of officers, is well known at Bodmin and Newquay. Bro. Colonel Parkyn has been re-employed since the commencement of the war in South Africa, first as D.A.A.G. Thames District, where he acted as embarking officer at Tilbury for some time, and latterly as D.A.A.G. for transport at Woolwich on the staff of the Quartermaster-General to the Forces, in which appointment he has been responsible for the shipment of all military stores and army supplies to the front, and of which about two and a half million tons have been forwarded.

At a meeting of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Friday, the 26th ult., Bro. C. P. Cheetham, G.D., P.S.G.W., was unanimously elected Chairman for the fifth time, and Bro. J. B. Coulburn was elected Vice-Chairman in place of Bro. Hooper, resigned, who was accorded a vote of thanks for his past services, regret being expressed at his inability to continue his duties in consequence of ill-health. An Election Committee, Education, and Relief Boards were appointed, and grants made for the children of a deceased Mason and for annuities to an indigent brother and the widow of a deceased Mason. It was announced that the concert recently held in the Free Trade Hall by the Minnehaha Amateur Minstrels had resulted in the sum of £117 being handed over to the Institution.

ANGLO-INDIANS AND OTHERS seeking genuine Indian-manufactured condiments, currie stuffs, chutnees, preserves, pappidums, Bombay ducks, Nepaul pepper, &c., send to the original firm. C. Stenbridge and Co., 18, Green-street, Leicester-square, London; and Calcutta. Established 1821. Write for price list. (Removed from 33, Leicester-square).

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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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