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### NEXT WEDNESDAY'S FUNCTION.

On Wednesday, the 17th instant, with all that solemn pomp and circumstance with which the principal functions of the Craft are customarily attended, H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, K.G., will be installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, in succession to His Most Gracious Majesty King EDWARD VII., who, when Prince of WALES, presided over the Craft for upwards of 26 years, but who, since his accession to the Throne, has accepted the position of Protector of English Freemasons. The meeting will vividly recal to the minds of those who were privileged to attend on that ever-memorable day—the 28th April, 1875—when the Prince—now King—was placed on the throne of Grand Lodge by the late R.W. Bro. JOHN FAWCETT, of the Province of Durham, who at the time occupied the premier place on the roll of Provincial Grand Masters. It was the first, the most numerous-attended, and the most important of that series of successful Masonic gatherings which were held in the Royal Albert Hall during the presidency of him who, till recently, was M.W. Grand Master, and who himself was the central figure at each of the gatherings. The 1875 meeting was the Grand Lodge, which is held annually on the day set apart by the Book of Constitutions for the celebration of the Grand Festival, and at which the G. Master is installed and the Grand Officers for the ensuing year are appointed and installed. The 1887 and 1897 gatherings were Masonic assemblies, at which the M.W.G. Master, as the highest Mason in point of rank, very naturally presided. They were held, as our readers know full well, for the purpose of voting addresses of congratulation to her late Gracious Majesty Queen VICTORIA, in 1887, on the Jubilee, and in 1897 on the Diamond Jubilee of her accession to the throne. The meeting on Wednesday will be a Grand Lodge, and the same ceremonial will necessarily be observed at the installation of the Duke of CONNAUGHT as at that of his brother, King EDWARD VII., when Prince of WALES. The Hall, too, as at the latter function, will be filled to its utmost capacity; nor doubt we that as a function it will be as conspicuous a success.

### THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The 33rd Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 10th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Lt.-Col. CLIFFORD PROBYN, Past G. Treasurer. We do not suppose that any one expected

that the record total of £5113 for last year, when the Earl of EUSTON, M.W. Pro G.M., was in the chair, and was supported by a Board of 302 Stewards, would be very nearly approached, much less exceeded. Yet, on Wednesday, 160 ladies and brethren gave their services as Stewards, and obtained for the Fund a sum amounting to £2022 12s., the list which the respected Chairman himself compiled, and which included his own personal donation of £52 10s., and two donations from Mrs. PROBYN and their son, being far and away the largest. We heartily congratulate Bro. Lieut.-Col. PROBYN, his Board of Stewards, the donors, the Fund, and last, but not least, the Hon. Secretary of the Board (Bro. C. F. MATIER) and his staff on the success of the proceedings. The total is a good average one, and the Board a representative one, and we hope that at least so fair an average will be maintained for many years.

### GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

The Grand Lodge of New York publishes annually a large volume devoted to an account of its Proceedings during the previous year, which is one of the very best of the many excellent reports issued by Grand Lodges in the United States of America and Canada. The one for 1900-1, just received from the ever-courteous Grand Secretary, Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers, and dated May, 1901, runs to 480 pages, and is not only a great success typographically (being so well arranged and the numerous tables so excellently planned), but textually it is one of the most interesting works of the kind I have ever had the pleasure to peruse, and a credit to all concerned in its preparation and publication.

The Grand Master is the M.W. Bro. Charles W. Mead, whose Portrait, engraved by Bather, of Brooklyn, N.Y., forms an appropriate Frontispiece, having as a companion picture another engraving of a remarkable looking brother—Morgan Lewis—of "the olden tyme." The Grand Lodge assembled on May 7th, 8th, and 9th, when, besides the regular Grand Officers, 12 Past Grand Masters, and a great many Brethren, with Representatives of nearly 60 Grand Lodges attended, including Bro. Joseph J. Little, for *England*, Bro. William N. Penney, for *Ireland*, Bro. Andrew Patterson, for *Scotland*, and also several others representing Grand Lodges which meet under the Protectorship of his Majesty King Edward VII., P.G.M.

The Grand Master's address covered a good deal of ground in an able and most sympathetic manner, his references to the numerous brethren who have died during the past year being especially appreciative and fraternal. One of the lamented brethren is an old friend of mine, Bro. Solomon Strasser, of the "Mount Vernon Lodge," No. 3. The M.W. Bro. C. W. Mead thus refers to the decease of our dearly loved Queen:

"The death of Queen Victoria came to the Fraternity of Freemasons, wherever dispersed, almost as a personal bereavement. On the 2nd of February, 1901, I caused a cablegram to be transmitted to M.W. J. Wimburn Laurie, Representative of our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of England, requesting him to fraternally convey to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the profound sympathy of the Craft of the State of New York in his bereavement in the death of England's most Gracious Queen, and stated that formal action would be taken by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in May."

The reply to this very thoughtful and kind message was sent on March 1st, by command of the King, and signed by the V.W. Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, conveying His Majesty's "grateful thanks for the kind and fraternal expression of sympathy."

A special Committee, consisting of M.W. Bro. William A. Sutherland, Past G.M.; R.W. Bro. George Hayes, Past G. Treas.; and the R.W. Bro. Dr. Peter Ross, Grand Historian,

appointed for the purpose, presented an elaborate report to the Grand Lodge, respecting the action of the Grand Master concerning the death of Queen Victoria, "*the Patroness of Freemasonry*," which is too long for reproduction herewith, but I hope it will be printed in full ere long, because of its interest and importance historically and generally. The Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate such action of the Grand Lodge of New York to the Grand Lodge of England. Personally, I should like to say that we in this country, whether Freemasons or not, highly appreciate the message of the Grand Master of New York, and the subsequent acceptance by the Grand Lodge of the report of the Special Committee, and that I feel proud of having been for so long a member of the Fraternity, in which Grand Master Mead and the Committee are also members and distinguished exponents of the true aims and cosmopolitan character of Free and Accepted Masonry.

Several pages of the work are devoted to a register of the dispensations granted, appointments made, and ceremonies performed, either by, or by order, of the Grand Master, who had also the pleasure to state that the "Relations with sister Grand Lodges continue of the most cordial and fraternal nature." M.W. Bro. Mead notes the fact that "the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has established a subordinate lodge in the City of Copenhagen." Surely this is very much to be regretted, and though, I know, that the Grand Master of Hamburg believes his action is justified by the motives which led to such a result, it seems to me that no reason can possibly justify the invasion of a friendly Grand Lodge, and therefore it is to be hoped that the charter will be recalled. No humiliation would be involved in so doing, but on the contrary, it would be honourable and fraternal so to do. If the warrant be for brethren who do not belong to the Grand Lodge of Denmark, that is beside the question, as that body is sovereign in its own territory, and must be the only authority from whom charters emanate for that country, or for aught in relation to the Craft.

The report of the Grand Secretary is both suggestive and encouraging, concerning one of the largest two Grand Lodges in the world (England being the other). On the roll are 750 lodges, about one-third as compared with this country, but the average membership is far larger, as the total of subscribers to the lodges in that State number over 106,000, or an average of fully 140 per lodge. The increase is unprecedented, being a net gain of 4687 during the year.

I dare not allow myself to dwell upon the report generally, as nothing short of reproducing it in full, would content me; but I must point out the extraordinary fact that since Bro. Ehlers has been the Grand Secretary (*twenty years of faithful service*), the membership has increased by 36,533, and the *Debt* of 604,000 dollars has been changed into a *Credit Balance* of 384,000 dollars, besides cost of the Masonic Home at Utica, on which 718,000 dollars have been expended, in addition to which the Grand Lodge of New York, during the period,

"Has discharged every obligation of benevolence at Home and Abroad in unstinted measure."

Other reports must be passed over, save those of the Grand Librarian (R.W. Bro. A. A. Clark), and the Grand Historian (Dr. Ross), which interest me very much indeed. A catalogue is in preparation by Bro. Clarke, and Dr. Ross's report deals with the completion of the Roster of Brethren who took part in the great Wars of the Revolution—1812 and the Civil War. This is of a most elaborate character, and like all that the Grand Historian does, accurate and exhaustive. The R.W. Bro. W. H. Andrews reports on behalf of the Committee on Antiquities, which has done good work in the acquisition of souvenirs of the eventful past.

The "Board of Relief" Report shows the amount expended on behalf of needy applicants belonging to, or hailing from, the Grand Lodge of New York and other Grand Lodges; England is down for 72.50 dollars, Ireland, 108.00 dollars, and Scotland, 156.25 dollars. The grand total was only 1705.65 dollars, being an average of about 10 dollars to each recipient.

At the election of Grand Officers, R.W. Bro. C. W. Cushman declined the office of S.G.W., to which he was re-elected, in a very feeling address, of which the Grand Lodge showed its warm appreciation by making him an *Honorary Past Grand Master*. The cause was due to his physical condition, which he felt unfitted him for the discharge of the duties as one of the principal officers. The honour conferred was evidently well merited.

The "Committee on Jurisprudence" recommended that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of *Western Australia* be deferred (not for long I hope), that the Grand Lodge of *Costa Rica* be recognised, and that the Grand Master be authorised to enter into fraternal relations with the *National Grand Lodge* and the *Royal York Grand Lodge* of Germany—all

being agreed to. Other Committees also reported, but I cannot even mention their names, because of the space already used; but one must be noted at length ere long, and that is by M.W. Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, Past G.M., as Chairman, occupying 186 pages on "Foreign Correspondence."

The numerous tables presented by the Grand Secretary, which must have cost much labour and patience to produce, are models of accuracy and thoroughness.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The 33rd annual Festival of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. Lt.-Col. Clifford Probyn, Past Grand Treasurer. Some 200 ladies and brethren attended, and among the latter were:

Bros. the Earl of Euston, Sir Thomas Roe, M.P.; Dr. Clement Godson, R. L. Loveland, Baron de Ferrieres, C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; W. J. Fisher, J.G.O.; C. Letch Mason, Prov. G.M. W. Yorks; Major J. W. Woodall, Major C. W. Carrell, H. Saxon Snell, Rev. Russell Findlay, Imre Kiralfy, Charles Belton, P.G.W.; Gordon Miller, P.G.T.; R. Clowes, Fitzroy Tower, F. West, and Col. Mark Lockwood, M.P.

After the toasts of "The King" and "The M.W.G.M." had been proposed and heartily drunk,

Bro. Col. MARK LOCKWOOD proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master and the Past Grand Masters," and referred to the long list of remarkable brethren who had filled the chair of Grand Mark Master. No one would say they were not worthy of the high office of which they had been the possessors; their virtues, domestic and public, must be well known to the brethren; they were admirably fitted for the position they filled, and the Mark Degree thought a great deal of them. They had proved already to Mark Masonry how valuable they were both by rank and position, and their acquaintance with Mark Masonry proves how the expectations of the brethren as to the way the duties expected of them were carried out.

The Earl of EUSTON, Pro G.M., in replying, said the Past Grand Masters had done good service to the Order and had established the Mark Degree as second to none. The Craft refused the Degree, and it started a Grand Lodge of its own. It was now an established fact, and a very strong one; and so long as he held his position of Pro Grand Master so long would he strive for the honour and good name of the Degree in order that they might say they were one with each other. There were no bickerings or quarrels among them, and they constituted a happy family. He had been Pro Grand Master nine or 10 years; he had not abused the position, but had acted fair and square for every one. Whatever part of England they came from, the Grand Officers, from Northumberland or Cornwall, the extreme north, or south, they all assisted him. But there was one he must speak of more particularly, the Grand Secretary, for without him he could not get on. (Hear, hear.) The brethren had met together that evening, and Col. Probyn had taken the chair; he had stepped into the breach, and he had performed his part very well; it was only to be hoped that he would be satisfied with the results, as he was satisfied with the company he saw around him. If he did not beat the record he hoped they would be able to say the Festival had been a success. He (Lord Euston) thanked the brethren for the toast, and assured them that he had always tried to do his duty, and always would as long as he retained his position.

The Earl of EUSTON, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman," said Colonel Probyn had filled many offices, public offices in the City of London, and offices in Masonry. He had well acquainted himself with all of them; he had served his country among the Volunteers, and he succeeded in everything he took up. The brethren all wished him every prosperity and success.

Bro. Colonel CLIFFORD PROBYN, P.G. Treas., in reply, said that whatever position he was placed in he always endeavoured to do his best. It was not in mortals to command success, but if they deserved it, then, as far as he was concerned, he was perfectly satisfied. Lord Euston alluded to his (Col. Probyn) taking the chair. He had attempted to take the chair, and on behalf of the Charity, he felt very despondent to think he should be the unfortunate brother to take the chair after Lord Euston, the Pro Grand Master. The Pro Grand Master found it no trouble to go anywhere—to Newcastle or to Cornwall—to promote the interests of the Order. To take the chair after him at these Festivals made him (Col. Probyn) feel uncomfortable. But some one had to step into the breach, and he (Col. Probyn) did it. He was not likely to get a result such as Lord Euston got—a record subscription—but he had endeavoured to do so. He hoped he would get a large subscription. It had been to him a source of great happiness and pleasure that his good wife had given him leave of absence. (Laughter, as Mrs. Probyn was at the gallant colonel's side.)

Bro. Col. PROBYN next proposed "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund." The Fund was divided into three branches—the Educational, the Benevolent, and the Annuity. It was notorious that for many years past not a single applicant for relief from the Mark Benevolent Order had been refused if it was a worthy case. How was that relief bestowed upon those who unfortunately had to call upon them? As they knew, those who called upon them must be in very reduced circumstances, because to be in the Order at all they must have been above necessity. How did the Fund relieve them? Not by giving a grant to live in benevolent houses, but in their own homes—no separation between old women and old men; there was no inquisitorial inspection; they sent down to the Provincial Secretary, who furnished all the details of the applicant's condition. Accordingly it was done in one of the gentlest manners possible and the least offensive to sensitive minds. In the educational branch the money was sent to the home to enable the child to go to school in its own neighbourhood, and there was no separation from family influences which were so much to a child's benefit. The managers of the fund thought it best to afford assistance to education in this way. They did not lose sight of those children; they obtained reports of their progress, and if a child showed aptitude in study a board sitting in Mark Masons' Hall encouraged the child with a medal of appreciation. He did not hesitate to ask the brethren to-night to let their hearts be filled with generosity, and remember that "he

who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." As reverend gentlemen said, "If you believe in the security, down with your dust." He asked the brethren to down with their dust to-night liberally. He assured them it was well-applied Charity. He knew the great demands there were upon everybody, but he still asked them to be liberal and generous.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President of the General Board, acknowledged the toast. The Chairman had so fully gone into what the fund did that there was nothing left for him to say. Colonel Probyn stated the advantages of this Charity over other Charities of the Masonic Order, and he (Bro. Loveland Loveland) most cordially supported him. Colonel Probyn took the chair at a short notice, but he hoped he would be liberally supported.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., read the following lists, amounting to £2022 12s.:

STEWARDS' LISTS.

Table listing Stewards' Lists for various provinces including LANCASHIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE, MIDDLESEX, NORTHANTS, HUNTS, AND BEDS., NORTH WALES, SOMERSET, STAFFORDSHIRE WITH SHROPSHIRE, and others. Includes names like Bro. W. J. Fisher, Bro. Ernest St. Clair, Bro. Phineas S. Abrahams, etc.

Table listing Stewards' Lists for various provinces including BERKS AND OXON., BUCKINGHAMSHIRE., CHANNEL ISLANDS., CHESHIRE., CORNWALL., DERBYSHIRE., DORSET., EAST ANGLIA., GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE., HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT., and KENT. Includes names like Bro. Joseph J. Simcox, Bro. Charles E. Keyser, Bro. Rev. V. P. Wyatt, etc.

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Table listing Stewards' Lists for various provinces including SURREY., SUSSEX., WARWICKSHIRE., WILTSHIRE., YORKSHIRE (WEST), FOREIGN STATIONS., and NATAL. Includes names like Bro. Charles Perry, Bro. Capt. Williams-Freeman, Bro. Frederick West, etc.

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES. Table showing financial summaries for various provinces like Berks and Oxon, Buckinghamshire, Channel Islands, Cheshire, Cornwall, Derbyshire, Dorsetshire, East Anglia, Essex, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, Hants and Isle of Wight, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Northants, Hunts, and Beds, Northumberland and Durham, Nottinghamshire, North Wales, Somersetshire, Staffordshire and Shropshire, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Yorkshire (N. and E.), Yorkshire (West), Natal, and Queensland.

GENERAL SUMMARY. Table showing financial totals for Stewards-London (£752 11 0) and Stewards-Provinces (£1270 1 0), with a GRAND TOTAL of £2022 12 0.

Bro. Dr. CLEMENT GODSON proposed "The Ladies." Bro. Sir THOMAS ROE, M.P., responded. The gathering at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival was looked forward to by the ladies with great pleasure; and he thought it well that ladies should be invited to take part in the enjoyment. The Mark Order was doing a great deal of good by its Charity. Charity was one of its great features. Bro. Col. PROBYN proposed "The Stewards," Bro. Major C. W. Carrell, P.G.D.C., Chairman of the Board of Stewards, replied; and the brethren and ladies then adjourned to the Crown room to a concert.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS. The foregoing list of Returns, if it has been exceeded at previous Festivals, and notably at that of last year, is nevertheless a satisfactory one. There was a good Board of 160 Stewards, of whom some 50, including four ladies, acted for London, and compiled a sum of £752 11s., while the remainder represented 29 of the 35 Provinces, two Districts, and three Degrees of Orders, and had the pleasure of compiling £1270 1s., the grand total by the 160 Stewards being £2022 12s. LONDON, as we have said, returned by the hands of 50 Stewards a total of £752 11s. For £10 10s. of this sum the Ladies were responsible; for £5 5s. those members of the General Board whose lists were not included elsewhere; for £43 12s., the four Unattached; and for £693 4s., the represented Lodges, in which was included a list of £236 5s.—in which the Chairman and his family figured for £105—obtained by Bro. Col. Clifford Probyn, the Chairman of the day. The other notes:

worthy lists are those of Bro. J. W. Woodall, P. Prov. G.M. of N. and E. Yorkshire, who represented the Grand Master's Lodge, for £36 15s.; Bro. G. F. Edwards, W.M. Thistle Lodge, No. 8, for £29 13s.; Bro. A. H. Jessell, S.W. Onslow Lodge, No. 361, for £24 2s. 6d.; the representatives of the Euston Lodge, No. 399, together, £29 8s.; those of the Grafton Lodge, No. 415, £31 10s.; Recs. Major C. W. Carrell and the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 487, lists amounting together to £42; and Bro. A. J. Thomas, No. 533, £31 10s.

As for

#### THE PROVINCES,

which returned £1270 1s. by the means of 110 Stewards, we note that BERKS AND OXON, with four Stewards, of whom Bro. Simcox acted for the Province and the others for three of its six lodges, together returned £40 1s. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and the CHANNEL ISLANDS are represented each for £5 5s., and CHESHIRE, per Bro. the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.G.M., and Bro. the Rev. C. C. Atkinson, Past G. Chap., for £10 10s. CORNWALL, with Bro. Sholto H. Hare representing the Province, and Bro. W. G. Hancock, as Steward for St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 104, figures for £62 0s. 6d.

DERBYSHIRE has apparently a great affection for the Mark. At all events, it is invariably well represented, and on Wednesday its 12 Stewards, including Bro. A. Woodiwiss, Prov. G.M., and the brethren from four of its eight lodges, together returned £120 15s., the most important list being that of the Prov. G.M. for £27 6s.; while the highest lodge list was that of Bro. G. M. Bond, No. 353, for £18 18s. The Province of DORSETSHIRE was represented by Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, whose list amounted to £16 16s. EAST ANGLIA had Bro. F. E. Ferrier as Steward for the Province, and a Steward for one of its seven lodges, the total, including £21 raised by Bro. Ferrier, being £31 10s.; while ESSEX, which is now a separate Province, but previously was included in East Anglia, returns, per six Stewards, £54 1s. 6d. GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE has its present and Past Prov. G. Masters (Bros. R. V. Vassar-Smith and the Baron de Ferrieres) respectively, as Unattached Stewards, the sum of their Returns being £10 10s., Bro. R. Loveland Loveland and the Stewards from two of the 14 lodges in HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT, together are entered for £22 11s. 6d., and one of the Stewards from two of the five lodges in HERTFORDSHIRE returns £11 11s. KENT had three good Stewards whose lists amounted to £73 5s. 6d., that of Bro. J. Cresswell, Dover and the Cinque Ports Lodge, No. 152, being for £31 5s. 6d., and those of Bros. H. Cornford (No. 322) and Thomas Bent (No. 390), for £21 each. LANCASHIRE had seven Stewards, including Bro. A. H. Jefferis, Dep. P.G.M., and representatives from four of its 38 lodges, the total from all sources being £85 18s., the list of Bro. A. H. Jefferis being for £31 10s., and those of the two Stewards from Lodge No. 143 amounting together to £32 11s. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND sent up six Stewards, including the Prov. G.M. (the Earl of Euston), and his Deputy, Bro. W. J. Freer, and Stewards from three of its five lodges, the total being £34 13s.; LINCOLNSHIRE, with Bro. the Rev. E. M. Weigall for the Province, and Bro. H. E. Cousins for Lodge No. 117, figuring for £5 5s., while MIDDLESEX sent up five Stewards, one acting independently and four as Lodge Stewards, the total for the five being £31 10s. NORTHANTS, HUNTS, AND BEDS, with the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M.; Bro. Phipps Dorman, Dep. P.G.M.; Bro. the Hon. G. C. W. Fitzwilliam, Past Dep. P.G.M.; Bro. Harry Manfield, G. Treasurer; and Stewards from two of the five lodges are entered for £44 2s., while NORTHUMBRIA AND DURHAM, with Bro. J. C. Ridley as its representative, has £105 to its credit.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, with two Stewards, of whom Bro. A. Page acted for the Province, returns £19 19s.; NORTH WALES, with the same number of representatives, £13 13s. The Royal Cumberland (T.I.) Lodge, on the roll of SOMERSETSHIRE, gives £31 10s., per Bro. George Norman; and STAFFORDSHIRE, which was represented by its Prov. G.M. (Bro. Josiah F. Pepper) and Stewards from two of its six lodges, £34 18s., Bro. Pepper's list amounting to £16 5s. 6d. SURREY, with Bro. F. West, Dep. P.G.M., acting independently, and five Stewards from four of its 12 lodges, compiled a total of £78 16s. 6d., the principal list being that of Bro. W. Dawson, of the Rose Lodge, No. 534, for £31 10s. SUSSEX, per Bro. R. Clowes, Unattached, gave £5 5s.; WARWICKSHIRE, with two Stewards, of whom Bro. the Rev. W. T. Parkins acted for the Province, and handed in a list of £39 18s., figures for £45 3s.; and WILTSHIRE, per the Rev. F. W. Macdonald, for £10 10s.

WEST YORKSHIRE sent up a contingent of 22 Stewards, among whom were included Bro. C. Letch Mason, the Prov. G.M.; Bro. George H. Parker, Past G. Treasurer; and 20 brethren representing 10 of its lodges, the sum compiled by this contingent being £170. The Districts of Natal and Queensland—the latter represented by its District Grand Master—returned £5 5s. each; Bro. W. Metcalfe, W.C.N. of the Prince of Wales R.A.M. Lodge, No. 4, figures with £10 10s. to his credit. Bros. John Dimsdale and John Clark, representing Adoniram Rose Croix Chapter, No. 101, and the Grafton R.C. Chapter, No. 138, respectively, compiled a total of £58 6s. 6d., Bro. Dimsdale's list being for £42 11s. 6d. and Bro. Clarke's for £15 15s., while Sir Knight Geo. W. Marsden, P.E.P., of the St. George Preceptory, No. 6, closes the Returns with a donation of £5 5s.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, London. A Special Court was first held, over which Bro. A. C. Spaul presided, and at which Bros. Charles Sheppard, G. H. Hopkinson, C. Pulman, William Dodd, G. S. Recknell, Peter de L. Long, T. H. Gardiner, E. M. Money, and F. R. W. Hedges were present, and at which the following resolution was passed, on the motion of Bro. SPAULL, seconded by Bro. LONG: "That the laws relating to Elections be and are hereby suspended so far as regards the election of Kate Winifred Pheletta Williams, a duly qualified candidate, with a view to her immediate admission into the Institution, her father having died through an injury received while on active service in South Africa, and that she be and is hereby elected, without ballot, accordingly, subject nevertheless to all the Laws and Regulations pertaining to girls after election."

Bro. Spaul presided at the general meeting, and Bros. T. H. Gardiner, C. Pulman, E. M. Money, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, and F. R. W. Hedges, Sec.; attended.

A letter from Sir Francis Knollys acknowledging on behalf of the King the vote of sympathy and congratulation passed by the General Court of the Institution was read.

The report of the completion of "The Earl Amherst Presentation" was also read.

A letter was read from Bro. Sir Dighton Probyn of April 28th, 1901, conveying the King's and Queen's gracious consent to become respectively Chief Patron and Chief Patroness of the Institution.

It was proposed by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Bro. GARDINER, "That this Court has heard with great gratification that their Majesties the King

and the Queen are graciously pleased to accept the offices of Chief Patron and Chief Patroness to the Institution, and that the same be recorded accordingly."

The motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. E. M. MONEY, seconded by Bro. T. H. GARDINER, Bro. A. W. Orwin, M.D., P.A.G.D.C., Vice-Patron, was appointed as Honorary Throat and Ear Physician to the Institution.

On the motion of Bro. SPAULL, seconded by Bro. T. H. GARDINER, the following motion was carried: "That Laws 58 and 83 be amended as under: Law 58, in the 1st and 4th line, in lieu of 'except when that day shall be Christmas Day, and then on the day preceding,' substitute 'except in the month of December, and then on the Thursday preceding.' Law 83, after word 'Committee' omit words 'on the last Thursday.'"

Sixteen vacancies were then declared for the October election, at which there will be 26 candidates.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

##### INSTALLATION OF THE EARL OF RADNOR AS G. SUPERINTENDENT AND PROV. GRAND MASTER.

##### LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL.

There was a large gathering of Freemasons of the Province of Wilts at Salisbury on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when the Earl of Radnor was installed as Grand Superintendent of the Prov. Grand Chapter and Prov. Grand Master of Wilts. Advantage was taken of the occasion to lay the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall, which the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, are building in Crane-street. All the chapters and lodges in the province were well represented, a number of Grand Officers attended, there was a strong muster of members of the Elias de Derham Lodge, and there were also some visitors from neighbouring provinces. The proceedings were invested with more than usual local interest from the fact that so near a neighbour of the city as the Earl of Radnor was to be installed into the exalted offices of Grand Superintendent of the Prov. G. Chapter and Prov. G. Master of Wilts by his brother-in-law, the Earl of Lathom, who is Grand Superintendent and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire. By the death of the late Earl of Radnor the Province of Wilts lost its Grand Master, and it was a source of great satisfaction to all the brethren when it was made known that the present Earl had been appointed as his father's successor.

The installation ceremony took place at the Assembly Rooms, which had been very handsomely and tastefully decorated. The palms and flowering plants used in the decorations, which were very choice, were lent by the Earl of Radnor. On the right of the staircase a small room was set apart for members of Grand Lodge, the smaller of the two Assembly Rooms was used as a reception room, and the large hall, which was very prettily adorned, was furnished as the lodge room.

The Prov. G. Chapter was opened at one o'clock by the Installing Officer, Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, assisted by the Prov. G.H. and G.J.

After formal business of the convocation had been transacted, Comp. Lord Lathom duly installed the Earl of Radnor as G. Superintendent, after which the following Officers of the Prov. G. Chapter were appointed:

Comp. the Rev. F. W. Macdonald	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. E. Nicholson Browne	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. Bevir	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. Pleydell Goddard	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. M. Wilson	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. E. Streeter	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Hale	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" F. Bendle	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. O. Hogarth	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Geo. Harris	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. P. Martin	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. A. B. Elers	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Chandler	...	...	Prov. Hon. G.D.C.
" W. S. Bambridge	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Dean	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

After partaking of luncheon at the Council House, the Prov. G. Lodge assembled at the Assembly Rooms, and Bro. the Earl of Radnor was duly installed as Prov. G. Master by the Earl of Lathom, who paid a tribute to the memory of the late Prov. G. Master, and expressed the opinion that a good father was being followed by a good son in the office.

The new Prov. G. Master then appointed as his Deputy Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, who filled the office under the late Earl, and has since his death fulfilled the duties of Prov. G. Master.

The alms collected at the close of the Prov. G. Lodge were given to Salisbury Infirmary, of which Bro. Lord Radnor is president.

Directly the Prov. G. Lodge was closed, the brethren proceeded to Crane-street for the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall. The new building, which is situate on the north side of Crane-street, and close to the eastern end of Crane Bridge, is to be constructed of red brick with Bath stone dressings. The front will have stone mullioned windows, and a pointed arched doorway and gable with stone coping. In the gable will be a panel with three compartments showing three Masonic emblems. At the west side, close to the front, is a large mullioned bay window, which will relieve the squareness of the general plan of the building. Inside there will be a lodge-room, 40 feet by 24 feet, with a good Tyler's lobby; a banqueting-room, 40 feet by 24 feet; two retiring or private rooms, a kitchen, and other offices. The lodge-room will be lighted by three high windows on the west side, and will have an open timber-framed roof. Good ventilation will be provided, and there will be a complete installation of the electric light. The architect of the building is Bro. A. C. Bothams, and the contractor, Bro. H. J. Kite.

The brethren of the Elias de Derham Lodge and other brethren not taking part in the procession went direct to the new Masonic Hall and took the places assigned to them by the acting Prov. G.D.C.

The Prov. G.M. and the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers having marched in procession to the site of the new hall, and having taken their places, the W.M. of the Elias de Derham Lodge, Bro. H. J. Gibbs, then

delivered the deed of conveyance of the site to the Prov. G.M., and asked him to lay the foundation stone, which he did with the usual forms and ceremonies, being afterwards presented by Bro. H. J. Gibbs with a silver trowel and an ivory mallet as souvenirs of the occasion. The architect then delivered the plans of the building to the Prov. G.M., who returned them to him after examination, and desired him to proceed to the completion of the work. The proceedings terminated with a prayer and the Blessing, pronounced by the Prov. G. Chaplain (Canon Wyld).

A banquet was subsequently held in the banquet hall of the Council House, which was handsomely decorated by Mr. Simmonds. A large company sat down under the presidency of the Prov. G.M., and the following toasts were duly honoured: "The King and the Craft," "The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., M.W.G.M.," "The M.W. the Pro G. Master, the R.W. the Deputy G. Master, and the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," "The R.W. the Prov. G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor," "The R.W. the Installing Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom," "The Visitors," and "The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Elias de Derham Lodge."

The arrangements for the gathering, which were excellently carried out, were made by the local officers, who are to be congratulated on the great success of their efforts.

### THE FREEMASONS OF BENGAL.

The District Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Bengal have had for some time in contemplation the erection of a Masonic Temple to replace the present building in Bentinck-street. An excellent site was acquired four years ago in Park-street at a cost of over Rs. 74,000. There have been difficulties, chiefly financial, in the way of proceeding, and little progress had been made until recently. A scheme has, however, been placed before the District Grand Lodge by Bro. Bradshaw which has commended itself to the members, and there is now every probability of building operations being commenced without any unnecessary delay. Messrs. Martin and Co. have agreed to build a suitable Masonic Hall at an estimated cost of Rs. 88,000; the drainage connection, water supply, and electric installation will probably cost another Rs. 12,000, bringing up the total required to a lakh of rupees. To facilitate matters Messrs. Martin and Co. have also agreed to lend the District G. Lodge the money they may require at six per cent. on a mortgage of the building and premises, the interest to commence when the building is ready for occupation. A Committee has been appointed to consider and settle details, and the matter will be brought up for further consideration at the meeting of the District Grand Lodge next month. The Temple has been designed by Mr. Edward Thornton, A.R.I.B.A. The exterior will be in red brick with stone dressings, and panels of rough-cast plaster, the roof of the main hall will be of Mangalore tiles. The design of the building is an adaptation of the round arched style found in Southern Europe, while an Oriental touch will be introduced in many of the details. The interior, particularly the staircase and vestibule, will be treated with special reference to Masonic traditions. The accommodation on the ground floor provides for a dining hall 60 by 30 feet, with spacious vestibule, guests' waiting-room, Secretary's and clerks' offices, and ample cloak-room accommodation. On the upper floor will be a Grand Lodge Hall with Tylers and preparation rooms adjoining, Grand Master's room, and four rooms for working in the higher Degrees. Electric light and punkahs, and a complete system of drainage and water service, will also be carried out by Messrs. Martin and Co.—*Madras Mail.*

### The July Magazines.

The *Gentleman's Magazine* for this month opens with a complete story entitled "L'Ecole des Prévenus," and there is also a complete tale entitled "Mr. Wyatt." "A Sussex Pepys" is the title of a paper in which the personality and diary of a worthy Sussex resident of the middle of the 18th century are described. Those acquainted with this lovely Southern county now would hardly recognise it from the diary. There are scholarly, but none the less interesting, papers on "The Politics of Bolingbroke," "Some Vulgar Errors," "The Anticipated Scarcity of Timber," "Catherine the Second and the Comte de Ségur," and "The Coleridge Country." Jurists will find plenty to interest them in the article on "Sources of West Pyrenean Law." An article of personal as well as scientific interest is that by the Rev. J. M. Bacon, M.A., "Where London Lights the Sky." The number concludes with some excellent verses by Dora Cave and Sylvanus Urban's chatty Table Talk.

The *Lady's Magazine* opens with an illustrated paper on the art of Miss Lucy Kemp-Welch. There are several excellent complete tales and storyettes, and a further instalment of the serial by Mrs. Cooper, entitled "The Cat's Paw." Madame Melba contributes an interesting autobiographical sketch, entitled "Singing Round the World," and there is an illustrated paper on the art of swimming. Fashion notes, verses, and a paper by a barrister giving some interesting facts about the law affecting domestic servants, combine in the production of an excellent number.

The *Pall Mall Magazine* has for its principal attraction "Nearest the Pole," by Commander Cagni, who relates the story of the sledge expedition from the "Stella Polare," and concludes the narrative commenced last month by the Duke of the Abruzzi. Professor Geikie, F.R.S., discusses the problem "How long will our coal last." Kathleen Schlesinger discusses opera in Germany and England, of course very much in favour of the former country, forgetful of the fact that tastes differ in different countries, and that comparisons are sometimes more odious than instructive. A descriptive article on Glasgow is ably illustrated by D. Y. Cameron. Mr. Archer's "Real Conversation" this month is of unusual interest. It is with Mr. George Moore and the subject; the Erse and English languages. There is an illustrated descriptive article of Stowe the seat of the former Dukes of Buckingham; a biographical sketch of James Stephens, the Fenian head centre, and stories, articles, and poems by W. L. Courtney, H. B. M. Watson, A. T. Quiller-Couch, C. M. Mew, A. Kinnear, W. Emanuel, &c.

The *Smart Set* for July fully maintains the reputation this magazine so quickly established in England. The *pièce de resistance* this month is the complete tale entitled "Papa Bouchard," a laughable narrative of gay life in Paris. Other complete tales that may be mentioned are "In Loco Parentis," "The Queen's Love," "In a London Season," "According to Gibson," "Mrs. Maitland's Correspondent," "A Deuce Game," "The Error of her Ways," and "Patiquita, the Dancer." Mrs. Sherwood contributes an interesting paper on "Some English Princesses," and there is a clever paper on "The Gospel of Gold" by Edgar Saltus. Of the verse, "Dighton is Engaged" and "At the Sign of the Cleft Heart" are the cleverest contributions.

The *Strand Magazine* opens with a beautifully illustrated article on "Pictures preferred by their Painters." Mr. H. G. Wells continues his serial "The First Men in the Moon," and "At Sunwich Port" is also continued, the serials being supplemented by the usual complete tales. Of the subjects discussed in the articles, "His Majesty's Patent Office," "Lord Rosebery's Turf Successes," and "The flow of Rocks," are the most interesting. The last-named article contains the proof of the theory of the flow of rocks as discovered by Professor Dawson Adams, of Montreal.

The *Sunday Strand* contains the continuation of the serial "Tregarthen," and several complete tales. The second part of Moses' story is given in "Voices of the Past," and there are capital illustrated articles on "Lady Henry Somerset at Duxhurst" and mission work among sailors. The series of articles on great religious painters of the world deals this time with Sir Edward Burne-Jones, "Legends of the Apostles," and is devoted in this instance to the story of Miriam, the flute-girl, an incident in the life of St. Thomas. "Aldine's Adventures in the Doll's World," the children's serial story, is continued, and with the articles on "Religious Postage Stamps" and "Four Famous Hymns," makes, with the verse and beautiful illustrations, an excellent number.

*Temple Bar*.—"Of making many books there is no end," said King Solomon, and the editor of "Temple Bar" must agree with him, as month after month, aided by his staff of contributors, he issues a fresh book which he modestly calls a magazine. We, however, hasten to assure our readers that they will find the study of this book anything but "a weariness to the flesh." The present number, besides further instalments of S. R. Crockett's "The Firebrand" and the Castles' serial "The Secret Orchard," contains several excellent complete tales, of which "A By-way of the Boer War," evidently a true tale, by the way, may be specially mentioned. Further instalments of the last-named may be looked for in future numbers. "The Supernatural in India," by S. Eardly-Wilmot, is well worth reading, and a new and promising serial, by John Ayscough, is commenced entitled "An Alpine Prelude," fresh with local colour and replete with sparkling dialogue.

The *Wide World Magazine*.—The current chapters of Conan Doyle's "Great Boer War" deal with Talana Hill, Elandsplaagte, and Rietfontein. The pathetic "Story of the Brothers Degrave" is continued, and there are, as usual, stories and incidents of travel and adventure from all parts of the world. Special mention may be made of "An Antarctic Adventure," by Louis Bernarchi, F.R.G.S., and "The Explorers of Elden Hole," the recital of cave adventures in the Peak district by E. A. Baker, M.A., of Derby.

### The Art Galleries.

The Doré Gallery is rarely without some new and special attraction for its patrons. There are on view at present, though for a short season only, upwards of 100 pictures by the following eminent artists of the Secessionist School of Vienna (members of the Hagenbund): G. Bamberger, Josef Beyer, Raimund Germela, Alexander Goltz, Eduard Kasparides, Lefler and Urban, Ernst Peyer, Hans Ranzoni, Robert Schiff, Max Suppantchitsch, Franz Thiele, and Hans Wilt.

The struggle of the Seceders from the ranks of the first School of Impressionists (hence the name Secession adopted by this sect) against the public taste has been a very hard one, but through their persistence, devotion, and technical skill, whereby they have constantly improved their ideas in the execution of their aims, their art to-day stands beloved and admired of the Continental public. The managers of the Doré Gallery do not wish these works of art, now exhibited to the British public for the first time, to be judged as an academical ideal of beauty, but as a medium by which the artist depicts from Nature what seems to him to be the personification of truth. The artists of this school do nearly all their work out of doors, and most of them look for new objects to reproduce from Nature. Studio work, by which a landscape is depicted from the memory of the painter, aided by sketches or photos, is replaced by work done entirely in the open, and to those who note the effects of rippling waters, rustling leaves, and effects of light and shade, such as are to be found in no other modern pictures, it would, indeed, appear that Nature has revealed some of her choice secrets to her ardent worshippers of this school.

Coming down to details, we may recommend our readers' more particular attention to the following pictures denoted by their numbers in the catalogue: 2, 6, 11, 15, 19, 24, 25, 33, 34, 35, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 53, 60, 80, 81, 83, 84, 86, 90, 92, 95, 100, 101.

The best picture of all, however, is No. 16, "A Peasant Madonna," by Alexander Goltz. This picture is illustrative of the German peasants' festival of the Madonna. In the centre is the young woman whom the peasants have selected to represent the Madonna. She is gorgeously, in fact royally, apparelled in marked contrast to the humble, sometimes ragged garb, of the peasants, who do her homage.

At the Holland Fine Art Gallery in Grafton-street, the original drawings are on view of the artists engaged for the work of illustrating the new illustrated Bible. This great folio embodies the finest work of the greatest European artists of the 19th Century, and has occupied six years of laborious preparation. No pains have been spared to render it at once the most beautiful and valuable pictorial edition of the Holy Scriptures that has, as yet, been achieved. Upon the drawings, and for the special ornamentation of the whole work, the Illustrated Bible Society have expended a sum of £18,000. The Illustrated Bible is printed in great folio, the letterpress being executed with the greatest care, a new type having been specially designed and founded for this undertaking. All the first pages of the different books are printed in black and gold, and each page of the 900 of which the Bible is made up has its own special ornamentation, the entire work of which has devolved on Mr. Walter Crane, the eminent English artist, who besides illustrations has contributed many hundred drawings of titles, initials, headings, divisions of columns, endings, &c. The price of the work is the exceedingly moderate one of £15 15s. per copy. A specimen copy is on view at the Gallery.

The drawings are by the following artists, those of Benjamin Constant, Jacques Tissot, and Walter Crane being of special merit: E. A. Abbey, Sir L. Alma-Tadema, V. de Brozik, Sir E. Burne-Jones, Frank Dicksee, Albert Edelfelt, J. L. Gérôme, Josef Israëls, A. Kampf, J. P. Laurens, Max Liebermann, Domenico Morelli, F. P. Michetti, P. P. de Chavannes, Briton Riviere, G. Rochegrosse, Ilja Répin, S. Schneider, G. Segantini, J. M. Swan, Fritz von Uhde, José Villégas, and Juliaan de Vriendt.

Visitors to the Gallery are presented with a handsome souvenir in the shape of a book containing portraits and biographical sketches of the artists.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has graciously intimated her intention of presenting certificates to the eighth and ninth thousand nurses who have joined the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses at Marlborough House on Friday, the 19th inst.

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### GRAND FESTIVAL, 1901.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the GRAND FESTIVAL OF THE ORDER will be held at THE HOTEL CECHIL, STRAND, W.C., on

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SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1901.

**Masonic Notes.**

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and  
Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls  
was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 11th  
instant, under the presidency of Bro. A. C. Spaul, P.G.  
Std. Br., whose motion for the suspension of the  
laws relating to elections, in the case of Kate W. P.  
Williams, whose father had died from an injury  
received while on active service in South Africa, was  
adopted, and the Girl was declared duly elected,  
subject, of course, to the regulations affecting Girls  
after election. On the recommendation of the House  
Committee Bro. A. W. Orwin, P.A.G.D. of C., Vice-  
Patron, was appointed Honorary Throat and Ear  
Physician to the Institution. A list of 26 candidates  
for the election on 10th October next was approved,  
and 16 vacancies to be then filled up were declared.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and  
Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys  
will be held at Freemasons' Hall this (Friday) after-

noon, at 4 p.m., when the list of candidates for the  
election on the 11th October next will be approved,  
and the number of boys then to be elected declared.  
A motion will also be submitted by Bro. Stanley J.  
Attenborough, P.A.G.D. of C., Patron, and Honorary  
Solicitor of the Institution, to the effect that the sum of  
1550 guineas be accepted from the Province of Hamp-  
shire and the Isle of Wight for the purchase of a Per-  
petual Presentation to be known as "The Beach  
Presentation," and to serve as a memorial of the  
recent Anniversary Festival, at which the Right Hon.  
W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided as Chairman.

By a happy coincidence each of our three Central  
Institutions will thus be the richer by the amount of  
1550 guineas, paid to it for a Memorial Presentation.  
Kent has presented that sum to the Girls' School for  
an "Amherst Presentation" as a memorial of the  
presidency of Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro G. Master of  
England, Prov. G. Master of Kent, at the recent 113th  
Anniversary Festival in its behalf. East Lancashire  
has resolved to present out of the sum of £9379 sub-  
scribed to its recent Festival at Manchester in aid of  
its Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution  
the necessary 1550 guineas with which to purchase a  
Perpetual Presentation to the Royal Masonic Benevo-  
lent Institution as a memorial of the great services  
rendered to the Province of East Lancashire and its  
pet Institution by the late Bro. Col. Le Gendre N.  
Starkie, who for so many years was at its head in  
Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, who founded and  
generously supported its local Charity, and who, more  
than 20 years ago, presided as Chairman at the Festival  
of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The  
gift of these amounts could not have been more con-  
veniently timed, as the three fall in one and the same  
year, and the three Central Charities are benefited  
about the same time and to an equal extent.

The Committee of Management of the Royal  
Masonic Benevolent Institution held their meeting for  
this month at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday after-  
noon, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield,  
P.A.G.D.C., the Treasurer of the Institution. The  
Secretary reported the deaths of three Male and three  
Widow Annuitants as well as two accepted Candidates  
(one man and one widow). The report of the Finance  
Committee was submitted, adopted, and ordered to be  
entered on the minutes.

On Thursday the usual summer entertainment to  
the inmates of the Institution at Croydon took place,  
there being, as is invariably the case, a goodly number  
of visitors, including the Treasurer (Bro. J. A. Farn-  
field), members of the Committee, with Bro. James  
Terry, the Secretary, while a number of ladies, among  
whom were Mrs. and Miss Terry, graced the meeting  
with their presence. An excellent entertainment had  
been arranged in the afternoon in the grounds and  
in the Hall for the evening, and was thoroughly  
appreciated by the Old People and the visitors.  
Everything, it is hardly necessary to say, passed off  
most successfully.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge  
of North and East Yorkshire will be held, at the  
invitation of the local lodges, in the Grand Hall, The  
Spa, Scarborough, on Friday, the 26th instant, at 3  
p.m. The business will be of the usual character, and  
will include the appointment and investiture of the  
Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year. After the  
Prov. Grand Lodge has been closed, the brethren will  
dine together at the Grand Hotel, at 5 p.m., tickets, at  
5s. each, to be obtained of Bro. Chas. Travers, Ma-  
sonic Club, Scarborough, on or before Tuesday  
the 23rd instant.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of  
Hertfordshire will be held at Freemasons' Hall (Corn  
Exchange), Watford, on Wednesday, the 24th instant,  
at four p.m. The business is of the usual character,  
and will include for the first time a contested election  
for the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, the candidates who  
have been nominated being Bro. J. R. Cocks, P.M.,  
Hertford Lodge, No. 403, Past Prov. G.W., and Prov.  
G. Treasurer for the still current year, and Bro. W.  
Metcalf, P.M. No. 2372, Prov. G.S.B. The Prov. G.  
Treasurer's accounts for the past year show a balance  
in hand of £99 12s. 3d., and a sum of £369 17s. 4d.  
invested in Consols. After the business proceedings  
the brethren will dine together in the Freemasons'  
Hall at six p.m., tickets for which, at 7s. 6d. each, ex-  
clusive of wine, must be applied for of Bro. the Rev.  
Dr. O. C. Cockrem, Prov. G. Secretary, London  
Orphan Asylum, Watford, on or before Saturday, the  
20th instant. This, too, is an innovation in the  
custom of this Province, which has hitherto fixed the  
dinner tickets at £1 1s. each, including wine.

## 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.

CAMBRIAN LODGE OF AUSTRALIA, No. 656 (E.C.).

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Our many friends, all over the world, will, I think, be pleased to see the result of the long and tedious litigation which I extract from the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of 9th May last.—Yours fraternally,

S. R. BASKETT,  
656 (E.C.).

Evershot, Dorchester,  
6th July.

(Extract).

"Award in a Masonic Dispute.—On August 30th, 1896, an action was commenced—Podmore and others v. Buglers and others—in which the Master and Wardens of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, 656, English Constitution, sued the Master and Wardens of Lodge Cambrian, No. 10, of New South Wales, for the detention of certain Masonic chattels, including books, balance sheets, minutes, and certain articles used in connection with the observance and business of Freemasonry. The dispute was referred by the Court to Mr. R. E. O'Connor, K.C., as Arbitrator, who, however, being busily engaged in the M'Sharry case at the time, was unable to take the matter in hand. Later on, other professional and political engagements claimed his close attention, and it was only recently that he could enter upon the reference. On Saturday last he gave his award adjudging that defendants had illegally detained certain property of the plaintiffs, and finding in favour of the latter for the value thereof with 40s. damages, together with the costs of the reference, arbitration, and award. Mr. J. L. Campbell and Mr. Windeyer, instructed by Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen, appeared for the plaintiffs on the arbitration; and Mr. Scholes, instructed by Messrs. Fisher and Maccaush, for the defendants. The inquiry extended over 11 days."—*Sydney Morning Herald*, 9th May, 1901.

THE LOST MASONIC SATCHEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

You were good enough to print a letter from me respecting a Masonic satchel found by my son in a rebel farm house in Cape Colony and sent me by him in the hope of my being able to find the owner. This, I am happy to say, has been done through the medium of our excellent Bro. Letchworth, the Grand Secretary, and on my return to England I shall be able to return the property to its owner, Bro. E. Martin, of 75A, Little Britain, London, who, I am given to understand, lost the satchel at Sannas' Post in March last year. I am writing to him to ask if he will favour me with an account of the circumstances under which it was lost.—I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN GLAS. SANDEMAN, 33, E.

Brides les Bains, Savoie.  
7th July.

## Craft Masonry.

St. John's Thanet Lodge, No. 2753.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. H. HUGHES, MAYOR OF MARGATE.

On Monday, the 1st instant, a ceremony unique in the annals of Corporations, and uncommon even in the history of Freemasonry, took place at Margate, where the Mayor, Bro. W. H. Hughes, was duly and regularly installed as the W.M. of the St. John's Thanet Lodge, No. 2753. The regular date of the meeting fixed for installation in connection with this newly-formed lodge is the Monday nearest St. John's Day, June 24th, but this year it was found impracticable to have the installation meeting on that date, and by the courtesy of the Grand Lodge a dispensation was granted authorising the postponement of the ceremony to the 1st instant.

There was a numerous gathering at the ornate and beautifully arranged Masonic Temple in New Cross-street to witness the proceedings, which were of the usual impressive character. There were a good number of Past Prov. Grand Officers present, their magnificent clothing and display of jewels making a brilliant and interesting picture, on which only members of the Craft were privileged to gaze. Among the brethren present were the following members of the lodge and visitors: Bros. J. Brighurst, P.M. 127 and 2753, P.P.G.W., acting W.M.; Fredk. Stanley, P.M. 127, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, S.W.; W. H. Hughes, J.W., W.M. elect; Jas. L. Hume, P.M. 127 and 144, Sec.; Albert Tannenbaum, J.D.; Francis Boulanger, D. of C.; W. H. Bennett, I.G.; E. Robertson, Stwd.; G. Lawrence, Tyler; Leonard Hill, I.P.M. 127; E. Tomlin Bugden, W.M. 127; T. J. Carter; J. E. Baker; Alfred Bunting; Jas. Hosking, P.M. 1347 and 127, P.P.G. Stwd. Surrey; H. W. Bamber, P.M. 127; G. Gaskin, W.M. 1449; H. Broughton, I.P.M. 1449; A. H. Anderson, W.M. 972; W. F. Franklin, P.M. 127; A. H. Hales, I.P.M. 429; T. W. Allen, P.M. 733; J. Henning, P.M. 127, P.P.G.D.C.; B. Thomas, P.M. 1000, P.P.S.G.D.; E. L. Dixon, P.M. 127; E. H. White, P.M. 2448; F. Bennett, P.M. 757; F. L. Pettman, W.M. 429; W. Clark, 597; E. J. Bryant, 127; James Jacob, 829; A. A. Barnaschina, 2448; A. Palmer-Palmer, 127; A. H. Clarke, 2448; W. E. Secker, 2448; J. A. Albregt, 2448; J. Hanna, 1021; C. Perret, 127; J. Hay, 127; F. Humphries, 1298; W. S. Call, 429; E. Coleman, 127; F. J. Doughty, 127; J. Wynnan, 188; J. S. Avens, 1827; and many others, including Bro. Elvin and other London visitors.

The installation ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. J. L. Hume, who was warmly congratulated upon the capable and efficient manner in which he discharged his difficult duties. Bro. Hughes, after being duly installed, appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as under: Bros. J. Brighurst, P.M. 127, 2753, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; F. Stanley, P.M. 127, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., S.W.; W. H. White, P.M. 2448, J.W.; Rev. W. H. Trelawny Ashton-Gwatkin, Chap.; J. Moore, P.M. 127, Treas.; J. L. Hume, P.M. 144, 127, Sec.; Albert Tannenbaum, S.D.; W. H. Bennett, J.D.; F. Boulanger, I.G.; J. Hosking, P.M. 1347, 127, P.P.G. Stwd. Surrey, D.C.; E. Robertson, A.D.C.; T. J. Carter and A. Bunting, Stwds.; and G. Lawrence, Tyler. After the election of a representative to serve on the Charity Committee and an Almshouse for the ensuing year, the lodge was closed.

The usual banquet took place at the White Hart Hotel at 6.30 p.m., at which there was a numerous and satisfactory muster. The W.M. presided, and he was well supported by other W.Ms., P.Ms., and Provincial Officers. The banquet was a great success both as regards the excellence of the menu, the delightful brevity of the speeches, and the capital programme of vocal music with which the toast list was interspersed.

The first toast, "The King and the Craft," was given without preface from the chair, and Miss Ethel Williams sang the National Anthem.

The W.M. next submitted the toast "The M.W. the Grand Master Elect, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," and in doing so remarked how strange it seemed to give the toast without it being associated with the Prince of Wales. They, however, felt convinced that they could with safety leave the duties of Masonry in his hands with the

knowledge that they would be carried out in a way that would be a credit to the Craft and in a way every Mason would respect.

The toast having been duly honoured, the next submitted from the chair was "The M.W. the Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." In proposing the toast, the W.M. said, although there were no Grand Officers present, they had with them Bro. Elvin, who was to be invested with a Grand Lodge collar, and he congratulated him, as they all knew him so well in the Province of Kent, on his advancement in Masonic life.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The other official toasts proposed were "The R.W. the Prov. G.M., Earl Amherst;" "The W. Deputy P.G.M., Bro. J. Eastes; and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past."

The toasts were acknowledged by Bros. J. G. Henning and E. L. Dixon, both P.P. G. Officers.

Bro. J. Brighurst, I.P.M., submitted, in felicitous terms, "The Health and Good Wishes towards the W.M., Bro. W. H. Hughes." He referred to the admirable way in which their new W.M. had always carried out any duties entrusted to him, either in his private capacity or in municipal life, and said he was sure he would discharge with equal efficiency the additional and important duties which he had now entered upon. He alluded to the gracious act of Bro. F. Stanley, the S.W., standing aside in order that the Mayor might be installed during his year of office, and remarked that the lodge was indebted to him on that account. He and all connected with Masonry would, he was sure, wish Bro. Hughes a happy and prosperous year of office.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

The W.M., in the course of his reply, referred to the difficulty one always experienced in responding to the toast of one's own health, especially after it had been proposed in such hearty and felicitous terms and drunk with such cordial goodwill. Having spoken of the kindness shown by Bro. Stanley in giving way to the wishes of the lodge, he said the position was not self sought on his part, but he submitted to it because it was the wish of the brethren. He added that he fully recognised the responsible duties devolving upon him, and he would do his best to justify the confidence placed in him by the lodge and the position he had accepted. After some further allusions to matters Masonic, and giving expression to the wish that every success possible might attend the St. John's Lodge, he proposed the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Elvin.

Bro. Elvin replied.

Bro. Bamber also responded.

Bro. L. Hill submitted the toast of "The Masonic Charities." He enlarged upon the value of these institutions, and said when it came to the province of Kent they found as much charitable effort as in any part of England. They had the honour of having raised the largest sum, except that raised at the Centenary Festival. They had done a good work in the past, and he felt assured that good work would be carried on in the future.

Bro. F. Stanley, whose name was associated with the toast, as Charity Representative, spoke at some length on the inception of Masonic Charity in Margate, and said considerable sums had been raised. Considering the work done he expressed regret that the Prov. Grand Master had not seen fit to award some of the honours to Margate Masons this year.

The W.M. thought they ought not to be greedy for Provincial honours, seeing that they had already been liberally dealt with.

The remaining toasts honoured were "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

The post-prandial proceedings were made particularly attractive by the excellent programme provided under the direction of Miss Winifred Williams, who was not only a brilliant pianist, but made an exceptionally good accompanist. The programme was as follows: Song, "Poor Wandering One" (encore) "She is far from the land," Miss Ethel Williams; song, "The Enchantress," Miss Alice Williams; song, "The Bedouin's Love Song," Bro. J. Hosking; duet, "Over the heather," the Misses Williams (encore) "Mistress Mine;" song, "One Spring Morning," Miss Ethel Williams; song, "The brook is murmuring" (encore) "In the time of roses," Miss Alice Williams; song, Bro. Hosking; duet, "Carmina," the Misses Alice and Ethel Williams. There were several more items, and the musical arrangements were certainly not the least enjoyable part of the evening's proceedings.

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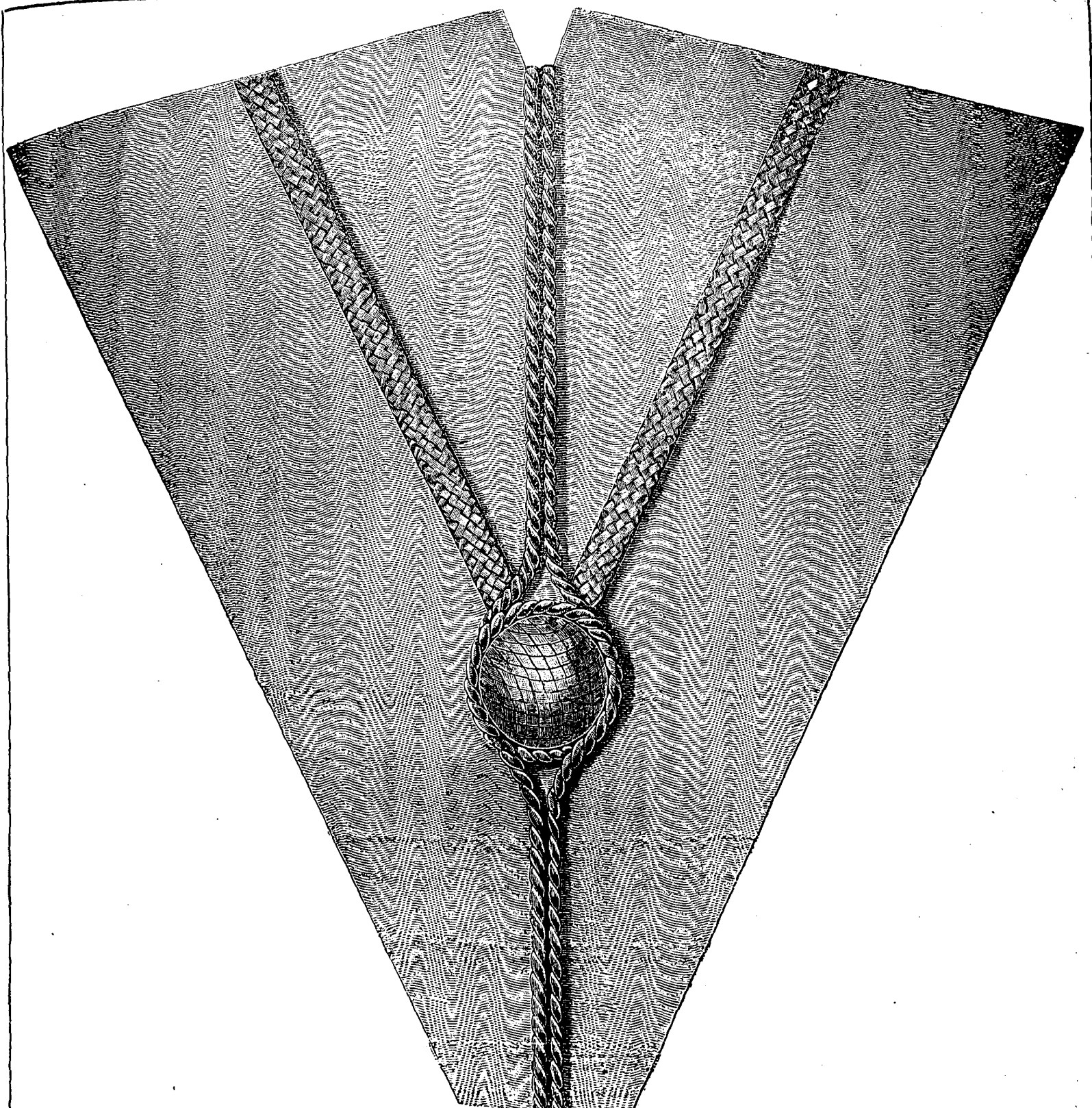
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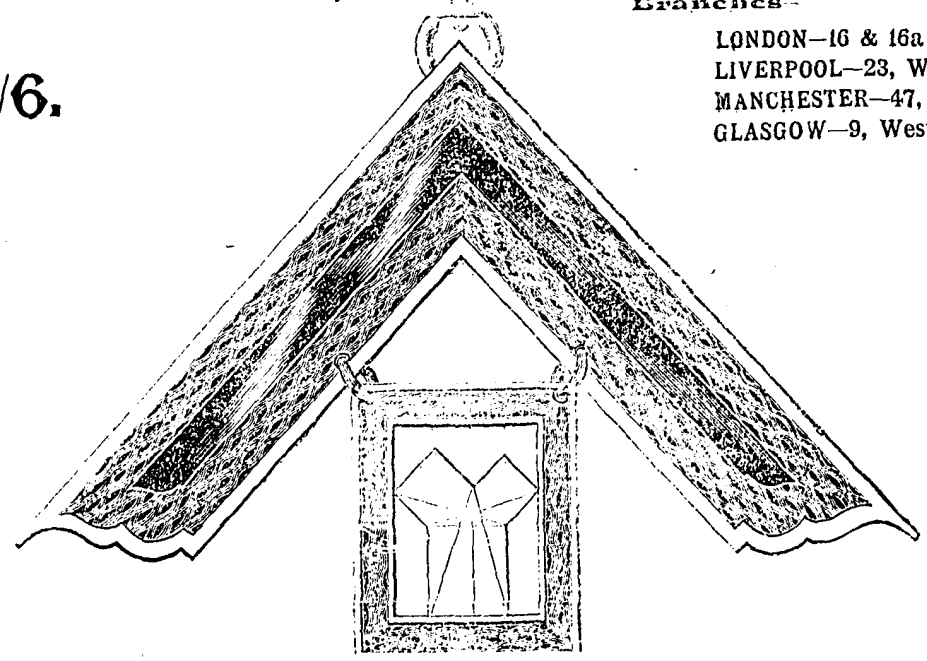


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## Royal Arch.

### Fidelity Chapter, No. 441.

The half-yearly convocation of the Fidelity Chapter, attached to the lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, was held in the chapter-room of the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on the 3rd instant. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. J. Vail, J. F. Symonds, and F. R. Leach. The following were elected the Principals and officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. F. Symonds, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., M.E.Z.; F. R. Leach, P.P.G. Std. Br., H.; G. F. Knowles, J.; J. Vail, P.P.A.G. Soj., I.P.Z.; J. Sheldrick, P.Z., P.P.G.R., S.E.; F. W. Miller, S.N.; J. Vail, P.Z., P.P.A.G. Soj., Treas.; J. Dempster, P.S.; C. Thompson, 1st A.S.; H. W. Dewberry, 2nd A.S.; J. Royston, P.Z.; P.P. 1st A.G.S., D.C.; F. Dewberry, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Org.; E. E. Ing and A. R. Jennings, Stwds.; and A. F. O'C. Hurry, Janitor.

### Rye Chapter, No. 2272.

#### INSTALLATION OF COMP. A. SWINFORD F. SMITH (FRANK SWINFORD).

This very successful convocation was held at the Holborn Restaurant, W.C., on the 4th instant. Present: Comps. W. Rendell Dunn, M.E.Z.; A. F. Swinford Smith, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. A. Fletcher, J., H. elect; G. L. North, S.E.; W. Castledine, P.S.; J. Whiteman, Janitor; Wm. Cock, P.Z.; Thos. Grummant, P.Z. (Hony.); A. T. Wilkinson, Geo. E. May, H. E. Reed, Goddard Clarke, J.P., Felix Gilbert, Robert Lyon, Thos. H. Coombe, and J. H. Anderson. The visitors were Comps. Aubrey Prettjohn, M.E.Z. 134; Blewett Faull, S.N. 101; R. J. Richards, 1622; Walter George, P.S. 101; Arthur Court, 1901; and Chas. Hy. Stone, P.Z. 1275, and P.Z. and S.E. 1901.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The Auditors presented their report, which was received and adopted, and showed the chapter to be in a very flourishing condition. Comp. W. Rendell Dunn, M.E.Z., vacated the chair in favour of Comp. William Cock, P.Z., the senior Past Principal, who installed Comp. A. Swinford Smith into the chair of M.E.Z. in an exemplary manner. The conclave of First Principals was closed, and a conclave of Second Principals formed, when Comp. Wm. Cock, P.Z., installed Comp. J. A. Fletcher into the chair of H. in a very perfect and impressive manner. Comp. Wm. Bacon, who was elected to the chair of J., was unable to attend on account of illness, and expressions of sympathy with him were passed, with hope for his speedy recovery. The M.E.Z., Comp. A. F. Swinford Smith, invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. F. Dunn, P.Z., Treas. (deferred); G. L. North, S.E.; Wm. Castledine, S.N.; H. E. Reed, P.S.; E. Lawrence, 2nd A.S. (deferred); J. H. Anderson, Stwd.; and J. Whiteman, Janitor. Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z., and C. H. Stone, P.Z., assumed the chairs of H. and J. respectively. A ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Hy. Coombes, S.W. Raymond Thrupp Lodge, No. 2024, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was exalted into the mysteries of R.A. Masonry in an exemplary manner by the M.E.Z., the lectures being rendered most ably by Comps. Chas. Hy. Stone, J.; Thos. Grummant, H.; and Dr. Williams Cock, the mystical. Comp. Dewsnap, P.Z., who had been a most assiduous worker in the chapter, was elected an Honorary Member for able services rendered. Apologies for non-attendance were read, among them being a letter from Comp. Perceval Nairne, who much regretted his enforced absence from the installation of the M.E.Z. Notice of motion was given to alter the meetings of the chapter to more suitable dates, which met with general approval.

The business of the convocation ended, it was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was very highly appreciated.

At the close, the M.E.Z. presented the R.A. and Masonic toasts right royally, and remarked that H.M. the King was the Grand Protector of the Order. Also that of "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, G.Z.," and "The Pro G.Z., the G.H., the G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" all knew their valuable services so ungrudgingly given for the benefit of the Order. The M.E.Z. regretted the absence of his old and dear friend Comp. Perceval Nairne, who was an excellent Grand Officer, and would have ably responded to the toast.

The toast was most cordially received.

In presenting the toast of "The M.E.Z.," Comp. W. R. Dunn, I.P.Z., said it was his privilege and pleasure to present to the companions, which he did with all heartiness having terminated his very happy year of office, and he hoped the M.E.Z. would have a similar one in the chapter. Comp. Swinford Smith was one who had done excellent suit and service in the Rye Lodge, and all were imbued with the same idea that he would carry out the duties of the chapter with the same excellence. He had given the companions a foretaste that evening in exalting a candidate in a manner which augured well, and so long as the companions gave their able assistance and attended to their respective duties the chapter must flourish, and the M.E.Z. on his retirement from the chair would justly merit the approbation of them all for so worthily carrying out the duties. He asked the companions to drink in bumpers.

In rising to respond, the M.E.Z. had a very hearty reception, and said he most cordially thanked them, both individually and collectively, for the manner the toast had been proposed and received. He promised to do his utmost and make the chapter, if it were possible, better than at the present time. He should not fear so long as he had the support of such excellent workers as Comps. Dr. Cock, Dunn, Grummant, and Stone, and he trusted to have the hearty co-operation of the officers, as there would be work, and if at the end of the year the prestige of the chapter had not suffered, he should be indeed grateful and proud.

The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of his co-Principals—"The H. and J." In Comp. Fletcher, H., all knew his sterling worth, as he was already a Past Master of the Rye Lodge. It was impossible for him to stay on account of important business. Of Comp. Bacon, who had been elected to the office of J., he, too, was a companion of whom all were proud, and he hoped his health would be fully restored by the next convocation. The chapter had been without their H. and J. in the workings, but their places had been filled respectively by Comps. Grummant and Stone in a most efficient

manner, and the thanks of the chapter were tendered to them for their services. He would ask those two worthy companions to respond to the toast.

Comps. T. Grummant and C. H. Stone most suitably replied on behalf of the H. and J.

The toast of "The Exalte, Comp. Coombes," received at the hands of the M.E.Z. a most hearty and cordial welcome, who stated he had known him for many years, and had watched his successful career in the Raymond Thrupp Lodge. In introducing him to the chapter the M.E.Z. felt confident the companions would never regret having received him, as he had proved a lasting friend to him, and that same friendship would be extended to every member of the chapter.

In reply Comp. Coombes said his grateful thanks were due to all who had assisted in his exaltation, a ceremony he should never forget. He was proud of the M.E.Z., and esteemed him greatly, as they had been associated in many ways for several years, and hoped in due time to prove himself worthy of their confidence and friendship.

The M.E.Z., in words of high appreciation, proposed the toast of "The Past Principals." Of Comp. Dr. Cock, who had the proud privilege and honour of presiding over the chapter the first three years of its existence; also Comp. Dewsnap, who would never be forgotten in the chapter for the hard work he had bestowed upon it; and also Comps. Thompson and Wright, who had worthily filled the position of M.E.Z. Of the youngest Past Principal, Comp. W. R. Dunn, he could not speak too highly, as he had conducted the business of the chapter during the past year with ability and efficiency, and the M.E.Z. hoped the same efficiency would continue during his term of office. It was a most pleasing duty to pin upon the breast of Comp. Dunn the very beautiful jewel which had been voted him and which he so richly deserved, with their earnest desire that he would honour the chapter with his presence and wear the same for many years.

Comp. W. R. Dunn, I.P.Z., in very appreciative terms, said he could not reply for his worthy predecessors, but for himself he most heartily thanked them for such a testimony to his small abilities while occupying the chair. He had felt it a great honour to hold that position, and it had given him great pleasure. The memento which was pinned to his breast would ever remind him of their great kindness, and of the cordial relationship between them. He heartily thanked the officers and all for the support given him during the past year, and he hoped the same would be extended to the M.E.Z. during the coming year, as he was worthy of their most hearty co-operation.

The M.E.Z. most cordially presented the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to in appreciative and exhaustive terms by Comps. Chas. H. Stone, Richards, Faull, and George.

At the same time the M.E.Z. most sincerely thanked Comps. Arthur Court, Walter George, and Blewett Faull for their able musical services rendered the chapter.

The toast of "The Officers" was most ably presented by the M.E.Z., who congratulated himself and the chapter upon their efficiency.

Comps. G. L. North, S.E.; W. Castledine, S.N.; and I. Blewett Faull, Org., very ably replied.

The Janitor's toast closed a very eventful evening.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by the M.E.Z., the artistes being Comps. Arthur Court, Walter George, and T. H. Coombes (reciter). Comp. Blewett Faull ably presided at the piano.

## Dark Masonry.

### Excelsior Lodge, No. 226.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. RICHARD FOWLER.

The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Monday, the 24th ult., at Bro. Chambers's magnificent hostelry, the Star and Garter Hotel, Powis-street, Woolwich, the *habitat* of the lodge, and was a most delightful function.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. J. Crowdy, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the balance sheet for the preceding year was read, received, and adopted. The W.M. then called upon their old member, Bro. Past Master Charles Jolly, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., to occupy the chair as Installing Officer; they all knew his splendid working, and although he would have qualified himself for the work, yet, feeling that they had such a grand old installer as Bro. P.M. Charles Jolly to fall back on, he had not attempted to do so. Bro. Jolly then took the chair, and on the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Fowler, S.W., being presented to him, proceeded with his onerous task, and in due form and in accordance with the ancient ceremonial of the Order, installed Bro. Fowler in the chair of A. Bro. Fowler appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. John Crowdy, I.P.M.; James Whately, S.W.; G. F. Taylor, J.W.; G. Porter, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., Sec.; J. Farrier, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; J. D. Brooks, P.M., P.J.G.O., M.O.; Wm. Chambers, S.O.; H. Jacobs, J.O.; C. M. Benstead, R. of M.; J. Rose, S.D.; J. H. Hodgkin, J.D.; F. S. Folkes, D.C.; W. Long, I.G.; J. Donhau and F. C. Marks, Stwds.; and C. Warren, Tyler. Bro. Jolly then gave the addresses in his own eloquent and faultless manner, and so concluded the ceremony of installation. Bro. Crowdy, I.P.M., was then presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, for his many and valuable services to the lodge during his year of office, for which he returned his heartfelt thanks. Bro. Jolly was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for his services as Installing Officer that day, the W.M., in putting it, saying that although it seemed to be the duty of every W.M. to install his successor, yet he certainly should not attempt it himself while Bro. Jolly was available. Bro. Hibson, in supporting, said it was wonderful to see and hear their old brother Charles Jolly, over 70 years of age, do such grand work. Bro. Jolly briefly responded, and then the lodge was closed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, late R.A.S.C., P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. Kennedy, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. of Marks; E. B. Hobson, P.P.J.G.D.; C. H. Canning, P.M., P.P.G.I. of W.; B. Hammond, M.O. 41; and others.

The banquet was a superb effort on the part of Bro. Chambers and the *cuisine* of the establishment.

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**APPLY TO MANAGER.**

The usual loyal, Grand Mark, and Prov. Grand Mark Lodges were then put and responded to most loyally.

The I.P.M. then eloquently proposed the toast of "The W.M.," saying it was his privilege and his pleasure to propose the next toast, that of their esteemed and excellent W.M.; he used the words esteemed and excellent in connection with the toast because their W.M. was esteemed both as a man and a Mason, and his excellent working in the chair of the Craft lodges he has passed through was acknowledged by every Mason in the district. That day they had installed a Master of the Excelsior Mark Lodge, who would do honour both to the office and to the lodge, and maintain its high prestige among the Mark lodges of the province. That he felt sure of. He cordially wished that Bro. Fowler would have many and good candidates, whereby the strength and prosperity of the lodge would be maintained, and the excellence of their W.M. be proved to the brethren. (Applause).

Bro. Fowler was heartily cheered as he rose to respond. He thanked them for their kind and hearty reception of his name, and very much regretted that the pleasure he once felt at the prospect of occupying the proud position he now held was a very short time ago greatly jeopardised. He thought that he should have had to go away to some other station, and therefore he did not much enjoy himself at their last meeting, but now he was happy to say things were so arranged that he trusted he might be with them for many years to come. In taking over the responsibilities of Master, he could tell them that he took those responsibilities with a firm intention of trying to bring this good old lodge up to its ancient position, and make it, as it was, one of the best and most flourishing lodges in the Province of Kent. He trusted to have the support and hearty co-operation of all the Past Masters, officers, and members of the lodge, and felt confident that with that support he should be able to hand it down to his successor as well, if not in better condition, than he found it. He asked them not only to have the name "Excelsior," but to keep on till the higher pinnacle of its destiny was attained. (Cheers).

"The Installing Officer" was coupled with the name of Bro. Jolly, who briefly responded.

"The Past Masters" was heartily responded to by Bros. Spinks, Kennedy, Hobson, and others.

"The Officers" and "The Visitors" concluded the list of toasts.

Bro. Kippes, jun., presided at the pianoforte, and accompanied Miss Emily Taylor, who sang "Angus Maceliger" and several other ballads splendidly. She is young yet, but evidently has a future in the musical world.

SONNET FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

Crowned o'er with clinging roses, Lo! July!  
 Who wreathes for all her blossoms full and free;  
 Note well her landscape, earth, and sea, and sky,  
 Woods, rivers, meadows, hill, and dale, and lea.  
 Sweet odours fill the clear and balmy air,  
 For field and forest teem with fragrant flowers  
 Whose gems so boundless, beautiful and fair,  
 Perfume the breezes of the sun-girt hours.  
 On purple moor and leafy lane she smiles;  
 On singing stream she sheds her latest glow,  
 And still benignant, brightens and beguiles  
 And soft caresses all the world below.  
 Filling with perfect love the thankful heart,  
 When, all too loth, sees their gay guest depart!

Bradford.

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

SIGNAL FLASH LIGHTS.

The German Admiralty have adopted a flashing light for signalling purposes—the invention of Prof. Schevin—the principle of which is a stream of powdered magnesium, which is caused to fall into a benzine flame. The flashes are so bright that they are said to be visible by daylight at a distance of six miles, which statement is probably an exaggeration. We may mention that a lamp very similar to this, in which a powder consisting largely of magnesium is propelled into a spirit flame, was devised many years ago in our own country by Capt. Colomb, and was, we believe, approved by our Admiralty and adopted by them. The recent use of the flash light for photographic purposes has, doubtless, renewed attention to this method of signalling.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ARTIST STONE'S POCKET BOOK.

"1619. I was sent for to the offices of his Majesty's workes to undertake the charge of the place of master mason for the new banquetting-house at Whitehall, wherein I was employed two years, and I had payed me four shillings and ten pence the day. And in that year I made the diall of St. James's, the King finding stone and workmanship only, and I had for it £6 13s. 4d. And I took down the fountain at Theobalds, and sett it up again, and the fountain at Nonsuch, and I was paid for both £48."

"1620. In Suffolke, I made a tomb for Sir Edmund Bacon's lady, and in the same church of Redgrave I made another for his sister Lady Gawdy, and was very well payed for them, And in the same place I made two pictors of white marbell of Sir N. Bacon and his lady, and they were layed upon the tomb that Bernard Janson had made there, for the which two pictors I was payed by Sir Edmund Bacon £200."

"I also made a monument for Mr. Spencer, the poet, and set it up at Westminster, for the which the Countess of Dorsett payed me £40."

"And another there for Mr. Francis Holles, the youngest son of the Earl of Clare, for the which the sayd Earl payed for it £50." (As this figure is of most antique simplicity and beauty, the design was certainly given by the Earl to Stone, who, when left to himself, had no idea of grace, as appears by the tomb of the Lyttletons at Oxford.)

"My Lord of Clare also agreed with me for a monument for his brother Sir George Holles, the which I made and sett up in the chapel at Westminster, where Sir Francis Vere lyeth buried, for the which I was payed from the hands of the said Earl of Clare £100."

"About this time (1625) I made for the Old Exchange in London four statues, the one Edward 5, Richard 3rd, and Henry 7th, for these I had £25 a piece, and one for Queen Elizabeth, which was taken down and sett up again where now it standeth, at Guildhall gate, for the which I had £30."

"In 1631 I made a tomb for Dr. Donne, and sett it up in St. Paul's, London, for the which I was payed by Dr. Mountford the sum of £120. I took £60 in plate, in part of payment."

(This monument of Dr. Donne is remarkable for its singularity; a print of it is prefixed to the first edition of his Sermons).

Besides many other works Stone, in 1629, undertook to build for the Earl of Holland, at Kensington, two piers of good Portland stone, to hang a pair of great wooden gates; the estimate of the piers (which were designed by Inigo Jones, and are still standing at Holland House, though removed to greater distance from each other) was £100.

THE OPAH.

Last week a small crowd was gathered round a fish shop at Brighton. On investigating the cause, it was found that there was exhibited, on a slab, a grand specimen of that very rare British fish the "Opah." The colours on it were most gorgeous, the fins being of a much brighter hue than are generally represented in books of Natural History. The measurements were: Length 3ft. 3in., and breadth 17in. The fins were all very large, and of a superb crimson colour. The fish was said to have been caught off the coast of Scotland, and no doubt this was the case, as it is an inhabitant of the deep Scandinavian seas, and is not uncommonly caught on the coasts of Norway and Greenland. The Opah belongs to the mackerel family of fishes, most of the members of which are more or less brightly coloured. Its shape, however, is quite unlike that of the common mackerel, being of a compressed rounded or oval form. It is also very much larger, and specimens have been found measuring as much as 5 ft. in length and over 20 in. in depth of body. In the variety and brilliancy of its hues it surpasses all the members of the family to which it belongs. The fins are all of a bright crimson scarlet, the upper part of the back blackish, margined on the sides with bright red, which is followed by green and gold towards the lower parts. The whole of the body is spotted with white round dots, about the size of a small pea. This fish has only on a few occasions been captured on our coasts; it is not unlikely, however, that it is present with us in fairly large numbers, but being a deep-water loving species, it is able to escape the fisherman's net.

THE GAITY THEATRE.

The afternoon of 23rd July is a date which should be kept in mind by all playgoers, and especially by all good patrons of the Gaiety. Then and there will be given a big and attractive entertainment for the benefit of that aforesaid favourite, Mr. E. J. Lønner. In the old days Mr. Lønner was a power at the Gaiety, where his Irish songs and his invincible energy were much appreciated. His fun was usually a little obvious, and hardly above the level of fooling, but he seemed to enjoy his work, and much can be forgiven to the possessor of high spirits.

GENERAL NOTES.

Provincial lovers of music will have an early opportunity of hearing Dr. Villiers Stanford's new opera, "Much Ado about Nothing," which was recently produced at Covent Garden. The Moody-Manners Opera Company have secured the rights, and intend performing it during their next provincial season, commencing in September.

It is reported that the success so justly won by Miss Annie Hughes by her impersonation of Becky Sharp in the dramatic version of "Vanity Fair" at Croydon, will result in the piece being introduced to Metropolitan audiences at the Globe Theatre in the autumn.

Mr. Fergus Hume's blank verse play, written for Bro. Sir Henry Irving, will be produced next season.

Obituary.

BRO. COL. CHARLES LYNE.

By the death of R.W. Bro. Col. Charles Lyne, Freemasonry in Monmouthshire loses its head and Newport loses one of its most valued and respected citizens. The venerable Prov. G.M. had reached his 82nd year, having been born in Cornwall on November 21st, 1820, but so active was he till almost the last week of his life, that it was difficult to believe that he had passed the allotted span. He was ill for less than a week, and succumbed to pneumonia on the evening of the 3rd inst. His Masonic career was a remarkable one. He was initiated in the Pythagoras Lodge, Corfu, No. 654, on May 9th, 1845, and was admitted to the Third Degree on the 26th November, 1846, in the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, No. 437, Malta. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter of Melita, Malta, on the 29th January, 1847, and was installed W.M. of the Lodge Friendship, Malta Union, No. 588, March 2nd, 1848, and was acting Master of the St. John and St. Paul Lodge, Malta, 1848, and exalted a Knight Templar on 13th February, 1849, in the Melita Encampment, Malta. He was W.M. of the Silurian Lodge, Newport, in 1858; E.P. Gwent, 1870; Past Sub-Grand Prior of England, 1870; one of the founders and first Master of the Keystone Lodge, and D.P.G.M.M. in 1870. He was installed Prov. G.M. of Monmouthshire (Craft), at Newport, April 20th, 1870; 30°, Supreme Council, 21st November, 1871; 31°, 12th March, 1872; and G. Constable, 1874. He was installed in Ivor Hael Rose Croix Chapter, and was M.W.S. in 1875. The R.W. brother enjoyed the respect and affection of all his brethren. Of late years he had not been seen so often in the Craft lodges, but he attended the Newport Lodge once or twice last winter, and was present at the installation banquet, and presided over the Prov. G. Lodge. Apart from Masonry, Col. Lyne has had a remarkable career. He served in the Royal Navy from 1836 till 1850, served in the Syrian Campaign, and was present at the taking of Sidon and St. Jean d'Acre, for which he received the Syrian medal and clasp and Turkish decorations. He was appointed paymaster of the Tiger in 1854, but before he could join her she was captured by the Russians, and his active service, which had ceased in 1850, when he came to Newport as agent for the Llanarch Estates, was never continued, and in 1856 he was placed on the retired list as a Paymaster of the Fleet. From the time he came to Newport till the day of his death he had a large part in the commercial, industrial, and public life of Newport and Monmouthshire. For more than 50 years he was a member of the Newport Harbour Committee; for 32 years he has been a member of the Pilotage Board; he has been a director of the Dock Company for 51 years; he was first elected to the Newport Town Council in 1854. He was elected a guardian in 1868, and he was chairman from 1889 till the time of his death. In that capacity he showed the greatest consideration for the poor, and conducted the business of the Board with a capacity which was above praise. He was Mayor of Newport in 1856, and again in 1884; at the time of his death he was Chairman of the Pilotage Committee and of the Usk and Ebbw Board of Conservators; a member of the Royal Commission on Salmon Fisheries; and a J.P. and D.L. His death is deeply regretted; his place will be hard to fill, and no one now can fill it.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**BRO. THE LORD MAYOR** has consented to become a Vice-President of the Bethnal Green Free Library.

**BRO. D. HOWELL-JONES**, the commercial manager of the *Western Daily Press*, Bristol, was installed W.M. of the Beaufort Lodge, No. 103, at Bristol, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst.

**MR. H. R. BRIGGS**, the youngest son of Bro. Thomas Briggs, C.C., was married to Miss D. Legg, the daughter of the late Mr. Legg and Mrs. Legg, of Douglas-road, Canonbury, at St. Augustine's, Highbury New-park, last week.

**COACHING FROM LIVERPOOL TO LONDON.**—An attempt at a record run by coach from Liverpool to London in 18 hours is about to be made by Miss J. Eastwick. The 25 teams to be used are being arranged by Mr. Ernest Fownes, late of the Box Hill coach.

**HER MAJESTY QUEEN ALEXANDRA** has graciously approved of the new hospital steamer now being built for work amongst the North Sea fishing fleets by the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen being called the *Queen Alexandra*. Her Majesty is the society's patron.

**LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION** of the estate of Bro. Charles Lawrence Clark, of 121, Highbury Hill, who formerly carried on business in Godliman-street under the style of Bishop and Clark, have been granted to Mrs. Emily Clark, the widow, the value of the estate being £255 15s.

**THE JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY** has referred to its committee the proposal to establish a museum of Anglo-Jewish history, an idea largely stimulated by the sympathetic investigations of the Rev. Dr. Gaster into the history of the famous Spanish and Portuguese Congregations.

**THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.**—The receipts from the workshops and business houses of London from January 8th until Saturday, the 15th ult., amounted to £5783 11s. 9d., being an increase of £238 compared with the total for the corresponding period of last year. The special annual collection will take place on Saturday, October 12th.

**THE COACH MAKERS' COMPANY.**—This company entertained Bro. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, and Sheriff Lawrence, M.P., at dinner at Grocers' Hall on Friday, the 5th inst., the Master, Bro. Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, presiding. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was contributed in the course of the evening under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz.

**THE LONDON SCOTTISH VOLUNTEERS**, who are to march through a district of Aberdeenshire this summer, will leave London on the 2nd prox., and begin their march from Aberdeen on Saturday, the 3rd prox. They will pass Aboyne Castle, the Marquis of Huntly's seat, and reach the grounds of Balmoral on Wednesday, the 7th prox. His Majesty has granted permission to the corps to encamp on the Royal property till the forenoon of Thursday, the 8th prox.

**THE ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES** at the Royal Female Orphan Asylum, Beddington, drew together a large and influential gathering of friends and supporters on Tuesday, the 2nd instant. Bro. Sir John Monckton (the Town Clerk) presided, and was supported by Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., and several others. The prizes were distributed by Lady Beatrice Pole-Carew, who was accompanied by Major-General Pole-Carew.

**THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT**, attended by Captain Beresford, arrived in Ireland on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, on their return from Dinard. They proceeded direct to the Curragh, where Princess Margaret and Princess Patricia have been staying during the absence of their parents. The Duke, who has resumed command of the forces in Ireland, will come to town for his installation as Grand Master of Freemasons on the 17th instant.

**BRO. ALDERMAN SIR WILLIAM TRELOAR** has been interviewed in reference to the announcement that a great oilcloth trust is in course of formation. In the Alderman's opinion the trust, if formed, will not have any effect on the floorcloth or linoleum industry in this country. "If," he adds, "the manufacturers of the United States do combine they cannot compete with our native producers. The cost of production over there is much greater than in this country, and you may take it from me that we don't feel at all alarmed by the announcement."

**AT THE ANNUAL REUNION** of the Irish Society, held at Carpenters' Hall on Thursday, the 4th instant, the Governor, Ald. Sir George Faudel-Phillips, Bart., presiding, the toast of the evening was that of "The Deputy Governor, Bro. Millar Wilkinson," who was presented with a magnificent loving-cup, together with four silver bowls for Mrs. Wilkinson, in recognition of his services as Deputy Governor, and as a mark of his colleagues' esteem. Bro. Millar Wilkinson replied in appreciative terms to the compliment paid him.

**SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON** entered upon his 70th year on July 6th. That he may long live to enjoy health and happiness will be the sincere wish of all who realise the sterling service he has rendered to the City of London during the 28 years he has held the office of Town Clerk. A more loyal officer than Sir John Monckton, and withal a more able one, the City has never claimed as its own, and great will be the loss the Court will sustain when, in the natural course of events, Sir John withdraws from his accustomed position at the officers' table in the Council Chamber, and enters upon the retirement he will have so well earned.—*City Press*.

**SOCIETY OF ARTS CONVERSAZIONE.**—The Society's annual conversazione was held in the Gardens of the Royal Botanic Society, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, on Friday, the 28th ult. A selection of music was performed by the string band of the Royal Artillery (conductor, Cavalier L. Zaverthal) in the Conservatory, and by the band of the Grenadier Guards (conductor, A. Williams, Mus. Bac. Oxon) in the rhododendron tent and in the gardens. A vocal and instrumental concert was given by the Royal Criterion Hand Bell Ringers and Glee Singers, under the direction of Bro. Harry Tipper, in the club-house. There was a special exhibition of growing and cut roses by W. Paul and Son in a marquee on the West Lawn. The tent was illuminated by the new Kitson incandescent oil light. The number of visitors attending the conversazione was 2126.

**MEMORIAL OF HENRY RUSSELL.**—Bro. the Lord Mayor heartily approves of the proposal to place a memorial tablet on his house, 18, Howley-place, Maida Vale, where Bro. Henry Russell, the composer, lived and died. His lordship has addressed the following letter on the subject to the Mayor of Paddington (Bro. Sir John Aird, Bart., M.P.): "I was a warm and intimate friend of the veteran composer, and can testify to his worthiness to receive the posthumous tribute of regard on the part of his fellow-inhabitants of Paddington. As you know, his famous song ('*Cheer, Boys, Cheer*') did more to fan and keep alive the flame of patriotism and of national enthusiasm in the dark days of the Crimean war than anything else, and I think you will admit that in our country, as in France and Germany, the songs of the people in times of stress and anxiety have had much to do in popularising a great cause."

**KING ALFRED COMMEMORATION.**—A meeting of the Executive Committee for the National Commemoration of King Alfred the Great was held a few days ago at the Mansion House, the chair being occupied by Lord Avebury. It was unanimously decided that a letter of sympathy should be addressed to the widow of Bro. Sir Walter Besant expressing the deep regret of the members of the committee at her bereavement. It was announced that a number of Royal societies and universities had appointed delegates to represent them at the great meeting of learned societies to be held at the time of the commemoration at Winchester; and that, by kind permission of the authorities, a public lecture would be given at the British Museum on Tuesday, the 30th instant, by Mr. Frederic Harrison on "King Alfred the Great." The United States Ambassador will take the chair.

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**THE MOVEMENT IN FAVOUR OF RIFLE CLUBS FOR WOMEN** does not seem to have had any very marked effect on the number of entries of the gentler sex at Bisley. We hear that the wife of Dr. Oram, of Prestwich, has entered for some of the events. To these contests, however, she is no stranger, having been more than once successful in rifle competitions.

**THE PENNSYLVANIAN AND LEANDER CREWS.**—A complimentary supper will be given by the American Society in London to the University of Pennsylvania and Leander Henley crews on Thursday, the 25th instant, at the Hotel Cecil. Particulars may be obtained from F. C. Van Duzer, the Hon. Secretary, 114, Southampton-row, W.C.

**WHAT PROMISES** to be an exceedingly interesting enterprise undertaken as a means of celebrating the forthcoming Coronation of his Majesty King Edward VII. is about to be launched in North Wales, where it is projected to repair and restore the famous obelisk which formerly stood on the summit of Moel Famau, the chiefest eminence in the Clwydian Hills. The obelisk was 150 feet high, and the base, which is still standing, is 60 feet wide. It was erected in 1810 to commemorate the jubilee of King George the Third.

**THE opening of the Grand Hotel at Southwold** on Tuesday last should mark the beginning of increasing success for this charming little resort, hitherto little known, but now the Coast Development Company are directing their energies to secure for it a good share of patronage of holiday makers, it is certain that the natural attractions of the place will become better known and appreciated. Southwold is reached from Liverpool-street to Halesworth, from thence an additional journey in a little toy train of about eight miles through charming heather covered scenery.

**THE QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL.**—The Press Association understands that the Queen Victoria Memorial Executive Committee, at its meeting on Wednesday last, selected from among the plans submitted those which they considered most suitable. It is further understood that as a preliminary to publication of the name of the successful competitor and of details of his plans, the selected scheme will have to be submitted to the General Committee, and afterwards approved by the King. There is little doubt that the Executive Committee's judgment will be confirmed, approved, and acted upon. Meantime, it is gratifying to note that increasing public support is being given to the scheme.

**THROUGH ERIN'S ISLE.**—We have received a copy of "Through Erin's Isle" for 1901, the official guide to all places of interest and beauty in Ireland, published on behalf of the Irish Railways by W. Hill, 71, Southampton-row, W.C. This excellent guide contains explicit directions for the intending tourist, times of trains on both sides of St. George's Channel, boats, &c., also a first-rate railway map of Ireland, directions as to the conveyance of luggage, &c. The volume contains also an outline history and short descriptive sketch of every town and place of interest in Ireland, with excellent photographic reproductions of the most famous beauty spots and places of historic interest, castles, churches, &c. A time table showing railway and other transit facilities is printed on the opposite page to the descriptive letterpress. In conclusion, we may say that we have never seen a guidebook containing more exhaustive information, or better classified, than is the current number of the above comprehensive work.

**THE MOST coveted object** in the casket of jewels belonging to a French lady of rank, sold on Tuesday at Christie's for £38,879, was a necklace composed of six rows of 424 well-matched and graduated Orient pearls. The £20,000 paid for this necklace surpasses by many thousands all previous records at auction. In Paris not long ago a pearl necklace fetched 400,000 francs, to which must be added the Government commission of 10 per cent. In this country the record was held by the Duchess of Montrose's necklace, whose seven rows were composed of 362 pearls. For this 11,000 guineas was paid in April, 1895. The necklace sold on Tuesday, with emerald and brilliant clasp, has pearls to the weight of about 4050 grains, and the sum realised gives the amazing average of more than £49 10s. per stone of 9 1-3 grains each. Another lot of great interest was the earliest portrait of Queen Victoria by Anthony Stewart. It went for 260 guineas.

**THE BALLETO GAME.**—Messrs. Pitt and Scott, Limited, of 25, Cannon-street, E.C., are the sole agents for Great Britain, France, and the Colonies of the implements used in the game of balletto, manufactured by the E. T. Burrowes Company, of Portland, Maine, U.S.A. This firm's portable balletto game board and combination billiard and pool table allow of 20 games being played thereon with balls, cues, and pins. The boards are of two sizes, and weigh from 26 to 39 pounds, and may be used on any table, verandah or lawn. The balls are of the same composition as billiard balls and coloured clear through. With each board is furnished gratis 16 balls, four cues, bottle, pocket-covers, bridge screw legs, book of instructions, 10 pins, chalk, extra tips, &c. The cabinet work is rich mahogany, hand-polished, bronze trimmed, dovetailed and screwed together. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the agents.

**THE LADY WARWICK HOSTEL AT READING.**—The Founder's Day was celebrated on Tuesday in the hostel grounds at Reading by the first annual show of flowers, fruit, dairy produce, and poultry. It was in every way a great success, and a large and fashionable gathering of ladies and gentlemen interested in the scheme put in an appearance, including the Countess of Warwick, Lady Georgina Vernon, Countess of Bective, and Lord Kenyon. Interesting speeches were delivered by Countess Warwick and Lord Kenyon, both of whom extolled the scheme and expatiated on the good work done. Its great growth, said Lady Warwick, necessitates the expenditure of £50,000, in regard to the raising of which a meeting was to be held at the Mansion House on Friday. Students at the hostel were already going out and taking up suitable positions in the horticultural and agricultural world. Professor Carroll also spoke, and contended that the importance of dairying was as yet scarcely understood in this country.

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